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# **From the Kali**

Shekóli Swakwe•kú. 1 feel so grateful to be a part of this community. Every day, I get to witness the compassionate empathy this community's members have for one another. I cover stories here. I cover stories there. Sometimes, it's difficult to keep the foot on the gas pedal because honestly, it can be tiring, but not exhausting. Exhaustion is state of extreme tiredness that can affect your health and safety if it continues. On the contrary, the tiredness I feel is one of satisfaction, contentment, and fulfillment. At the end of it all, my heart is filled with joy. It reaffirms the lessons in the Thanksgiving addresses our cultural and spiritual leaders provide for us as the beginning protocol for community events. These lessons remind us that every day, we should give thanks for all that is and for one another so our minds can be as one. It also reminds me about my thoughts on the recent elections. It

reminds me that no matter what party is elected, no matter who is elected, this community's kanolukhwásla for one another is the bond that holds us together through difficult times and will enhance our spirit to lead us into good times. When individuals are elected to governmental roles, they take an oath to protect the people, keep society safe, and maintain order and stability. Let's all continue to take this oath with one another, every day.

Yaw^?kó,

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The 18th Annual Woodland Indian Art Show & Market took place Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2024. In addition to the many artwork booths, the Indigenous Fashion Show showcased the work of talented Indigenous designers, including this vest by Jennifer Benally of Shinymoon Creations. See page 16 to learn more.

# NATION



As a council member, I do my best to represent our Nation with respect, humility, and professionalism.

# Business Committee Forum

Left: First Nations students from UWGB to discuss The Nation's legislative process.



Right: Presenting to the Oneida Nation High School students about our Tribal enrollment criteria and the On∧yote?a•ká\* ni?i• Project Plan.



Above: Reciting the Kanahelatuksla (Thanksgiving Address) on the 4th day of the 81st Annual NCAI Convention.

Shekóli Swakwe·kú (Hello everyone),

As we move into the winter season, I would like to send my warm wishes to all our Oneida relatives. It has been a busy year for me and my colleagues. We have officially been in office for over a year now and I am diligently attending to my responsibilities to the Nation. As a council member, I do my absolute best to represent our Nation with respect, humility, and professionalism.

#### Leadership Development

At the beginning of the term, the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) completed a DISC assessment that consists of four descriptive cat-Dominance, egories: Influence. Steadiness, and Compliance. These assessments have identified my behavioral characteristics and my 12 Driving Forces, which form my perspectives and provides the most accurate understanding of who I am as an individual. From the assessment, we learned how everyone's behaviors contribute to the team dynamic, both strengths and weaknesses. My behaviors strongly align with influence. The influence category is described as a people orientated, inspiring personality that thrives in a faster paced environment. An influencer brings a positive approach to conflict and the ability to verbalize feelings while remaining optimistic and enthusiastic. How does it help me as a leader? These behaviors allow me to foster trust with my colleagues by leading with authenticity. Identifying the behaviors of the group results in recognizing each person's strengths and benefits to the group. This allows us to have a cohesive team that effectively communicates and resolves conflict. Emotional intelligence plays a critical role in leadership and harnessing those tools to openly communicate and adapt, leads to more informed decisions. Through my leadership development journey, I have learned that the four most coveted qualities that people look for in a transformational leader are someone who is honest, inspiring, competent and a forward thinker and I aspire to maintain and enhance those essential skills.

#### **General Tribal Council (GTC)**

We have had several GTC meetings in the last few months and I have been actively listening to GTC members to get a deeper understanding of each member's perspective. I want to extend a Yaw^?kó (thank you) to GTC regarding the body's decision to institute a wage increase for the OBC, which includes a 5% raise every three 3 years, and educational credentials that will go into effect August 2026 when the next OBC administration takes office. I commend GTC for the body's long-term foresight and understanding of the impact of their decision as it will unilaterally strengthen one of our Nation's governing institutions by attracting some of the most competent candidates for elected office.

In closing, I want you to know that I am committed to serving the Nation with compassion, kindness, empathy, and optimism. Let us continue to encourage one another to keep a good mind, a good heart, and a strong fire.

# NATION

### **GB Public Market to Open in 2025** Oneida is a Key Contributor and Partner

#### **By Garth Webster**

During an unseasonably warm Friday afternoon, October 22, 2024, Oneida Business Committee Members, led by Chairman Tehassi Hill, gathered with many high-profile business and tourism leaders as well as Green Bay leadership for a ground-breaking of the 501c3 Green Bay Public Market (GBPM) at 211 North Broadway St. in downtown Green Bay.

Co-emcee's Brooke Hafs, VP of Donor Engagement for On Broadway and Garritt Bader, Principal at Green Bay Real Estate Investment and Capital Campaign Cabinet member, introduced numerous speakers including Brian Johnson, President and CEO of On Broadway, Inc and the GBPM, who stated, "The idea of the GBPM originated in conversations with Bader in 2018. However, the pandemic stopped the momentum on the project." This turned out to be a blessing in disguise because shortly after, during the pandemic, Johnson and his team were able to secure grants, enabling them to purchase the property in April 2022.

Johnson's research in the endeavor revealed the area attracts six million visitors per year who come to see the Packer's organization, the National Railroad Museum, and Botanical Garden, among others, but these visitors needed more. Johnson also discovered that the average public market shopper spends twice that of a mall shopper. When coupled with the forecast that the GBPM will spur \$100 million of new development in the immediate vicinity, the financial impact on tourism is clear. The \$18.3 million project will feature 20 vendors with year-round access to fresh food and other goods and services.

Green Bay Mayor, Eric Genrich, expressed his enthusiasm for Johnson and his team's efforts, "Their willingness to take a leap of faith. This is something not done by every main street program. It demonstrates an ability to think and dream big and make great things happen. I'm really pleased to be in a position to congratulate everyone who's played a role."

Chairman Hill, also a guest speaker, first acknowledged and gave thanksgiving to the Menominee and Ho-Chunk Nations, as we are on their original territory, said, "What an exciting project to be a part of. The GBPM will be a catalyst for increased opportunities for both Green Bay and the Oneida community. Along with the economic partnership, the cultural component of this project enables us to reach outside our boundaries to expand knowledge and perception opportunities."

As Johnson closed the presentation, he once again thanked the Oneida Nation stating, "Oneida is a really important government entity here in our region and we appreciate the many partnerships we're going to have with Oneida and enjoy with Oneida Tribal members here in the event space. Your support has really been a catalyst." Finally, Johnson announced the facility is hoping to be open by April 2025 in time for the NFL draft but will most likely be summer 2025.





# COMMUNITY



The OnAyote?a•ká• ni?i• Standing Committee, or I Am Oneida Standing Committee, is an advisory body established to support the Oneida Nation's OnAyote?a•ká• ni?i• Project Plan. This committee was endorsed by the General Tribal Council on July 24, 2023, with a mission to engage and inform the Oneida community on essential initiatives such as enrollment projections and community-wide impacts, all in alignment with the Oneida Nation's vision of family strength and economic resilience.

The committee's primary purpose is to provide timely and accurate information to the community, acting as a vital communication link between the General Tribal Council and the Oneida Business Committee. Through its advisory role, the committee offers insights into the project's implementation, shares important updates, and gathers community feedback on enrollment and other critical data.

With a diverse membership, the Standing Committee includes two representatives from the Oneida Business Committee and community-appointed members, ensuring a well-rounded representation. Members are appointed to three-year terms, fostering consistency and dedication in the team. Leadership within the committee includes a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, who oversee operations, will communicate regularly with the General Tribal Council, and ensure the committee adheres to established policies and reporting requirements.

Regular public meetings keep the community informed and engaged, and additional subcommittees may

be created to expand outreach and education. The committee welcomes and values the community's input and works diligently to ensure the Onxyote?a•ká• ni?i• Project Plan aligns with the Oneida Nation's mission: to strengthen and protect its people, reclaim land, and support environmental enhancement through the exercise of sovereignty.

The OnAyote?a•ká• ni?i• Standing Committee invites all community members to join in building a strong, unified future by staying informed and involved.





### **Oneida Nation Museum Groundbreaking** Community Gathers to Welcome Start of Construction

#### **By Garth Webster**

Stacy Coon, Oneida Nation Museum Director, gathered community members and Oneida Leadership, including Chairman Tehassi Hill, on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 760 Airport Drive to break ground for construction of the new Oneida Nation Museum.

While the previous E&EE location is well known for needing more space and a better location to take advantage of higher traffic and visibility, Coon explains additional features of the \$15 million project.

"In addition to permanent exhibit space, there's going to be a separate temporary space for traveling exhibits and larger exhibits from larger institutions, a larger expanded gift shop, and a multi-purpose room for presentations, story-telling, etc."

Coon goes on to explain that the new facility will also include expanded storage collection areas for:

- Permanent Collections
- Culturally Sensitive Items

including a consultation space One final space Coon is excited about is an outdoor Honor Garden.

The targeted completion date is Spring 2026.



Above, left, Courtney Gerzetich, Museum Registrar, Hattie Braaten, Museum Specialist, and Stacy Coon, Oneida Museum Director on right, break ground with the highly regarded Dr. Carol Cornelius, who was one of the original community members that proposed the idea of revamping the Oneida Nation Museum.

Below, the entire Oneida Museum project team, including ONM Staff, take their turn to break ground.





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# SERVICES



#### By Oneida Division of Public Works (DPW)

The Division of Public Works (DPW) (Latinatu'ni'he? – They Make the Village) delivers essential services safely, efficiently, and cost-effectively. Our skilled team designs, constructs, maintains, and operates the Oneida Nation's public infrastructure. As we do so, we respect the environment, assert our sovereignty, and preserve resources for future generations.

Due to hiring and re-hiring, Public Works has roughly 165+ employees at any given time across 16 areas. In upcoming editions, we'll introduce these areas and their contributions to the Oneida Nation and community.

To succeed, Public Works collaborates closely with various areas of the Nation, aiming to build strong, trust-based partnerships.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Who can remove a fallen tree?

- On Oneida Nation roads: Public Works will manage the removal. The Nation maintains 13 miles of road.
- On other roads: Local municipality is responsible for removal.
- On Oneida residential property or other Oneida land:

Comprehensive Housing or Conservation will likely manage the removal.

### Can Public Works remove snow from my walks or driveway?

Generally, Public Works only removes snow from:

- Oneida roads
- Business parking lots (including some commercial locations)
- The Health Center
- Employee parking lots

#### Can people reserve Parish Hall?

Yes, for events like weddings and family gatherings. Funeral services take priority. If a funeral luncheon coincides with your event, it may be canceled. For more info, contact: Parish\_Hall\_1@OneidaNation.org

#### Does the Nation provide curbside residential trash services to all Tribal members on the reservation?

No, services are currently limited to specific areas of the reservation.

Last year, the Nation chose a new vendor, Harter's, which provides better service than many surrounding municipalities.

Public Works and the Environmental Dept. are developing options for special waste drop-off, such as tires.

#### **Public Works Serves:**

- •Employees, users, and visitors of Oneida Nation facilities, grounds, and parks
- Travelers on Tribal roads
- Individuals subject to Zoning ordinances
- Those receiving clean water, refuse disposal, and sewer services

#### **DPW** Areas

- DPW Administration
- Automotive Department
- Community Wells, Septic, and Plumbing
- DPW Safety
- Utilities Department
- Groundskeeping Department

### **Facilities Area**

- Building Maintenance
- Custodial Department
- Electrical
- Energy Controls (HVAC)

### Community Development Area

- Engineering Department
- Graphic Information
   Systems Department
- Planning Department
- Tribal Transportation
- Zoning Department
- Indian Preference



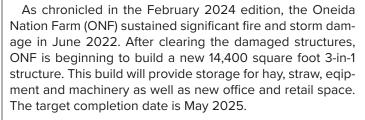
Learn more about DPW

## LOCAL

### **Oneida Nation Farms-Bigger and Better than Ever**

Farm Upating to New Storage, Office, Retail Space

**By Garth Webster** 









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ment authority. 1822, the project developer, anticipates a January 2025 opening and is currently accepting applications.

# SPORTS

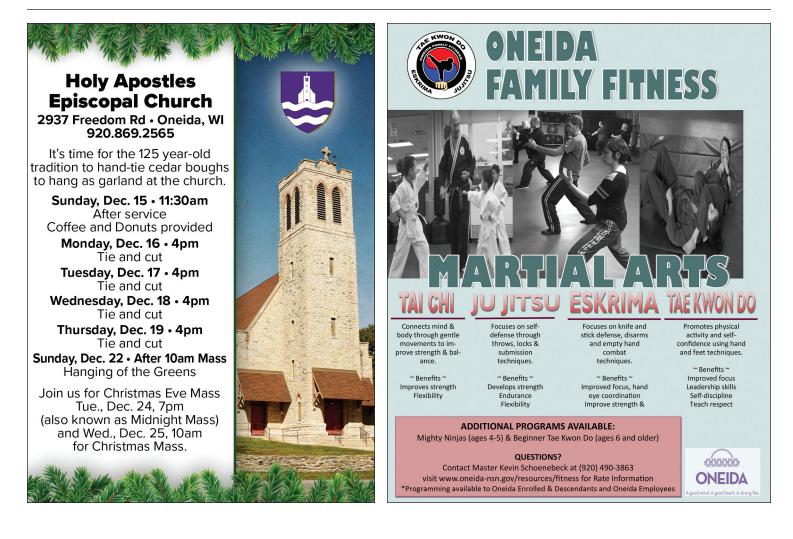


Scan to watch Oneida Nation High School Principal Artley Skenandore, Jr. and Oneida Nation Lacrosse Head Coach provide inspiration to Jonas and his classmates as he signs his letter of intent.

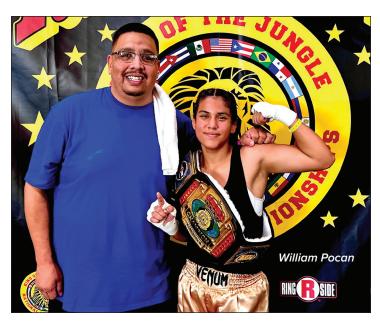


Jonas Johnson, 17, is a senior at Oneida Nation High School, where he has attended all 12 years. Ranked 2nd in his class, he will graduate in June 2025. A 3-sport athlete in Cross Country, Golf, and Lacrosse, Jonas began playing lacrosse at age 4. By age 5, he joined the Oneida Community Lacrosse program and played his first game with the U13 team. His passion for lacrosse led him to play for Team Wisconsin and the Haudenosaunee National Development Team, participating in the 2021 World Series of Youth Lacrosse. Last year, he joined club team Alpha and began his recruitment journey.

From a young age, Jonas aspired to play Division 1 lacrosse. This dream is now realized after signing his letter of intent to play at St. Bonaventure University in 2025. He will be the first student from Oneida Nation High School to play a Division 1 sport. Jonas expresses his gratitude to his ONHS coaches Curt Summers, Butch Summers, Brad Thomas, Byran Halona, Michael Storts, and Billy Spingola, as well as his Alpha coaches Joey Powless and Jamison King, for their support.



# SPORTS



### Alaila Denny is both Queen and King of the Jungle

Alaila Denny, daughter of Daniel and Amber Denny from Oneida clinched the title in the 125 lbs. weight class for 16-17 year olds at the Ringside King of the Jungle National Tournament, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, over the weekend of October 18-20, 2024.





### Harlow Skenandore Looking to Continue Dominating

Harlow, from Seymour, Wisconsin, is a nationally ranked wrestler. She began wrestling at six and won the Wisconsin State Girls Wrestling Championship at 145 pounds as a freshman with a 28-1 record. A sophomore at Pulaski High School, Harlow is a proud member of the Oneida Nation

and aims to compete in the Olympics and the World Team. She is supported by her parents, Clyde and Alex Skenandore. Learn more about Harlow from USA Wrestling Journalist, Gary Abbott.



### CJ Danforth Making His Mark on the Gridiron

CJ Danforth, a senior at Green Bay Southwest High School, was unanimously named to the 1st Team All-FRCC North as a Return Specialist and Defensive Back. He led the FRCC-North with 14 kick returns (30.1 yards/return) and had 7 punt returns (7.4 yards/return). On defense, CJ recorded 56 tackles (3rd among defensive backs), 4 interceptions (3rd in the conference), and 1 pass defensed. He is the only player to earn 1st Team honors on both sides of the ball.

# LOCAL

### Susan White Champions Elimination of Racial Mascots

# White's Effort to be studied by UMBC PhD Student

#### **By Garth Webster**

At far right back, Jessica Burstrem, currently studying the life's work of Susan White, stands beside White's family. Left, Makayla Doxtator and Elysia Doxtator, both great nices of White. Seated in front is White's sister, Leeann and White's husband, Linnny. During Burstrem's recent visit, she visited and interviewd White's family as one of many sources of information to compete her dissertation.



The late Susan White, former Director of the Trust Enrollment Committee, was a champion of growing the Oneida Trust Funds in a socially and Indigenous-friendly way before she made her journey in 2018.

Specifically, White took on a battle of makina decades-long sure private corporations like the Washington Football Team (WFT) conducted their operations in a way befitting the values of Indigenous people, most notably for their racist and derogatory team name and mascot. This approach of changing the ethics of large companies, and in turn the investment landscape of Tribes such as Oneida, captured the attention of current University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) PhD Student, Jessica Burstrem.

For years, Burstrem donated to the National Museum to the American Indian. It was there she watched a filming of *More Than A Word*, a documentary about the movement to end Native American mascots. This inspired her decision to study this topic for her PhD. After reading letters on the subject, some of which came from Oneida, she visited Oneida's website and reached out to White's successor, Keith Doxtator. Doxtator in turn referred her to White's former colleague, John Danforth, which ultimately led to her connection with Susan's family and work.

Burstem says of White, "Many believed that this approach, (Getting WFT to change their name) would not work but she did. She saw this. She recognized this possibility and saw that there was real potential here when others did not."

Burstem went on to explain that with the assistance of the Investors & Indigenous Peoples Working Group (IIPWG), White organized a coalition to push for the name change. The IIPWG comprises a broad coalition of investors and finance leaders who work to address challenges facing Indigenous Peoples globally and to mainstream Indigenous Peoples' rights in responsible investment. The group also seeks to support and uplift Indigenous leaders' participation in investment and shareholder spaces.

The power of the IIPWG network, which contained 85 signatories from influential organizations, all who were considered major stakeholders in the WFT and their primary sponsor, FedEX, who also happened to hold the naming rights for the stadium the WFT played in. In addition to the pressure from the IIPWG, Burstrem described several other factors escalating the heat on both WFT and FedEX.

To begin, the protests and requests for the name change became a yearly ritual for the past 50 seasons. Another pressure point came from the Federal Government, who essentially told them that if they didn't change their name, they wouldn't renew their land lease to play in JFK Stadium. Rather than change their name, they built a new stadium, Jack Kent Cook Stadium, now known as Northwest Stadium. Along with these pressures were the prevailing social movements such as Black Lives Matter. Yet another pressure point was that WFT began to consistentlyt receive bad press, including a Washington reporter who stopped using the derogatory team's name in favor of Washington Football. While these internal pressures continued, WFT was in constant defense litigation, which they eventually prevailed due a Statute of Limitations decision in the case using the Lanham Act, which states that an entity cannot

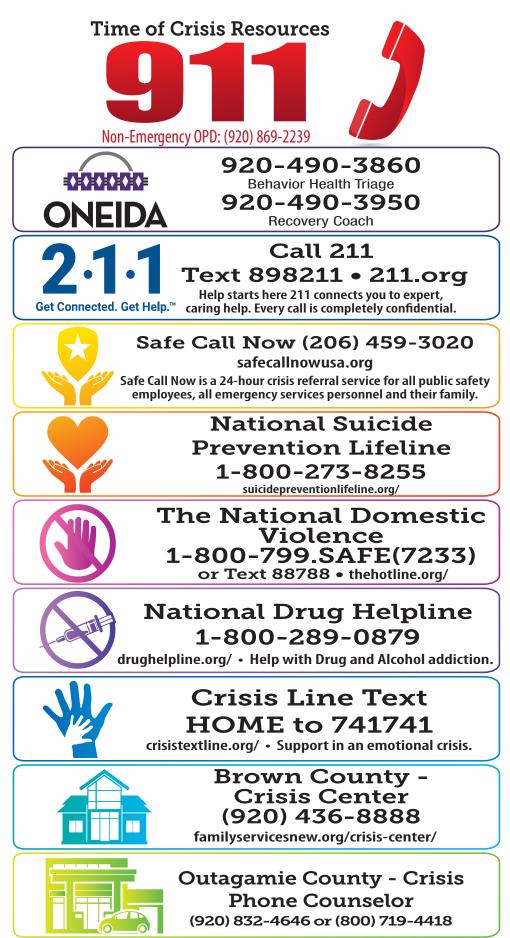
# COMMUNITY

secure a trademark based on a racial slur. However, the judgment was overturned on appeal on the basis that the case should have been filed long before from plaintiffs that were too advanced in age (the courts said they knew the name was injurious so why didn't they file the claim a long time ago?). This judgment changed when Amanda Blackhorse, a much younger plaintiff, filed the case with success. However, this too was eventually nullified on the precedent set by an Asian group who overturned the Lanham act by what they successfully claimed was their 1st Amendment Right to name themselves with a racial slur.

Until 2020, the Washington Football team succumbed to the pressures and renamed their team the WFT, finally revealing their new brand in 2022, the Washington Commanders. In the end, Burstrem is pursuing this subject to clarify misinformation and to honor Susan and the values instilled in her by her father and the wisdom and pride she gained in Oneida.

"It's important that this story be told the right way. That the truth be more present in people's memory. It's useful for activists. It's useful for Indigenous efforts for people to remember this big win, this huge success. This is another way for corporations to consider their impact on Indigenous communities and hold themselves accountable rather than have to bow to the social and financial pressures WFT experienced."

Burstrem will complete her studies and graduate in May 2025. Her dissertation will be available in the UMBC library. In honor of the request of Susan's family, Burstrem will also work to publish a children's book as well as an academic piece for adult readers.



# SPORTS



### Maria Benitez-World Renowned Spanish Flamenco Dancer Oneida Descendant leaves Indelible Mark on Spanish Dance Industry

By Donna (De Coteau) Butler

Maria Benitez, a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and an Oneida Descendant, began her journey at the age of 82 at her home in Sante Fe, New Mexico. (See her obituary beginning on page 24.)

internationally An acclaimed dancer. choreographer and director, Maria is recognized as one of the finest interpreters of Spanish dance and Flamenco. After ballet and classical Spanish dance training at a young age, she relocated to Spain at 18 to further her studies and perform. There, she met her future husband, Cecilio Benitez with whom she would eventually establish Maria Benitez Teatro Flamenco, where she taught dance, in the United States. With a long-standing reputation for excellence, the company's history included performances at festivals and major concert halls throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, North Africa and South America. Maria also performed and choreographed for the Metropolitan Opera, the Santa Fe Opera, the Dallas Opera and the St. Louis Opera, collaborating with Placido Domingo and Franco Zefirelli, among others.

After several years in Spain, longing for New Mexico, she returned to the U.S. with Cecilio and performed at El Nido in Tesuque from 1968-1970. From 1969 to 1973 they both taught at Verde Valley School in Sedona, Arizona. They are fondly remembered by their ex-students as extraordinary teachers. They founded the Institute for Spanish Arts, the first non-profit in New Mexico dedicated to disseminating the Spanish arts through dance and the visual arts. In 1977 they moved to New York and began splitting time between that city, Madrid, Spain, and Santa Fe, where Maria and her company would perform every summer, at El Gancho, La Fonda and eventually at the Lodge of Santa Fe, in the Maria Benítez Cabaret Theatre where she furthered her vision by creating

opportunities for her youth company, Flamenco's Next Generation. Many of the local and Spanish artists Maria brought to Santa Fe remain in the region and have gone on to create their own companies.

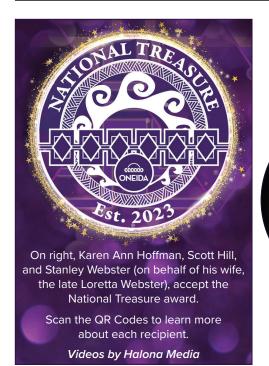
After four decades of touring, teaching, managing her company and the Institute, she is recognized as one of the most prominent artists and historical figures in New Mexico. The recipient of many accolades, Maria received in 2005 Spain's most prestigious award, La Cruz de Isabela la Católica, in recognition of her contribution to the preservation of Spanish arts. Her life's work also earned her recognition in 2014 as a Santa Fe Living Treasure.

In the spirit of continuing the legacy of Spanish dance, Benitez says, "What I would like the most is for us all to pay tribute to the artists who have dedicated their entire lives to Spanish dance and to the many, many individuals who have given unselfishly of their time, money, and expertise to ensure the survival of this most fascinating art form."



Learn more about Maria Benitez

# COMMUNITY



The National Treasures award ceremony took place at the Oneida Hotel on Friday, October 26, 2024 to distinguish three Oneida community members, Karen Ann Hoffman, Scott Hill, and the late Loretta Webster, as Oneida's newest National Treasures for their work in preserving, protecting, and promoting our arts, language, and culture.

The evening began with Chief Bob Brown providing an opening Thanksgiving Address for the attendees stating, "We put our minds together as one and give greetings to one another. We say to all the things that the Creator has placed here on this Earth, that which we call our mother." This sentiment of thanksgiving continued throughout the event for the gift(s) each of the recipients has provided over their distinguished careers.

The selection committee members, Bill Gollnick, Connor Kestell, Trisha Patton, John Powless III, Sid White, Eric Doxtator, and Leslie Doxtater carefully examined the candidates based on five criteria:

Ambassadorship, Creativity, Technical Expertise, Mentorship, and Expression of Joy.

The first recipient was Karen Ann Hoffman, known for infusing traditional Haudenosaunee raised beadwork such as urns and table toppers, which have been exhibited in the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and the Field Museum, among others. Emcee Nicholas Metoxen commented on the meaning of the selection criteria, Expression of Joy, and it's meaning to which Hoffman responded as she thanked her family, selection committee and those close to her, "For uplifting all of our arts, and showing the world what a strong and beautiful community, we are. The Expession of Joy is in this room tonight."

Scott Hill was next to be recognized. As Metoxen introduced Hill, he reaffirmed Bill Gollnick's short biographical information on how Scott's artwork surrounds us, from the Turtle Roundabout Designs to the old Duck Creek Bridge adorned with Hill's paintings, to the 13 countries where his artwork appears. As important as his pieces are, and likewise with all the recipients, the deeper value of their efforts is their willingness to give back.

Hill explained when he first began drawing at a young age, his inspiration to refine his skills and provide mentorship, art camps, etc to aspiring artists. This came from his studies of Indigenous Plains leaders, such as Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse and the leadership and sacrifices they made for their people. "I just want to say what an honor it is to be recognized here

tonight. To see how everything has come together in the last couple of years, especially this last year," Hill said. He continued by thanking his parents, the late Eddie Hill, and his mother, Beverly, who was in attendance, for the values they instilled in him.

The evening's last recipient, the late Loretta Webster, who Gollnick described as he listed Webster's accolades, "A calming and thoughtful character." Loretta, who returned to college at age 47 to earn a law degree, became an attorney and litigated for Oneida, most notably in the Land rights arena. She was also the leader of Oneida's language program and later, through her love of raised beadwork and the traditional Woodland Indian artistry, founded Woodland Indian Art, Inc. which to this day, promotes the advancement of Woodland Indian Arts throughout the Midwest.

Accepting Loretta's award was her husband, Stanley, who regaled the audience with both humorous and sometimes more dramatic tales of he and Loretta's adventures in life, the pow-wow circuit and art festivals said, "She didn't like to sell her work. She liked giving it away. That's more her, I guess." He continued, "She said when she did something like this, it's a better way of communicating than selling." This again, was the Expression of Joy that wrapped up the evening.

**Expression of Joy** Oneida Recognizes its National Treasures By Garth Webster



# EVENTS

PRIOFOUR

### Showcasing Indigenous Art & Fashion Woodland Indian Art Show & Market

ANGESTOPS woodland Indian Art show & market

#### **By Garth Webster**

The 18th Annual Woodland Indian Art Show and Market (WIASM) took place Thursday, October 31-November 2, 2024 at the Oneida Casino Hotel.

The theme for this year's event was "Spirit of our Ancestors." 40 vendors, comprised of 30 adult and 10 youth, displayed and sold their art from 10am-5pm on Friday and Saturday. On Thursday, October 31, artists submitted their work for a juried competition. Each

submission was carefully examined by a panel of judges in six different adult categories for \$18,000 in cash prizes and more importantly, prestige at one of the finest assemblies of Woodland Indian Artists east of the Mississippi River. Later that evening, all the artists and their loved ones were invited to the Awards banquet where the WIA Board of Directors revealed the winning pieces. See the sidebar for a list of winners, along with their creation. In addition to the juried

work, WIA also added a special award to honor the legacy of the WIA and Woodland Art Show & Market's founder, the late Loretta Webster.

Stephenie Muscavitch VanEvery's pottery piece was the 2024 Woodland Indian Art Show & Market BEST IN SHOW and first in the Vessels category. As John Breuninger, WIA, Inc. President, presented Leandra Skenendore the Loretta Webster Award for Artistic Excellence, he described the significance of this honor, "Loretta's dream was to expand the awareness and appreciation of Woodland Indian art and culture through education, events, and markets by promoting the distinct artistic styles and cultures of tribes from the Eastern United States. This award goes to an individual who has already achieved recognition for both her artistic talents and her contributions to our community through the art medium."

Like previous shows, the event also held classes where participants learned to make silver jewelry, beadwork, and cornhusk items. Audiences were also treated to a reading of prolific author Rick Church's latest book, *Dark Bull* on Saturday afternoon just after enjoying the sounds of the Oneida Hymn Singers. All of these events led up to what has quickly become the highlight of the WIASM.

In partnership with Jennifer Benally and Shinymoon Creations, seven clothing designers wowed the crowd with their apparel creations during the two-hour fashion show Saturday afternoon. WIA, Inc and the Board of Directors wishes to thank the community, artists, volunteers, and everyone who made this year's show a success. See you next year!

> Watch a promotinal video for this year's WIASM



# **EVENTS**



**2D Dimensional Christopher Sweet** 



**Spirit of Our Ancestors Theme Christopher Sweet** 



**3** Dimensional **Rae Skenandore** 



**Open PDF list of all WIASM Winners** 



Diversified **Colleen Bins** 



Beadwork Josanna Cornelius



Youith Ella Coon



Apparel **Jennifer Benally** 

Standing between Stanley Webster (left) and Woodland Indian Art, Inc President John Breuninger (right), Leandra Skenendore accepts the Inaugural Loretta Webster Award



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To left, a sampling of the Indigenous apparel on display at this year's Indigenous Fashion Show. Check out the video, courtesy of Halona Media of the show produced by Jennifer Benally of Shinymoon Creations featuring the work of seven designers, including Benally.



**Open PDF to learn** about all the artists



Watch the video of the Fashion Show













# THUNDERHAWK TIMES

# Oneida Nation High School

### Polly's Pumpkin Patch By Syndee Thayer

School field trips are a fun experience, as I can attend a field trip with many of my friends. To have that experience with them is something that I will always remember, thanks to the school.

On October 15, 2024, ONHS students loaded up the bus and headed to Polly's Pumpkin Patch.

The first thing we did was get on a tractor to go and pick pumpkins. After we finshed picking pumpkins, it was time to go into the corn maze. They gave us a map and we had to find our way out. After the corn maze, we then were able to do a scavenger hunt, along with being able to go down the tall slide.



#### Kaliwiyo A good message about ourselves, our people, and our future

#### **By Joie Gutierrez**

The Oneida Longhouse was the center of a gathering community – kanúhses (longhouse). The week of ceremonies was Sunday, October 7-Thursday, October 3.

Present were the people – Latiksashu nen

latikstohoko (including everyone from the youngest to the oldest).

The weather was very fall like, cold, sunny, and very rainy at times. Inside, each day, was a reminder of family and community along with our language and ceremonies. It was a time where people traveled here from Canada and New York, representing all our Tribes.

All in all, it was a celebration, and I cannot wait for our next ceremony at the longhouse, Mid-Winter in January.

### Welcome to the Aloha State! By Saniya Ninham-Clark

On a recent trip to the 50th U.S. state, Hawai'i, I learned a lot. My family and I stayed in Honolulu.

Sure, everyone knows that Hawai'i is beautiful, warm, and full of nature. But some things I noticed as well was that their culture is very different. Their communities are very family oriented.

My family and I went on a hike to see waterfalls. On our hike we were able to go swimming at the bottom of one of the waterfalls. The water was clean and cold. Being able to see the waterfalls in person is an experience I'll never forget.

Some things about Hawai'i that you might find surprising is that surfing was invented in Hawai'i, the people of Hawai'i consume the most Spam in the U.S., and Former President Obama was born in Hawai'i.

And, with that, Aloha. Which means both "hello" and "goodbye." It also means having a deep connection to the land, the people, mercy, sympathy, grace, and kindness.



### **Boys Basketball Preview**

#### **By Jonathan Danforth**

Boys Assistant Coach

All WIAA winter sports start on November 18. That includes basketball – which this writer is really excited about.

We have been holding open gyms at both the Norbert Hill Center and Oneida Nation Turtle School since October 22, which happen every Tuesday and Thursday.

Open gyms are mostly for the boys to show up and have pickup games, usually 5 on 5. We show them a defense we would like to run for this season and while they play their pickup games, they must work on this defense that was shown to them. As a coach, we are not able to have a sanctioned practice during open gyms.

This writer is excited for the upcoming season. We have a strong team with a lot of determined players. Watch these pages for updates throughout the long season.

Our first game is on December 5th against Coleman here in Oneida at the Turtle School.



Read more ONHS Thunderhawk Times

Thunderhawk Times Staff

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Advisors: Denis Gullickson and Johnny Danforth

### Tsi<sup>?</sup> nahté·shu wáhstake<sup>?</sup> "Various Things Are Useful" New Oneida Cultural Heritage Program

#### By Oneida Cultural Heritage (OCH)

Join us in preserving and celebrating Oneida traditions! We welcome passionate individuals eager to learn and teach our rich heritage. Guided by Oneida Cultural Heritage staff, this program covers our culture, ceremonies, and historical arts, crafts, and music.

### **Program Structure**

Four Six-Week Evening Sessions: Each session spans one season, with classes held 3 hours per week at OCH Cottage 3.

**Monthly Culture Education:** Held at the longhouse.

**Continuation Option:** Participants can choose to continue into the next session at the end of each six-week period.

**New Applicants:** If positions become available, new applicants will be considered for enrollment.

### **Program Details**

Start Date: January 20, 2025

Eligibility: Applicants must be 19+ years

Application Process: Complete an application on the OCH website, undergo a background check, and participate in an interview.

Interview Criteria: Candidates should demonstrate a genuine interest in learning and teaching Oneida practices, a positive attitude, strong communication skills, reliability, and community commitment.





Learn more about the new OCH Program

**Commitment:** The class is free but requires a full 6-week commitment. Participants must also be willing to mentor or teach future cohorts.

**Deadline:** Applications are due by Monday, December 30, 2024.

**Notification:** Accepted applicants will be notified by January 6, 2025

**Note:** We are using the phrase tsi<sup>?</sup> nahté·shu wáhstake<sup>?</sup> "various things are useful". Another dialect/translation is tsi<sup>?</sup> nahté·shu ʌwatstake<sup>?</sup> "things that will be used".



To encourage the youth to read and write, Shienne Red Hail, Oneida Education & Development Specialist, has started Civic Chronicles, a platform for youth to submit articles on their chosen subjects. Please enjoy these articles and encourage the youth in your life to read and write.



#### By Gloria Skenandore

Shekóli, my name is Gloria Skenandore. I am 15 years old, and I attend Oneida Nation High School. I am in the ninth grade. I race in the local District 16 around Wisconsin on my 125 Yamaha dirt bike. I have won 5th place and up. It is my favorite sport that I discovered at the age of 12. Another fact about me is that I come all the way from Rapid City, South Dakota. What makes me special is that I always try something new. It could be with anything, food, sports, clothes, travel, etc. I hope you have enjoyed reading some things about me.

#### **By Destiny Doxtator**

My name is Destiny Doxtator. I am 14 years old. I go to the Oneida Nation High School as a freshman. I like to bead and dance when I have free time. I like to pow wow dance and I make my own beadwork and regalia.

#### By Cyra Thundercloud

My name is Cyra Thundercloud. I am nine years old. I go to the Oneida Nation Elementary School, and I am in the fourth grade. Two random facts about me are I play volleyball and I have 21 cousins. What makes me special is that I'm the smartest one in my class.

#### **By Camille Blackowl**

My name is Camille Blackowl. I am nine years old, and I am in the fourth grade. I go to Oneida Nation Elementary School. My favorite color is purple. I have two dogs and I play volleyball with all my besties. I feel the most special when my family cheers for me.

### Enhancing Elder Care New AJRCCC Medical Director Dr. Kaza

#### By Oneida Comprehensive Health Division (OCHD)

Oneida Comprehensive Health Division (OCHD) is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Thanmayi "Tammy" Kaza to its dedicated team of healthcare providers. Dr. Kaza is a board-certified Family Medicine and Hospice/Palliative Care physician. She has extensive experience in geriatrics and long-term care, making her an valuable asset to OCHD's mission to deliver compassionate, patient-centered care to the Oneida Nation and surrounding communities

With a medical degree from NRI Medical College in India, Dr. Kaza completed her Family Medicine residency through Louisiana State University's Rural Program in Alexandria, LA, and a Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship at Emory School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. Her expertise aligns closely with OCHD's commitment to holistic, culturally sensitive care and her role as Medical Director for Anna John Resident Centered Care Community (AJRCCC) underscores her dedication to improving health outcomes for elders and long-term care patients.

Having grown up in the South, moving to Wisconsin was an adjustment, especially to the winters! Last year, I tried dog sledding for the first time – something I didn't even know people did outside of Alaska. I'm excited to bring my background in long-term care to the community here and look forward to supporting the health and wellbeing of all our patients.

> Dr. Thanmayi "Tammy" Kaza New AJRCCC Medical Director





Learn more about Dr. Kaza's work







Join us in a peer-led safe space to share thoughts of loved ones who have passed away due to substance use.

Beginning Wednesday, November 6, and held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Oneida Recovery Nest (1240 Packerland Dr., BLDG #2).

For more information, call (920) 490-3950 or email recoverycoach@oneidanation.org.

### **Community Baby Shower Returns**

#### **By Maternal Health Services**

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, Maternal Child Health Services held their annual Community Baby Shower, marking the first event since the COVID-19 hiatus. The event was a resounding success, featuring nine resource tables and welcoming 11 families along with their adorable babies.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of prizes, including diapers and a pack-and-play nursery, as well as traditional foods. The event also featured engaging games and two guest speakers who provided valuable information.

This baby shower was open to all families who delivered or are due in 2024. A heartfelt Yaw^?kó goes out to the Oneida Early Head Start, Prenatal Care Coordination, Maternal Child Health, FACE, WIC/Nutrition, and Oneida Early Intervention for sponsoring the event. We also extend our gratitude to the community for their enthusiastic participation.

Stay tuned for the 2025 Community Baby Shower



Maternal Health Services

# Stay Safe This Season

### Holiday Tips to Avoid Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Risks

#### **By Mari Kriescher**

Oneida Behavioral Health Director

As the holiday season approaches, many of us look forward to gatherings, celebrations and spending time with family and friends. While it's a time for connection, it's also when alcohol, tobacco and other drug use can increase. At Oneida Behavioral Health, we want to ensure our community enjoys a safe and healthy holiday season by offering tips to reduce the risks associated with substance use.

#### **Understand the Impacts**

Alcohol, tobacco and other substances can affect our health, especially during stressful times. Social pressures and emotional challenges during the holidays can lead to higher levels of substance use, increasing the risk of accidents, illnesses and family tensions. Staying informed and mindful of these risks can help protect ourselves and our loved ones.

#### **Stay Connected to Resources**

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use, Oneida Behavioral Health is here to help. Open conversations about substance use and setting expectations can help ensure a joyful and healing holiday season.

> For additional support, Call (920) 490-3790



Learn more about Oneida Behavioral Health

#### **Plan for Safe Celebrations**

#### Designate a Sober Leader

Choose someone to stay sober and ensure everyone's safety, especially younger family members.

#### **Offer Non-Alcoholic Options**

Provide appealing non-alcoholic drinks like lemon water and coffee to normalize not drinking.

#### **Know Your Limits**

Set clear drinking limits. Ensure anyone who over-indulges has a safe, sober ride home.

#### Support Loved Ones

Create a safe, supportive space for those in recovery during the holidays.

#### **Avoid Peer Pressure**

Don't feel pressured to drink or use drugs. Find alternative ways to enjoy the gathering.

#### ANTHONY J. KOLOSSO JR. February 20, 1959 - October 21, 2024



Anthony J. Kolosso Jr of Green Bay, passed away suddenly on October 21, 2024. He was born February 20, 1959, to the late Anthony Sr. and Elizabeth (Cornelius) Kolosso.

He graduated from Tiger-

ton High School. Tony was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a good person, and he'd give you the shirt off his back if he could.

He is survived, by his siblings; Ammy (James) Vaughn, Samuel Kolosso, Conrad (Sharon) Cornelius, Dan Cornelius, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his siter Beth Fagan, and his grandparents Eva and John Cornelius and Esther and Joe Kolosso.

Friends may call from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Assembly of God N 7321 Olson Road, Oneida on Saturday, November 2, 2024. Service to begin at 11 AM Saturday. Burial to follow at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Oneida.

#### MATTHEW POWLESS August 28, 1975 - October 19, 2024



Our beloved Dad, Husband, Son, Brother; Matthew O-Kwal Al-Hul Powless, 49, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 19, 2024. The son of Matthew and Eleanor (LaRock) Powless was

born August 28, 1975.

Growing up, Matthew was a member of Oneida Longhouse and was proud of his Oneida heritage. In his early years, Matt liked pow-wows where he would sing and dance traditionally. Through his High School years, he participated in sports, youth programming, while learning Oneida Traditions. He was a graduate of Southwest High School. In his young adult life Matt met his wife Lousnese and they married in 1999; shortly thereafter they were blessed with two children Matthew and Kaylynn.

He spent his career as a laborer with various logistical companies in the Green Bay area and in the past was employed with the Oneida Nation.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and had a smile and laugh that could brighten anyone's day. In his free time going on nature hikes, playing disc golf during the summer months, and singing, dancing, and trying out new cooking recipes. He loved to cook Hull Corn Soup, the secret family recipe.

Matthew is survived by his wife; Lousnese Wells Powless, Son Matthew Powless Jr., Daughter Kaylynn Powless, siblings Jack (Jeanette) Powless, Pete (Ma-Ling) Powless, Noreen (Friend Jim), Yvette, Terry, Shannon (Bruce) Wilber. He was preceded in death by his dad Matthew Powless, Grandparents Peter & Marcella Powless, Joseph & Sophia LaRock along other special family members (Aunts, Uncles and Cousins).

If you were ever fortunate to know this man that we all love and will miss, please join us at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. A prayer service will conclude the visitation at noon. Burial will follow at Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.

The Family would like to extend thanks to Fire Keepers, Family and Friends for the support and love as well as the Ryan Funeral Home, The Oneida Police Dept and Brown County Coroner Office for your services.

They would also like to thank Matthew's pallbearers; Monte Powless-Perez, Adonte Mercado, Kingston Pamonicutt, Lucas Schultz, Ricky Granquist and Darryl Ramsdell; as well as the Buffalo Creek Singers and to everyone who donated their time and support.

#### ROYALTON "ROY" L. CORNELIUS JR. SEPTEMBER 4, 1953 - OCTOBER 30, 2024



Royalton "Roy" Lowell Cornelius Jr, age 71, began his journey on October 30, 2024, with his wife by his side. He w a s b o r n o n September 4, 1953, in Chicago to Royalton Lowell Cornelius Sr.

and Irene Jenny Skenandore. Roy grew up in Chicago and lived there most of his life. He retired in 2017, and afterwards moved to Green Bay in 2018. Roy was a proud member of the Oneida Nation.

Roy was a Teamster owner/operator truck driver, and he also became a member of the Teamsters Union at Triangle Engineering Products for over 35 years. He was loyal, dependable, hardworking, and dedicated to maintaining his health as best he could.

He was also very dedicated to his wife, Lynda and their two dogs, two rabbits, and seven birds.

He enjoyed fishing and camping along with being on his boat and riding his motorcycle. He also enjoyed spending time with his dogs, watching football, especially the Seahawks and attending Powwows. Roy enjoyed watching movies, listening to music, telling jokes, and reading the funnies. He always liked to just go for a cruise in his truck and for little getaways.

Royalton is survived by his wife, Lynda. Also, by his son, Royalton Lowell Cornelius III, from Camp Verde, Arizona from his second marriage. His three sisters, Diane, Fern and Florence, numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Royalton and Irene; his grandparents; his sister, Pearl Ann; his brothers George and Bruno; and his nephew, Zeke Diamond.

Family and friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N 10th Street, ECT

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Juan Alicea, Fresenius Kidney Care on Lombardi, the staff at Oneida Physical Therapy, Oneida Community Health Center, and all Roy's friends.

#### SHANNON C. MCGIMSEY AUGUST 3, 1960 - OCTOBER 19, 2024



Shannon C. McGimsey, 64, Oneida, passed away early Saturday morning, October 19, 2024. She was born August 3, 1960, in Marion, North Carolina. Daughter of the late Charles B. McGimsey

and Irene Curtis McGimsey.

Shannon graduated from Western Piedmont Community College with a degree in paralegal studies. She later taught online courses at Western Piedmont. Shannon received a bachelor's degree from Gardner-Webb University. She worked for many years as a paralegal in Hickory, NC and Phoenix, AZ before relocating to Green Bay.

A woman of many interests, Shannon was not one to sit idle long. From UTV rides, discovering northern Wisconsin, enjoying sweet or twisted tea at her favorite establishment, tending to her flowers and garden, cooking, sudoku, and reading. She was always up to date on current events, going to Milwaukee Brewer and Green Bay Packer games, and always remained a true-blue Tar Heel for life.

She is survived by her partner Norb Elm, Green Bay, two sisters, Jane McGimsey, Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, Sharon Falconer, Williamsburg, Virginia, and one brother, Charles McGimsey, Jr. of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Friends may call at Church of the Holy Apostles, Oneida on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, from 9:00AM, until Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30AM with Fr. Tyler Richards officiating. Ryan Funeral Home is assisting the family. To leave online condolences, please visit www.ryanfh.com.

I'm Carolina Born, I'm Carolina Bred, And when I die, I'm Carolina dead.

#### VALDOR W. JOHN III (BILLY) APRIL 11, 1991 - OCTOBER 3, 2024



Valdor William John III (Billy), Age 33, born in Bartow, Florida April 11, 1991. Left his earthly vessel in Bradenton, Florida on October 3, 2024. Billy would not have wanted friends and family to mourn,

but to remember the great times and celebrate his life. Billy's greatest passion was music. Playing his guitar, singing, and writing songs. He enjoyed nature walks on the beach, theatre, and dance. He did several different plays and musicals during high school.

Billy will be dearly missed, loved, and cherished forever in our hearts. Someone said to me recently that death is like a butterfly. Your body is the cocoon, and your soul is the butterfly. Fly free my baby.

Billy is survived by his parents; Valdor William John, Helen Carlene Allen, his sister, and brother; Angelica Lynn John and Darrell Andrew Collins and his son Tyler age 9, stepparent; Darlene Mathany and stepbrother and sister; Jody Pewitt and Angela Nichols.

Memorial Service to be held on Saturday, October 19 at Ridge point Church,100 Hatfield Road, Winter Haven, Florida 33880.

#### VINCENT J. MENDOZA MARCH 28, 1959 - OCTOBER 14, 2024



Vincent Joseph Mendoza, beloved husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away on October 14, 2024, at the age of 65. Born on March 28, 1959, in Chicago, IL, a son to

Thomas Mendoza and Dianne Chevalier, Vincent lived a life full of love, service, and joy. He was the devoted husband of Yolanda Mendoza and a proud father to his three sons: Daniel, Vincent, and Gabriel Mendoza, and a proud grandfather of his three grandchildren: Oliver, Benicio, and Athena Mendoza. In addition, Vincent and Yolanda housed and cared for several dogs including Coco, Tiny, Diamond, and Baby. Vincent is survived by his loving siblings, Margaret Delgado, Anna Mendoza, Donna Mendoza, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A man of unwavering dedication, Vincent served his country honorably as a United States Marine from 1978 to 1987. His time in the Marine Corps shaped him into the steadfast, strong, and caring man that he would become for his family and friends. His patriotism and commitment to those he loved were evident in every aspect of his life.

Outside of his service, Vincent was known for his simple joys. He had a love for Oreos, Miracle Whip, and always sported high knee socks, which became something of his signature style. But above all, Vincent cherished laughter. He had a sharp wit and an infectious sense of humor, always read to share a joke, or find light in any situation. His presence brought warmth and laughter into every room he entered.

Vincent will be deeply missed by his sons Daniel, Vincent, and Gabriel, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will live on in the hearts of his friends and family, and in the countless smiles he inspired along the way.

Family and friends may come to visit on Sunday, October 20, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street De Pere, WI. The Oneida Hymn Singer Song Service will begin at 6:30 PM, and a prayer service will be held immediately following. Visitation will continue Monday, October 21, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, 2937 Freedom Rd, Oneida, WI. Burial will be held in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you share a laugh with those you love in honor of Vincent's memory. Semper Fi, Marine. Rest in peace.

#### WALTER J. WILBER JULY 23, 1974 - NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Walter James Wilber,

50, passed away

surrounded by his

loved ones on

November 1, 2024, at

St. Vincent Hospital in

Green Bay, WI. Born on



July 23, 1974, in Milwaukee, Walter was a cherished son to his late parents, Merlin Wilber and Marena Pamanet (nee Danforth). He grew up in Milwaukee and spent his teenage years in Green Bay, WI where he first met his future partner, Wendy Soderbeck. In 1993, he moved to Green Bay, WI where he would live for the next 30 years until settling in Suring, WI in late 2023.

Walter obtained his GED and worked as a cook in various restaurants in and around Green Bay before settling at Chartwell at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay where he cooked and was a cashier for staff and students. His culinary career was interspersed with stints behind the scenes at numerous concerts, providing security and managing stage setups and breakdowns. This role enabled him to meet and interact with many notable musicians.

He is survived by his loving partner of 15 years, Wendy Soderbeck; his son, Arthur James "AJ" Wilber (mother: Lisa Dolan); stepdaughter, Laura Gaines; nieces and nephews, Wesley "Peanut" Bridges Jr., Marena Bridges, Carl "CJ" Bridges, Grace Allenby; aunts, Robin Emmerton and Carole Liggins; and a host of cousins. Walter was a family man at heart, whose happiest moments were those spent surrounded by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his sibling Carla Bridges (nee Skenandore), Scott Skenandore, and Amy Allenby (nee Wilber), whose memories he held close to his heart.

Family and friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth St. De Pere, WI 54115, on Tuesday November 12, 2024, from 9:00am until time of service at 11:00am. The Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 10:30am. Burial will take place at Holy Apostles Cemetery, 2937 Freedom Rd. Oneida, WI 54155, following services.

In remembrance of Walter, the family suggests that condolences and memories be shared in lieu of flowers.



Read the full obituary

#### WILLIAM "BILL" A. SCHUYLER SR. March 8, 1942 - October 20, 2024



William "Bill" Armand Schuyler, Sr., 82, Green Bay, passed away Sunday October 20, 2024. He was born March 8, 1942, in Milwaukee, WI to the late Serina (Sommers) and Oscar Schuyler.

Bill was employed by and retired from The United States Postal Service. Before that he helped build many of our roads from Green Bay to Chicago through his employment with the Highway Department. Bill was an Army Veteran, serving from 1964-1966 as a Rifleman and Chaplin's Assistant while stationed in Germany. Bill was a proud Life Member of the Oneida VFW Post 7784, serving on the Honor Guard

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#### **Continuing from PG 23** William "Bill" A. Schuyler Sr.

#### and Color Guard.

Bill married the love of his life, Gladys, on December 27, 1976, in Green Bay, WI. Their vows later blessed at Church of the Holy Apostles in Oneida, WI. Together with Gladys' 3 boys, they raised 4 sons together. They were married for 36 years until her passing in 2013.

Bill is survived by his sons, Bill Jr (Heather) Schuyler, Bob (Teresa) Serama, Ray (Pam) Serama, and Joe Serama; his grandchildren, Jacob Kubisiak, Jackson Schuyler, and Savannah Schuyler; his Great-Granddaughter, Alexa Stratton; a brother, Gary Schuyler; his In-laws, Harry Grigsby, Bea McCarthy, Charlotte Blaha, Dolly Campbell, and Telka Schuyler; special nephew, Ken Schuyler.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys; his grandchildren, Nicholas Serama and Hillary Mae Serama; his parents, Serina and Oscar Schuyler; his brothers, Oscar Schuyler and Robert Schuyler; Gladys' parents, Robert and Helen Grigsby; Gladys' siblings, Lois Kahles, Marilyn Gillilan, Robert Grigsby, and Jessie Reese.

Family and friends may gather Friday October 25, 2024, at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N 10th Street, De Pere, WI, from 9:00 am until the time of service at 11:00 am. Military Honors to follow. Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 10:30 am. Burial at Church of the Holy Apostles Cemetery, Oneida, WI.



Read the full obituary

#### LEVI E. TURNEY February 18, 2007 - November 5, 2024



Levi Evan Turney, 17, Oneida, passed away unexpectedly at home following a lifelong battle with Menkes disease. The son of Kateria Cadotte and Richard Turney was born on February 18, 2007.

Levi attended Seymour Schools, enjoyed his cartoons, and loved family visits. Despite being unable to speak, his personality shone through, and he knew how to make himself heard. Levi was very loved by his entire family.

He is survived by and loved by his parents, Kateria and Richard; siblings, Mariah and Amari; maternal grandmother, Elizabeth; aunts, Rochelle, Sarol, Naomi and Judy; uncles Ray and Robert; cousins, Bishop, Randall, Okwi, Lahne, Diamond, Jonas, DiAngelo and Benz; as well as other extended family.

Levi was preceded in death by his grandfather, Spider; great-grandmother Judy; Uncle Randall; great-aunt Paula and cousin Bad Bear.

Family and friends may visit at Levi's home, W285 Redtail Drive, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Visitation will continue until 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 8, 2024. A feast for Levi will follow.

Special thanks to the firekeepers, anyone who donated food and anyone who visited to pay respects.

#### BRIAN JOHN "BJ" BEAULIEU JULY 27, 1979 - NOVEMBER 10, 2024



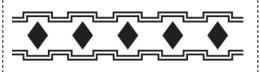
Brian John "BJ" Beaulieu, age 45, of Oneida, passed away unexpectedly at his home, Sunday, November 10, 2024. He was born in Minneapolis, MN, July 27, 1979, son of John E. "Jeb" and Patsy (Melchert) Beaulieu and was a graduate of

Duluth Central High School, Class of 1997.

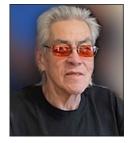
After high school, Brian attended University of Minnesota-Duluth, where he served as the President of Anishinaabe Club for 2 years. He was very proud of his heritage as a member of both the Oneida and Ojibwe nations. Brian's career was in food service, where he was employed by many restaurants in Minnesota and Wisconsin, most recently as General Manager of Erbert's & Gerbert's for 10 years.

Brian was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan, often cheering against his mother (a Green Bay Packer fan) in a house divided. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tell jokes and pull pranks. In his younger years, he was a talented athlete and participated in football in school and enjoyed every opportunity to play any sport available. Brian is survived by his mother, Patsy Beaulieu and his brother, Adrian (Vicky) Beaulieu. He is further survived by cousins, aunts, uncles, other relatives, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, John E. "Jeb" Beaulieu, many other relatives, and friends.

Visitation will be held at Newcomer Chapel (340 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI), Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 10 AM to 12 NOON. A funeral service will follow at 12 NOON. The Oneida singers will offer a prayer service from 11:30 AM until the service at NOON. Burial will be in the Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.



#### ROBERT A. SKENANDORE JULY 27, 1949 - NOVEMBER 5, 2024



Robert A. Skenandore, age 75, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Born on July 27, 1949, in Oneida, Wisconsin, he was the beloved son of the late Thomas A. Skenandore and

#### Mildred M. (Hill) Wilber.

Robert was preceded in death by his cherished son, Paul Skenandore, his brothers Daniel and Eddie Skenandore, and his sister Linda Skenandore. He is lovingly remembered by his siblings Sandra Wilber, Diane Wilber, Rodney Wilber, and Marylou Skenandore; his close friends Sandra and Anthony Pease; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Robert is a proud member of the Oneida Nation. He studied carpentry at MATC, applying his skills in countless ways throughout his life. Known for his love of music, he also enjoyed playing pool and darts, creating Native arts and crafts, and rooting passionately for his favorite team, the San Francisco 49ers. Above all, Robert treasured his time with family and friends, who will deeply miss his warmth, humor, and gentle spirit.

Visitation and Funeral Service took place Sunday, November 10, 2024 HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME (4800 S 84th St, Greenfield, WI). Please visit www. heritagefuneral.com to leave virtual condolences. Robert's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

#### MARIA BENITEZ APRIL 14, 1942 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2024



Maria Woesha (Diaz, De Coteau) Benitez passed away peacefully on Monday, September 3, 2024, in her Sant Fe, New Mexico home at the age of 82. She is survived by her son

Francisco (Paco) Benitez, and daughter-in-law, Anne Marcy-Benitez of Santa Fe and stepson and stepdaughter José Maria and Afriquita Benitez, her cousins Wesley and Beverly Martin.

She was born to Josue Diaz and Geraldine (De Coteau) Wood on April 14, 1942, in Cass Lake Minnesota. Her father, Josue Diaz born in Puerto Rico, worked for the federal government in New

York and her mother, Geraldine (De Coteau) Wood of Chippewa and Oneida descent taught elementary school on various Native American reservations in the Rockies including some pueblos in New Mexico before settling in Taos with Maria. Maria was a member of the (Bad River) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's, Odanah, Wisconsin.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Cecilio Benitez, father Josue Diaz, mother, Geraldine (De Coteau) Harvey, Oneida enrolled grandmother, Minnie (Cooper) Danforth (formerly Minnie De Coteau), grandfather, Bazil De Coteau, (Chippewa), aunts, Elizabeth (De Coteau) Martin and Muriel (De Coteau) Erb, and uncle Harry De Coteau. Maria has many friends, students and fans too many to mention, especially including her dear friend Theresa Cardenas of Los Ranchos, N.M. and many relatives in Wisconsin.

A free Spirit, Maria loved riding horses on the Montana ranch where she would spend her summers. See page 14 for an article on Maria's career.

A Celebration of Life is TBD. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Maria Benitez Fellowship Fund to attention Carol Kennedy (University Libraries) University of New Mexico, Foundation, Inc., Two Woodward Center 700 Lomas Blvd., N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102-2568. Note: Maria Benitez Fellowship Fund, 20322.

#### RONALD A. HAMMER March 5, 1953 - August 7, 2024



Ronald A. Hammer, a very proud Oneida member, passed away August 7, 2024, at St. Lukes Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. He had a very big heart who loved talking to people. He worked for

30 years at Potawatomi Casino. He also worked at the Milwaukee Yacht Club as Chef for 15 years. He spent another three years as a cook for a school that helped people with disabilities to live life independently. Eventually, he retired at the age of 67.

Everyone loved Ronnie and he loved them. He was an all-around great brother, son, uncle, and brother-in-law. He loved all his entire family.

He is survived by his partner, Jeff, whom he loved very much. They were very happy together. He is also survived by sisters Pat (aka Dee Dee), Rita (Glenn Greengrass), and Deborah, and brothers Ricky (Karen) and Richard, godchild Ricardo Rodriguez, and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving Ronald are very close friends Brandon, Casper, Judy, Vera, Ninfa and Q. He is preceded in death by his mother Elizabeth Mary (Cornelius) Jones (1920-1998) and stepfather Willard Jones. He is also preceded in death by sisters, Mildred, Mary, Margie, and Anna and brothers Irvin (Lois), De-Wayn, Raymond, and Robert.

Cancer took over your body. You will surely be missed and will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, brother. No more pain. We all know you're in Heaven. God has you now. Love you.

### 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



Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

# **Oneida Helping Oneida Family Caregiving Study**

**By Jesse Montoure** 

Caring for Elders is a key value for Oneida people, but can be stressful and difficult. The Oneida Helping Oneida (OHO) Family Caregiving Study was conducted in 2021 using a survey and interviews to gather perspectives from Oneida community members about this topic. Lead Researcher Dr. Mary Wyman and the team wanted to learn about how Oneida family caregivers think about using services like caregiver support, training, and other resources to help them as they care for family. OHO was approved by the Tribal Government and developed with consultation from members of the Oneida Alzheimer's Community Advisory Board (CAB) to ensure the research project took the needs of the Tribe into account. The OHO is part of a broader effort by the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at UW-Madison to implement community-based participatory research practices within Oneida.

The Oneida Helping Oneida Community Report and more resources can be found here



# NOTICES

### **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:** 

- Cheyenne M. Blackowl (1st Published Nov2024)
- Joshua J. Bailey (1st Published Dec2024)

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# LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE COMMUNITY MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

5:30PM - 7:30PM NORBERT HILL CENTER CAFETERIA N7210 Seminary Rd, Oneida, WI 54155

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

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

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LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS Please join the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) for a community meeting to gather input regarding the development of the following new laws for the Nation:

### 🔷 Marijuana Law

- Short Term Rental Law
- Boards, Committees & Commissions Law Amendments



# LOCAL





**ONEIDA NATION** Boards, Committees, or Commissions

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### BCC Highlight

#### ONEIDA NATION VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (ONVAC)

Advise the Oneida Veterans' Service Office on Veterans' rights, benefits, and affairs

#### Qualifications

- Enrolled Oneida Nation member
- Reside in Brown/Outagamie
   County
- Be honorably discharged or served as a member of the Selected Reserve (6 years in Reserves or National Guard)

# EVENTS



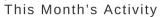




### DECEMBER 3, 2024 1:30PM-3:00PM

#### What to expect

Memory Cafe is open to anyone with early memory loss and other dementia symptoms. The Memory Cafe is an opportunity to be social in an understanding stigma free setting. Socialization often decreases for people with dementia. Here you can remain connected and engaged.



We will be doing memory jars/lanterns

#### What is Memory Café?

The memory café provides a fun, comfortable environment where people with memory loss can relax, engage, and enjoy company of others on the same journey. Feel free to bring a spouse, friend, family member, or significant other.



525 Airport Drive Oneida, WI 54155 **920-869-4995**  **CREATION STORY EDUCATION NIGHT** *Enjoy a light meal* 

Wed. Jan. 8, 5:30-8pm Oneida Longhouse W370 Reformatory Rd, Oneida WI Contact: Isis Schreiber 920.490.3796

CULTURE IS PREVENTION

The dates may be subject to change due to funeral ceremonies

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**ONEIDA** 

## LOCAL



Winter Wellness Talks

<u>December 4</u> Vaccines and Book Initiative - Dr. Lane

<u>When:</u> 12:10pm

<u>Where:</u> Oneida Community Health Center Conference Room

> Questions? Contact Taylor Jean at 920-490-3940



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# EVENTS

ONEIDA COMMUNITY EDUCATION

### An HSED 5.09 program for young adults



The Wolf's Path is an HSED 5.09 credential program for students aged 17-25, designed to assist those facing challenges in returning to school post-pandemic. It offers a structured environment for learning and personal growth through monthly workshops. The program is designed to enhance competencies in mathematics, writing, reading, and other essential skills necessary for obtaining a high school equivalency diploma.

#### WHEN

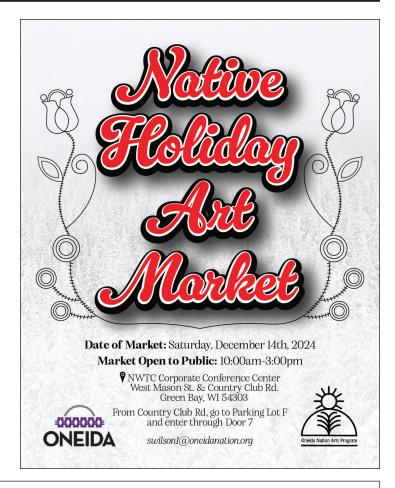
Begins January 17, 2025, 3pm- 7:30pm.

#### EXPECTATIONS

- Commitment and determination
- Study time
- Responsibility for your success and for classroom resources
- Current contact numbersOpen communication regarding progress

#### CONTACT US

Cecinstructor1@oneidanation.org 920-496-5260



### NOTICE OF BUILDING NAMING

Oneida Land Management is responsible for the processing of Naming of Tribal Buildings and Areas through the Land Commission. There is a current request to name the future Museum site, located at 760 Airport Drive, Oneida. The Museum Director recommends "Kahnekano•l<u>ú</u> Cultural Center", which means "Precious Water" in Oneida.

The property had originally been allotted to Charles Hill, allotment #1437. It was recognized as NW1/4 NE1/4, Sec. 2, Township 23N, Range 19E, 4th Principal Meridian. The allottee had passed before a patent was issued. A probate determined heirs. Two heirs received the patent issued on 5/06/1915. Those heirs sold the property by 2/11/2016. The property changed hands and was divided into smaller pieces over the years. This is a current portion or 11.172 acre parcel of the original 40 acre tract. The Oneida Nation purchased the property on 1/31/2018.

This information along with any other suggestions will be forwarded to the Land Commission for consideration. If you endorse this recommendation or have another, please contact: Diane Wilson, Land Management at 470 Airport Drive or email DWilson@oneidanation.org or phone at 920-869-6614. Deadline for submissions is **Monday, December 30, 2024, by the end of the day.** 

Congratulations to all of the college graduates. Best of luck to you in all of your future endeavors! 2022 COLLEGE GRADUATES continued on next page.



Sophia Ahlborn University of Minnesota-Twin Cities BS-Developmental Psychology and Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

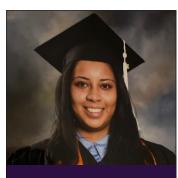


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### COLLEGE GRADUATES



Hugh Anderson Lawrence University BS-Psychology



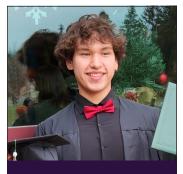
Nicole Doxtator University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee BS-Psychology, Minor Criminology



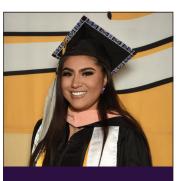
Nicole M. Harper University of Arizona Global Campus BA - Human Resource Management



Sadie Yewelahawi Hill-Kelley Colorado Mesa University BA - Political Science, Minor Sports Mgmt.



Clayton Hill University of Wisconsin-Green Bay BS - Psychology in 2023



Tehya John University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Masters - Public Health



Miranda O. McAndrews Carroll University BS - Nursing



Kalha•kú Delgado McLester Syracuse University College of Engineering & Computer Science BS - Mechanical Engineering



Keilani Nishimoto Milwaukee School of Engineering Biomedical Engineering, Minors in Mathematics and Chemistry



Quailen Thao Southern New Hampshire University BS - Accounting



Ululani Pete Haskell Indian Nations University BS - Business Administration with Tribal Management Emphasis

Kirsten Van Dyke

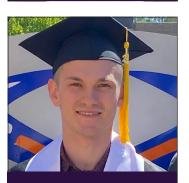
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Masters - School Counseling with

**Trauma-Informed Certificate** 



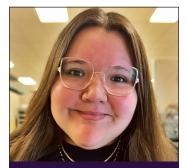
Josiah Porter University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee BS - Kinesiology



Cade Van Hout University of Wisconsin - Platteville Computer Science, Minor in Business



Damon L. Skenandore Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Sustainable Food & Agriculture Systems



Maria Wilson Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Associate Degree-Administrative Professional



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Dancing, Singing & Craft Vendors Saturday, January 18, 2025 Oneida Hotel • 2040 Airport Dr. Green Bay, WI

Grand Entries: 1pm & 7pm • Registration Closes 4:30pm Sharp

MC: Ronny GoodEagle • Arena Director: Jeremy King Womens Head Dancer: Connie Danforth, Mens Head Dancer: TBD

Host Drum: Ho-Chunk Station • Drum Split – All Drums Welcome

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All craft vendors will be assigned a spot once payment is received. First come first assigned. For payment call Tonya Webster 920-362-5425 or email kayatase@gmail.com. To reserve a hotel room at the Oneida Hotel, mention the Oneida Pow Wow Room Block when calling 920.494.7300. Rates will vary if there is a Packer home game. For more information call Tonya at 920.362.5425 or Trista at 920.496.5621 or email tcorneli@oneidanation.org or follow the Oneida Pow Wow Event Team on Facebook.