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Shekóli Swakwe•kú. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the team at Big Bear Media has been working to minimize our environmental impact. We have switched print machine providers and are actively seeking solutions to fulfill the print needs of the Oneida Nation organization in a more sustainable way. The Kalihwisaks is aiming to enhance the digital presence of the newspaper, which we hope will result in a broader impact for tribal print communications within the organization and the community through a new software called Issuu. Keep an eye out for updates in the coming months.

You may have noticed the new appearance of the Kalihwisaks. This summer, Mia Charnon and Richards Summers III led a project to refresh the look of the newspaper, with guidance from senior staff at Big Bear Media. I believe it is important to empower the younger generation and allow them to develop confidence and leadership skills. What better way to cultivate future leaders?

I hope that the efforts of Big Bear Media will help minimize our environmental impact by enhancing the digital presence of the Kalihwisaks and other mass printings for the Oneida Nation. With continued collaboration, a commitment to innovation and sustainability, and the empowerment of the next generation, I am looking forward to what the future will bring to Big Bear Media and the Oneida Nation.



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Where The Water Birds Nest on County Line U in Oneida, WI. Bring your binoculars and telescopes to enjoy nature and the diverse waterfowl in this restored habitat.



First, best wishes to all students as the fall academic calendar begins. Important emphasis on reading proficiency was central during the Oneida Reads event held at the Oneida Hotel on August 1, 2024. The event was well attended with representatives from the local school districts, teachers, leadership from the community-at-large, Oneida Nation leadership, Tribal staff, and Miss Oneida Nation Royalty. Reading proficiency is a crucial indicator toward the academic success of students. Measuring this metric will continue to ensure support of our students toward success.

The Draft Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Budget is balanced despite incurring \$42 Million in reductions due to a pronounced initial deficit. Reductions, although difficult, were made by consensus of the Business Committee to comply with the Finances Law which requires a balanced budget. Executing reductions is challenging, however, necessary.

Identifying the critical need to reduce elevated carry-over (funds budgeted but not spent) is noted in Resolution 4-10-24-A. Best practices discourage accumulating excess carry-over and thus, \$21.5 Million of the prior carry-over was utilized to balance the 2025 Draft Budget identified in Resolution 8-28-24-A. This source of funds enabled programs and services to remain intact.

Community Meetings will be announced soon to present and review the Consolidated Fiscal Year 2025 Budget in preparation for the October 23 General Tribal Council Meeting to consider adoption of the Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget.

Reconciliation of sources and uses remains challenging with competing resource allocations. The Consolidated FY2025 Budget is balanced in compliance with the Finances Law.

I extend to the community best wishes and have a great Fall Season!

PRIMARY REDUCTIONS

2025 Fiscal Year Wage Increase Reduced from 4.5% to 2.5% (\$3 Million Reduction)

Annual Employee Bonus

Removed (up to \$1,000 per employee) (\$2.4 Million Reduction)

Capital Improvement
Projects Allocation
Reduced
(\$7.6 Million Reduction)

ITEMS THAT REMAIN IN FY25 BUDGET

All General Tribal Council
Mandated Expenditures including
General Welfare Assistance
Remain fully funded

Core Membership Programs and Services

Remain intact or enhanced

Existing Labor Allocation(s)
Maintained with additional
\$5.4 Million in funding for
New and Vacant Positions.

Employment Cap set at 1,960 Full-Time Equivalent Positions per 4-10-24-A.

Jeff Webster 30 YEARS OF SERVICE





Above: The family of Jeff Webster gathered at the Oneida Business Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 28, 2024 to honor Jeff (center with blanket) for 30 Years of Service to the Oneida Nation but more importantly, for the positive impact he's made on their lives.

Left: Oneida Business Committee Members and General Manager Mark Powless honored Jeff with a Commemorative 200 Year Blanket along with kind words to express their appreciation to Jeff and his family.

Judge Haase Takes the Bench Oneida Receives New Family Court Judge

By Garth Webster

During the regular Oneida Business Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, Secretary Lisa Liggins administered the Oath of Office to Jeffrey T. Haase, welcoming him as Oneida's newest Family Court Judge.

Haase grew up in Poy Sippi, WI surrounded by his family. When it came time for college, Haase first took a year off after high school until deciding to attend UW-Eau Claire, where he excelled in wrestling. Unfortunately, after suffering an injury, he lost enthusiasm to continue college. After an eight-year hiatus, he returned to college attending UW-Oshkosh earning his undergraduate degree by working a full time 3rd shift job while going to school during the day. After, he attended UW-Madison's Law School, eventually graduating in 1996.

Haase spent 19 years in private practice mainly in the Criminal Defense and Family Law sectors. In 2015, he became the Attorney Manager for the Fond Du Lac Public Defender's Office. He stayed until 2022 when he became Corporation Council for Adams County.

Haase's strong family connections from his childhood, along with his current immediate family—his wife Kelly, their five children, and five grandchildren—have instilled in him a deep passion for caring for the family unit.

"I want to be the best family court judge I can be. Through my experience, when people come to court, it's usually not a good experience. People are nervous and a little scared. I want the participants to feel as relaxed as they can. In my courtroom, they will be treated with respect and



fairness. I want to hear their side of the story." Haase adds, "The idea is not to punish people or create problems."

"I'm very grateful to be given this opportunity and I want Oneida to know that I'm going to work very hard for them. I'm going to be the very best I can and I'm proud to be a part of this court system."

Building a Safer Future

Safe Shelter's Transformation

Submitted by Pearl Webster

Safe Shelter Executive Director

Since Safe Shelter (SS), Inc. opened in November 2021, our vision has been to Support Ending Homelessness. As we did so, we've integrated Indigenous teachings, practices, and cultural activities. However, after extensive discussions, SS has decided to transition to a Level 3.1 Treatment Center for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

Since January 2024, SS staff, along with our Board of Directors has concluded that the core component in our battle against homelessness is addiction. Addiction creates first-time homeless individuals and is also a leading factor in creating what we refer to as the "On-Going Cycle," which is when former residents obtain housing only to return to SS. Although SS is a zero-tolerance facility, every attempt was made to connect individuals with appropriate interventions before exiting them.

Aside from the addiction aspect, the financial realities faced by many residents has also been a significant source of homelessness. The average stay has been five to seven months. Within their stay, SS proactively tried to position residents to sustain their own housing by requiring them to save three months of rent, plus security deposit.

Nevertheless, the following factors, among others, negatively contributed to the On-Going-Cycle.

Eviction
Reducing Debt and Saving
Obtaining Employment
Childcare Costs
Legal Costs
Lack of Affordable Housing

Reluctantly, as of August 31, 2024, we closed SS. As painful as it is to witness our Native families, as well as surrounding community, fall victim to financial hardship and SUD, we're optimistic that we can treat the source of the problem rather than symptoms which again, is our rationale for creating a 3.1 Level facility. To learn more, I welcome you to watch (see link below) the presentation I made to the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) on August 14, 2024. A motion was made and accepted for the General Manager's office and Behavioral Health to work with us.



Left to right, top to bottom: Pearl Webster, Executive Director, Board of Directors; Charlene Faye King, Sister Helen Plum, Judy Cornelius, Seth Moore, Jeremiah Cottrell-Duebner, and Ryan Simmons, Board members not pictured, Heather Herdman and Terry Halcsik.

As we move forward, I want to make clear that this transition is not because of the rumors circulating in the community or on social media. I also want to reaffirm this was a difficult decision. My passion for those needing shelter is still strong but the deaths in our community caused by SUD are devastating. Research shows that individuals with structure and support of each other have the greatest chance of long-term success.

As of this article, our goal is to reopen roughly in early 2025. I also want to add that we worked with a local agency to place all of our residents. Each of us is affected. Together, we encourage you to support SS as we ready the facility for those ready for change.

Visit SafeShelterGB.org or follow us on Facebook for updates

Safe Shelter Accomplishments

- 931 Nights of Shelter
- 5 Individuals in Recovery
- 555 Individuals Served
- 4 Veteran Families
- 317 Women with Children 4 Mothers Gave Birth
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- 238 Men with Children 28
 - 289 Tribal Members Served

To-Do's for 3.1 Level Compliance

- Building modifications
- Train staff for new requirements
- Update policies/procedures
- Develop budget

Letters of Thanks/Success



View August 14
Presentation



Nar-Anon Focuses on the Families of Addicts

By Garth Webster

During her stay in Florida last year, Jan Malcolm happened across an organization called Nar-Anon, a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. After attending meetings in Florida, her and good friend Janice Hirth were inspired to begin a Nar-Anon chapter in Oneida.

In Malcolm's younger years, she suffered from alcoholism. It became so severe that she made six suicide attempts on her life. After the last incident, she found herself in an addiction facility where during her last night, she had a dream that would forever change her. She said the Creator came to her with a gift, a shield that would protect her from the destructive effects of substance abuse. The shield was glistening white and had her ponytail attached. She couldn't wait to return home to make this shield and it's been protecting her ever since. After that evening, Malcolm celebrated 43 years of sobriety this year. Malcolm, along with Hirth also celebrated their first anniversary with Nar-Anon August 11, 2024.

When Malcolm was in the Florida Nar-Anon meetings, one of the participants expressed, "It's not just me," regarding the difficulty of a family member or friend's addiction causing heartache in their life. Malcolm adds, "You get so mixed up because the addict is telling you lies, stealing things, including money, and then suddenly, you're isolating because you don't want anyone to know what's going on because you're ashamed." Malcolm says this first step is to acknowledge the situation for what it is and for people to speak up, which is often the most difficult step for people to reach. Thus, when meetings are held, the first half hour is to let newcomers hear our stories, enabling participants to begin moving through the emotional stages of denial, hurt, anger, acceptance, and forgiveness. This is followed by a daily reading to reaffirm the positive affirmations that will help them navigate their trouble times.

Aside from the Nar-Anon resources, Malcolm described an idea she received from her therapist that may also work for you. It's not always possible to be at a meeting or have that immediate support system. Thus, it's important to have ways to get through tough times whenever they happen. Malcolm explained how she uses a box, labeled with "Good" and "Bad" where she would place items that represented sources of happiness and hurt, respectively. It helps her to maintain her faith and



perseverance in times of trouble.

Malcolm and Hirth facilitate Nar-Anon meetings every Tuesday at the Oneida Recover Nest in Cottage 2 located at 2640 Westpoint Rd. at 5:30pm.

Malcolm says, "If we can continue making Nar-Anon strong, addiction won't stand a chance."

Learn more at Nar-Anon.org Email skenandore@yahoo.com or 8jh2803@gmail.com

Scan for Nar-Anon Brochure and meeting location map





By Garth Webster

September is National Recovery Month, and to honor those in recovery from Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and support those still on their journey, the Kunhi-Yo' (I'm Healthy) conference was held Thursday, August 29, 2024, at the Oneida Hotel.

The all-day event, sponsored by Oneida Behavioral Health's Tribal Opioid Response, highlighted an impressive lineup of speakers, with Councilman Marlon Skenandore as the morning MC and Oneida Nation General Manager Mark Powless taking over in the afternoon.

The event began with a grand entry led by Head Dancer Daniel Crowse, who escorted a contingent of local pow wow dancers, along with the Oneida Veterans and the Oneida Nation Royalty.

Following the grand entry, Dr. Lyle Ignace presented on Public Health Threats and Opportunities for American Indians and Alaskan Natives in the post-pandemic era. After Dr. Ignace's presentation, Stephenie Muscavitch VanEvery, an employee of the Oneida Cultural Heritage Department and Wolf Clan Manager, shared her insights on the Great Law. Just before lunch break, the Oneida Nation Hymn Singers provided soothing songs in memory of those lost to substance abuse.

After lunch, MC Powless introduced the renowned Oneida author, Dr. Carol Cornelius, who discussed her latest book, History of Indigenous Voices During the Removal Era. Following her, Patrick Danforth took the stage to explain the "Wellbriety Movement and the Medicine Wheel Teachings". After a quick Chair Yoga break provided by Oneida Family Fitness, Sonny Smart presented "What is Good Indian Mental Health." The day's final presenter, Brian Jackson, offered the crowd an "Understanding of Generational Trauma Through the Eyes of the Native American."

Just before dinner break, participants enjoyed an impressive exhibition of fancy footwork and singing by the Oneida Smoke Dancers. The day's events concluded with a performance by celebrities Lil Mike and FunnyBone, comedians and rappers best known for their roles in Reservation Dogs.





Better Together Welcome Back Diabetes Event

On Thursday, August 22, 2024 the Oneida Hotel Green Bay hosted a sold-out Better Together - Welcome Back Diabetes Event 2024. Sponsored by Oneida Comprehensive Health Division and Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). The event featured Waylon Pahona, Jr. as the guest of honor. Participants of the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) and Taking Responsibility In Addressing Diabetes (TRIAD) programs were recognized and celebrated over dinner.

Elder Expo

On Tuesday and Wednesday, August 20-21, 2024 the Oneida Hotel hosted the Elder Expo sponsored by Oneida Aging & Disability and Oneida Nation Commission on Aging. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, explored over 30 informational vendor booths, participated in a 50/50 raffle and drawings, and bid in a silent auction, and gained valuable information from guest speakers. The event's highlights included insightful talks by Dr. Cynthia Carlsson on the latest treatments and medications for Alzheimer's, and Doug Twait from the Indian Law Office, who provided comprehensive information on obtaining a Power of Attorney (POA) for health and finance.



Serving With Care & Love Oneida Pharmacy Team

By Gavriella Van Boxtel

Did you know that October is American Pharmacist's Month? We can celebrate that right here on the Oneida Reservation! The Oneida Community Health Center fills just under 200k prescriptions annually, and between 17k and 18k a month. Our pharmacy team consists of seven full time pharmacists and nine sub reliefs, overtseen by Pharmacy Director Dennis Reckelberg and Assistant Pharmacy Director Ashley Wright. The Staff Pharmacists are Stacey Chevalier, Brittney Hannot, Lynn Knute, Jeff Pagel, and Chris Tews; the Sub-Relief Pharmacists are Chelsea Wilson.



Front row left to right: Stacey C., Brittney H., Lynn K., Chris T., Briana H., Ashley W., Tiesha J., and Lexi A. Back row left to right: Dennis R., Ashley W., Brenda G., Jeff P., Kathy D., Gwendolin G., Kaylee S., and Kim M. Not pictured: sixteen other valued pharmacy team members.

Tews; the Sub-Relief Pharmacists are The Oneida Community Health Sheila Bahr, Megan Grimmenga, Betsy Center is located at 525 Airport Dr, Hoida, Mary Lamers, Keyur Patel, Jim Oneida, WI 54155. They are open from Poels, Monica Thiry, Gena Trast, and 7:30am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday. Call Chelsea Wilson. for refills or questions: 920.869.2711.

Pharmacy staff share good thoughts...

"I decided to pursue a career in pharmacy because I've always had an interest in healthcare and wanted to be able to directly help patients. I enjoy educating patients on proper medication use and try to make every patient feel heard and important. Getting to know patients and helping improve their quality of life is very rewarding. I try to have every patient leave the pharmacy with a smile!" -Jeff P.

"My favorite part of being a pharmacist is being able to help patients get and understand their medications. Medications and health issues can be very intimidating, and I love being there to help patients by being a resource and advocate for them." -Ashley W.



"I became a pharmacist because I love science and learning how things work. While I still love learning about drugs and how they positively impact people's lives, I also love getting to interact with the patients we see every day. It is very rewarding to be able to answer their questions and help them understand the medications they are prescribed." -Stacey C.



Continued Commitment Oneida Public Health Earns Five-Year Accreditation Achievement



Oneida Comprehensive Health Division (OCHD)

Submitted by Oneida Comprehensive Health Division (OCHD)

The Oneida Nation announced it has successfully completed a review process to maintain national accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). In maintaining its accreditation status for another five years, the Oneida Nation has demonstrated that it meets PHAB's quality standards and measures and has the capacity to continue to evolve, improve, and advance the health of the Oneida Community.

The non-profit PHAB works to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. PHAB's accreditation program, which receives support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance.

"We are proud of our team for the hard work and dedication to the programs and services we offer our community," said Debra Santiago, Public Health Manager, Oneida Nation Community Health Services. "Through the re-accreditation process, we expanded and enhanced our programs, sharing the successes with our community. We are grateful

for the opportunity to work with PHAB to achieve this huge milestone and will continue to work hard to always meet the needs of the community. This has been a rewarding experience, and we are truly appreciative to our team and to PHAB for giving us this opportunity."

The Oneida Nation achieved national initial accreditation status through PHAB on November 20, 2018, after undergoing a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it met a set of quality standards and measures. Today's announcement goes a step further by demonstrating that the Oneida Nation has the capacity to become increasingly effective at improving the health of the community.

"We are extremely pleased to be at the point in the accreditation program where the Oneida Nation, along with many others, are successfully maintaining their five-year accreditation status through PHAB," said PHAB President and CEO Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN. "In so doing, these health departments are assuring their communities that the value of accreditation is long-term --not a one-time recognition -- and that continual improvement is the hallmark of a 21st-century organization."



Reeling in the Future

By Garth Webster

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, while most lakes and streams in Wisconsin have self-sustaining fish populations, fishstocking is still crucial for certain waters, including those in Oneida.

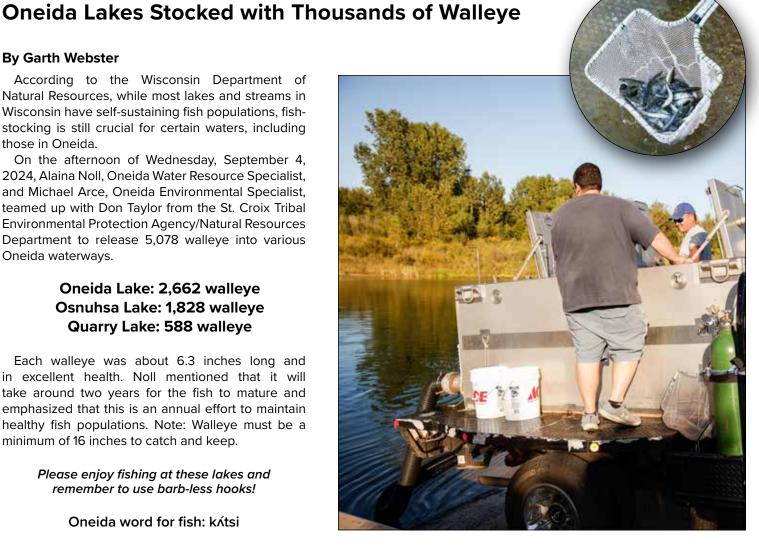
On the afternoon of Wednesday, September 4, 2024, Alaina Noll, Oneida Water Resource Specialist, and Michael Arce, Oneida Environmental Specialist, teamed up with Don Taylor from the St. Croix Tribal **Environmental Protection Agency/Natural Resources** Department to release 5,078 walleye into various Oneida waterways.

> Oneida Lake: 2,662 walleye Osnuhsa Lake: 1,828 walleye **Quarry Lake: 588 walleye**

Each walleye was about 6.3 inches long and in excellent health. Noll mentioned that it will take around two years for the fish to mature and emphasized that this is an annual effort to maintain healthy fish populations. Note: Walleye must be a minimum of 16 inches to catch and keep.

> Please enjoy fishing at these lakes and remember to use barb-less hooks!

> > Oneida word for fish: k/tsi





FOOD SOVEREIGNTY



Tony Kuchma, Oneida's Wetland Project Manager, recently contacted the Kalihwisaks to notify us they were anticipating a rice harvest at the restored wetland area, Where The Water Birds Nest, located at 2100 N County Line Road (between Adams Drive and Fernando Drive). This wetland was restored in 2001 by the Environmental Division Staff. Shortly after, students from Oneida Nation High School helped plant wild rice seed during late fall in four different years. The multi-year seeding helped establish a seed bank for Oneida, which has now flourished into a self-sustaining population of rice for the community, and wildlife, to harvest.

With an unsuccessful 2023 harvest due to drought, excitement for this year's harvest has been building as staff and the community are eager to start harvesting the crop to support our food sovereignty efforts. That enthusiasm came to fruition on Thursday, September 5, 2024, as Oneida staff and community members loaded up their canoes, gear, and good minds and headed out to the harvest area.

It was a warm afternoon as Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) Community Outreach Coordinator, Arlie Doxtator, addressed the participants that arrived at the harvest area about the importance of food resources like wild rice. WPP is a community impact grant that the Nation received in 2021 through a partnership with University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. As the grant aims to promote food sovereignty initiatives as essential components of community-led approaches to comprehensive health, the support for the wild rice harvesting initiative was organic.

Although the rain and windy conditions from the day prior eliminated much of the rice from the reeds they grow on, the participant's spirits remained high and grateful for the experience. As Doxtator explained, there is still time this season for the rice to rejuvenate so the team is optimistic there will be more to harvest.

While the participating community members and staff weaved in and out of the ricing area, I had a conversation with Belinda McLester, WPP Project Manager, regarding recent program evaluation insights that reveal some deeper needs regarding our community's relationship with food.

McLester helps coordinate events such as this day's rice harvest and would love to see Oneida members consistently consuming Indigenous foods. Before we can get to this level, however, she explained the need to return to more foundational healthy food habits. "We must address the fact that hardly anyone is cooking at home anymore or sitting at the table enjoying dinner with one another," McLester shares. Factors like this, McLester says, are a direct contributor to chronic health problems in many communities, including Oneida.

Doxtator and McLester are working to develop a curriculum to ignite the Oneida community to implement long-term lifestyle changes in terms of their food consumption and relationship with food. It is clear there is much opportunity to not only increase access to our Indigenous food pathways, but also create community shared spaces of harvesting, processing, and eating together. Our food pathways nourish our entire well-being by not only sustaining us nutritionally, but also uniting us.

Events such as this serve to provide these very connections. Food fosters healing and healthy communities. And it is something we need to continue to do collectively.

Exploring Culture and Nature UWGB Hosts Oneida Youth Summer Camp

Submitted by UWGB Biodiversity

From August 19-23, 2024 the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay (UWGB) Biodiversity Department, in partnership with the Oneida Nation and the UWGB Center for First Nations Education, celebrated its third annual summer camp for Oneida youth. This year, the camp was extended from three days to five, thanks to the involvement of the UWGB Center for First Nations Education.

Campers ranging in grades four through six participated in a wide range of educational activities, learning about nature, animals, plants, Oneida culture and language, and art. Randy Cornelius from Oneida Cultural Heritage shared his knowledge on Oneida language and culture. Tony Kuchma and Alaina Knoll from Oneida Environmental, Health, Safety, Land & Agriculture (EHSLA) Department introduced the campers to the diverse plant and aquatic life found in Trout Creek and the Oneida Quarry. Additionally, Erin Giese, Joe Torres, and interns from the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity Department provided insights into bird life and other areas of their expertise.









Erin Giese, UWGB Biodiversity Department

Former NCAA D1 Teammates Powless and Greendeer Lead Oneida Youth Lacrosse Camp

By Dan Ninham

Contributing Writer



The Elevate Lacrosse Camp was held July 27-28, 2024 at the Oneida Turtle School Lacrosse Field. The camp directors were former NCAA D1 teammates Masen Powless, Oneida, on left, and Julian Greendeer, Oneida/Ho-Chunk, on right.

Greendeer is a sophomore at NCAA DI University of Detroit Mercy. He plays offensive midfield and attack on the lacrosse team. Powless was a fifth-year graduate student this past season at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"We held a youth lacrosse camp for boys ages 9-14 with hopes of enhancing their lacrosse skills and keeping them loving the game of lacrosse," said Greendeer. "The positives were bonding with the kids and becoming friends with them, competing with them, and having someone they can come to whenever they need lacrosse help."

"Some challenges were getting the boys to listen and focus up, because since the coaches got close, they wanted to hang out with us sometimes more than play and work in the drills and games we had with them," added Greendeer.

Powless recently finished his playing career at the University





of Detroit Mercy. He played in three games as a fifth-year graduate student last season and had a stellar career playing NCAA D3 lacrosse at Marian University. He said, "I had a great experience playing lacrosse at the college level. I had a hard time staying healthy after injuries, but I learned to keep working through no matter what."

"I got to play from NCAA D3 to D1 and enjoyed every minute of the game. You learn to work through the ups and the downs, and I learned what it means to be a teammate. I was able to spread good medicine and knowledge of the game to my friends and teammates," added Powless.

Powless hosted the Elevate Lacrosse Camp in Oneida with Julian Greendeer and other lacrosse coaches from around the area and the University of Detroit Mercy. Powless' focus was a way to get the youth of Oneida in front of young players who have made it to the next level of college lacrosse.

"We were able to teach the fundamentals and drills that are specialized for their positions and give examples of what we did in our time. We also were able to have fun and do competitive drills that the kids enjoyed," added Powless.

"This was a camp that I ran although I have not set it up as a business," said Powless. "I do want to see what could happen with a club to showcase the Oneida talent as well as the surrounding areas. I also plan to start training individuals for defensive work in the future."

As a former college player at the highest level, Powless is heading in another direction while Greendeer continues to hone his skills to contribute to play at his highest level of college lacrosse.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The Pack Gives Back

Oneida Receives Green Gift from Packers' "First Downs for Trees"



By Gavriella Van Boxtel

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, Councilman Jameson Wilson, Councilman Jonas Hill, and Oneida Nation Royalty represented the Oneida Nation as they welcomed Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy at the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park in Oneida for a tree planting event, wrapping up this years' "First Downs for Trees" program.

"First Downs for Trees" is one of the Packers' Green Team Initiatives, which is aimed to target the yearly 450 tons of carbon left behind by the Packers' flights to road games. Green Bay Packaging, Inc., the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban Forestry, and Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) are all partners of the Packers' led Initiative.

"First Downs for Trees" planted 402 trees this spring in 16 Brown County communities: Allouez, Ashwaubenon, Bellevue, Brown County, De Pere, Green Bay, Hobart, Howard, Lawrence, Ledgeview, Morrison, Oneida, Pulaski, Scott, Suamico, and Wrightstown. As the program's corporate partner, Green

Bay Packaging, Inc. provided funds supporting the planting of trees. A combination of elm, maple lilac, oak, honey locust and flowering crab were supplied from two local nurseries, Meacham Nursery and Leaves Inspired.

Since the program's establishment in 2011, a total of 7,194 trees have been planted, resulting in \$34 million in lifetime benefits. These benefits include stormwater runoff reduction, CO2 reduction, energy savings, air quality improvement, and property value increase. The advantages of trees increase over time, highlighting the importance of continuous care and protection.



For more information on Packers "First Downs for Trees"





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Traditional Bison Harvest

Tsyunhehkwa Farm

By Garth Webster

Kyle Wisneski, Tsyunhehkwa Farm Manager and Amber Powless, Community Outreach Coordinator, hosted a educational event via a Traditional Bison Harvest Monday-Wednesday, September 9-11, 2024 at the Tsyunhehkwa Farm on Riverdale Dr. in Oneida. Arlo and Lisa Iron Cloud from the Standing Rock Sioux (SRX) Tribe were sought out by Wisneski to demonstrate processing methods on the buffalo provided by the Oneida Nation Farm.

Since 2016, The Iron Clouds travel the country to various Tribes to share their skills and wisdom by demonstrating authentic methods to utilize the gifts the buffalo provides. At the same time however, as Lisa describes, these educational events don't necessarily follow ceremonial protocol but rather, are simply an opportunity to learn and share, "We want this to be as comfortable as possible." In this regard, Lisa adds this approach helps to remove the anxiety of newcomers worrying that their going to do something wrong. However, as Lisa and Arlo demonstrated the various ways to butcher the buffalo, they



Back row Lisa Iron Cloud (in hat), Kyle Wisneski, Tsyunhehkwa Farm Manager, and Arlo Iron Cloud (front row with bandana) surrounded by community members learning to process a buffalo.

would offer some of their Sioux traditions. For instance, Arlo explained how a part of their Creation Story describes a time when the buffalo were the stewards of the land. This changed after an event known as the Great Race between Humans and Buffalo. Various animals chose sides with either but the Magpie, among a few other birds, sided with the Humans. Magpie crossed the finish line first, who eventually granted power to Humans. In turn, Humans became the stewards of the land. To this day, when Sioux people process a buffalo, they remove the thyroid gland and set it aside

as an offering to Magpie.

The Standing Rock website states that like Oneida, "The SRX are committed to protecting the language, culture and well being of it's people through economic development, technology advancement, community engagement and education." Along with this, as Wisneski stated in an interview with NBC26, "We just want to create a sense of community. It allows families to come here and be safe, get dirty and at the same time eat traditional foods and also learn about it."



Amber Powless, Community Outreach Coordinator, led participants to gather cedar, one of four sacred medicines, that the Bison was laid upon as it was transported from the Oneida Nation Farm field to Tsyunhehkwa to begin processing.



Learn more about
Tsyunhehkwa (Life Sustenance)



ORCHARD



Facing Frost and Flood

Oneida Orchard: No Pick-Your-Own Apples for 2024 Season

By Mia Charnon

The Oneida Nation Apple Orchard

Established: Purchased by Oneida Nation around 1955.

Total Area: 40 acres, with 30 acres of original orchard and 10 acres of new orchard, including 34 acres dedicated to apple trees.

Tree Count: Over 4,400 apple trees, primarily featuring McIntosh, Cortland, and Honey Gold varieties among 20 other types. Many of the trees were planted around 1985, making them nearly 40 years old!

Produce: Offers a diverse range of fresh produce including apples, cherries, pears, and strawberries (Availability may vary due to weather conditions).

Staff: Orchard team includes three full-time employees and two new seasonal employees currently in training.



Organic Practices

Partnership: Collaborating with a third-party regenerative agriculture consultation company to enhance sustainable practices. Spraying is done for disease, pest control, and nutrition. Additionally, they partner with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture to use an organic spray composed of 99% clay and 1% soap for pest control and protection from excessive heat, which easily washes off.

Chicken Grazing: Over 100 chickens provide natural pest control, weed management, and soil fertilization. All eggs are donated to Oneida Emergency Food Pantry, with an average of 51 dozen eggs produced each week!

Bees: Boost fruit production, enhance ecosystem biodiversity, promote adaptable trees by cross-pollination, and support sustainable practices. Recently, the orchard established three of their own hives after receiving a hive from Fox Honey Farmers in Florida.







ORCHARD



This Season

Challenges: Early budding followed by late frost and wet conditions caused at least 70% of trees to not produce fruit.

Tree Types: Standard large 30-foot-tall trees, while many modern orchards use smaller dwarf or semi-dwarf trees that are easier to harvest and protect from late frosts.

Location Issues: Low-lying areas with colder air movements can harm fruit buds. Also, the position of the sun may have also contributed to warming the trees, causing bud break sooner.

Mineral Deficiency: Sap sampling revealed several minerals deficiencies including potassium and sulfur. A critical part of the regenerative program is applying mineral supplements to promote healthier and more resilient trees.

Spray Limitations: Wet conditions limited organic spray applications. Staff adheres strictly to manufacturer protocols and avoids spraying during or just before rainfalls.

Limited "good apples": Will be used internally for apple cider, apple sauce, apple butter, and apple chips. Lower quality apples will be re-purposed as chicken feed to help reduce feed expenses.



"We are doing our best to harvest what we can. From there, we are prioritizing addressing any issues and continuing to support the trees as much as possible. I love doing this type of work, and beyond that, I want to give back to our Tribal Community by offering the best and safest produce that we can."

Heather Jordan

Oneida Nation Orchard Manager



Future

Focus: Continuing to support healthy trees, building healthier soils capable of sustaining nutrient-dense foods, limiting environmental toxins.

Regenerative Practices: Building food systems that are resilient to changes in weather, disease pressure, trauma, and stress.

New Building in Development: Planning to produce a variety of new products including caramel apples, candy apples, apple nachos, and apple funnel cake in the new commercial kitchen.



Orchard Store

Opening: Monday, September 23, 2024

Hours: Monday- Friday, 12pm - 5:30pm

White Corn Products: dehydrated corn, corn flour, corn mush, and corn bread.

Apple & Cannery Products: jams, jellies, teas, beef, buffalo, bath bombs, oils, salves and more!

Watch video: Oneida Apple Orchard Fall 2024





Read press release: "Oneida Orchard Will Not Open for 2024 Pick Your Own Season"



Oneida Nation Apple Orchard

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Honoring Indigenous Peoples

A Day of Recognition and Reflection

By Mia Charnon

Indigenous Peoples' Day, celebrated on the second Monday in October instead of Columbus Day, honors the rich history of the United States and the Indigenous peoples who have shaped our nation. While many students learn the phrase, "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue," the National Museum of the American Indian clarifies that neither Columbus nor his predecessors discovered America. Indigenous Peoples have inhabited the Western Hemisphere for tens of thousands of years. European contact brought devastating consequences, including massive loss of life, disruption of traditions, and significant land dispossession. Within 130 years of first contact, Indigenous populations were reduced by an estimated 95 percent.

The arrival of European explorers marked the beginning of enslavement and resource theft for Indigenous Peoples. Colonies established by the Portuguese, Spanish, French, Dutch, and English expanded throughout the Americas, increasingly encroaching on Native lands and lives. Warfare, enslavement, and forced relocation profoundly disrupted Indigenous communities.

During the Proclamation of Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 8, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. declared, "Since time immemorial, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians have built vibrant and diverse cultures — safeguarding land, language, spirit, knowledge, and tradition across the generations. On Indigenous Peoples' Day, our Nation celebrates the invaluable contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples, recognizes their inherent sovereignty, and commits to honoring the Federal Government's trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations."

Since Biden declaration, Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrates and acknowledges the profound losses and ongoing impacts of colonialism experienced by Indigenous Peoples, rather than honoring Columbus and similar explorers.

President Biden continued, "The Federal Government has a solemn obligation to lift up and invest in the future of Indigenous people and empower Tribal Nations to govern their own communities and make their own decisions. We must never forget the centuries-long campaign of violence, displacement, assimilation, and terror wrought upon Native communities and Tribal Nations throughout our country. Today, we acknowledge the significant sacrifices made by Native peoples to this country — and recognize their many ongoing contributions to our Nation."





The Carlisle Arrow- March 22, 1918 Cora Elm

Cora Elm

Early Life: Born on February 18, 1891, on the Oneida Reservation in Wisconsin. She was one of eleven children born to Nicholas Elm and Jane Hill Elm and spoke Oneida as her home language. Elm's father was a farmer born in Canada, and her grandmother was a midwife. Her grandfather, Jacob Hill, was a hereditary Chief for the Oneida Nation.

Education: Attended the Carlisle Indian Industrial School from 1906 to 1913 and trained as a nurse at the Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia, graduating in 1916.

World War I Service: Volunteered as a Red Cross nurse and served in France, where she treated soldiers with severe injuries and illnesses.

Post-War Career: Worked as a ward supervisor at various hospitals, including Fort Bayard in New Mexico and Wood Veterans Hospital in Milwaukee. She also was a Native American rights activist.

Personal Life: Married James E. Sinnard in 1921 and had a son, James Jr. She passed away in North Carolina on June 9, 1949, and was buried with military honors.

Cora Elm Hall: Named in honor of Cora Elm, is one of the buildings at the IHG Army Hotels on Carlisle Barracks. It is part of the Historia Collection, which features structures of significant historic importance to the Army and the nation. The naming of Cora Elm Hall serves as a tribute to her dedication and service, highlighting her role in both the military and her community.





ALEX K. MOORE December 9, 1985 - August 26, 2024



Alex Kelly Moore, 38, Green Bay, passed away Monday, August 26, 2024. The son of April (Green) Jordan and Kelly Moore was born on

December 9, 1985.

Growing up, Alex loved anything to do with sports or video games. He graduated from Oneida High School and went on to become a Custodial Supervisor at the Oneida Casino. He enjoyed camping in Crivitz, throwing darts, shooting pool and shaking dice. Alex is survived by his fiancé, Kendra Steeno; parents, April (Larry) Jordan and Kelly (Robin) Moore; siblings, Michael, Carrie, Randy and Tia Moore; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

Family and friends may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a sharing of stories to follow at 2:00 p.m. The Moore family would like to extend thanks to the Green Bay EMS team for their help on Monday. To extend online condolences, please visit www.ryanfh. com.

CAROL J. SKENADORE April 23, 1935 - August 25, 2024



Carol J. Skenadore, 89 of De Pere, passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2024. Carol was born on April 23, 1935 to the late Walter and Laura (Harrigan)

Kimps. She attended St. John the Baptist School and graduated from Seymour High School. On June 23, 1956, Carol married Vince, her "Rock". He preceded her in death on April 15, 2000.

Carol will be remembered for her love of family, golfing, bowling, and going out to dinner and drinking a good old fashion.

She was a proud grandma and great grandma, and she loved spending time with her family and friends.

Carol is survived by her children, Craig Skenadore of Green Bay, Denise (Ron) Engebos of De Pere, Lisa (Larry) Wiercinski of De Pere, Justine "Tiger" (Travis) Huff of Green Bay, grandchildren Randall (Krystal) Skenadore, Michael Skenadore, Gina (Gary) Kittell, Tony (Bre) Engebos, Tami (Andrew) Calnin, Renee (Dan) Ruzumalski, Laura Wiercinski and Conan White, Travis (Abby Lytie) Wiercinski, Quinnton Skenadore, and Faith Huff. She is further survived by her great-grandchildren, Morgan, Allie, Connor, Kallie, Kaiden, Brayden, Blake, Riley, Alexa, Kinsley, Ayla, Nora, Kane, Aslyn, Levi, Cashton, her sister-in-law Dorothy Kimps, brother-in-law Gordon (Judy) Skenadore, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends.

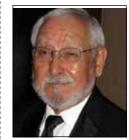
In addition to her parents and husband Vince, Carol was preceded in death by her brothers, Walter and Clarence Kimps, her sisters Alice, Elizabeth, Edna, Laura, Isabel, Emily, and their spouses, as well as her daughter-in-law Carol Skenadore, and one of her godchildren, Nettie Coonen.

Family and friends may call on Wednesday August 28, 2024 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street De Pere. A funeral service will begin immediately following the visitation with Deacon Bobby Doxtator officiating. Entombment will follow at a later date at Allouez Mausoleum. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to extend online condolences to the Skenadore family.

Special Thank you to the staff at Caraton Commons and Moments hospice for their care of our mom. Thank you also to Dc. Bobby for visiting with our Mom so often.



GORDON L. HOUSE AUGUST 20, 2024



On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, Gordon Lee House passed away at the age of 91.

Gordon was born in Oneida, WI to Walter and Pearl (Archiquette)

House. He graduated from Haskell Institute and spent the greater part of his career with NASA. He took great pride in this and could regale his friends with stories from his many years in the space program.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, and by siblings: Martha Jane, Ruth "Myra", Joyce "Nori", Walter "Junior", James "Jimmie", Loretta, and Reginald. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; siblings June Cornelius, and Carol Artman; and by children Allan, Jo Anne, Dan, Cathy, Scott, Susan, and Jeffery; his extended family Jennifer, Scott, and Kevin, and by many grand and great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Gordon enjoyed traveling and most of all loved to play golf; he counted his hole in one while playing with friends as a major accomplishment. Some of Gordon's favorite memories are of his travels, walking along the Great Wall of China; following the Danube River from a tiny stream in the Alps to Vienna; strolling through Barcelona; posing in Alaska with Mt. Ranier as his backdrop; exploring Cuba's vibrant culture; watching Kilauea erupting at night in Hawaii with treasured friends, Jim and Mary Axley, and returning to Oneida for the yearly powwow to see his friends and family.

The family would like to say thank you to the staff of the Phoenix Post Acute Facility in Texas City for their kindness and care for Mr. President AKA Gordon.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Crowder Funeral Home in Webster, TX assisted the family.



PATRICIA M. BOURAS July 25, 1938 - August 16, 2024



It is with deep regret that today, August 16, 2024, we had to say good-bye to our mother, Patricia Mae Bouras. Patricia was a homemaker, a wife, mother, sister, aunt,

friend, neighbor, and childcare mother to many! Born in Oshkosh, WI on July 25, 1938, to the late Harold and Alice (Metoxen) McCue, she was the oldest of five children. In 1958 Patricia married Angelo Bouras, and together they had four children, four grandchildren, two adoptive grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Patricia enjoyed tending to her flower gardens and listening to music.

Patricia is survived by two sons, Michael (Kathryn) Bouras and Marc Bouras; son-in-law, David Armstrong; grandchildren, Ashley (Sam) Druecke, Michael (Hillary) Bouras, Anthony (Stefanie) Armstrong, Rebecca (Matt) Thistle, Hope Doemel, and Eric Promer; great-grandchildren, Maddie and Bailey Druecke, Brantley and Merrick Bouras, Ryleigh and Rhett Armstrong, Calista Thistle, Ahriana and Zander Gustman; two sisters, Jackie Anderson and Kathy Hanson; a brother, Michael McCue; nieces and nephews, Scott, Val, Brian, Brent, Johnny, Kim, Shelly, Tracy, Lance and Kelly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Alice McCue; her husband, Angelo Bouras; two daughters, Brenda Bouras and Debra Lynn Armstrong; a sister, Nancy Bantleon; her in-laws, Nicholas and Hazel Bouras; and a brother-in-law, Artie Anderson.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Mueller Funeral Home, 904 E. Main St., Winneconne. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh. A visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Patricia's family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at The Residence of Oshkosh, Heartland Hospice and nieces, Kim and Shelly for all of the wonderful care she was provided.

If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

RAYMOND "RANGER" L. CHRISTJOHN April 28, 1977 - August 18, 2024



Raymond "Ranger"
L o n e f e a t h e r
Christjohn, 47,
Oneida, passed
away unexpectedly
on Sunday, August
18, 2024. The son
of Kay Christjohn
and the late Clifford

Danforth, he was born on April 28, 1977, in Green Bay.

At the age of 12, Ranger began to take up singing and drumming with his Site 2 buddies; a passion he had for all his life. Even when he was home, Ranger was drumming every day. Every time you saw him, he was drumming. Singing and drumming took Ranger across America, where he was able to meet so many brothers and sisters throughout Native Country. He met many other Warriors along his journey throughout life and built many life-long friendships.

Life did not always come easy to Ranger, however, with the support of Oneida Behavioral Health, and countless supporters and sponsors, Ranger was able to stay on his path of recovery. Ranger always liked to make people laugh. He loved spending time with his family, and people were drawn to his charming and generous personality. He never hesitated to help those in need. We know that his spirit will always be guiding us along the way of our own journeys. Ranger will never be forgotten.

Ranger is survived by his mother, Kay Christjohn; siblings, Renita (Antonio) Hernandez, Collette (Duane) Skenandore, Carla (Brian) Vigue, Roland Christjohn; children, Raeann Peters, Lowahtsyate "Jawday" Christjohn, Elianna Christjohn, and AnnMarie Christjohn; nieces and nephews, Carissa (Matt), Herlinda (Aldo), Sylvia (Rodrigo), Antonio, Elias, Isaac, Gabriel, Mariah (Brennan), Lance (Katrina), Chantel, Lorena, Vanessa, Otto, Hunter, Raidan and other relatives also survive. His Godchildren were Carissa K. Metoxen and Silas Christjohn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Danforth, paternal and maternal grandparents, Pete and Sabie Danforth and Amos and Daisy Christjohn, greatgrandparents, Joe and Elsie Green, Lucy Christjohn, niece Catalena Cooper.

He is further survived by his aunts and uncles, Neoma Osbourn, Theodore Christjohn, Rosalie (Marvin) Lucas, Gwendolyn Christjohn, Paula Ninham, Pamela Biddell, and Joey Christjohn.

Family and friends may gather at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, on Sunday, August 25, 2024, from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin their song service at 6:00 PM. Visitation will continue Monday, August 27, 2024, at Ryan Funeral Home, from 9:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin their song service at 10:30 AM.

The Christjohn family would like to extend a special thank you to the Oneida Police Department, to all of Ranger's brothers who drummed and sang with him throughout his life, and particularly these past few days, also to the firekeepers and everyone else who has donated during this difficult time. There are too many people to mention, but we thank all of them for their love and support.

WILLIAM "BILL" JORDAN August 25, 2024



William "Bill" Jordan, age 45, of Green Bay, passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2024. Bill was greeted with open arms by his parents, the late Greg and Rose

(Novitski) Jordan. Bill was a proud member of the Oneida Nation.

Bill is survived by his 3 children: Wesley, William and Mercedes; his brothers, Ben and Bob; his sister, Rebecca Jorgensen; his nephew, Beau (Sarah) Phillips and his niece, Tiffany (AJ) Dean. He is further survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Bill was preceded in death by his niece, Kayla; grandparents, Chester and Lorraine Novitski and Raymond and Alma Jordan. Visitation will be held at Newcomer Chapel (340 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI), Thursday, September 5, 2024 from 4 to

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William "Bill" Jordan

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William "Bill" Jordan

6 PM. A sharing of memories will follow at 6 PM. Please come prepared to share your favorite memory of Bill. Burial will be in Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.

Bill's family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at St. Vincent Hospital ICU for their excellent care and compassion.

KAREN COFFEY May 5, 1955 – August 29, 2024



The daughter of Leona (Huff) Collar and Edward Collar was born on May 5, 1955, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin. At the age of one years old Karen and

her family moved from Oneida to Kaukauna Wisconsin, where she would live for a good portion of her life. Eventually she would buy her first home in Kimberly, Wisconsin and would stay there until her father passed away. She then moved back to Oneida with her mother for several years until her passing and then would finally end up living in Tucson, Arizona. Karen worked for AAL and then Thrivent for many years and would also work part-time jobs and do volunteer work throughout her life. When she moved back to Oneida with her mother, she was an active member in her community, being a part of the audit, library, and Anna John nursing home committees. She always had a desire to help others and contribute as much as possible. Throughout all the places she lived and worked she met a lot of people she befriended, and their friendship meant a lot to her. Karen is proceeded in death by her grandparents McCarthy Huff and Anne (Melchert) Huff, parents Edward Collar and Leona (Huff) Collar, and uncles Frank Huff and Harold A. Huff. She is survived in death by her son Benjamin Bay, her partner in life Dave Schoen, cousin Harold Jay Huff with his two sons Franky and Tony Huff, as well as his two daughters. There will be a celebration of life held at Cash and Swillies, 701 E. Hyland Ave, Kaukauna, WI 54130, May 4th, 2025, from 11am-6 pm.

The family would like to give a special thanks

to Dave Schoen for taking care of Karen throughout her battle with cancer and her last days in hospice.

TYLER J. ROBBINS

November 30, 2007 - August 29, 2024



Tyler James Ohkwali Robbins, loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully on August 29th, 2024, after fighting

courageously against Acute Myeloid Leukemia for 21 months. Tyler was born on November 30th, 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was adopted by his parents, Dave and Lisa Robbins at birth. He was welcomed into the family as the fourth child, and was then referred to as, Our Fourth Gift.

In Tyler's sixteen and a half years, he earned his black belt in Taekwondo and loved playing lacrosse, baseball, and flag football. Together with his family, he enjoyed hiking, golfing, swimming, and every adventure they took. Tyler enjoyed countless amounts of sporting events by his favorite teams and had the privilege of traveling out of state multiple times to attend games. He loved the Utah Utes, LA Dodgers and Green Bay Packers. He had a love for video games, a passion for music and had the pleasure of attending several concerts. Tyler was a deep thinker, an avid researcher and was exceedingly knowledgeable, especially in the topic of history. Tyler was known for his impeccable style, wicked sense of humor and being the ultimate jokester. He was a thrill seeker, an adrenaline junkie and enjoyed watching true crime shows and scary movies. Tyler had an unwavering love for his friends. He was fiercely loyal and accepted everyone for exactly who they are. Tyler was incredibly thoughtful, truly selfless and had the kindest, most gentle soul. He comforted and put others first.

He was looking forward to getting his driver's license and his first car, a Honda Civic. He had plans to travel, especially to Japan, to go to college and write a novel.

Because of his battle with Leukemia, Tyler aspired to be a therapist, with hopes to help children who struggle with the same battle he fought. Tyler was a proud member of the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin. His middle

name, Ohkwali, means bear. His heritage meant so much to him, he hoped to become an Oneida Tribal Council Member.

Tyler loved and is loved deeply by his family as evident in these few memories.

His grandmother, Baw, loved hugs from her Little Heart. Taylor loved being his martial arts instructor and talking about military history. Kaeli loved her brother and sister dates and watching Tyler become an uncle for the first time to her children. Trace loved taking him on frequent gas station runs and listening to every new album together. His dad loved taking him on trips and teaching him how to drive a golf cart. His mom loved when she held him for the very first time, at birth, to holding him as he took his very last breath, on earth and every moment in between.

Tyler successfully beat Leukemia after a bone marrow transplant in August 2023, his Leukemia later returned in April 2024. Through it all, Tyler exemplified strength, courage, and optimism. He never complained or wished his sickness upon someone else or questioned "Why Me?" Tyler was truly triumphant.

Tyler is survived by his parents, David and Lisa Robbins, brother Taylor (Raquel), sister Kaeli (Carson), brother Trace, nieces (Echo, Cove, and Hayden), nephews (Woods and Tybrus) grandmother (Pat) grandfather (Gary) and his beloved dog Lambeau.

He is preceded in death by his grandfathers (Gaylen and Ron), grandmother (Mary), uncles (Lance and Scott).

The family encourages all to visit my.bethematch.org and potentially be a match and save a life.

FELIX M. CUADRADO

December 15, 1932 - August 30, 2024



Felix Martinez Cuadrado, age 91, of Oneida, passed away Friday morning, August 30, 2024 at his home. He was born on December 15, 1932, in Guánica,

Puerto Rico to Ernesto Martinez and Juanita Cuadrado.

Felix proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Oneida Post 7784 for many years. Felix was

a member of the Assembly of God Church in Oneida. Felix was married to Cecilia Doxtator on June 25, 1966, They lived in Puerto Rico for a while before returning to Wisconsin in the late 1990s. He and Cecilia were inseparable for over 58 years of marriage. Despite Cecilia being moved to Anna John Nursing Home, Felix visited her every day. He enjoyed the local bingo games and his numerous crossword and word search puzzles.

Felix is survived by his wife of 58 years Cecilia, children Elizabeth Martinez Figueroa, Edwin Martinez Figueroa, Edith Martinez Figueroa, and Felix Nathaniel "Pepe" (Amanda) Martinez-Doxtator; and grandchildren Kayana, Armando, and Juanito.

Felix is preceded in death by his parents, daughter Juanita and grandson Yoshuane "Yoshi" Torres and his beloved dog Boofy. Funeral services for Felix will be held at the Oneida Assembly of God Church at 2:00 PM on Saturday September 7th, 2024, with Rev. Joel Cornelius officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 1:00 PM until the time of services. Full military honors and burial will take place in the parish cemetery. Online condolences to Felix's family may

SHARON R. HOUSE

November 10, 1948 - September 1, 2024

be expressed at www.muehlboettcher.com



Sharon Rose House (kʌthohkwʎhawe? she's holding a bundle), 75, of Oneida, began her journey to the Creator on September1, 2024, surrounded by her

family and closest friends. Sharon was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin on November 10, 1948 to her loving parents Roy and Leone (McCarrell) House. She is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.

Sharon was known for her zealous commitment to protecting and promoting the tribal inherent sovereignty of Native American tribes. A trailblazer and expert in the field of Indian Gaming Regulatory Law, she dedicated her life to ensuring that tribes were self-governing and sustaining their tribal governments through economic development. In addition to her legal acumen, Sharon was a mentor, educator,

and advocate, who inspired a generation of Native American attorneys and leaders.

Sharon graduated from St. Mary's School for Episcopal Indian Girls, Springfield, South Dakota. She attended Cottey Junior College, Nevada, Missouri and Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She then attended the Oneida CETA Paralegal Program and was accepted into the Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians (PLSI) at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. In 1983 she received her juris doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School, in Madison, Wisconsin. Sharon specialized in Indian law, negotiations, gaming, gaming regulation, franchising, corporations, and financing. She was a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

From 1971 until her retirement, Sharon worked in several different capacities for the Oneida Nation including Youth and Career Development, In-House Counsel Attorney for the Oneida Gaming Commission, and an Appellate Court Judge. Sharon also served as legal counsel for many tribes throughout Indian Country in the areas of gaming and gaming regulation.

Outside of her work she enjoyed strong coffee, the Green Bay Packers, food, getting her nails done, music, line dancing, especially the electric slide, watching her family play sports, attending pow wows and her cowboy boots. She will be lovingly remembered by all who knew her for her laughter, sense of humor, loyalty, being genuine, and her willingness to stand up and fight for what's right for people and tribes. She impacted Native American people throughout Indian country during the past, present and future. Sharon is survived by her six children and their families; Dakota, Corben (Jolene), Yuma (Leah), Crystal, Rhiannon "RC" (Mike), and Tsyoslake (Jamie). As well as twenty-one grandchildren; Summer, Bailey, Marissa, Alyssa, Lindsey, Jossalyn, Baby Corben, Abigayle, Loh^ti=yo, Landon, Aubrey, Austin, Lillyanna, Lawisana=w^se, Leland, Logan, Ezias, Daemen, Dakota, Arabella, and August, and three great-grandchildren; Sophia, Jojo, and Daisey. She is further survived by her special cousin, Debbie House.

Powless and special friend, Nathan

Small. Special thanks to Unity Hospice, Meadowbrook Nursing Home nurses and staff, our fire keepers and pall bearers, and our family & friends who donated their time, firewood, food, thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time. Finally, a very special thanks to Dawn Reiter (her closest friend and sister) and her twins, Melinda and Melissa for always being a beacon of love and support for the family.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents Roy and Leone House, granddaughter Jalyn Arelet House, son Baby Boy Cornelius, and many close family members.

Family and friends may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024. The Oneida Hymn Singers will have a song service from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. with an opportunity to share stories following.

Visitation will continue at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning, September 6, 2024. A funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m.



Scan to read full obituary, which includes more background and career information

TRACY L. KWIL

October 12, 1977 - September 1, 2024



Tracy Lynn Kwil 46 unexpectedly passed away on September 1, 2024. She was born on October 12, 1977, in Chicago, IL, to parents Dale Cornelius and

Debra Kwil. Tracy is survived by her siblings Shane, Richard, Levi, Alex, Derek, Nathan, Larrissa, and Amanda. She was cherished by many including stepmother Lisa Guardipee, her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Tracy loved dancing, fashion, music and always looking good. She enjoyed spending time with her siblings listening to the latest music and acting goofy. Tracy would always add her own flare to current fashion and hair

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Tracy L. Kwil

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Tracy L. Kwil

trends, creating and owning her own style. She graduated with honors from one of the top high schools in Chicago, Lane Tech. After High School Tracy graduated from Academy of Beauty Professionals in Green Bay, WI.

She was preceded in death by her father Dale C., Grandmother Nancy L. Hill, Great Grandparents Eddie and Nancy Metoxen, and sister Lisa Zver.

Family and friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth St. De Pere, WI 54115, on Monday September 09, 2024, for visitation from 4:00pm until time of service at 7:00pm. Burial will take place at Oneida Methodist Cemetery on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 1:00pm.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to everyone that shared their love, support, and prayers for Tracy.

OLETA "LEE" PARTL

September 15, 1936 - August 14, 2024



Oleta "Lee" Partl (nee Johns) died on August 14, 2024, in Wauwatosa, WI. She was born on September 15, 1936, in Milwaukee, WI to Orin Peter Johns and Olive

(nee Jacobs) Johns Doxtator. Her grandparents were Baptist and Lavinia (nee Christjohn) Johns.

Beloved mother of Stefanie (Ward) Sikorowski, Jodi Lee (Kenneth) Bowers, Steven Pawlak, Kimberly Wiegmann, and Stephanie (Rick) Bylin. Loving grandmother of Jennifer (Kevin), Samantha (Emilio), Elizabeth (Kyle), Katherine (Benjamin), Jacqueline, Anastasia, Ekaterina, Christina, Zack, Anne, and Hannah. Cherished GGMA to Grant, Chase, Landon, Emilio, Agustín, James, and Jackson. Further survived by her sister Oretha "Rita" Dueno, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orin Peter Johns and Olive (nee Jacobs) Johns Doxtator, her brother Orin Eugene (Lillian) Johns and brother-in-law Robert Dueno.

A visitation was held at Wisconsin Memorial Park in the Chapel of the Chimes (13235 W.

Capitol Dr., Brookfield) on Saturday, August 24 with Pastor John Taggatz from Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Creek presiding.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the medical staff at Aurora West Allis Memorial Hospital and Aurora Zilber Family Hospice.

MARK N. POWLESS JR.

March 29, 1934 - September 10, 2024



Mark N. Powless Jr., 90, of Oneida, WI, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2024, at Anna John Nursing Home. Mark was born on March 29, 1934, to

the late Mark Powless Sr. and Margaret Stevens. Mark married Shirley King on Friday April 13, 1962, in Chicago, II, and they were sealed for time and all eternity on October 10, 1972, in the Ogden Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Utah. Mark also served in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S.—Wisconsin working with practice drones.

After his service, he returned to Oneida and joined his brothers as an iron worker out of Local 8 in Milwaukee. Some of the structures that he worked on were the Sears Tower in Chicago, The Mackinaw Bridge in Michigan, the Golden Gate Bridge in California, and the Tower Drive Bridge here in Green Bay. After he retired, he served on the Oneida Business Committee.

Mark enjoyed dancing and traveling with his wife. They traveled to the Hawaiian Islands, Jamacia, and across the United States. He enjoyed spending time with his family, watching the Packers, and watching classic movies. He loved going to all his grandchildren's and great–grandchildren's ball games.

Mark is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Shirley, his son Christopher (Jane) Powless, his grandchildren Jerrel, Isaiah, Amber, Caitlin, and many greatgrandchildren. He is further survived by his sister Marge Stevens.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Kim, and his siblings, John, Purcell, Lorraine, Dorothy, Mary, Herb, and Eugene. Friends and family call from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM on Friday, September 13, 2024, at the

Oneida Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on N6135 Seminary Rd. A funeral service will begin immediately following the visitation with Bishop Keith Stoddard presiding. Ryan Funeral Home in De Pere is assisting the family.

A Special Thank you to the staff at Bellin Hospital and Anna John Nursing home in Oneida for their kind and attentive care of Mark. Another thank you to everyone who made time to stop and see him at the hospital and the nursing home. Thank you as well to the VA Hospital and Unity Hospice.

RODERICK L. SOMMERS

December 18, 1962 - August 16, 2024



Roderick Luther Sommers, 61, passed away peacefully at Bellin Hospital, Green Bay, WI, on August 16, 2024, of cancer with family and friends by his side.

He was born in Green Bay, WI, on December 18, 1962, to Roger Sommers and Audrey Besaw.

Rod played football and basketball for Pulaski High School, graduating in 1981, before joining the Marines. He was an avid fisherman all his life and loved his time on the water with friends and family.

Rod is survived by his children: Raquel Jousma, Ramsey Jousma, Levi Schultz, and Electa Sommers. He is also survived by his sisters: Rose (John) Mortenson and Brenda Besaw, his grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Crystal Moes, his father Roger Sommers, his mother Audrey Besaw, his brother Russell Besaw, and his niece Xavionna Besaw.

Family and Friends may call at Pamperin Park from 3-7 on September 14, 2024, where we will gather for a Celebration of Life.

The family would like to extend a thank you to the nursing staff and doctors at Bellin Hospital who cared for him in his final days. In lieu of flowers, please come with your favorite memories of him to share.

JOANN L. LARA November 13, 1951 - September 3, 2024



Joann L. Lara (Prince), age 72, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. She was born on November 13, 1951, in Oconto, WI, to the

late Richard and Ann (Castonia) Prince.

Joann led a vibrant life filled with a variety of interests and passions. She enjoyed participating in softball, darts, fishing, playing BINGO, and shooting pool. A lover of horses, she embraced the joy these animals brought her. However, her greatest love was for her family. Her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren were the center of her world, and she found immense joy in spending time with them. Joann had a unique ability to connect with children, often engaging with them wherever she went. As an avid Green Bay Packers fan, she took pleasure in watching their games.

Joann is survived by her children, Joe (Natana) Lara and Daniel (Dawn) Lara; her grandchildren, Arron (Melanie), Corina (Roger Flores), Jayden, NaBria, and Dominic; and her great-grandchildren, Priscilla, Leerah, Gianna, and Huxley. Additionally, she is survived by her niece, Jamie (Rick) Bramer; her nephew, Jeff (Liza) Sot; and her great-niece, Harleigh Sot.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Ann Prince, and her sister, Sheryn Sot.

Joann L. Lara will be remembered fondly for her warmth, kindness, and the indelible mark she left on the lives of her family and friends. The Oneida Nation wishes condolences to her family and would like to thank Joann for her many years of service. Joann worked at Oneida Bingo since 1993 until her retirement.



PAULINE M. NETERVAL March 26, 1965 - August 29, 2024



Pauline Marie Neterval, 59, of Wausau, passed away August 29, 2024, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Pauline was born

Pauline was born March 26, 1965, to Ken Patton and

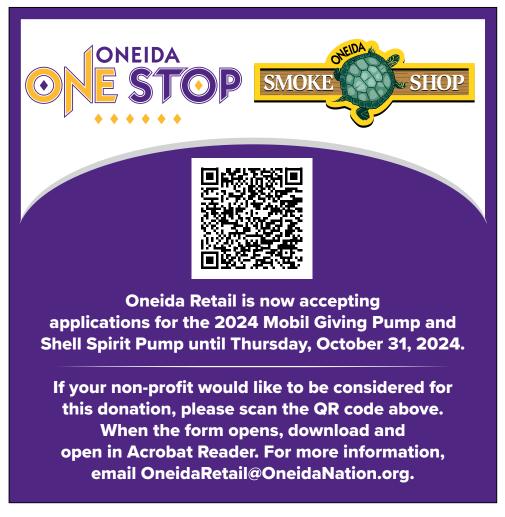
Caroline Jackson (nee Hill). When she wasn't outside enjoying the fresh air, Pauline liked spending her time watching tv, listening to music, and being with her cat.

Pauline is survived by her loving children, Zayne Siverling, Zerek Neterval, Joleen Neterval, Jazmyn Neterval and Jahnika Neterval; and sister, Jeanette Zalewski.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ken Patton and Caroline Jackson; grandparents, Arthur and Wilmae Plahmer; and brother, Derrick Jackson.

A Celebration of Pauline's Life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at Highland Community Church, 1005 N 28th Avenue, Wausau. Visitation will be from 10:00 am until the time of service at the church. Rev. Dave Mahler will officiate.





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 Leo W Sundquist, Case No. 2024 LCP 0006

- 1. An application for probate was filed.
- The decedent with a date of birth of 09/13/1951 and date of death 01/04/2024, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled off the Oneida Reservation at 2449 West Point Rd., Green Bay, WI 54304
- 3. The deadline to submit claims is 11/01/2024.
- 4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

ONEIDA JUDICIARY

Tsi nu téshakotiya⁷tolétha / 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:

- Terry Lee Cooper Blackowl
- ♦ Kimberly R. Batiste

First published notice 9/24

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC MEETING

TO BE HELD

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 10:00am

Little Bear Development Center Conference Room N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155

In accordance with the Administrative Rule-making 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 Rule #1— Land Assessments for the Nation's Decisionmaker's to Build an Autonomous Community (LANDBAC)

- Replaces the former Land Use Technical Unit (LUTU) process as the Nation's process for assessing land uses to prioritize greatest and best use by the Nation to provide for the community;
- The process distinguishes between offerings to the Nation's internal entities and requests from external parties to use the Nation's land wherein all possible available uses are governed by separate rules (see various leasing rules, Land Use License Rule, and Easements Rule).

Real Property Rule #2— Land Use Licenses

Formalizes a former general practice and SOP into an administrative rule while expanding the scope to apply to large gatherings (75 people or more) on land owned by tribal members.

Real property Rule #3—Easements

Formalizes a former SOP into an administrative rule which applies to third party requests to use/access the Nation's land and individual trust land owners requests for easement processing through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on their land.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN UNTIL Wednesday, October 16, 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
nrommel@oneidanation.org

Phone: 920-869-6505



PUBLIC NOTICE:

A diligent attempt was made to notify the named individuals of tribal debt owed to Oneida Comprehensive Housing Division.

This is a public notice of intent to garnish employee earnings if debt is not satisfied by October 3, 2024. Payment can be made at Comprehensive Housing located at 2913 Commissioner Street or sent by mail to

P.O. Box 68, Oneida, WI 54155.

Isaac and Misty Cannon
Katrina and Milton Mungo
Mae and Christopher Cornelius
Jamison and Angela Ortiz-Webster
Tonya and Leon Boucher
Marques and Kateri Danforth
Kerry and Gertrudes Koepke
Michelle and Phillip Jordan
Brandie Klarkowski
Roberta Webster
Shannon Davis

Diane Wilson
Jacqueline Ninham
Craig Ninham
Brandon and Kristina Metoxen
Debra Cornelius
Ashley Olujic
Charlene Charles
Chrisstara Cornelius
Danette Woodmansee
Darlene Hill
Shonna Danforth
Sterling Nunies

The above-named individuals may contact
Leanne Jordan at 920-869-6172 or at
LJordan2@oneidanation.org for more information.

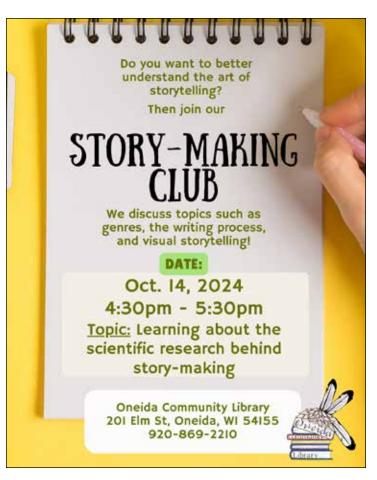
















ONEIDA ESC GROUP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Oneida ESC Group (OESC) will award up to two scholarships of \$5,000 annually to a high school senior or college senior pursuing a college education in engineering or earth/ environmental sciences.



Scholarships are merit-based; submission of financial information is not required for eligibility.

Send Application by Friday, November 8, 2024 to:

Oneida ESC Group Attn: Debra James-Brown 1033 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 200 Milwaukee, WI 53226 (414) 607-6758 DJames-brown@oescgroup.com

Applications reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee and awards will be made by December 6th.

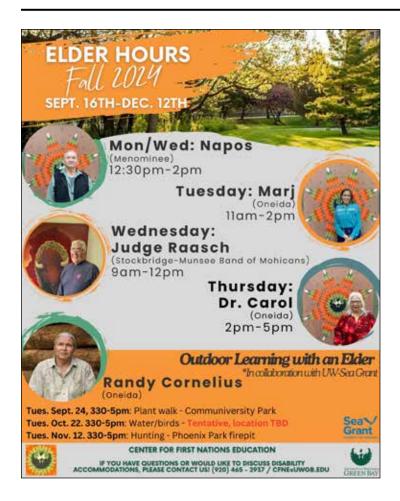
APPLICATION & MORE INFORMATION



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Have an Egg Allergy? We provide egg-free vaccine. Please inform EHN staff.

VR Penguin Party (Geared toward Ages 10-17) Thursday, October 17 4PM-5PM Description: Virtual reality experience featuring the game "Waddle" by Field Day. Activities: Interactive gameplay where participants control penguins, exploring their environment and behaviors. Storytime with no sew penguin craft · Penguin movie to watch while waiting for your VR session. Oneida Community Library 201 Elm St. Oneida, Wi 54155



GET OUT THE VOTE

Vote For Our Future November 5th General Election

Submitted by Anne Egan-Waukau, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Urban Native Organizer and Communications Manager for Wisconsin Native Vote



Air Force veteran Kerry Metoxen, 68, of the Oneida Nation, has plans to ensure his grandson, Jason Greendeer, a sophomore at University of Detroit Mercy, votes in the Nov. 5 election.

"I'm going to remind him that he needs to get out and vote," said Metoxen, who also said he was inspired by speakers at Wisconsin Native Vote's Brewers tailgate last month. "I'll make sure he's registered."

But his work won't end there, he said. He's taking the message that it's important to "vote for the seventh generation" to family and friends.

Metoxen was among nearly 600 Native Americans from across the state that gathered at the largest Brewers intertribal tailgate at American Family Field last month to celebrate community and the importance of voting. He represented his tribe in the Color Guard, comprised of representatives who carried their tribal flags onto the baseball field. "It's always good to represent and remind people that we are still here," he said.

"Every vote counts – especially this year," Metoxen said. "We all need to get to the polls and vote."

Metoxen knows how important it is to vote and that there are many important issues on the ballot for Indian Country. Wisconsin Native Vote also heard from others about the importance of voting

to protect tribal sovereignty, address the opioid epidemic, and protect the waters.

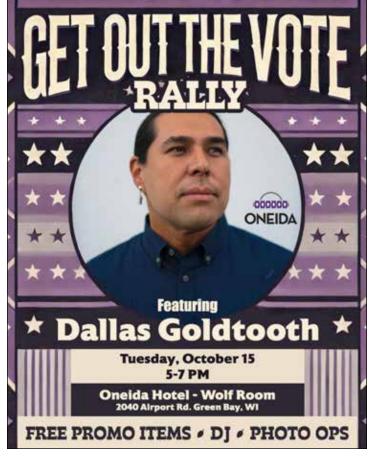
The general election is coming up on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. There will be presidential, congressional, state, and local elections on the ballot.

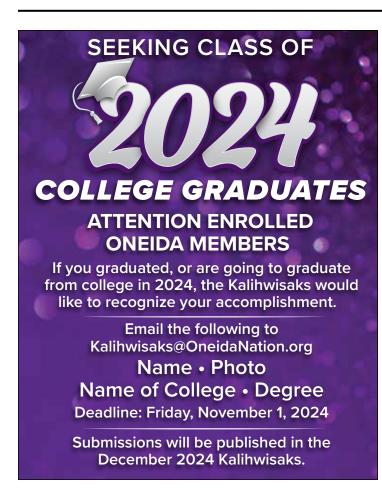
Make sure to use your voice and vote this fall.

Voting Questions:

Wisconsin Native Vote: Info@ConservationVoices.org or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.









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