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From the Kali



Shekóli Swakwe·kú. Shortly after this edition arrives in your mailbox, we will all be heading to the polls to cast our ballot in the 2024 Presidential election. As a community, as a sovereign Nation, everyone here at Big Bear Media encourages you to exercise your right to vote so that your voice can be heard. As we do so, we also feel it's important to keep two thoughts in mind.

This past October 14, 2024, many once again gathered behind Norbert Hill Center for a Tobacco burning to acknowledge Indigenous Peoples' Day. It's another reminder that Onz'vot'a'ká' ni?'i' Shekú

ká'tho ítwehse (I'm Oneida. We are still here.) and that our resiliency as a Nation continues to build a legacy in the spirit of all of who came before us, those that are here now, and those who are yet to come.

The other mindset is to honor all those who serve. November is Native American Heritage Month but is also the month we recognize our Veterans on November 11. Without our Veterans, many of the freedoms we enjoy would not be possible. Our Veterans have sacrificed tremendously so the rest of us won't have to. If you know a Veteran, take the time to acknowledge them, to honor them, to be

grateful to them.

Finally, enjoy the picture here of myself, Michelle and Mia. It was taken with a drone. We pride ourselves on the photography we present in every issue for the readership and we look forward to bringing you more aerial imagery and video. Stay tuned.

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Business Committee Forum

By Jonas Hill

Oneida Nation Councilman

“During my first year with the Oneida Business Committee, I’ve focused on improving my leadership skills.”



Councilman Jonas Hill with Treasurer Larry Barton and Chairman Tehassi Hill at the Indigenous Peoples' Day Ceremony. Councilman Hill gifts a blanket to Charlene Nijmeh after she led her Muwekma Ohlone Nation through Oneida on the Trail of Truth. Hill, with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer as Jonas gifts a beaded medallion to Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

Shekóli Swakwake (hello all),

I am delighted to keep the community informed through my office. As an elected representative of the Oneida people, I consider regular communication a key aspect of my role as Councilman of the Oneida Nation.

Leadership Development

During my first year with the Oneida Business Committee, I've focused on improving my leadership skills. I believe a solid foundation with proven methods is crucial for serving the Oneida people effectively. I take my role seriously and have secured scholarships for training to ensure fiscal responsibility in my pursuit of leadership excellence.

Leading Tribal Nations Executive Education Program

I participated in an excellent program by the National Congress of Native Americans and Harvard Business

School, staying on the Harvard campus and learning about leadership from top presenters. Building trust is foundational to leadership and a core task as I address community concerns. I want you to know I act on your concerns and care about the well-being of each member.

Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth

Dartmouth College funded most of this inaugural leadership academy, where all courses were taught by Dartmouth alumni. The program offered excellent networking opportunities, allowing me to connect with Tribal leaders nationwide. I gained valuable insights into government-to-government consultation, which I've applied as a liaison to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

I also learned from Dr. Susan Karol, Chief Medical Officer for the Medi-

care, and Medicaid Services Division of Tribal Affairs about excellence in healthcare delivery and gained knowledge on law and order in Indian Country, higher education, future Tribal leadership, and economic development for Tribes.

Investing in my leadership skills has strengthened my confidence, accountability, and commitment to my role and community. Leading by example, I apply the tools and insights gained from leadership development to better serve the Oneida Nation.

I appreciate everyone who has reached out with positive feedback. It means a lot to hear encouraging words from the community. Let's continue to be kind, bring hope, and stay positive. We are one community, and together we can overcome challenges. Thank you, and please contact my office with any concerns.

Neighborly Effort Brings Help to Green Bay Homes Oneida Nation Participates in Good Neighbor Week

By Garth Webster

Vicki Bokelman (Front row, left), GB Community Outreach Coordinator, with several City of Green Bay workers and Green Bay Community volunteers, along with Councilman Jameson Wilson, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Oneida Legislative Affairs, Tana Aguirre, and Councilman Jonas Hill, lend a helping hand during Good Neighbor Week in Green Bay.

Bokelman explained that the Good Neighbor Week organization connected with Oneida via Green Bay Community Member Randy Griswold, who worked with Oneida to organize events at Ted Fritsch Park off of W. Mason St.

Bokelman shared that over 100 volunteers were able to provide assistance with 14 homes for those in need, many of which belong to elderly, disabled, and veterans. The program ended September 26, 2024.



Tribal Collaboration on Housing Initiatives



By Mia Charnon

On Monday, September 30, 2024, the Oneida Nation, along with several entities including the Oneida Comprehensive Housing Division (OCHD), met with Tribal Dignitaries from the Mohegan Nation, based on the Thames River in Uncasville, Connecticut. Area Managers from OCHD, including Scott Denny, Greg Matson, Dana McLester, and Michelle Hill, participated in the collaboration. The meeting focused on discussing Indigenous issues facing all sovereign nations, including the Oneida Nation's housing initiatives. The visit concluded with a tour of reservation properties and a performance by Oneida dancers.

Oneida Casino & Oneida Hotel Are Now One Consolidation Years in the Making

Submitted by Oneida Casino

The Oneida Nation is delighted to announce the successful consolidation of Oneida Casino and Oneida Hotel. This consolidation was effective October 1, 2024. The Oneida Business Committee directed the merger to commence last year and pushed it on a fast track to completion.

This consolidation has been years in consideration and Oneida Gaming and Hotel Management is very proud of this accomplishment. Although this vision has been long sought after, the actual execution of the plan was very aggressive and took place within a 9-month timeframe. The progression and implementation were led by Gaming Manager Louise Cornelius and her team at Oneida Casino.

They were able to re-brand the hotel from the previous Radisson Hotel & Conference Center to the Oneida Hotel. This also involved the installation of a new property management system, creating and installing new signage, as well as a wide array of numerous projects that are required for a consolidation of this caliber. The hotel is now completely owned and operated by Oneida Gaming. This comes after 39 years of hard work and a vision that is now fulfilled by the Oneida Nation. Oneida Gaming has a renewed focus on providing extraordinary guest experiences as well as increasing the tourism value to the greater Green Bay community and beyond. Oneida has always proclaimed that they are one of the top native gaming casinos in the state.

“This effort in consolidation only solidifies that proclamation. We are

one of the finest native casinos here in Wisconsin...if not THE finest in the State of Wisconsin,” said Cornelius. “The consolidation represents yet another milestone for the Oneida Nation. By bringing the hotel under the umbrella of Oneida Gaming, we’re confident we can increase occupancy rates and strengthen our financial position, all while maintaining our commitment to being good business partners and neighbors in this region. Our history of business growth since 1976 is unmatched in this area and we’re proud of how we have contributed to the economy and employment over the years. The Oneida Casino Hotel is partners with the Green Bay Packers and share a legacy of pride here in Northeast Wisconsin making this area a destination for business and tourism” added Cornelius.

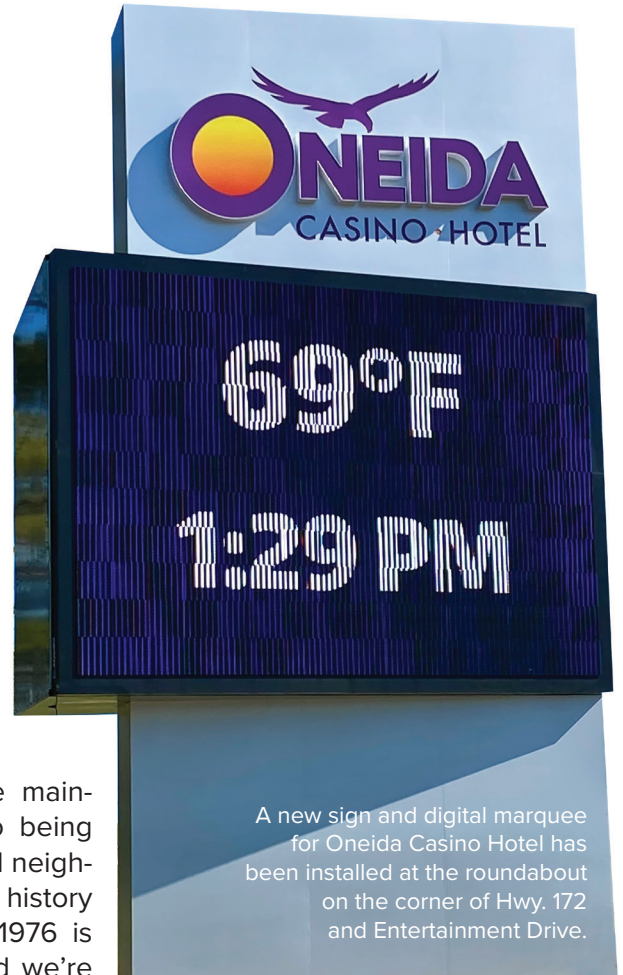
Alliance Benefits, including:

- **Enhanced Guest Service:** Oneida Gaming’s expertise in service and management will enable to provide a more personalized and seamless guest experience, surpassing expectations and fostering loyalty.
- **Improved Occupancy:** Streamlined operation and targeted marketing efforts will drive increased occupancy rates, maximizing revenue potential for the consolidated enterprise.
- **Staff Retention and Growth:** The consolidation ensures

the retention of existing staff members while creating additional opportunities for future growth and development within the Oneida Gaming Team.

- **Community Reinvestment:** Increased earnings from the consolidated property will enable the care, education, healthcare, and recreation programs.
- **Tourism:** Oneida Casino Hotel will be among the largest tourist attractions in Green Bay with around-the-clock operations, 365 days a year.

There are still some elements of organizational development that may change as the operations move forward and management is able to access what works best.



A new sign and digital marquee for Oneida Casino Hotel has been installed at the roundabout on the corner of Hwy. 172 and Entertainment Drive.

GET OUT THE *Native* VOTE!

Dallas Goldtooth, left, and above with the Oneida Nation Royalty.

Bobbi Webster and Jonas Hill enjoy Goldtooth's comedy

RC Metoxen and Kristal Hill show off the GOTV's special t-shirt.

Ernie Stevens, Jr.

Bill Gollnick

Dr. Lisa Poupart

Vice Presidential Nominee Tim Walz takes time for a photo with Wisconsin Governor, Tony Evers, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and the OBC Team.

Check out the Oneida Nation's Voting information page to learn more about the candidates:

By Garth Webster

In anticipation of the 2024 Presidential Election, the Oneida Nation is encouraging all members to exercise your right to vote. Make your voice be heard on election day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) and the Oneida Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGAC) has been busy motivating the community with numerous events, most notably the Get Out The Native Vote (GOTV) event at the Oneida Hotel on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

As with most Oneida events, the first order of the day is to honor the brave men and women who've made it possible to enjoy the freedom we have today, including the right to vote. To do so, the crowd stood in respect as the Oneida Veterans Color Guard brought in the flags to the sounds of the Buffalo Creek Singers.

After opening remarks, participants enjoyed free food as Co-MC's Bobbi Webster, Oneida Public Relations Director and Jonas Hill, Oneida Nation Councilman, introduced several presenters, all of which provided valuable insights for the attendees.

First, Ernie Stevens Jr., Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, gave a motivating speech to get to the polls, followed by historian, Bill Gollnick. Last, Dr. Lisa Poupart, First Nations Studies at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay, educated the crowd how Indigenous people persevered through historical and contemporary circumstances to cast their ballots. The highlight of the evening came from the appearance of Dallas Goldtooth, known for his role in *Reservation Dogs*. Goldtooth provided photo ops the entire evening, culminating with an on-stage appearance that mixed humor and serious-

ness about how during this upcoming election, Indigenous voters can be difference-makers.

As mentioned, the Oneida Business Committee has had several opportunities to attend rallies hosted by the Democratic ticket, Kamala Harris and Tim Walz. The day before the GOTV event, Governor Tony Evers, along with Tim Walz, made a stop at the Oneida Hotel's Cedar and Sage Grill House for a meet and greet with the OBC and other Tribal representatives. After, attendees were also invited to the rally at the KI Convention Center. Tim Walz mentions on his Facebook feed, "It was great to be with the leaders from the Oneida Nation and other Tribal nations to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day. Kamala Harris and I will always honor Tribal sovereignty and self-determination."

Oneida Nation Museum GROUNDBREAKING

760 Airport Dr. • Oneida, WI

Tuesday,
November 19,
2024



As the Oneida Museum prepares to break ground for their new facility, they are also requesting community participation by requesting the loan of personal items for the following exhibits:

- Oneida Packers Memorabilia/Images
- Oneida Code Talkers-Memorabilia
- Levi Webster Memorabilia/Images
- Old Buildings in Oneida-Images
- Active-Duty Oneida Veterans-Images

For contributions,
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Oneida Casino Hotel Merger

Chad Fuss, Assistant Gaming CFO, wanted to see how more fiscal efficiencies might be realized in the future. Fuss said, "We're about business profit and we hope to be able to continue to find new and efficient methods as we see how this merger best serves our profit line and operational goals."

Cornelius was pleased with the transition to bring the hotel under the casino and expressed appreciation for all those on the management teams from gaming and from the hotel who worked to make a major change as seamless as possible. Cornelius said, "We are fortunate we were able to work with people who had the best interest of the Oneida Nation and the operations at heart. That was pivotal

to cooperation, teamwork, and success."

The Oneida Nation remains committed to its mission of providing exceptional service to its citizens and guests. This alliance is a testament to its dedication to continuous improvement and long-term success.



Three Sisters Park Reopens with Inclusive Upgrades

By Mia Charnon

After several months of renovations starting in July 2024, Three Sisters Park has officially reopened with new amenities and improvements. Established in 1992, the playground equipment had reached its 20-year life expectancy, raising concerns about accessibility and lighting.

The DPW-Groundskeeping team, with grant funding from the C.C.D.F. Fund, Oneida Economic Support, and the B.I.A. American Rescue Act 2021, revitalized the park. Now, it features ADA-accessible and sensory equipment, a low-maintenance Pour-in-Place rubber play surface, new basketball courts, sidewalks, enhanced lighting, and improved security measures. Three self-

contained cameras, monitored twice weekly, are part of the Surveillance for the Nation (S4N) initiative.

This project was made possible by the collaboration of many Oneida Nation departments, including Engineering, Public Works, Economic Support, Self-Governance, Digital Technology Services (DTS), and Comprehensive Housing.

Located off W. Mason St. on Chief Hill Dr., Three Sisters Park is set to become a community favorite, offering a safe and welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.



Oneida Parks Survey Results



Lighting The Bridgeway

November 21
Countdown begins at 5 PM

**Oneida Veterans will be serving hot beverages & hot dogs.
 Horse drawn wagon with Oneida Singers singing carols.**

Trail of Truth Rides Through Oneida

Oneida Stands in Solidarity with Muwekma Ohlone Nation

by Garth Webster



Riders from the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe prepare to depart on the Trail of Truth through Oneida. Inset Photo: Charlene Nijmeh, Chairwoman of the Muwekma Ohlone Nation and leader of the Trail of Truth, prepares to address Oneida about the movement to acquire recognition for her Tribe as well as all other unrecognized Tribes all across Turtle Island.

Gina Buenrostro and the Blue Skies Foundation hosted the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe (MOT) as they rode through Oneida on Friday, September 20, 2024 on their “Trail of Truth” campaign, a justice movement for the unrecognized Tribes of Turtle Island.

The ride began at noon, starting from the site of the new Oneida Museum on Hwy. 172 and ended at the open field area on County Rd. J across from the Hwy. 54 One Stop. Dozens of riders, walkers, and drivers, with police escort, followed the MOT, led by their Chairperson, Charlene Nijmeh into Oneida across Duck Creek Bridge and up the hill to the rally point. It was there that Charlene addressed the crowd, in protest against the divisive policies the government has implemented in attempt to remove them, along with many other Tribes.

“We’ve been in a 45 year battle to get them to acknowledge our sovereignty. We are here. We are here to stay. This is why the Mowekma Ohlone has stood up. This is what we’re doing...We’re standing up and saying, ‘We’re going to unite all Nations across Turtle Island.’”

In support of MOT, Buenrostro proclaimed,

“They’re reusing cultural ways, ceremonial ways, and prayers. They’re walking on that. It’s important we engage in that part with the prayers, setting down our tobacco and everything for them because they’ll be walking on that until they arrive in Washington D.C. We still have Nations that aren’t recognized and they’re struggling with that. Our relatives deserve that. In support and solidarity, we want to spread this word.”

Afterward, the MOT, whose name means “The People,” were provided a meal and sweat lodge ceremony before they continued their journey, from which they started in the San Francisco Bay area. From Oneida, they headed to the Menominee Nation. The Trail of Truth continued on until they arrived in Washington D.C. on Indigenous Peoples’ Day, Monday, October 14, 2024.



Scan to learn more about the Trail of Truth



Sacred Songs and Soaring Eagles

Oneida Nation Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration

By Garth Webster

The Oneida Nation proudly celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day at the Norbert Hill Center on Monday, October 14, 2024.

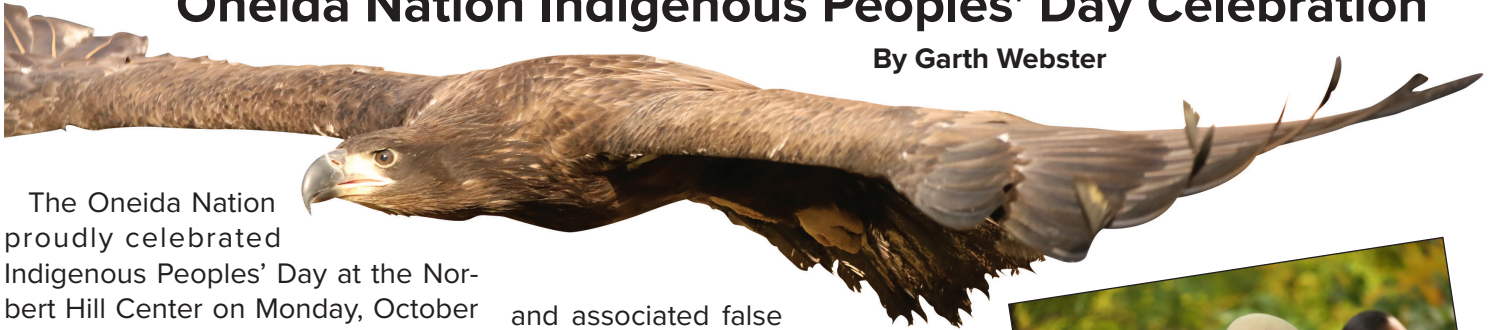
The day commenced with a sacred tobacco thanksgiving ceremony, conducted by Sonny Hill in the Cayuga language. Following this, Artley Skeandore, Jr. offered a brief English description of the meaning behind the words that were spoken, which he concluded, "It's about that renewal. It's about freshening in our minds, and our hearts, about who we are as a people. We should never forget to give thanks each day."

Next, M.C. Bobbi Webster introduced Chairman Tehassi Hill, who introduced the morning's special guests, including the Oneida Royalty, Miss Oneida, Yelihwakanyehs Powless, Jr. Miss Oneida Joie Gutierrez, and Lil' Miss Oneida Lucia Stevens as well as his colleagues from the Oneida Business Committee. Hill also introduced dignitaries from the area, including WI Governor Tony Evers' cabinet member, Executive Director Elmer Moore, Jr., Tom Nelson, County Executive for Outagamie and son, George, Mary Kardoskee, Ashwaubenon Village President, and finally, Green Bay Mayor, Eric Genrich. Before Hill introduced Vice Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, he proclaimed, "We celebrate ourselves, our ancestors, and the legacy we have as Indigenous People."

Yellowbird-Stevens read Resolution 9-11 91-B which identified 1992 as the year that historical inaccuracies were corrected regarding the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus

and associated false theories in the Doctrine of Discovery and Manifest Destiny, among other historical trauma-inducing circumstances, that the Oneida Nation hereby repudiates the Columbus legacy which is celebrated as a federal holiday on the second Monday in October and claims this day as Indigenous Peoples' Day to honor both Native Americans and Indigenous People around the world.

The highlight of the celebration was the Oneida song the Oneida Nation High School sang as they welcomed an immature bald eagle back into the wild. The eagle, after being struck by a car, was rehabilitated by Lori Bankson and her team at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. The female Atú·nyute? (Eagle) was set free to the accompaniment of traditional songs, symbolizing renewal, and resilience.



Oneida Nation High School

THUNDERHAWK TIMES



Fresh Start in Yet

By Randall Denny

This school year, I had the chance for a fresh start at Oneida Nation High School working in the Yet program. My personal goals are to catch up on my credits, and pass this school year with all my grades higher than a C.

In the Yet program we get to work on our own time. And all we do is online classes by ourselves. We watch these pre-recorded videos that teach us how to do the assignment we are working on.

Each student in the Yet program has their own schedule, which includes a block of work time in the morning and usually regular classes in the afternoon after lunch.

So far this school year has been much more relaxed, working at my own pace.



Lady T-Hawks

Bump! Set! Spike!

By: Saniya Ninham and Joie Gutierrez

The ONHS Girls Volleyball Team is halfway through its 2024 season with 26 players on the JV and Varsity. 10 on JV and 13 on Varsity.

As of this writing, the varsity's record is 3-8 and for JV's record is 2-8.

As two freshman players, these writers feel it's been really fun but also building bonds with all the girls on our team off and on the court. High school volleyball is so much different from middle school. There are many different rules from middle school. The transition wasn't too hard, and the season was definitely a good competitive season and a fun learning experience.

The teams are coached by Head Coach Jaisah Lee and Assistant Coaches Shania Barber and Yelih Powless. Assistant Coaches Shania and Yelih are graduates of ONHS. Head Coach Jaisah is a graduate of Pulaski High School, and she played varsity volleyball at St. Norbert College.

Ahead for the end of the season is tournament play which gets underway in Gresham at 9:00 A.M. on October 12.

"As a freshman, this writer is looking forward to another year of high school volleyball," said Saniya.

"I'm also looking forward to next year, improving my skill level, playing with all the same girls as this year also having fun and playing another year of high school volleyball," said Joie.

Watch for a wrap up article at the end of the season

Traveling - The Pros and Cons

By Natalia Torres

One thing you will often hear young people say is, "I want to travel."

That's because young people like to explore new places and see what it's like to be on their own.

For this writer, travel is definitely a thing to consider as senior year is here. After graduation it would be great to travel and a thing to investigate.

When considering traveling there are many things to consider – some good, some bad.

On the good side are things like meeting new people and having new experiences. It's also a chance to adapt to new situations and build confidence in yourself.

On flip side, there are things to worry about when traveling like human trafficking, not being able to communicate, and not having enough money to travel.

65% of GenZ and 58% of Millennials travel.

Mexico is a popular spot for young people to travel because of how beautiful it is.

From ages 18-24, young people spend on average about \$1000 to \$2000 on travel and sometimes more depending on how long they are traveling.



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By Mia Charnon

On Monday, September 30, 2024, Oneida Nation Elementary School hosted the “Every Child Matters Social” in observance of Orange Shirt Day. Each year on this day, we wear orange to honor the survivors of residential schools and remember those who never returned. Students, families, and staff from Oneida Nation School Systems received commemorative shirts and gathered to listen to Kanuhelatúksla (Thanksgiving Address) by Tyohuntsyawahnh (Sunshine) Big Mountain, a speech by Dr. Artley Skenandore, Jr., and social songs led by Charlie Doxtator. The event highlighted the significance of remembrance and community solidarity, reinforcing the powerful message that *every child matters*.



Learn more in the Sept. 2024 article "Remembering the Past- The Significance of Orange Shirt Day"



Green Bay Elite Performs at Packers Game

By Garth Webster

The Green Bay Elite Cheer Company, led by Cherokee Greendeer, Oneida/Ho-Chunk, performed during halftime of the Crucial Catch game, the league's early cancer detection and risk reduction initiative, at Lambeau Field. The Green Bay Packers took on the Minnesota Vikings. Unfortunately, the Packers lost, 31-29, but it surely was not due to a lack of motivation and cheering by the Green Bay Elite. Below, the cheer team poses for a group photo in the shadow of Lambeau field as they prepared for their performance. Way to go Green Bay Elite!



NACC Freshman Golfer of the Year

Vivien Ninham takes 5th overall in Conference Championship

By Dan Ninham, Contributing Writer

St. Norbert College Athletics



Among the team champion banners high above the walls at the gymnasium at Pulaski High School is a banner noting the girls who competed in the WIAA State Golf Meet. Sadie Kelley, a senior at Pulaski HS and Oneida Nation member finished in the top 10 in 2019 at the University Ridge Golf Course in Madison, WI. Kelley completed her golf career at Colorado Mesa University.

Under Kelley is listed Vivien Ninham, who competed in the 2023 WIAA State Golf Meet. Vivien Ninham, Oneida, Turtle Clan, is a freshman and a member of the varsity golf team at St. Norbert College.

Ninham was named the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) Freshman Player of the Year this past season. She also placed fifth overall in the Conference Championship at St. Andrews Golf Course in West Chicago, Illinois. She shot an 81, 79, and 78 and the team finished in third place in the conference.

"I first started playing golf when I was eight years old just for fun," said Ninham. "I honestly didn't like it at first. I played on and off until my freshman year of high school and that's when I truly began to love the sport."

She would ride in the cart with her dad and Uncle Steve and this gave her the experience of being on the course often. "Eventually I started to get competitive, and I wanted

to beat them when we would play," said Vivien.

Vivien's parents, Matthew and Tatiana Ninham, continue to be major influences of their daughter as she continues to rise as a collegiate level golfer.

"I think it's a huge honor to be able to represent Oneida everywhere I go with the game of golf," said Vivien. "My Indigenous values have helped me to become a better golfer by showing me that nothing comes easy. It takes hard work and dedication to perform at a higher level."

"Years of practice and long hours on the course went into her swing and she is not done yet," said Matthew. "I remember Vivien would practice with her high school team for two hours and then her swing coach would arrive, and she would practice another two hours."

The Oneida Nation hosted the LPGA meets for a few years, and this is where Vivien saw future influences on her game.

"Our 2018 outing to the Thornberry Creek LPGA event ignited her passion for golf, where we met Brook Henderson, then the world's second-ranked golfer," said Uncle Steve.

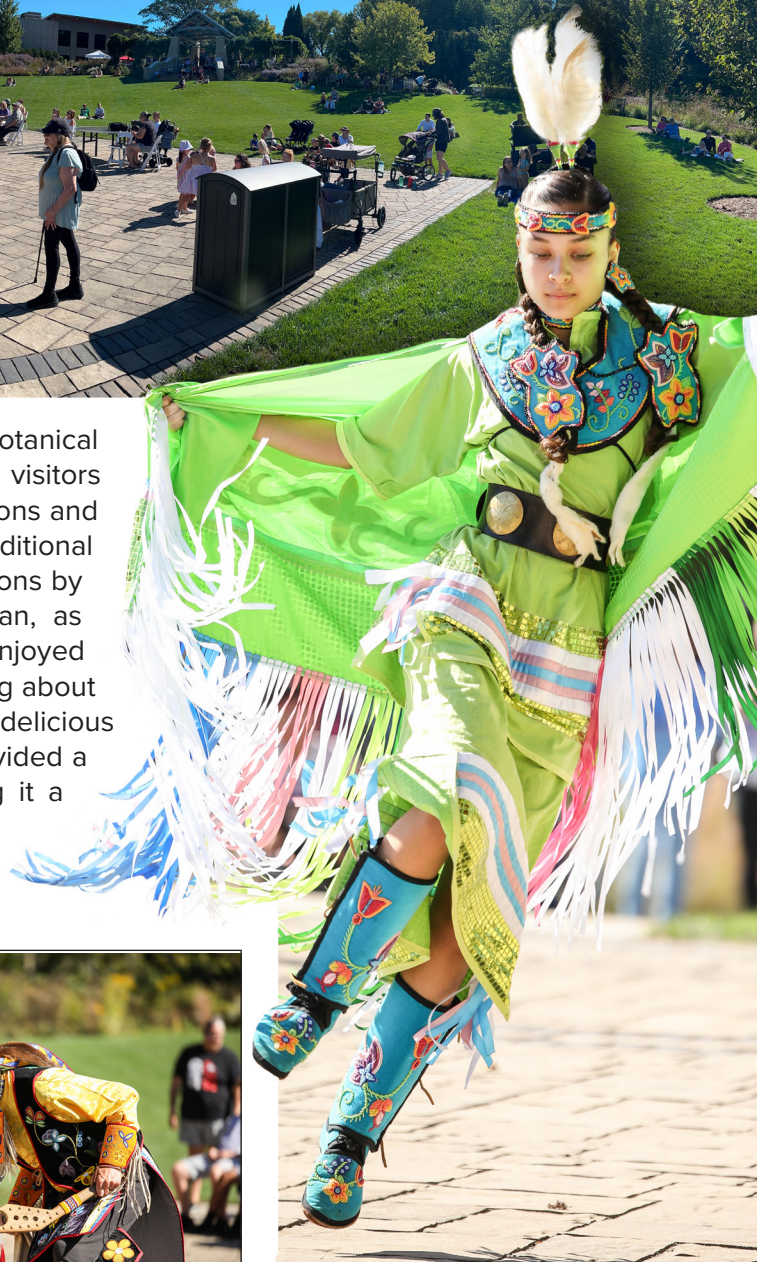
"She did it all on her own," said Matthew. "All the credit goes to her because she earned everything she worked for. The one muscle that Vivien has that is the biggest is right in her chest. She has heart and that's the one intangible that you can't always measure in an athlete."



St. Norbert College Athletics



On Saturday, September 28, the Green Bay Botanical Garden hosted their annual Fall Family Festival where visitors had the chance to immerse themselves in the rich traditions and culture of the Oneida Nation. The free event featured traditional Oneida music, dance performances, and art demonstrations by beadwork artists Eliza Skenandore and Jennifer Jordan, as well as painter and sculptor Scott Hill. Attendees also enjoyed hands-on activities such as crafting, beading, and learning about traditional Oneida foods. The Oneida Cannery provided delicious food, adding to the festive atmosphere. The garden provided a beautiful backdrop for this cultural celebration, making it a memorable day for all who attended.



Oneida Nation Cultural Heritage

Cultural heritage holds great significance for our Nation. To honor this, we have a dedicated department of hardworking employees committed to educating our community. They organize educational events for all age groups, collaborating with Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) for some of these activities. Additionally, they partner with the Tribal Action Plan (TAP) to host educational nights at the Oneida Longhouse. The Cultural Heritage Department is divided into three clans based on the Oneida Clan System: Wolf, Turtle, and Bear. Each clan has a manager, and the three clans work together to address and deliberate impactful matters whenever they arise.

Clan Systems

The Iroquois clans were established during a time when the population was much smaller than it is today. Back then, people were often unsure of their familial connections. Elders were concerned that young people might unknowingly form relationships with close relatives, leading to confusion about how to interact with one another. To address this, the elders began holding meetings.

After several unsuccessful meetings, a typically quiet and reserved young man stood up and asked to speak. He shared his idea with the Council, suggesting that the animal kingdom could provide a solution. He noted that each species of bird and each family of trees have their own unique ways. He proposed that the eldest woman in each family should observe the morning and note the first animal she sees. This animal would then represent the clan for her family.

Wolf Clan – Pathfinders, Stephenie Muscavitch VanEvery

The Wolf Clan provides us with direction, guiding people to live according to the Creator's intentions. They are responsible for reporting to leadership, facilitating department meetings, and managing programs and services that offer guidance and leadership. The Wolf Clan includes the Language and Culture Archivist and Educators, the Oneida Language Development Specialist, and the Administrative Assistant.

Turtle Clan – Keepers of the Land, Nicholas Metoxen

The Turtle Clan is known for their deep understanding of the environment and their extensive knowledge. According to the Iroquois Creation Story, the Earth was formed on the back of a turtle, where life began to flourish. The Turtle Clan symbolizes the shifting of the Earth and the cycles of the Moon. They work with internal Tribal resources and oversee programs that serve the community and provide valuable information. The Turtle Clan includes the Oneida Nation Arts Program, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Oneida Community Library, Green Earth Branch Library, and the Oneida Museum.

Bear Clan – Medicine People, Tsyoshaht Delgado

The Bear Clan are known as the healers. According to stories passed down through generations, the Bear Clan received the gift of medicine from an Elder woman who knew all about the medicinal plants on earth. The Bear Clan is responsible for coordinating employee engagement and morale, overseeing safety plans, and managing programs and services that promote health and wellness. The Traditional Healer and Cultural Advisor programs are also part of the Bear Clan.



Clan System Process

The Cultural Heritage Department conducts its business based on the Clan System. When issues arise, specific steps are followed to ensure the community's voices are heard:

1. The Wolf Clan receives the matter, sets an agenda, and sends the information to the Turtle Clan.
2. A clan meeting is held where men, women, children, and Elders can speak. The topic, research, and concerns are then passed to the Bear Clan.
3. The Bear Clan receives the information, discusses it, and establishes dialogue with the Turtle Clan.
4. A unified decision is made and sent to the Wolf Clan for action.

The Wolf Clan first gathers information about the matter and shares it with the other clans. Each clan then deliberates, collaborates, and reaches a consensus on the issue. Once they agree, they provide their recommendation back to the Wolf Clan. The Wolf Clan then charts the path forward and offers guidance based on the collective decision.



**Stephenie Muscavitch
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Wolf Clan Manager



Nick Metoxen
Turtle Clan Manager



Tsyoshaat Delgado
Bear Clan Manager

Contact Information

The Cultural Heritage Department is located at 1250 Packerland Dr, Cottage 3, Green Bay, WI 54304. You can reach them Monday - Friday from 8am to 4:30pm at 920.496.5395.

Upcoming Articles

In the coming months, we'll be sharing in-depth articles with each of the clan managers. They will share their insights, wisdom, and inspiration as they fulfill the responsibilities of their roles.

For now, review the listing of events below for your chance to actively participate in the legacy of Oneidas culture and heritage.

Ceremony Education Nights

Oneida Longhouse

W370 Reformatory Rd • Oneida, WI

Midwinter

Wed., Nov. 13 • 5:30-8pm • Light meal included.

Community Feast

Wed., Dec. 11 • 5:30-8pm • Light meal included.

Creation Story • Wed., Jan. 8, 2025

Maple • Wed., Feb. 12, 2025

Traditional Gender Roles • Wed., Mar. 12, 2025

Seed • Wed., Apr. 9, 2025

Strawberry • Wed., May 14, 2025

Great Law • Wed., Jun. 11, 2025

Green Corn • Wed., Jul. 9, 2025

Funeral Teachings • Wed., Aug. 13, 2025

Kalihwiyo • Wed., Sep. 10, 2025

For questions, contact
Isis Croston at 920.490.3796.

Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Presentations

5233 W. Morgan Ave. • Milwaukee, WI

Midwinter • Tue., Nov. 19, 2024

Community Feast • Tue., Dec. 17

Creation Story • Tue., Jan. 21, 2025

Maple • Tue., Feb. 18, 2025

Traditional Gender Roles • Tue., Mar. 18, 2025

Seed • Tue., Apr. 15, 2025

Strawberry • Tue., May 20, 2025

Great Law • Tue., June 17, 2025

Green Corn • Tue., Jul. 15, 2025

Funeral Teachings • Tue., Aug. 19, 2025

Kalihwiyo • Tue., Sep. 16, 2025

For questions, contact
Trisha Patton at 414.329.4101.

Chief Took On The Fight

George Greendeer Honored at Operation Song Event

By Garth Webster



Wife, Charlene Greendeer and daughter, Cherokee, were introduced on stage to present the song they created in collaboration with Kurt Stevens, "Chief Took On The Fight."

The late George Greendeer, Oneida/Ho-Chunk, was honored for his military service in Vietnam at the 3rd Annual Nashville's Salute to Green Bay on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at the Epic Event Center on Holmgren Way in Green Bay.

When the Master of Ceremonies took the stage, he provided insight regarding the theme of the event, Operation Song, "This event offers the unique path of healing and connection through the art of storytelling and songwriting. This retreat is a shining example of the profound impact music can have in helping express emotions, build communities, and most importantly, honor the service and sacrifices of our Veterans."

Greendeer's daughter, Cherokee, submitted and was selected to work with one of the event's performers to author an original song. Cherokee states, "We had this wonderful opportunity because of Kathy Treankler. Honoring our Veterans is a huge part of our family." Cherokee goes on to describe how they met with Kurt Stevens the day before to produce the song, "Kurt did such a great job in just a few short hours to get to know

him and love him. He (George) was a man who loved everyone. He was a man who wanted to make sure everyone was included."

Stevens' professional profile describes his rationale about music: Whether it's about the good times, being with friends on a boat, or heartbreak, it has to be honest enough where the listener actually feels it. The result showed in the song they created to honor Greendeer, "Chief Took On The Fight."

Cherokee and her mother Charlene, were introduced on stage and sat by Stevens as he performed the song. Before Stevens began, he expressed his perspective on Greendeer, "It was an honor to hear George's story. A man who loved his family, his community, his country. All throughout his life, he fought for what he believed in. He fought for his family, his community, and his country. It is truly an honor to be able to immortalize him via song."

Says Cherokee, "Thank you for everyone for being here tonight. We're so honored. We're so happy to have you. Enjoy the song."



••• Oneida Warriors who received the Purple Heart •••

Cletus Ninham
Roger Metoxen
Dave Cannon (twice)

George Greendeer
Valdor John
Roy House

Margaret R. Summers



By Isaiah Powless

Margaret was born Margaret Ruth Webster in Oneida, WI to Celinda Hill-Webster and Noah Webster. She does not recall knowing her grandparents but knew her father’s father was August Webster and her mother’s father was Abraham Hill. Margaret was one of eight children, and she recalls growing up on a farm where she would take care of cows and bail hay as her daily chores with her siblings. She lived in a log cabin in the woods that had two rooms and an upstairs that she shared with her siblings. They did not have running water so Margaret would have to get water from a well nearby. She recalls that her parents grew several types of vegetables on the farm such as potatoes, corn, and beans. Her parents often practice traditional Oneida medicines.

She went to a government school on Seminary Road when she was younger, following that she attended Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota, but left after two years. While at

Flandreau she would stay for the summers as well because her parents could not afford to pay the fare to bring her home. After Flandreau she went to work at Larson’s Canning Factory. She married Austin Summers on June 12, 1929, and they had five sons, Philmon (1936-1939) Gilbert, Edward, Austin Jr., James Summers, and Donald; two daughters Loretta Skenandore and Pamela Summers. Margaret and her husband were both fluent speakers of the Oneida language before their passing, Margaret attended classes where she would gather with other speakers in order to talk in the language.

“My mother would often practice Indian medicine; she would go off into the woods and bring back brush for the medicine. I was brought up on Indian medicine.”

Margaret R. Summers

About Margaret R. Summers

- ◆ Born to Celinda Hill-Webster and Noah Webster
- ◆ Recalls growing up on a farm with her eight siblings
- ◆ Went to a government school on Seminary Road
- ◆ Attended Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota for two years
- ◆ Was a fluent speaker of the Oneida language



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GIS/PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Celebrating Two Years of Hope

Oneida Recovery Nest Anniversary

By Oneida Behavioral Health

Oneida Behavioral Health extends its gratitude to everyone who joined in celebrating the second anniversary of the Oneida Recovery Nest on Monday, September 23, 2024. The Oneida Recovery Nest offers recovery coaching and other vital programs to support individuals on their journey to overcoming substance use.

Following a welcome and prayer, a panel of speakers shared their meaningful stories and impactful words related to either their own recovery or that of a loved one. Wes, one of the panelists shared, “The most important person at this meeting right now is the person who has only been sober for 24 hours.” He went on to stress the vital role support plays in substance use recovery. Other panelists echoed messages of hope and the importance of developing a dedicated support system when going through recovery. Attendees then had the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.

Attendees had the chance to view the Wisconsin Memorial Quilts, which honor individuals who have lost their battle with substance use. They also had the opportunity to gather



resources from the Recovery Nest, Nar-Anon family groups, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Tribal Action Plan, and various other behavioral health services. Throughout the event, a recovery fire burned, symbolizing hope and healing.

“This is a day to celebrate the anniversary of these much-needed services within our community. We want to continue sharing the message that we are here to help those who need it,” explained Mari Kreischer, Director of Oneida Behavioral Health.

The Recovery Nest currently has five

dedicated recovery coaches: Patrick Danforth, Stephanie Skenandore, Lori Elm, Brittney Skenandore, and Kristy King. The services at Oneida Recovery Nest focus on non-clinical support, including assistance with housing, medical care, education, and employment resources. In addition to recovery coaching, the Recovery Nest offers various meetings and activities, such as Nar-Anon for loved ones of addicts, beading circle support, Native AA Fireside meetings, and the Wellbriety Recovery Talking-Circle, among others.



“The Recovery Nest is a unique space for healing, support, and wisdom. The Recovery Support Services Team supports individuals in a culturally-sensitive and wholistic manner.”

Mari Kreischer
Oneida Behavioral Health Director

tsi' nihsunhó·tʌ (Health)

New OCHD Email Newsletter

By Oneida Comprehensive Health Division

Oneida Comprehensive Health Division (OCHD) invites interested patients and community members to subscribe to a new quarterly email newsletter, tsi' nihsunhó·tʌ (health).

“At OCHD, our patients’ and our community’s health and well-being are our top priority,” explained Division Director Debra Danforth. “Providing a steady stream of reliable, relevant information is part of providing excellent care. With the launch of tsi' nihsunhó·tʌ, we aim to make it easier for patients and community members to remain up-to-date with OCHD should they wish to.”

The addition of a quarterly newsletter will complement OCHD’s other primary communication channels that include the Kalihwisaks (printed version, website, and Facebook), annual and semi-annual reports, regularly scheduled community meetings, and signage at the health center.



Sign up to receive the quarterly OCHD newsletter via email



OCHD MEDICAL Appointment Reminder Change

Reminders will come from:

- **Email:** OneidaNation@myezyaccess.com
- **Text:** 833.536.5975
- **Phone:** Clinic where your appointment is scheduled

Note: These contacts are not monitored for replies. Please contact specific facility directly.

Dental and Optical reminders remain unchanged at this time

QUESTIONS

MyHealthHELP@OneidaNation.org or 920.869.6123

CAROL J. DEMOULIN**August 19, 1937 - September 25, 2024**

Carol June DeMoulin, 87, of Pulaski, passed away on September 25, 2024 at Country Villa Assisted Living.

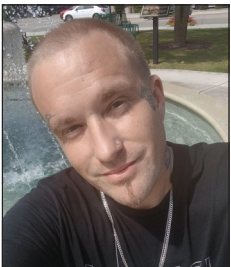
She was born on August 19, 1937 to Norbert Sr. and Pearl (Johnson) Phillips in

Green Bay. She was a very hard worker and had many jobs, but her last job was as a secretary at Ultra Plating. She took pride when she worked at St. Mary's Hospital as a Surgical Technician and in Pediatrics. She was married to Roger Wayne DeMoulin Sr. until his passing in 2001. Carol and Roger spent their time together in Suamico and loved to travel in their R.V., and locally went up north to Crivitz and Dunbar.

Carol is survived by her children: James (Patty) DeMoulin, David DeMoulin, Renee (Mark) Burkel and Alan Sr. (Jeanette) DeMoulin; grandchildren: Jamie, Jessica, Samantha, Dale, Rick, Nick, Rachel, Nicole, Ashley, Alan Jr., and Jayden; several great-grandchildren; siblings: Beverly Powers, Edward Phillips, JoAnn Stelmach and Dale Phillips; her sister-in-law who she was very close with, Ann Phillips; and along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Roger Sr.; son, Roger Jr.; her sister, Sandy; her brothers: Dick, Otis, Ronnie, Lloyd and Norbert "Nubs" Jr.; and her parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals, Receptions, 340 S. Monroe Ave, Green Bay. The Oneida Drummers will close the gathering. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Country Villa and Bristol Hospice.

CURTIS D. QUISTORF
November 9, 1988 - September 30, 2024

Curtis D. Quistorf, age 35, of Two Rivers, died unexpectedly on Monday, September 30, 2024. Curtis was born in Manitowoc on November 9, 1988, to Tina M. Werner and Patrick D. Quistorf.

He attended Two Rivers High School, and throughout his life was always adventurous.

He loved to cook and would prepare many unique meals; he enjoyed playing video games and enjoyed being around kids and spending special time with his friends.

He is survived by his mother, Tina Werner (step-father, Walter Hauschultz); his father, Patrick Quistorf; two sisters: Caitlyn Keune and Emma Rosinsky; and a half sister, Heather. He is further survived by paternal grandmother, Charlotte Quistorf (nee Smith); many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Curtis was preceded in death by paternal great grandparents: Moses Smith and Cordelia Parkhurst; paternal grandfather, Charles Quistorf; maternal grandparents: Beverly and Merlin Werner; one uncle, Terry Werner; a very close friend, Allie Posen; and his little buddy, Gilbert.

The family will greet relatives and friends at the Deja & Martin Funeral Chapels, 1506 18th Street in Two Rivers, WI Thursday, October 17th from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. A short service of remembrance and sharing of memories will begin at 11:00 a.m. Curtis will be laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery, Two Rivers at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.dejamartin.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to the Lighthouse Recovery Community Center of Manitowoc, WI.

GERALDINE BENSON**AUGUST 23, 1947 - JUNE 14, 2023**

Geraldine Benson (nee Jordan), age 75, of St. Louis, Missouri passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Born August 23, 1947 in Oneida Wisconsin to Melvin and Heleema Jordan (nee Cooper).

Geraldine was the beloved wife of 54 years to Bruce D. Benson Sr; loving mother to Bruce Jr., David and Kelly; dearest grandmother to Dakotah, Cally, Payton, Cameron and Chase; cherished great grandmother to Gabriel, Mackenzie, Finnley and Kane.

A visitation for Geraldine was held Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Hoffmeister South County Chapel, 1515 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. A funeral service occurred Friday, June 23, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. A committal service will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.HoffmeisterSouthCounty.com for

the Benson family.

JACQUELINE "JACKIE" L. JOHN**September 21, 1957 - August 14, 2024**

Jacqueline "Jackie" Lee John, age 66, passed away peacefully on August 14th, 2024. Jackie was a proud member of the Oneida Nation, Turtle Clan. Born in

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 21, 1957, she attended South Division High School. Later, she earned her GED and initiated studies in various medical positions.

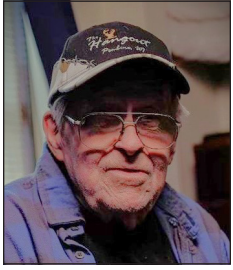
Jackie had several hobbies including crafting, reading, puzzles, and gardening. She was well known for her green thumb and her plants and gardens were a testament to her dedication to balance with nature and tending to the gifts given by the Creator. Spending time outdoors and in nature was a favorite pass time.

Jackie will be missed by her surviving family including daughter Justine Donnelly (Zach Derksen), daughter Julia Remington (Christian Remington), son Douglas Ellingson (Bridget Lyons) as well as her beloved grandchildren: Dominic, Ke'veon, Kevin, Jayce, Logan and Elyse. She will also be lovingly remembered by her siblings and extended family. Jackie was predeceased by her parents, Hyson and Ramona John, her dear son Joshua John and her favorite daughter Janell Donnelly.

Services will be held at the Congregation of the Great Spirit located at 1000 W Lapham Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53204 on October 4th at 2:00 pm. Food will follow the service. All are welcome to come to say goodbye and share about Jackie's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Congregation of the Great Spirit and their food pantry.



JOSEPH "JOE" C. CLUNE**June 5, 1939 - September 11, 2024**

Joseph "Joe" Clarence Clune, 85, Goodman, passed away Wednesday, September 11, 2024. He was born June 5, 1939, in Chilton, WI to Clarence Cornelius and Anna M. (Warren)

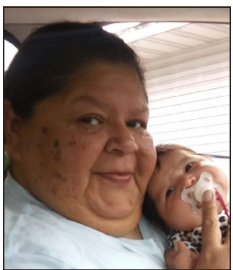
Clune. Joe attended the St. Charles Boys Academy in Wauwatosa, WI. He married Virginia Wilber (nee Danforth) on August 1, 1959. She preceded him in death on March 2, 2019. Joe had an incredible work ethic and was a jack of all trades. He helped build the majority of the subdivisions of Milwaukee. Joe taught his family (including his daughters) how to drywall. Joe was a patient man, especially with kids. He was always willing to lend a hand and had a deep appreciation for music and dancing, as well as spending time with his family.

He is survived by his daughters, Linda Tourangeau, Lisa Clune; grandchildren, Nicole Tourangeau, Christina Tucker, Vincent Clune, Angella Ashley Clune-Cabigting, Ellizer Clune-Cabigting, Jasmine Clune-Cabigting, Joseph Tucker; great-grandchildren, Mariela Moua, Daniel Miller-Tourangeau, Elias Moua, Kaiden Moua, Shakira Ramos, Quavo Ramos, Milena Ramos; sister, Beatrice Wilber; brother-in-law, Bob Yanko; sisters-in-law, Lois Clune, Jane Clune; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; son, Joseph Tucker; parents, Clarence and Anna; brothers, Leo Clune, Norbert Clune; sisters, Patricia Ellis, Bonnie Yanko.

Inurnment will be in the Oneida Tribal Cemetery. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Joe's name.

KATERI R. TROLD AHL**July 13, 1963 - September 30, 2024**

Kateri Rose Trol Dahl, age 61, of Couderay, WI, passed away Monday, September 30, 2024. Kateri was born July 13, 1963, in Chicago, IL the daughter of Irene (Cooper) and Robert DeNasha Sr.

She worked at The Landing and was a teacher's

aide at the LCO School. Kateri loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending Bible Class. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

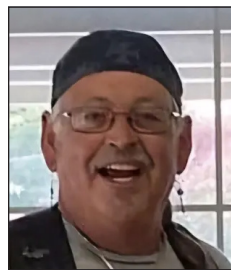
She is survived by her husband Marc Trol Dahl; daughter Krystin Tainter-Fleming; son Keith "Hondo" Tainter; many grandchildren; brother Robert DeNasha Jr. & Leslie DeNasha; sisters Anna Martin & Elizabeth DeNasha; many nieces, nephews & cousins.

Kateri was preceded in death by her parents Irene & Robert; brother Tommy DeNasha; and sisters Barbara DeNasha & Loretta DeNasha.

The Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 4, 2024, at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward. Sister Felissa Zander will officiate. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 3rd at the funeral home.

Honorary casket bearers will be Krystin Tainter-Fleming, Keith Tainter, Joe DeNasha, Leslie DeNasha, Robert DeNasha Jr. & Stephan Milam. Casket Bearers will be Dave DeNasha, Rob DeNasha, Thomas DeNasha, Jason Martin, Jordan Milam & Ken Taylor Jr.

Online condolences can be made at pineviewfuneralservice.com

KENNETH GRIFFEY**July 17, 1951 - September 14, 2024**

Kenneth Griffey, 73 passed away peacefully in his sleep in Michigan on September 14, 2024. He was born in Chicago on July 17, 1951, to the late Albert and Grace (Metoxen) Griffey.

Kenny was an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation. After his children were born, he moved his whole family from Chicago to West Michigan.

Kenny was a Harley Davidson enthusiast. He also had an impressive collection of die cast cars. He worked all his life as a truck driver, which is how he supported his family. Kenny was a very hard worker, a loving father, and a loyal friend.

Kenny is survived by his children, Heather (Doug) Frank, and Bill and (Cori) Griffey, as well as his forming loving spouse, Rusty Griffey. He is further survived by his grandchildren, Clarissa, Ryan, Casey, Jeffrey, Cage, Micheal and Emma, his siblings Brenda Griffey and Al Griffey Jr, as well as loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lyn Griffey, his

son Jeff Griffey, his parents, and his siblings, Hopie Paterson and Eddie Griffey.

Friends and family may come to call on Friday, Sept 20 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere. Visitation will continue the next morning from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM at Oneida United Methodist Church, N6037 County Rd E, De Pere. The Oneida Hymn Singers Song service will begin at 9:30 AM. A funeral service will begin immediately following the visitation at 10:00 AM.

KENNETH "MOON" V. POWLESS**October 22, 1965 - September 26, 2024**

Kenneth "Moon" V. Powless, age 58, of Oneida passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, September 26, 2024. He was born on October 22, 1965, to the late Kenneth Powless and Madelyn

(Stevens) Skenandore.

Ken had a passion for drawing and was truly a talented artist and loved listening to music. He enjoyed deer hunting and traveling every chance he could get with a lot of stories from Kentucky and Florida. One of his favorite places to be was in the garage working on things that needed to be fixed. As a simple man, he lived life to the fullest.

He is survived by his special friend, Fran Weaver; his children: Shawn (Summer) Dessart, Kody Smith, Kendra (David) Mahan, and Matius "Moontius" Benton; grandchildren: Lotatenikuhlak and Yahnahaliyo; siblings: George (Heather) Powless and Kim; many nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews; aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Powless; his mother, Madelyn (Stevens) Skenandore; and step-father, Henry R. Skenandore.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at Riverview Baptist Church, 216 N Main Street, Seymour from 12 noon until the funeral service at 2:00 pm with Pastor Scotty Backhaus officiating. Burial will take place at the Oneida Assembly of God Cemetery in Oneida. Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed to Ken's family at www.muehlboettcher.com

Special thanks to Aurora Hospice and to the staff at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Center for all of your care and concern.

RONALD E. CHRISTJOHN**March 1, 1942 - October 9, 2024**

Ronald E. Christjohn, 82 of De Pere, died on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay under the care of Unity Hospice. Ron was born on March 1, 1942, in Tomah, the son of

George DeVerney and Mae (Christjohn) Baxter. On October 19, 1974, Ron was united in marriage to Joyce Matson in Tigerton. She preceded him in death on July 7, 2019.

Ron worked construction for many years before becoming an owner operator truck driver. He loved stock car racing. Years ago, he raced spectator eliminator at Shawano Speedway. If you beat Ron, you got a case of Penzoil; he had a bounty on him. Ron was the catalyst for his sons and grandsons getting involved in racing. Ron enjoyed playing solitaire and going to the casino. He was also an avid Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packer fan. Ron was a gentle soul and if you knew Ron, you loved him. Most of all, Ron whole-heartedly loved his family, especially his fur-babies, Reaba, Scooter and Hankie.

Ron is survived by seven children, Sue (Rocky) Kauffman of Seymour, Lee (Pam) Christjohn of Antigo, Lisa (Michael Glover) Hirt of De Pere, Wanda Newcomb of Louisiana, Eric Erickson of Kronenwetter, Leif (Bonnie) Erickson of Shawano, Vicki (Greg) Strebog of Kronenwetter; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five siblings, Wayne DeVerney, Barbara (Craig) Hughes, George (Cheryl) DeVerney, Teresa DeVerney and George Baxter; special friends, Danny Luther, John Azlin and Bobby Kocalski, as well as other relatives and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his wives, Mary Ann and Joyce; parents; son, Carl Christjohn; granddaughter, Kayona and grandson, Adam.

A Funeral Service will be held at 12 NOON on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg. Pastor Debbie Wilber will officiate. Burial will be in Bethany Cemetery, Wittenberg. Visitation will be on Sunday, from 10 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

The family would like to thank Unity Hospice and St. Vincent's 6th floor ICU team, especially Julia and Brooke, for their kind and compassionate care given to Ron.

STEVE A. METOXEN**JUNE 22, 1967 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

Steve A. Metoxen (Lahtu'kwaha'we- He has the flame along), 57 of Oneida, WI, passed away peacefully on September 25, 2024. Steve was born on June 22, 1967 to the

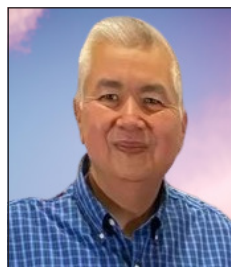
late Whitney and Betty (Benishek) Metoxen. He graduated from West De Pere High School in 1985. Steve was employed at Pechauer Custom Cues in Green Bay for 34 years.

He loved spending time with his family and friends and eating steaks. Steve was well known for playing pool and competing in tournaments. He also enjoyed golfing; he started later in life and became quite good at it.

Steve is survived by his children, KC, Steve (Rose), and Alayna, his granddaughter Josi, his siblings, Bonnie (Darryl) Moore, Barb (Santos) Mendoza, Darrell (Brenda) Metoxen, Kathy Metoxen, and Tammy (Dale) Metoxen. He is further survived by his special friends, Joe Pechauer, Holly DeVillers, and Arlee Castro, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Carl Benishek, and Donald and Ronald Metoxen, his sister Sandi (Fred) Shelk, his niece, Mariah Danforth – Moore, his great niece Precious Metoxen, his great-nephew Drew Danforth, and great-great niece Korra Baillie.

Friends and family may call from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street in De Pere. The Oneida Hymn Singers Song Service will begin at 6:30 PM. A wake service will begin at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue Wednesday, Oct 2, from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, 2937 Freedom Road in Oneida. A Funeral Liturgy will begin immediately following the visitation with Fr. James Biegler officiating.

SCOTT "CW" JORDAN**FEBRUARY 11, 1965 - OCTOBER 8, 2024**

Scott "CW" Jordan, 59, of Green Bay, passed away on October 8, 2024, at home with his family by his side.

He was born on February 11, 1965, to Henry and Alice

(Munger) Jordan in Green Bay, WI. Scott was a member of the Oneida Nation Tribe. He graduated from West De Pere High School in 1983 and later received an associate degree in business from Concordia University. Scott worked at Oneida Casino for 41 years. He started his career in the Bingo Hall at the age of 18 and worked various positions through the years. The past 30 years he worked as a Casino Shift Manager. He was a hard worker and very well-liked by all his coworkers and customers.

On May 14, 1994 he married the love of his life Dawn Baake at the Oneida Methodist Church. The two enjoyed fishing, gardening, kayaking, biking, and attending Christian music concerts together. Scott especially enjoyed his dogs (Molly and Buttons), bow hunting, working out at the gym and maintaining his plants and flowers in his yard. He was a member of Living Hope Church, where he served as a Deacon for many years.

Scott is survived by his loving wife, Dawn; mother, Alice; siblings: Elaine (Dave) Moore, Issac (Pam) Jordan, Susan (Timothy) Siebers, Irwin (Debi) Jordan, Gary Jordan, Curtiss (Jenny) Jordan; and many nieces, nephews and further relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry; brother, Larry Jordan; and his father and mother-in-law, Marvin and Eldora Baake.

A time for gathering will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. at Living Hope Church, 1840 W Mason St, Green Bay, WI. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the church.

He will forever be remembered as a caring and compassionate man who always put others before him.

Thank you to family, friends, neighbors, and the church who supported him during these past months while he was going through treatment. He looked forward to the special one-on-one visits. Special thanks to the dog walkers, pray warriors and yard workers as well.



ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Friday, November 15, 2024, 12:15 pm

*Norbert Hill Center
Business Committee Conference Room
N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida, WI*

Find Public Meeting Materials at

Oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public meetings



Send Public Comments to

LOC@oneidanation.org

Ask Questions here

LOC@oneidanation.org
920-869-4417

ONEIDA LIFE INSURANCE PLAN LAW AMENDMENTS

The purpose of the Oneida Life Insurance Plan law is to provide a death benefit through the Oneida Life Insurance Plan for all eligible enrolled Oneida Nation members, pursuant to the Oneida General Welfare law.

The Oneida Life Insurance Plan law amendments will:

- ◆ Expand the period of time in which it is required to notify the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department of a decedent's death in order to distribute Oneida Life Insurance Plan benefits to the beneficiary from one (1) year to three (3) years.

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed Oneida Life Insurance Plan law 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 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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 Oneida Life Insurance Plan law 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:

- ◆ Margaret R. Cornelius
- ◆ Cheyenne M. Blackowl
- ◆ Erin N. Jorgenson
- ◆ Bronson L. Metoxen Schommer

First published notice 10/29

ONEIDA NATION PARDON AND FORGIVENESS HEARING NOTICE

Purpose: Pardon or Forgiveness – a Tribal member may receive a pardon for the conviction of a crime(s); or a Tribal member may receive forgiveness for acts that render him or her ineligible for housing with the Tribe or other Tribal benefits. A Tribal member or non-Tribal member may receive forgiveness for acts that render him or her ineligible for Tribal employment; an occupational license, certification or permit issued by the Tribe; housing through the Tribe; or other Tribal benefit.

When: Thursday, November 21, 2024

Where: Norbert Hill Center - Business Committee Conference Room.
N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida WI 54155

Time: 10:00 AM

Pardon and Forgiveness Hearing Process

- 1. Registration:** Pardon or Forgiveness petitioners must register witnesses twenty-four (24) hours prior to the public hearing date by contacting the Government Administrative Office at 920-869-4303.
- 2. Testimony**
 - a. Oral:** Each witness will be limited to 5 minutes. Witnesses who have not pre-registered will not be allowed to testify. There will be no exceptions.
 - b. Written:** Written testimony must be submitted on or within five (5) days of the pardon and forgiveness hearing date.
 - c. Witnesses:** Witnesses who wish to testify against the granting of a pardon or forgiveness must register twenty-four (24) hours prior to the pardon and forgiveness hearing date. There will be no exceptions.
- 3. Petitioners:** The following pardon and forgiveness application(s) will be considered: Enrique Caravantes and Lorenzo Guzman.

This pardon and forgiveness hearing notice conforms to the Oneida Pardon and Forgiveness Law notice requirements 126.8-1.

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

Estate of Louis Tony Delgado, Case No. 2024 LCP 0003

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 08/01/1949 and date of death 10/15/2019, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled off the Oneida Reservation at 361 Herrick Rd. Riverside, IL 60546
3. The deadline to submit claims was 08/16/2024.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

Estate of Dawn Louise 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 543113.
3. The deadline to submit claims was 09/13/2024.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

Estate of Leo Wayne Sundquist, Case No. 2024 LCP 0006

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. 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 Road, Green Bay, WI 54304
3. The deadline to submit claims is 11/01/2024.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

On Their Journey

Please submit obituaries (300 words or less) and a high quality photo to Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org



Obituaries longer than 300 words can be linked online

ONEIDA NATION

Boards, Committees, or Commissions



AVAILABLE

BCC POSITIONS

APPLY NOW

BCC Highlight

SOUTHEASTERN ONEIDA TRIBAL SERVICES (SEOTS) BOARD

Strengthen cultural connections & enhance the well-being of the Onyote?a-ka community in Southeastern WI through services and programs

Qualifications

- Enrolled Oneida Nation member
- 18 years of age or older
- Reside in 1 of 6 Southeastern WI counties: Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Ozaukee, or Washington.



BCC Position Vacancies & Applications

FOR MORE INFORMATION



920.869.4303

Government Administrative Office (GAO)



JUST MOVE IT ONEIDA
TURKEY TROT
 Wednesday, November 20th - 4-6pm
 Oneida Nation Elementary School
 N7125 Seminary Rd. Oneida, WI 54155

RECEIVE 2 PUNCHES ON YOUR 2024 JMIO PUNCH CARD THIS MONTH!

FREE JMIO SOUP MUG TO THE FIRST 100 PARTICIPANTS.


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WEDNESDAYS 4:45PM

OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

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AT THE ONEIDA TURTLE SCHOOL, HOME EC ROOM
 ENTER IN DOOR #4
 REGISTER WITH TONYA LAURENT AT
 TLAURENT@ONEIDANATION.ORG
 OR TEXT/CALL 920-256-0262

If you need an interpreter, materials in multilingual or alternate formats or other accommodations to access this program, activity or service, please contact Sarah an educator with the FoodWise program in Brown County the phone number is (920)391-4661 or schisholm@wisc.edu as soon as possible to learn how to take the appropriate next steps An EEO/AA Employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX and ADA requirements.




Holiday Open House
NOV 9 11AM - 5PM
 SATURDAY

Corn Soup

HOLIDAY CARDS
 SHOP EARLY for the best selection
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POP-UP VENDORS @ INWARD BOUND
 Oneida art & prints
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1641 Commanche Ave. Suite D | Green Bay | (920) 785-4318 | Open: Sun & Mon 11AM-3PM, Tues-Sat 11AM-5PM


Winter Wellness Talks

November 6
Dementia - Carrie Lindsey and Deb Miller

When: 12:10pm

Where: Oneida Community Health Center Conference Room

Questions?
Contact Taylor Jean at 920-490-3940

09/30/2024 

ONEIDA NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

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 AM session
Full course is one 2-hour session.

LOCATION:
Kanikuhliyo Family Center
2640 West Point Rd.,
Green Bay

REQUIREMENTS:
 Must be in a Oneida Nation Child Support Agency case. Please contact us if you are not sure.

HOW OFTEN DO I ATTEND?
 This is not an ongoing workshop. Complete in one attendance.

OTHER INFORMATION:
 You may attend with your co-parent or on your own. Free gifts & certificate upon completion.

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



Community Parks Presentation

November 8th, 2024

VFW
4:30-5:30pm
2980 E. Service Rd. Oneida, WI 54155



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WOLF FEEDING
Mon & Thurs | 1:30 pm
Woodland Building

TRAIL FITNESS WALK
Tues & Thurs | Noon

SANCTUARY STORYTIME
Mon | 10 am

UPCOMING EVENTS
Nov 14 - Friends of Wildlife Sanctuary 45th Annual Banquet
Nov 17 - Arts & Crafts Fair | 9 am - 1 pm | Dick Resch Banquet & Event Space
Dec 2 - Cookies with Santa

Plan Your Visit Today  Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary 

1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay, WI | M-F, 8 - 4:30 pm

FREE SENIOR TECHNOLOGY 5-WEEK COURSE

Free Technology Workshop to learn how to maximize Androids and iPhones

Location

Aging and Disability Activity Room and Conference Room
2907 South Overland Rd, Oneida WI

Limited availability, registration required
Contact Calvin Richtig (920)393.1037 calvin@optionsil.org

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- Terminology
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- Apps
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PIPELINE SAFETY

On the Oneida Reservation

Founded in 1945 as the Michigan-Wisconsin Pipe Line Company, the ANR Pipeline Company became part of TC Energy in 2007. The ANR system is dedicated to meeting the energy needs of consumers in the Midwest and beyond through the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas. Our service area includes Oneida lands and northeastern Wisconsin, where we have provided dependable energy for decades.

At ANR, safety is our top priority, and we're committed to ensuring the well-being of our communities such as Oneida Nation. Explore the valuable information and resources below to help us prevent incidents before they happen.

Let's work together for a safer, energy-rich future!

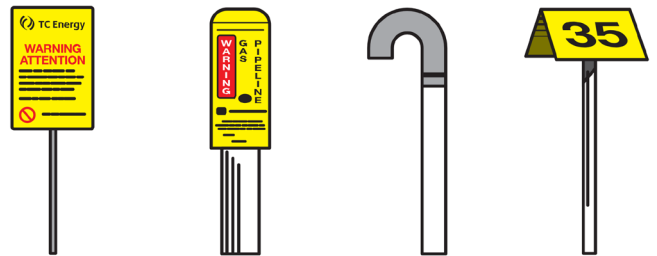
Did you know?

Pipelines are the safest and most efficient way to transport the energy we rely on daily. Our pipeline safety programs are among the most robust in the industry and the most important part of our business.

Recognizing Pipelines in Your Area

Pipelines can be found within designated pipeline right-of-ways (ROWs). Pipeline markers indicate their approximate locations, displaying the operator's name, an emergency contact number, and the type of product transported. Here are examples of the markers you might encounter.

Pipeline Markers



Warning sign Line marker Vent marker Aerial marker

Markers are found within line-of-sight on a ROW and at locations where the pipeline crosses streets, highways, waterways and railways.

- Markers only show the approximate location of the pipeline.
- Only a TC Energy representative can determine the location and depth of the pipeline.
- Pipeline markers display the pipeline operator, emergency number and the product transported in the pipeline.
- It is against the law to willfully deface, damage, remove or destroy any pipeline sign.

Call Before you Dig

If you're planning to dig, excavate, or work on a ROW or near a pipeline marker, **please call 8-1-1 or visit www.Call811.com**



For detailed information about pipeline safety, please visit TCEnergy.com/SafeDigging



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Indigenous Story Takes First Place

Luka and Little Feather by Ashlee Alicea

Luka and Little Feather won first place in the multicultural category of the International Impact Book Awards, recognized for its significant impact. Author Ashlee Alicea will attend the awards banquet in Arizona in February to accept this honor. She extends a special thanks to illustrator Nix Jix Art and Orange Hat Publishing.

About *Luka and Little Feather*

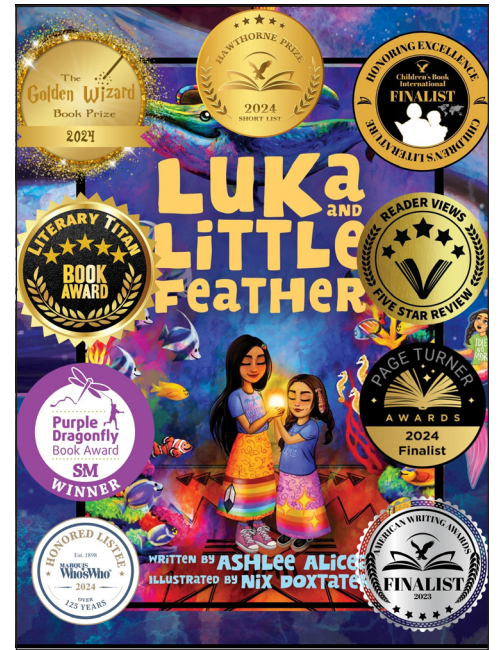
Published on November 14, 2023, *Luka and Little Feather* follows Indigenous sisters who dream of seeing the ocean. After finding a magic stone, they are transported to an underwater world, realizing that even with their dream fulfilled, home is irreplaceable.

About the Author

Ashlee Alicea, born in Great Falls, Montana, is a First Nations educator and a member of the Oneida Nation. She currently resides in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her writing, inspired by her children, Luka Little Feather and Quade Kahteles, highlights Native culture and identity. Creating stories that all children can enjoy, while emphasizing the language, culture, and identity of Native people, is one of Ashlee's life passions.



Learn more about *Luka and Little Feather*



 Luka and Little Feather

Indigenous Identity Reimagined

Cloud Missives by Kenzie Allen



KenzieAllen.co

Kenzie Allen is a Haudenosaunee poet and multimodal artist, and a first-generation descendant of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Allen recently debuted her poetry collection, *Cloud Missives*, published by Tin House Books on August 20, 2024.

About *Cloud Missives*

Cloud Missives explores life, survival, and renewal through four sections on pop culture stereotypes, fairy tales, myths, protests, and forgotten histories. It concludes with love poems that offer insights into various forms of love. The collection celebrates the body, self, and heart, reimagines Indigenous identity post-colonialism, and explores the healing power of love, introducing readers to a new voice in poetry.

About the Author

Allen holds a PhD in English & Creative Writing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, an MFA in Poetry from the Helen Zell Writers' Program at the University of Michigan, and a BA in Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis. Currently, she is an Assistant Professor of English at York University, where her research focuses on documentary and visual poetics, literary cartography, and the enactment of Indigenous sovereignties through creative works.



Learn more about Kenzie Allen

31 Years of Harvest

Tsyunhehkwa's Harvest & Husking Bee

By Mia Charnon

The 31st Annual Harvest and Husking Bee at Tsyunhehkwa (Life Sustenance) took place on Saturday, October 5, 2024, offering a rich cultural experience for all attendees. Guests had the unique opportunity to participate in the picking, husking, and braiding of traditional Oneida white corn, while learning about the Oneida Nation and the various uses of this heirloom crop. The event featured a variety of engaging activities, including a farmers' market, a corn mush demonstration, and corn husk doll making. Visitors also enjoyed a selection of foods, with highlights such as the Veteran's Booyah.

History of the Harvest and Husking Bee

The Harvest and Husking Bee not only celebrated the agricultural heritage of the Oneida Nation but also provided a platform for community members and visitors to connect and learn about the importance of preserving these traditions. In the late 1970s, some Oneidas traveled east to meet with our Tuscarora relatives to relearn the traditions of harvest and husking bees. We lost this knowledge when Oneidas sold the majority of agricultural lands through the 1920s.

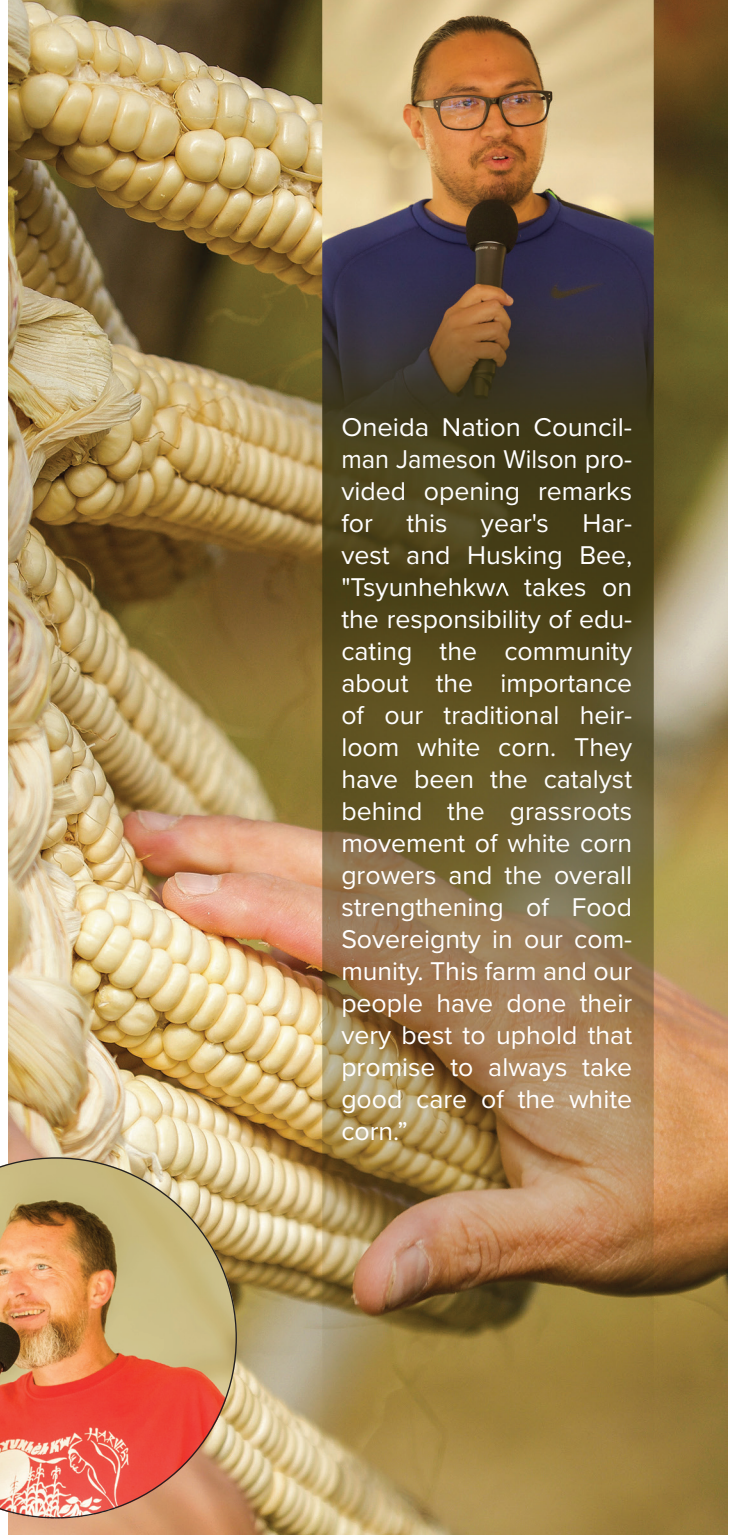
White Corn Cultivation

Twenty years ago, Tsyunhehkwa cultivated about an acre of white corn, and our community consumed approximately 1,200 pounds of it annually. Today, Tsyunhehkwa grows around 10 acres of white corn each year, with our community now using roughly 10,000 pounds annually.

Commitment to White Corn

Among the Oneida, we have a teaching about white corn. The story tells of how white corn wanted to leave this physical realm and return to the Sky World because we were not properly caring for her. In the end, she decided to stay with us after we promised never to neglect her again and to always take care of her.

Kyle Wisneski, Tsyunhehkwa Farm Manager, welcomed the community to the annual Harvest/Husking bee. Participants enjoyed socializing while husking corn and going on wagon rides.



Oneida Nation Councilman Jameson Wilson provided opening remarks for this year's Harvest and Husking Bee, "Tsyunhehkwa takes on the responsibility of educating the community about the importance of our traditional heirloom white corn. They have been the catalyst behind the grassroots movement of white corn growers and the overall strengthening of Food Sovereignty in our community. This farm and our people have done their very best to uphold that promise to always take good care of the white corn."





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Fall Leaves Photo Contest Winner

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos. They were all great. We had a difficult time deciding but in the end, one really stood out.

Congratulations to

JEFF PAGEL

for this image taken in Indian Trails Park in Oneida, WI.

See you all next year!

