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Shekóli Swakwe•kú. It has been an exciting start to the new year and our the new Presidential Administration has us on our toes. Everyday, there are more reports of federal staff firings or funding cuts. During this time of uncertainty, this for many, including the Oneida community and Oneida Nation employees, is incredibly stressful. Oneida Nation leadership and management are monitoring these circumstances closely, collecting internal data and strategizing. Nevertheless, it's difficult to respond or provide solid information to the membership when the future is unknown. We pray the Creator watches over all of us during this time. More information will be shared in the April 2025 edition.

On the flip side, as alluded to in the February 2025 issue, we are excited to announce that the Kalihwisaks

50-year archive is accessible from the home page of ExploreOneida.com. Take a look and find all your favorite Kalihwisaks moments. We would also like to give a special thank you to all the participants of the Quality of Life survey for identifying the Kalihwisaks as the #1 way they stay informed about happenings in Oneida. The Kalihwisaks Facebook page also hit 7,000 followers, another sign that we are going in the right direction.



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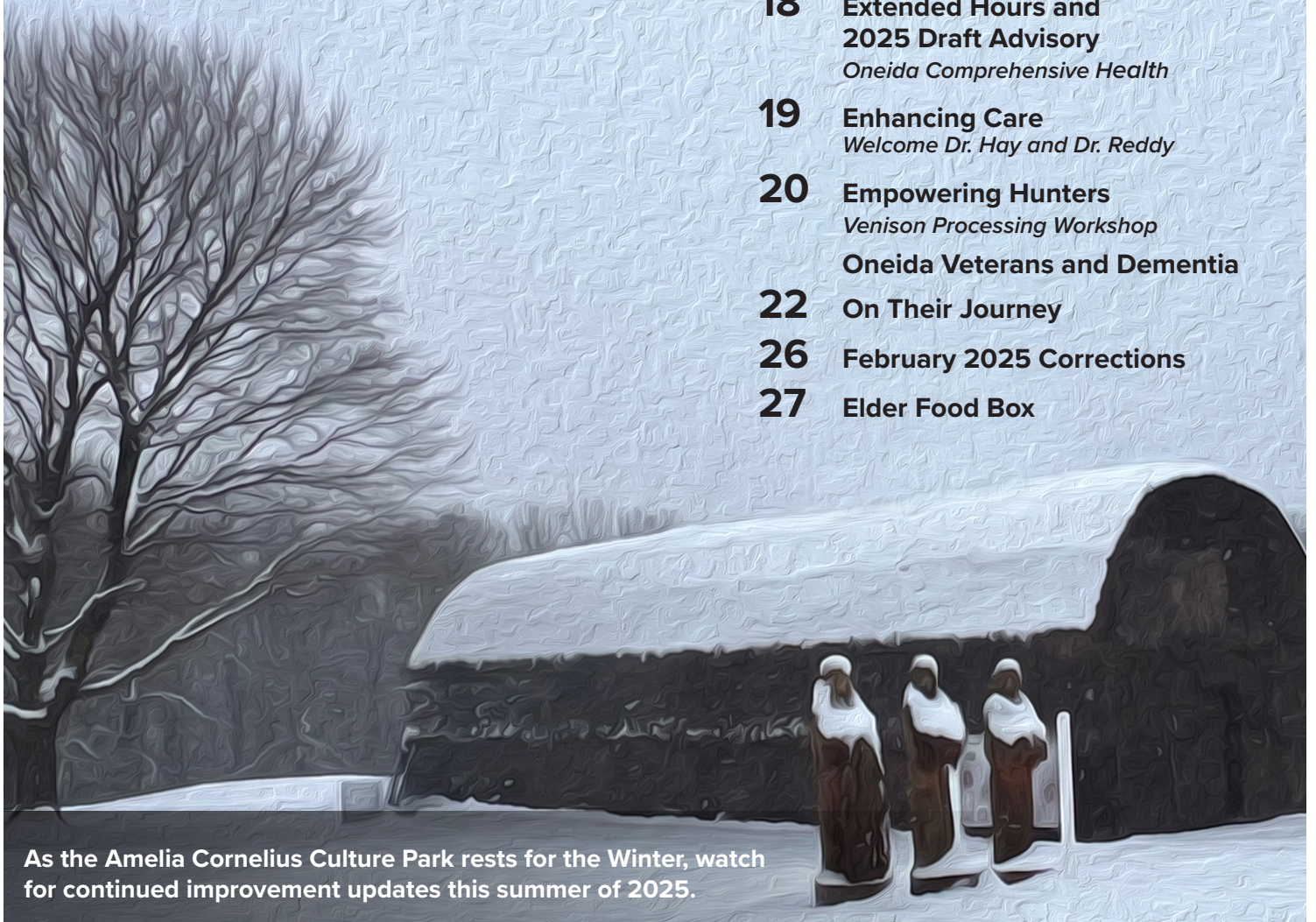
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Business Committee Forum

By Lisa Liggins, *Oneida Nation Secretary*



February is coming to a close and that means Spring is (hopefully) right around the corner. Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 9, 2025. When you set your clock ahead, it's also a good time to ensure your smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector, and fire extinguisher are in good working order. Personally, I've heard this advice before but only recently committed to doing this. It's a great habit to start getting into and is one step toward ensuring your family is prepared for an emergency or disaster.

Ready (ready.gov) is a National public service campaign designed to educate and empower people to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate emergencies and disasters by promoting preparedness through public involvement.

Four key things everyone should do are:

1. Stay informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses
2. Make a family emergency plan
3. Build an emergency supply kit
4. Get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies

For Wisconsin residents, ReadyWisconsin (readywisconsin.wi.gov) is a campaign by Wisconsin Emergency Management, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs that promotes preparedness in your home and community. They

have additional resources specific to our area so we can "Be Informed, Make a Kit, and Make a Plan." **Make sure to mark your calendars for the Wisconsin Statewide Tornado Drill conducted on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 1:45pm and 6:45pm.**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (www.fema.gov) also has many resources. Their app allows you to receive real-time weather alerts, locate emergency shelters in your area, prepare for common hazards, and more.

The 12 Ways to Prepare includes some of the most important ways to help yourself, your family, and your community by improving your preparedness. Simple actions at home and in your neighborhood can make a big difference.

I encourage each of you to check a few of these items off the list in the month of March. Personally, I'll be practicing emergency drills and safeguarding documents in my home. The more we prepare, the safer we are when emergencies or disasters strike.

Annual General Tribal Council
Sunday, March 16 • 2pm

See page 21 for more important community meetings.

12 WAYS TO PREPARE

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Business Committee Presents Two Lifetime Achievement Awards

By Michelle Danforth-Anderson



Seated front left to right is Sandra Ninham-Brehmer, and Kathy Hughes after receiving a 200 Year Commemorative Blanket, a bouquet of flowers, as well as Oneida flags from Oneida Veterans Services, as the entire Oneida Business Committee joins them in taking a photo.

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, the Oneida Business Committee presented lifetime achievement awards to Sandra Ninham-Brehmer and Kathy Hughes for their many years of commitment serving the Oneida Nation.

Bobbi Webster, Public Relations Director reminded everyone in attendance, “There was no civic center, no library, no One Stops, no bingo, no casino, no hotel, no health center, no police department, no food distribution center, no recreational buildings, and more. Virtually this reservation was a lot of cornfields, a couple of stores, and a lot of rez dogs and cats. We're one of the best tribes in the country, and you always need to be proud of that and proud of the accomplishments of these ladies.”

Councilwoman Jennifer Webster represented the Business Committee, saying about both women, “They have given their time, hopes, and energies to the Oneida Nation community. Those actions have provided guidance in developing the Nation to meet future goals, right opportunities, and to create programs, services, and benefits for members.” Herein lists some of the positions and committees that both women served on during their career.

Highlights for Sandra include 1973 Camp Coordinator, 1980 Chair of the Oneida Bingo Committee, 1983 Bingo regulations with VA Bingo Task Force, and Irene Moore Activity Center expansion. In 1984 GTA Council &

Bingo Director, and then in 1986, Sandra became the Bingo Facilities Director of Advertising and Promotions Department. After serving on several boards from 1991 on, she finally served three terms as council member for the Oneida Business Committee.

Next, Jennifer went on to describe the tireless work of Kathy Hughes. With a quick chuckle, she said, “Kathy's famous words were motion carried...next.” Webster

“ So when you give us recognition, you're recognizing all of those people in the past and are still here working to make our Nation great.

Sandra Ninham-Brehmer

added, “Kathy is known for being a quick, no-nonsense, efficient kind of leader. She may have the record for some of the fastest Business Committee meetings ever held.”

Hughes first came on the scene in 1979 as a bookkeeper working with Alma Webster, 1980 Asst. Comptroller Program Manager, 1982 Tribal Administrator, and then in 1992, she was the Assistant Gaming Manager. She served on the startup of the Oneida Hotel, 1980 Bingo Committee, 1990

Trust Enrollment Committee, 1991 Gaming Commission and finally, the Oneida Appeals Commission in 2000. She also turned her skills to politics and served as Treasurer for three terms. She negotiated the compact for expanded gaming and finally, Kathy served as Oneida Nation Vice Chairwoman for three terms from 2002 to 2011. In 2009, Kathy met President Obama and informed him of the need for health care reform in Indian Country.

The original goal was to keep the lights on. To do so, they had to give up a lot of nights, weekends, and holidays with their families. The result of their hard work created revenue, jobs, and an economic trickle effect that forever changed the landscape of Oneida.

Both women echoed the sentiment of Sandra's words, “You know, we didn't do this alone and have many, many people who have passed on and are still growing up. Norbert Hill Sr. was the one who helped us get a company that helped us get our bingo supplies because no one would give us bingo supplies without a Wisconsin license. Otherwise, we were using beans, you know, that kind of stuff and then Purcell R. Powless was our staunch supporter. He just was right there, and nobody dare say anything against us.” For their effort, the late Chairman Powless nicknamed Ninham-Brehmer and Alma Webster the Bingo Queens.

Quality of Life Survey Results

Top Goals

1 – Housing

2 – Healthcare

3 – Development

From the Oneida Nation Self-Governance Office
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The Oneida Quality of Life survey gauges the overall quality of life of enrolled Oneidas who live in Brown and Outagamie counties. It gathers their views on a range of topics including social, cultural, health, economic, educational, governmental, and other Tribal-related issues. It also collects perceptions of Oneida programs and services.

The survey was sent to all enrolled Oneida households in Brown and Outagamie Counties. A total of 359 completed surveys were returned, resulting in a 12.4% response rate and a margin of error of +/- 4.8%. The input received will help set priorities, aid in decision-making, identify areas of improvement, and calculate Oneida demographic indicators. The data is also used when submitting funding applications and sharing our needs with federal partners. Here is a summary of the results. More in-depth results will be shared in future articles.

Life Satisfaction

- 89% overall are satisfied with their lives.
- 93% satisfaction among those living on the Oneida Reservation.
- 81% satisfaction among those living off the Reservation in Brown and Outagamie Counties.

Housing

- 10,647 total housing units on the Oneida Reservation. (1,882 households are occupied by enrolled Oneidas)
- 72% rate their housing unit as excellent or good.
- 36% are satisfied with the variety of housing options on the Reservation (lowest rating since first asked in 2010).

Reservation Infrastructure

Emergency Services

- The majority rate fire protection, law enforcement, and emergency medical response positively.
- 49% rate community patrolling positively.
- 88% feel safe being alone in their neighborhoods at night.
- 77% think the Oneida Reservation is safe for children.
- 14% think gang activity is a problem in their neighborhood.
- 39% think drug activity is a problem.

Internet Connectivity

- 92% access the Internet on a personal device.
- 67% rate the quality of Internet as excellent or good.
 - 61% on the Oneida Reservation.
 - 80% off the Oneida Reservation.

Public Transportation

- 55% rate road conditions positively.
- 67% rate public transit in their area as excellent or good.
 - 71% on the the Oneida Reservation
 - 57% off the Oneida Reservation

Natural Resources

- 82% rate the quality of the natural environment positively.
- 57% rate the availability of trails and bike paths in their neighborhood positively.
- 58% rate the condition of trails and bike paths positively.
- 53% rate sidewalks in their neighborhood as excellent or good.
- 60% rate the water quality of the Reservation's surface waters as excellent or good (Positive ratings have steadily increased from 40% in 2008).

Government & GTC

- 68% trust the Oneida Business Committee to do what is best for Oneida.
- 62% believe the Oneida government is open and honest.
- 86% believe attending General Tribal Council (GTC) meetings is important.
- 76% believe they receive enough information to make good decisions at GTC meetings.
- 63% believe they can impact decisions made by the Oneida Business Committee (up from 55% in 2022).

Human Services

- 78% believe Oneida is fair in the number of services and benefits offered.
- 88% believe Oneida is making improvements to enhance the quality of life.
- 68% rate the quality of Oneida social services as excellent or good.

Cultural Connectedness

- 68% feel very connected to Oneida culture.
- 71% on the Oneida Reservation feel very connected compared to 59% off the Reservation.
- 67% are aware of Tsi[?]niyukwalihó t[?] (our ways).
 - 72% on the Oneida Reservation are aware of Tsi[?] niyukwalihó t[?]
 - 58% of those off the Reservation.

Health

- 78% are satisfied with their personal health.
- 66% rate their physical health as excellent or good.
- 78% rate their mental health as excellent or good.
- 83% believe their access to health care services is excellent or good.
- 80% rate the quality of health care services available as excellent or good.

Employment

- 80% agree Oneida provides good employment opportunities for members.
- 88% are satisfied with their job.

Full 2024 Quality of Life Survey report can be found on the Members Only website.



Education

- Respondents are most satisfied with the Oneida Higher Education Program, followed by the Community Education Center, the Oneida Head Start Program, and Youth Enrichment Services.
- 52% rate the quality of childcare services where their child attends as excellent or good.
- 69% rate the quality of education where their child/children attend as excellent or good
- 53% are satisfied with the Oneida Nation Elementary School
- 51% are satisfied with the Oneida Nation High School



Top, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers visits Oneida Headstart Children at the Norbert Hill Center on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Below left, Evers discusses Oneida's educational efforts with Head Start Director, Jay Martinez. Below right, far left is State Rep. Amaad Riveria-Wagner, Ann McCotter (orange sweater), Organizational Development Specialist in charge of the Oneida Reads program. Back row right of Gov. Evers is Dept. Of Children & Families, Secretary Pertl along with Martinez and Oneida Business Committee Members.

Governor Tony Evers visited Oneida Head Start children and staff of the Norbert Hill Center location on Thursday, February 13, 2025 to promote his 2025 *Year of the Kid (YOTK)* campaign, which Evers says is the most pro-kid budget in state history.

According to a press release from Evers in January, the YOTK initiative will do what's best for kids, bolster youth mental health, ensure safe drinking water in schools and communities, and lower everyday out-of-pocket costs for working families, including the cost of child care.



Learn more about the YOTK Campaign

Reinvesting in Our Units to Maintain Longevity

Oneida Nation Housing

By Lisa Rauschenbach

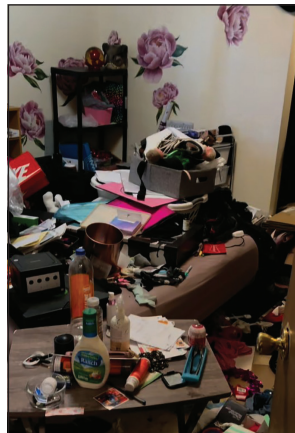
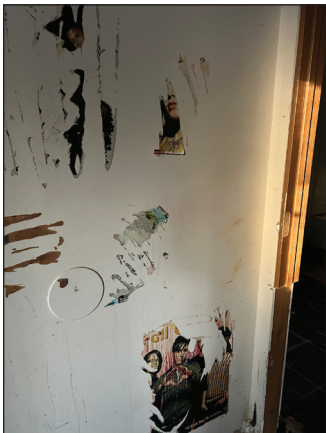
Oneida Comprehensive Housing Division Director

Safe and affordable housing is a pressing need in our community. As important as developing new residential rentals are, it is also very important Oneida Comprehensive Housing Division (CHD) not lose ground on sustaining its current rental inventory. With sustainability in mind, CHD has implemented a renewed focus on improving existing rental inventory while encouraging tenants to take pride in the places they call home.

Rental unit conditions are a big challenge when focusing on sustainability. Thus, CHD work staff

and hired vendors are collaborating with new technologies and a renewed philosophy to effectively reinvest in current rental units in Oneida.

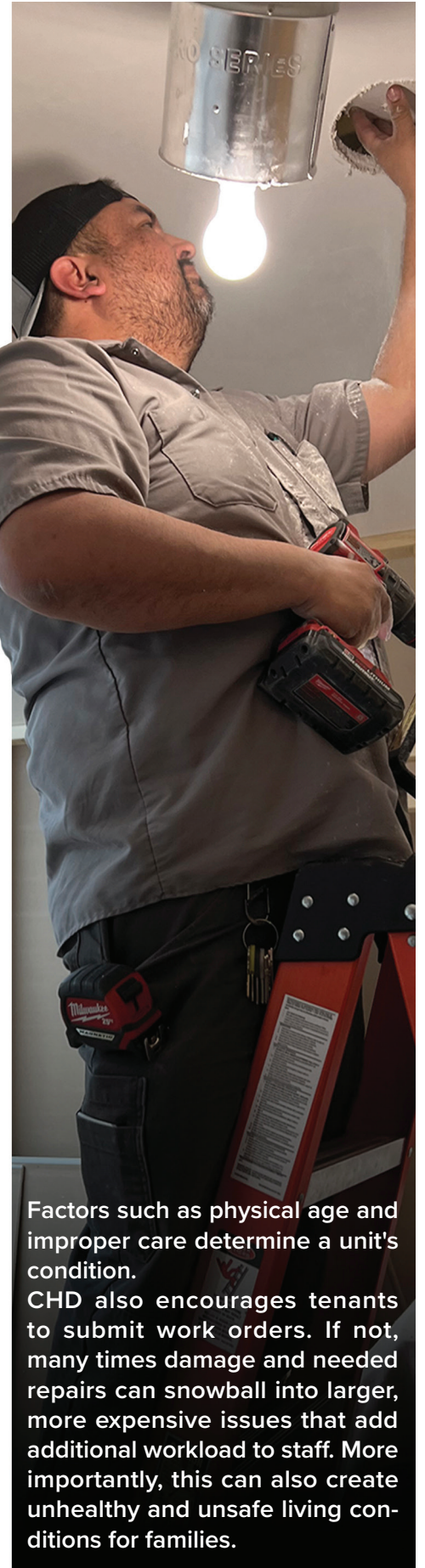
All dollars spent on unnecessary repairs are dollars lost on funding additional repairs and reinvestment elsewhere. If you live in Oneida Housing or know someone that does, let's encourage one another to take ownership of our responsibilities to protect our units so that housing for our families are preserved for future generations.



Ⓛ Damaged walls, litter, and clutter caused by tenants adds to the timeframe and cost to prepare the unit for the next family.



Ⓛ Before and after photos of cleanup and renovation of housing unit basement and bathroom. Work completed by CHD staff, a team dedicated to improving Oneida's housing inventory. Crews work tirelessly to refurbish and renovate units in preparation for a new family to call it home.



Factors such as physical age and improper care determine a unit's condition.

CHD also encourages tenants to submit work orders. If not, many times damage and needed repairs can snowball into larger, more expensive issues that add additional workload to staff. More importantly, this can also create unhealthy and unsafe living conditions for families.

Passionate About Ending Substance Abuse Milton Dallas Develops Rx Destroyer to Safely Dispose of Unused Medicines

By Garth Webster



Milton Dallas, Jr., son of Milton & Nadine Dallas and Grandson of Anderson and Nancey Summers, pioneered the drug disposal industry by patenting *Rx Destroyer* (RXD) in 2014, a product which neutralizes pharmaceutical medications, as well as illegal narcotics using activated carbon.

Over Dallas' 30 years of developing products, he's brought numerous consumer products to market, including the common squeeze-and-stop ketchup bottle. Another venture included his assistance on developing a satellite battery technology that mapped our moon and tracks asteroids. However, with the opioid crisis taking over our country, his team now focuses solely on drug prevention education and selling RXD to the commercial and home consumers industries.

For the home user, RXD has a simple three step process. Insert drugs into the *Rx Destroyer* container, continue to add until the container is full, then discard. The eco-friendly solution automatically neutralizes the substance, allowing it to be safely discarded into the garbage. In this regard, says Dallas, "There's no need to drive the unwanted substances to a collection facility or drop box because RXD allows you to destroy drugs in the privacy and convenience of your home."

In the commercial sector, hospitals, nursing homes, and veterinarians, police, emergency management technicians, non-profits, and coalitions have been using the product. Working with Tribal Nations, both at the organizational level and

perhaps more importantly, with Tribal members, Dallas cites some alarming statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as to why he's been advocating for RXD's new *At-Home* product to be in the homes of Tribal members.

The CDC says that Native Americans are at risk nearly double that of the average individual to die because of drug-related overdose. Dallas adds, "Some Tribe's death rates are considered at extinction-levels." He adds, "We have to get rid of the idea/stigma that this isn't my problem or my family doesn't have this problem. The fact is we all know someone that abuses drugs or has died from an overdose."

Dallas's research also shows:

- 70% of prescribed pain relief medications go unused after 30 days
- 60% or more of teens start their drug abuse journey in the family's medicine cabinet

Other typical problems come from over prescribing, mis-prescribing, and lack of prescription oversight, especially in regard to mental health patients and elderly.

Dallas encourages everyone to test these claims by looking in your medicine cabinet today. He's passionate about tirelessly helping to end substance abuse in our communities, stating, "Stopping the behavior of stockpiling medications must end before they end us. The effects of drug abuse and misuse is real." In the end, Dallas cites his Oneida cultural background as the primary motivator behind his company's efforts, "Our

inherent responsibility is to uphold the Seven Generations Principle. This has never been more clear and vital to our health and survival than today."

Look for the product to be offered soon through Oneida Behavior Health and the Oneida Comprehensive Health Pharmacy.



Learn more at
RxDestroyer.com



Oneida Nation High School

THUNDERHAWK TIMES



In Our April Issue

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

With winter sports wrapping up and spring sports starting up this month, our April issue will be heavy on sports.

April is a crazy month too, this year with the 2025 Draft in Green Bay. And then, there's May with the Kentucky Derby, Mothers' Day, and warmer weather.

The end of the school year is also approaching – believe it or not! So, watch for lots of pieces on seniors and graduation.

Day 100

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Monday, February 10 marked the 100th day of the 2024-2025 School Year.

It marks a perfect time to look backward and forward as the second semester gets underway.

The schedule for every school year includes 180 days of student-teacher contact and 10 days of staff training throughout the school year.

Looking forward at the school calendar, there is a staff professional development day on March 5. Spring Break takes place from March 24-28. The Third Quarter ends the following week, on March 31. Winter sports also wrap up in March and spring sports begin.

April brings Good Friday with no school, then one week off, April 21-25, for the 2025 Draft which comes to Green Bay for the very first time ever. Around 300,000 visitors are expected in the Green Bay area for the draft – nearly quadrupling the city's population for that week.

May is busy as always with the school year winding down. Watch for details on activities and events as May approaches.

The school year winds down in June with exams and graduations. Before you know it, it's Day 180. The End.

Enrichment Classes Abound at ONHS

By Thunderhawk Times Staff



Lydia Stevens ONHS Senior
Cindy Thomas

For years, Oneida Nation High School has had a "Reading/Advisory" Period between second and third periods. It was a block of time attached to the mid-morning snack break. During that time students met with their academic advisors and went over grades and assignments on Mondays. Each advisor had around six students in their advisory group. The rest of the week, groups would read a book together – sometimes the same book would be read by the entire school in advisory groups.

"Path Lit by Lighting," by David Maraniss and "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley were two such books.



Kayla Genschow and Milliana King
Cindy Thomas

This school year, ONHS staff has also offered academic support or enrichment activities during this time block. Students sign up for enrichments or teachers request students for academic support. Enrichment



Alivia Martin and Duke Carson
Cindy Thomas

offerings include such things as Mindfulness Meditation (No Phones, cultural singing, the Oneida History-Whose Land? Project, mini golf, chess, henna art, old school gaming, and others) .

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Walking & Running Towards Success

Oneida Recreation’s Youth Club Highlights

By Oneida Recreation

The Oneida Recreation Department’s Walking & Running Club has achieved significant milestones in 2024, offering unique opportunities for youth in the community and fostering a sense of unity and engagement among participants.

Spring & Bellin 5K Race

The Walking & Running Club began its spring session in March, leading up to the Bellin 5K race on June 8th. Over 14 weeks, the club had 87 youth in the program, who participated a total of 374 times. A dedicated group of 19 youth represented the Walk & Run Club as the Oneida Recreation Team in the Bellin run, showcasing their commitment and hard work.



Fall & Turkey Trot

In September, the club resumed activities to prepare for the annual Turkey Trot held on Thanksgiving morning. The fall session saw 97 youth in the program, who participated a total of 364 times over 15 sessions. These sessions, held on Mondays and Wednesdays, lasted between 10 to 45 minutes, and included both walking and running activities. The club ensured that walkers were equally supported, fostering an inclusive environment.



Looking Ahead

The club takes a winter break after the Turkey Trot and plans to resume in March 2025, weather permitting. The spring sessions will include training for the next Bellin 5K race, continuing to provide valuable opportunities for the youth in our community. The Oneida Recreation Department is dedicated to building on the successes of the past year.

Celebrating Our Supporters

Thank you for providing additional vehicles throughout the past year:

- ◆ Oneida Comprehensive Housing Outreach Department
- ◆ Oneida Family Services Department
- ◆ Oneida Transportation Department

Special thanks to the Schneider Foundation

For their generous support, which has been instrumental in making these opportunities possible for our youth, especially for the Bellin 5k.





Daniel Gutierrez

Class of 2025 – Oneida Nation High School
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Presented by Mark W. Powless, General Manager
 Eric McLester, ELA Division Director



Community Meal & Discussion

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Margie Stevens is a Force on the Court

Stevens is Driven by Cultural and Family Legacies

By Dan Ninham
Contributing Writer

MarjaRia Stevens, Oneida, is showing progress as a standout college basketball player. She is a sophomore for the Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) Warriors.

In mid-February 2025, Stevens recorded her second double-double of the season to lead the Warriors to their 11th straight win. In the 63-53 Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference victory over Edgewood, Stevens had game-high 23 points, 11 rebounds, and five steals.

Last season, Stevens, was named the WLC Women's Basketball Freshman of the Year. Before this at Green Bay Southwest High, she averaged 10 points per game as a senior, a trend of improvement that continued as she became a versatile college athlete on the basketball court.

"My indigenous core values greatly influence how I practice and compete," says Stevens, who also goes by Margie. "The confidence and poise I've gained from my cultural experiences have definitely translated into better performance on the court. Going through the Rites of Passage experience not only taught me to be more poised and confident, they've helped me remain calm under pressure, make thoughtful decisions, and stay focused."

The cultural traditions of family followed Stevens to this day with her mother and grandparent's leading her on her journey. "My grandparents and my mother have been my main mentors and supports since day one," said Stevens.

Grandpa Ernie Jr. and Grandma Cher Stevens competed in basketball at Haskell Indian Junior College. Their daughter and Margie's mother

Margaret was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American basketball player at Haskell Indian Nations University.

"Margie is a talented, and hard-working student/athlete," said Ernie Stevens Jr. "She is a team player and natural leader that her coaches can count on."

"Three generations of outstanding college student-athletes is amazing. Great defender who can guard all positions from center to guard, always trying to fill the lane or hustling back on defense," added Ernie Jr.

"Her grandmother goes crazy when she drops a '3' or drives the lane, but I'm particularly excited watching her post up anyone at any level," said Grandpa Ernie.

"I've always encouraged all my grandkids to do their best in whatever they do," said Grandma Cher Stevens. "With Margie, I've encouraged her to work hard, and to never give up."

"She's one of the most selfless players I've seen, especially in basketball. She always sees the whole floor, making quick passes, and encouraging her teammates. She gets doubled or tripled under the basket and this provides opportunities for her teammates to score, and she'll get them the ball," added Grandma Cher.

"It's so cute because she has little fans at WLC who paint her number on their cheek or draw her pictures or want to take pictures with her. She does get a lot of positive comments on her style of play as well. It's a no-nonsense, just get out there and work hard, don't complain, style of play," added Grandma Cher.

The post-season is coming quick

and Margie's Oneida family and beyond are looking forward to today and to her junior and senior seasons playing for the Wisconsin Lutheran College Warriors.



Jeff Wilson and
Jimmy Naprstek



Foundation of Kanolukwásla and Kahletsyalúsla

(Love and encouragement of the best of each of us)

Wolf Clan Manager Stephenie Muscavitch VanEvery Helps People Find Their Cultural Path

By Garth Webster

Seated front left, Stephenie Muscavitch VanEvery, Wolf Clan Manager, along with her colleague Randy Cornelius (standing in back row), with Tsi? nathéshu wáhstake? (The Things We Use) participants, a program for adults that is similar to the Rights of Passage for youth.

In our series of articles with the Clan Manager Positions, we conclude with a conversation with Stephenie Muscavitch VanEvery, Wolf Clan Manager.

Muscavitch VanEvery grew up in Milwaukee, WI surrounded by individuals, including her father, Fred, who were deeply involved with the Indigenous Civil Rights movements of the 1970s. Early on, as she observed her father, she discovered the importance of clearly articulating yourself while working with various communities and government entities to foster a more Indigenous-friendly environment. This approach greatly shaped her mindset as she progressed through her education.

Muscavitch VanEvery attended the Milwaukee High School of the Arts. It was there that she was able to apply the public speaking skills she observed as a child while participating in theater. She goes on to explain how much she loved performing and being in front of people, at one point also becoming involved in ballet.

After high school, Muscavitch VanEvery continued her education at Alverno College where she started the Native American Interest Group and eventually earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broad Field Social Studies

with a 6th-12th grade Teaching Certificate. She used her education by taking a job at Spotted Eagle High School (SEHS) in Milwaukee, which was created to address the significant drop-out rate among American Indian High School students. Muscavitch VanEvery said many students came from difficult backgrounds and were heavily guarded individuals. Over time, Muscavitch VanEvery was able to overcome this with the discovery of a teaching method that made them feel more comfortable.

“When teaching students, I taught the lessons with Native American perspectives and traditions. The cultural teachings improved attendance, and the students became more engaged and more like their authentic selves, relaxed, laughing and learning. After this, I really got to know them and how funny they were, how resilient they were, and how they were able to thrive.”

Adding the cultural teachings proved to be a pivotal moment in Muscavitch VanEvery’s career. After two years at SEHS, she moved to Oneida to begin working with the Oneida Language Department, where she would refine her Oneida language skills for two years. She wanted to continue

working at the Language House. However, her want of helping others was too strong. Thus, when the Oneida Elementary School contacted her, Muscavitch VanEvery answered the call. For 17 years, Muscavitch VanEvery taught Kindergarten through 2nd grade classes. Through all the language classes and all the curriculum she developed, once again the clarity that rang true for Muscavitch VanEvery was the pride that cultural teachings ingrained in the children.

“If they become adults and they’re proud of who they are, that’s the life impact,” says Muscavitch VanEvery. As much as she gave, Muscavitch VanEvery says this was also a time in her life that in order to enhance her ability to serve the community, she needed to further advance her education.

Muscavitch VanEvery attended and earned a Masters in Applied Leadership for Teaching and Learning from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in 2011. Six years later in 2017, she proudly added that she received a Teacher Fellowship from the Herb Kohl Foundation, and in 2022 attended Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College where she received a Design and Graphic Software Certificate.

After furthering her education, the objective, she says, was still the same in her new role as Wolf Clan Manager. “It’s still the same goal. When people learn about Indigenous culture, they feel safer, happier, more enabled to feel that pride,” says Muscavitch VanEvery. She continued, “The Wolf Clan is the path maker. They create the paths and guide others down the correct trail to accomplish their goals. We help make that happen with the knowledge of Oneida ways.” In this way, the Wolf Clan provides supports the Turtle and Bear Clan teams, Oneida Tribal Departments, and the Oneida community. Muscavitch VanEvery says the Turtle Clan educates the public and the Bear Clan heals the public while the Wolf Clan are the pathfinders, offering cultural direction for our own people.

“It’s our responsibility not just to conduct meetings and perform office administrative work but rather, use our voices, get the information out, and create paths for people to follow if they want to learn more about Oneida culture,” says Muscavitch VanEvery. As she does so, she credits numerous individuals who have influenced her efforts, including her husband and children, the Cultural Heritage home team, Dominique Danforth, Kanani Nunies, Randy Cornelius, David Danforth, Jr., Bob Brown, Yuntle?kala·ú McLester, Edward Santiago, and the Turtle and Bear Clan Managers, Nick Metoxen and Tsyosha?aht Delgado, respectively. “They make everything happen,” she says.

She also cites storyteller Russel Smith, Seneca, Turtle Clan. Smith was the first to share the Creation Story with Muscavitch VanEvery, which she agreed to forever continue sharing. She also cites Lavinia Webster for getting her started with the Oneida language. Finally, she recognized both her grandmother and mothers who have provided so much inspiration. Her Grandma Evadna Marion Muscavitch was an Army Captain in WWII, had a pivotal role in founding the Southeast Oneida Tribal Services, and was a member of both the Indian Community School Board and the Milwaukee Indian Health Board. Muscavitch VanEvery’s mothers, Colleen Bins and Patrice John, framed her view of the world.

“My mother Patrice taught me to be strong, and to look inside for support. My mother Colleen Bins showed me the beauty of being a Haudenosaunee woman,” says Muscavitch VanEvery. You may see Bins and Muscavitch VanEvery doing silver work at many community events together.

One of Muscavitch VanEvery’s most recent and significant initiatives is the Tsi? nahté·shu wáhstake? (The Things That We Use), which she explains is sort of like an adult version of the Rights of Passage that Oneida Youth participate in, with an expectation to teach. It’s a pilot program where 10 adults partake in classes once per week, for six weeks, per season, to learn Oneida culture and create traditional objects like apparel and drums, among other activities. Muscavitch

VanEvery says the program is going well and there are plans to expand it.

Other initiatives include the Southeastern Oneida Culture Teachings, where culture is taught through storytelling, food, and hands-on projects. There will be activities during Women’s History Month, happening about the same time this article will publish. Watch for details.

Muscavitch VanEvery says those interested in Oneida culture should also visit the Oneida Cultural Heritage Resources webpage, which includes printable activities for teachers, families, and students. Still another resource is their archival presentations about ceremonies, foraging, and cultural ways. Through all of these activities, we facilitate Oneida Language and Culture learning for Cultural Heritage staff to ensure we are all presenting accurate, relevant information.

In the end, Muscavitch-VanEvery says, “I never want anyone to feel invisible, unheard, or unimportant and not have a place in this world.” This is the motivation behind all Oneida Cultural Heritage efforts.

When not working, you’ll find Stephenie enjoying time with her husband Brad and children; Mya, Akacia, Fred, Isabella, Emma, and Bri making art, listening to music, and traveling to Lacrosse games. Stephenie also aspires to be a children’s book author. Stay tuned.

Ceremony Education Nights

Oneida Longhouse
W370 Reformatory Rd • Oneida, WI

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 Schreiber at 920.490.3796

Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Presentations

5233 W. Morgan Ave. • Milwaukee, WI

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



ONE ON



Commemorative Draft Bicycle

In the spirit of children who loan their bikes to players during training camp, Oneida Casino Hotel received a commemorative bicycle. The bike will be located on the second floor of Oneida Casino Hotel – Airport Drive.



Scouting Specials • April 7-26

See back cover for promotion details.

Yard Signs

Mobil and Shell convenience stores and the Isbell Smoke Shop will display yard signs at each location to promote the Draft and associated promotional offers.

Lanyards and T-Shirts

Each One Stop employee will be wearing a lanyard and t-shirt beginning Monday, April 21.

Advertising

- Facebook
- Employee Communication Email
- Pump Toppers
- Posters
- Digital Message Centers

Casino Promotions

Promotions will run for Oneida Casino patrons April 25 & 26, 10am-10pm.

Follow Oneida Casino Hotel on Facebook or visit OneidaCasinoHotel.com for details.

Draft Features

- Hwy 172 Marquee Sign Countdown Clock
- Draft lanyards distributed to all Oneida Nation employees
- Draft Display Case located on 2nd floor of Oneida Casino Hotel – Airport Drive
- Players Club Packers-themed commemorative cards available April 2025
- Green Bay Packers Pop-up shop will be in the Oneida Casino Hotel – Airport Drive front parking lot to purchase apparel
- Food & Beverage specials during draft week
- TVs at all casinos will televise the Draft

ONEIDA IS NOW THE CLOCK

Oneida Government Administrative Office and Oneida Intergovernmental Affairs to Host Welcome Event

Look for the Draft banners by the shuttle drop off & pick locations in the Oneida Casino Hotel – Airport Drive parking lot. TBD. Welcome tent on Oneida St and Morris St.

How to get FREE TICKETS to the Draft

Beginning March 4, Fans can register for free entry by downloading the NFL OnePass app or on the web at NFL.com/DraftAccess. All adults are required to register but can also register up to five children. According to the Packers, fans will be required to register for NFL OnePass to gain entry to the NFL Draft Experience & NFL Draft Theater. Gates open each day, 9am-6pm. The number of attendees will be limited. First come, first served.

How to sign up for Teammate to work for the Draft

The Draft will be hiring local community members to help. The program they use to hire is called Teammate program. Scan the QR Code or download the application, beginning Tuesday, March 4 here: GreenBay.com/Draft2025/teammate-committee-interest



Teammate Application available Tue., Mar. 4.

Oneida Tourism is Helping to Promote the Draft

Oneida Tourism is enhancing numerous tourist destinations located on the Oneida reservation with new signage. These locations include:

- Woodland Church (New Oneida Museum Location)
- Where the Water Birds Nest, on both County U and Reformatory Rd locations
- Buffalo Overlook – Parking Lot Improvements and Permanent Binoculars
- Tsyunhehkwa Farm
- Veterans Services Building
- Improvements to Amelia Cornelius Culture Park Medicinal Garden and New Park Benches
- Veterans Wall

Also, follow Oneida Tourism on Facebook for featured short videos on things to do in and around Oneida.

More information, including road-closures, scan the QR Code or go to: Ashwaubenon.Gov/2025-NFL-Draft/For-Ashwaubenon-Residents
Also see Pg 18 for information from Oneida Comprehensive Health advising patients to plan ahead to minimize disruptions to care or medications during impending changes to traffic patterns.



All Draft information details subject to change without prior notice.

Extended Hours & 2025 Draft Advisory OCHD Updates

By Oneida Comprehensive Health Division (OCHD)

In response to recent feedback, the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division (OCHD) extended its hours on Mondays. Since January 6, the Oneida Community Health Center has been open on Mondays from 7am to 6pm, providing more availability and flexibility for families and community members. Health center phone lines will also be available during these extended hours. The hours from Tuesday through Friday will remain 8am to 4:30pm.

The extended Monday hours apply to the Medical, Dental, Optical, Pharmacy, and Therapy departments at the health center. However, they do not apply to Behavioral Health, which is currently located on West Point Road.

“We appreciate all of the feedback provided by patients and community members through our hours of operation survey,” shared Debra Danforth, Director

of Oneida Comprehensive Health Division. “Community feedback helps us identify areas in which we can improve and adapt to the changing needs of our community. We were excited to implement these extended hours and look forward to sharing more updates throughout the year.”

In addition, with the 2025 Draft being hosted in Green Bay at the end of April, OCHD is advising all patients to plan ahead as road closures and traffic pattern changes are expected throughout the month. These changes are in preparation for the event, which will take place April 24-26 and impact access to the health center and surrounding areas. To avoid disruptions to care and minimize delays, patients are encouraged to prepare in advance.

Patients using the pharmacy should pay close attention to their medication

quantity as the 2025 Draft approaches to avoid any delays in refills. The pharmacy recommends that all medication refill requests be submitted by Tuesday, April 15, and that medications are picked up no later than Friday, April 18.

Individuals with appointments at the Oneida Community Health Center during the week of April 21 should allow extra travel time to navigate potential traffic delays, road closures, and rerouting. Patients in the Green Bay area are urged to be mindful of high-traffic areas when planning their routes to the health center. OCHD is committed to ensuring continued access to care during the 2025 Draft, with normal operating hours throughout the week of April 21. Please contact the health center at 920.869.2711 with any questions or for assistance in planning your visit.



The Public Health team at OCHD is here to support your well-being.



To learn more about the community health services available to you, visit us online by scanning the QR code.



January 2025

Planning an appointment in April?

2025 DRAFT

April 24-26



Expect traffic shifts and delays when traveling to the health center.

Please be aware of medication refills and allow plenty of travel time to appointments.



Enhancing Care

Welcoming Dr. Hay and Dr. Reddy



Dr. Valerie Hay
Pediatrician

By Oneida Comprehensive Health Division (OCHD)

We are proud to announce the addition of Dr. Valerie Hay, a board-certified pediatrician, to its team of providers. Dr. Hay's expertise will enhance patient care for members of the Oneida Nation, their descendants and other Tribes.

Dr. Hay earned a medical degree from Southern Illinois University in Springfield, Illinois, where she also completed a residency in pediatrics. Prior to medical school, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. Dr. Hay is board-certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and

has more than 20 years of experience as a pediatrician.

"Dr. Hay brings a wealth of experience to her new role along with a passion for providing exceptional care to children and families," explained Oneida Comprehensive Health Division Director of Operations Debra Danforth. "We're excited to have her on our team and introduce her to the community."



Learn more about
Dr. Valerie Hay

By Oneida Behavioral Health (OBH)

We are pleased to introduce Dr. Moitreyee Reddy, a board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist, to the community. She will be providing mental health services for children and adolescents aged 5 to 18.

Dr. Reddy has more than 15 years of experience supporting the mental health needs of young people, primarily in outpatient settings. She believes in collaborative care and integrates families, counselors, social workers, school systems and primary care providers into her work to ensure comprehensive support for her patients.

Dr. Reddy holds a Doctor of Medicine degree from the All India Institute of

Medical Sciences, New Delhi. She has completed a Psychiatry Residency at the University of Missouri and a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Reddy to Oneida Behavioral Health," explained Mari Kriescher, Oneida Behavioral Health Director. "Her experience and family focus will complement and enhance the services we provide to the Oneida community."



Learn more about
Dr. Moitreyee Reddy



Dr. Moitreyee Reddy
Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

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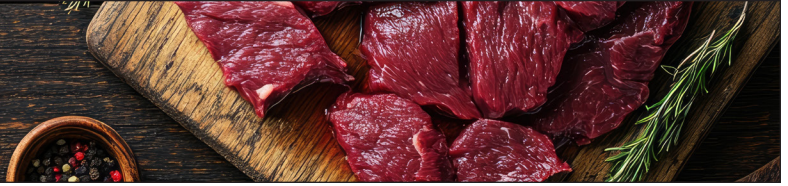
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Empowering Hunters

Venison Processing Workshop



By Mia Charnon

On Tuesday, December 31, 2024, Kahulahela Farmstead held an informative workshop aimed at beginners, focusing on the step-by-step process of butchering venison. The workshop was led by Tony Kuchma and covered essential topics such as field dressing, the basics of deer butchering, packaging deer cuts, and safe handling practices.

This free event was made possible through a partnership with “Mending the Disconnect with Food: An Oneida Food Sovereignty Initiative,” a Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Participants not only developed valuable skills but also took home a few meals of the venison they butchered and packaged themselves.



Cindy Thomas

“In a broader sense, our goals (Kahulahela Farmstead) are to feed our family, teach other families how to grow and process food, promote a barter economy, and build a community based on cooperative self-reliance.” – Jen Falck

Kahulahela Farmstead

Livestock Raised for Food
Beef, Pork, Chicken, Turkey, Eggs

Organic Produce
Fruits and Vegetables

Educational Classes
Soil Health, Chicken Raising, Tortilla Making, Venison Cutting

Farm Tours
Several tours each year



Wisconsin Alzheimer's
Disease Research Center
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PUBLIC HEALTH

ONEIDA VETERANS and DEMENTIA How to Learn More

By Mary Wyman and John Breuninger

Native Americans join the military at a high rate, and many Oneida members have served with honor in the armed forces. But did you know that military veterans may be at higher risk for dementia compared to the civilian population? Many Veterans have mental health concerns like Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), or other conditions that can affect brain health in later life. Don't forget! Lifestyle changes and good health care can make a difference.

Want to learn more? Attend the Great Lakes Native American Elder Association (GLNAEA) quarterly meeting, which has a discussion devoted to Veteran issues. VA representatives and other experts share informa-

tion and answer questions. Stay tuned for a new partnership between Madison VA and Oneida Comprehensive Health that aims to deliver specialty dementia care services to Veterans and their families using telehealth at the Tribal Clinic. One more thing -- the Oneida Alzheimer's Community Advisory Board includes Veteran representatives.

Dementia in
Indian Country
March 12, 2025





LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY MEETING



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 • 5:30-7:30pm
Norbert Hill Center Center Cafeteria
N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida, WI 54155

Join the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) for a community meeting to gather input regarding the development of the following laws:

- ◆ Elder Protection Law
- ◆ Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law Amendments
- ◆ Indian Preference in Contracting Law Amendments

The LOC will have a brief overview of the legislative process prior to discussion of the topics above. The LOC encourages everyone to 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.

Food from the Oneida Cannery will be provided during this community event.

At left, LOC Members: Kirby Metoxen-LOC Vice Chairman, Jameson Wilson-LOC Chairman, Jennifer Webster-LOC Member, Marlon Skenandore-LOC Member, Jonas Hill-LOC Member

ONEIDA NATION
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 • 12:15PM

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

Find Public Meeting Materials at
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ONEIDA NATION LAW ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The purpose of the Oneida Nation Law Enforcement Ordinance is to regulate the conduct of the Nation’s law enforcement personnel according to the highest professional standards.

The Oneida Nation Law Enforcement Ordinance amendments will:

- Change what positions in the Oneida Police Department are required to be held by enrolled members of the Nation.
- Allow for the sworn oath of a law enforcement officer to take place at a special Oneida Business Committee meeting, or at an alternative time and location as determined by the Oneida Business Committee Secretary, in addition to at a regular Oneida Business Committee meeting.
- Expand the Oneida Police Commission into the Oneida Public Safety and Security Commission, which will oversee the Internal Security Department and any other safety operation department of the Nation, in addition to the Oneida Police Department.
- Revise the eligibility qualifications and responsibilities for Oneida Public Safety and Security Commission members.
- Update the disciplinary proceedings for law enforcement officers.
- And make other drafting change to the law.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSSES FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

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.

For more information on the proposed Oneida Nation Law Enforcement Ordinance amendments please review the public meeting packet at oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/publicmeetings.

LANDLORD TENANT LAW AMENDMENTS

The purpose of the Landlord Tenant law is to provide mechanisms for protecting the rights of the landlords and tenants on all land owned by the Nation or members of the Nation within the Reservation boundaries.

The Landlord Tenant law amendments will:

- Extend the application of the law to all landlords and tenants on land owned by the Nation or members of the Nation.
- Provide that when the Nation is the landlord, and the property has become untenable due to damage by fire, water or other casualty, or because of any condition hazardous to health, the Nation will provide the tenant with alternative housing if it is reasonably available.
- Extend the legal protections provided to a child of a tenant to any child of the house-hold.
- Eliminate the Land Commission’s rule making authority under the Landlord Tenant law.
- Eliminate all rulemaking authority over applicant selection and the issuance of rental agreements.

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed Oneida Nation Landlord Tenant 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, MARCH 21, 2025

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.

For more information on the proposed Landlord Tenant Law amendments please review the public meeting packet at oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/publicmeetings.

ADAM T. SCHABOW**May 10, 1990 - January 18, 2025**

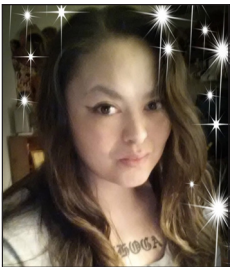
Adam T. Schabow, age 34, of Appleton, WI, passed away unexpectedly, Saturday, January 18, 2025, as the result of a car accident. He was born May 10, 1990,

son of Gary Schabow and Sharon Smith.

Adam was very proud of his Oneida heritage and embraced his Native American roots. He was a hard worker and was employed for many years at Green Bay/Appleton area businesses providing cleaning and maintenance services.

Adam is survived by his children: Kaya, Adam Jr. and Royal; his father, Gary Schabow; his mother, Sharon Smith, and his siblings: Warren, Brandy, Liv and Brooke. He is further survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Visitation will be held at Newcomer Chapel (340 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI), Monday, January 27, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 NOON. A funeral service will follow at 12 NOON. Burial will be in Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.

AMANDA J. STEVENS**August 23, 1982 - January 3, 2025**

Amanda June Stevens, 42, passed away at Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Green Bay, on Friday, January 3, 2025, with family by her side. She

was born in Green Bay on August 23, 1982, to Beckie Lynn Stevens and Robert John Demarr.

When she was younger, she loved to native dance and spent much of her childhood being raised by her grandparents Phyllis and Israel. Amanda had her daughter Nakita on July 2, 2001, and her son Juan on December 18, 2005. She was a foster parent to her niece and nephew Ian and Arianna as well.

Amanda worked many jobs but is most remembered for working in food and beverage at the Oneida Casino. She

loved to make native beadwork and create different projects. Spending time with her family was the most important thing to her, as she always put them before herself. A caregiver by nature, Amanda looked for everybody, including her beloved pets; turtle- Ninja, rabbit- Thumper, guinea pig- Psycho, and dog- Bandit. A love of cooking for the family, and whomever would stop by the house is something she will be remembered for.

She is survived by her daughter Nakita Lynn Perez-Stevens and her son Juan Carlos Perez-Stevens. Only grandson Junior C. Perez-Stevens. Amanda's godson Alejandro James Stevens & his brother Jose Trejo & his son Enrique. Nephew; Ian Curtis Stevens and his sister Arianna Stevens. Her brother Justin Stevens, and his sister Kelly Stevens.

Amanda was preceded in death by her parents, her auntie Carol Jean Stevens, her husband Jose Rueben Perez-Perez, and dog Bandit.

A memorial with family and friends will be planned in spring. Contact Nakita for further details. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere, is assisting the family.

ARLIE DOXTATOR, SR.**July 24, 1935 – February 13, 2025**

Arlie Doxtator Sr. 89 passed away peacefully with his family by his side on February 13, 2025. Arlie was born July 24, 1935, to Callaway and Elizabeth

(Webster) Doxtator. Arlie grew up in Bowler, WI. He enlisted into the Navy in 1954 where he served in the Korean War.

Arlie was united in marriage to Erma (Parr) on June 06, 1964. Together they spent 45 wonderful years of marriage before Erma passed away in 2009. Arlie worked at Combined Locks Papermill for 39 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching the Brewers and Packers. He was so happy catching small mouth bass last summer with his daughter Barb and Paul in St. Germain. He spent time on the ONCOA board and enjoyed attending GLNAEA conferences with his sisters. He

was member of the Oneida Assembly of God church and an Oneida Hymn Singer for several years.

Arlie is survived by his children Sue (Kendall) Doxtator, Arlie (Susan) Doxtator Jr. and Barb (Paul) Truttmann. He is further survived by his grandchildren Cindy (Fran) John, Amanda (Erik) Cornelius, Danielle (Lavell) Doxtator, Vincent (Cortni) Truttmann, Peter Ellis, Brent (Elise) Truttmann, Aliskwet (Nickolas) Ellis and Joseff Cornelius. Great-grandchildren Naleyah, Sarriah, Jaydah, Cameron, Mylah, Hannah, Zander, Malanah, Ezra, Avianah, Lorlelei, Ruby, Esme, lalla, Nova and Grace, and Arlo. Further survived by sisters Linda Doxtator, Lorna (Ida) Christjohn, and Marlene Summers and many nieces and nephews.

Arlie is preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife Erma, siblings Carol, Betty, Bill, Clevie and Frankie, and in-laws Delores and Ervin Parr and Shirli Hottenstine.

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



Read the full obituary

EDWARD PINGEL**June 12, 1964 - January 16, 2025**

Edward L. Pingel, 60 passed away on January 16, 2025 at home. Ed was born on June 12, 1964, in Shawano, WI to the late Duaine Pingel and Victoria Stevens.

Ed lived in the Neenah-Menasha area before moving to Arkansas City, Kansas where he met and married Bell Pingel.

Ed was employed by Pizza Hut as the area manager and oversaw multiple stores. In 2010, he was awarded a Governor's Commendation by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry for his outstanding work with the Governor's Disability Employment Program.

He was kindhearted and always wanted to help others. Ed was also an animal lover and over the years had numerous dogs and cats.

Ed is survived by his brother Eugene Pingel, and his sisters Tina Smythe and Laura Pettit.

He was preceded in death by his wife Bell Pingel, his mother and father, brothers Elvis Pingel, and Duaine "Wayne" Pingel II, and a sister, Christina Pingel.

A private funeral will be held in Ed's honor.

EDWINA G. JORGENSEN

April 7, 1959 - December 15, 2024



Edwina G. Jorgenson, 65, Oneida, passed away peacefully in Indianapolis, IN on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Edwina was born on April 7, 1959, in Green

Bay, WI to the late Carl and Betty (Metoxen) Jorgenson. Edwina attended Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota.

She loved to spend time with all her grandkids. They were her whole world. She always enjoyed going up to the cabin with her family, and as a kid always enjoyed going with her parents. She loved thrift shopping and yard sales. She also loved going for long car rides and talking smack. Along with crocheting, she always enjoyed doing her crossword puzzles.

Edwina is survived by her children, Owen Jorgenson, Evelyn (fiancée DJ) Jorgenson, grandchildren, Nevaeh Jorgenson, Najoni Jorgenson, Nakirah Hargrove, Natavia Jorgenson, Kendal Hargrove, Nalani Edwina Jorgenson, and great-grandson Jacoryon "CJ" Johnson-Gail. She is further survived by her siblings Janice Hall, Wanda (Mike) Boivin, Gerald (Tricia) Jorgenson, and Randall (Linda) Jorgenson, nieces and nephews, Jamie (Chris) Jorgenson, William (Kristin) Hall, Sara Carmichael, Kristin (Erwin) Jorgenson – Dann, Christopher (Jessica) Jorgenson, Melanie (Elmer) Briones, Owen Jorgenson, Jerome Archiquette, Erin Jorgenson, Justin Schumerth, Chelsea Jorgenson, and Jordan Jorgenson.

Edwina was preceded in death by her father Carl, her mother Betty, who passed in April of this year, and her sister Brenda Jorgenson, who passed in 2022.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere, from 4:00 PM to 7:00PM on Sunday, December 22,

2024. The Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 6:30PM, and a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue Monday, December 23, at Oneida Methodist Church from 9:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM with Pastor Elizabeth officiating. Burial will take place at 12:30 PM on Monday at Nicolet Memorial Gardens.

Special thanks to Evelyn and her children for taking care of all of Edwina's needs.

LELAND D. "BUTCH" HILL

March 6, 1941 - February 1, 2025



Leland D. "Butch" Hill, age 83 of Shawano, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday evening, February 1, 2025, in Shawano.

Butch was born in Shawano on March 6, 1941, a son of the late Elmer and Alvira (Schreiber) Hill. In 1963, he enlisted and entered the U.S Army where he served in Vietnam.

On March 25, 1967, he was united in marriage to the former Jackie Montour. He was a proud member of the Oneida Nation, U.S. Veteran, and member of the Veterans of the Oneida Nation.

His memory will be cherished by his wife of 58 years, Jackie Hill, of Shawano; his children, Jamie (Robert) Thiel, Jr. of Shawano, Tony Hill of Shawano, Sarah (Wayne "Putski") White of Shawano, and Megan (Craig) Bohn of Green Bay; his grandchildren, Nicholas (Desirae) Thiel, Stephanie Thiel, Haley Hill, Ethan Hill, Ava Hill, Emmalee Hill, Derrick (Jessica) White, Kayleen (Steven Aprill) White, Kendra Jean White, Anthony White, Brady Bohn and Lainey Bohn; nine great-grandchildren; his sister Marceline Herrmann; his faithful companion, Miss Pepper the boxer; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Butch was preceded in death by his sister, Ina Rae Krizan; his brother, Darwin Hill; and beloved companion, Ali the boxer.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 12:00 pm at Mickelson Funeral Service in Shawano. Vicar David Kaiser will officiate. Visitation will begin on Tuesday at 10:00 am and continue until the time of service. The Shawano AmVets Post #10 will conduct

military honors at the funeral home.

The family prefers memorials be made in Butch's name to the Shawano County Humane Society or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Mickelson Funeral & Cremation Service, Inc. of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.

"We love you more, forever and a day."



Read the full obituary

MARTHA "MARTY" BRAEGER

MARCH 29, 1950 - DECEMBER 18, 2024



Martha "Marty" Braeger, 74, Green Bay, passed away surrounded by family on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. The daughter of

Wallace and Elvira (Hill) Skenandore was born in Menasha on March 29, 1950. Marty was the baby of eleven children, and her father nicknamed her Šho-Šho, "She Stomps Her Feet."

On December 27, 1975, Marty married the love of her life, Donald "Speedy" Braeger. They loved to go for rides, visiting restaurants and flea markets. They camped and hunted together, but laughed too loud to ever get a deer.

Marty spent her working years doing many jobs, but retired as an administrative assistant with the Oneida Nation. As an adult, she was determined to complete her GED and did so at the age of 50. Once she retired, life didn't start until after The Price is Right and The Young and the Restless. She was the loudest one in the room during Packers games, and it was the only time you would hear her swear.

She loved playing cards with her sisters, specifically Hand and Foot and Rummy. Marty had great love for her family, always calling her loved ones to see how they were doing, keeping them connected and

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Martha "Marty" Braeger

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Martha "Marty" Braeger

praying for them. She was the connection and lifeline for the entire family on all sides. Everyone, including extended family, will miss her phone calls and her laugh.

Most of all, she loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved watching them dance and sing at Pow Wows, and telling them stories. She was everyone's favorite aunt and a second mom to many.

Marty is survived by her children, Marsha (Hartman), Michelle, Susie (John), Dena, Brian (Billie and Laurie (Andy); and grandchildren, Brittney, Mikey, Star, Marissa, Brandon, Shania, Saqora, Alyssa, Faith, Gloria, Justin, Haily, McKenna, Evan, Lexy, Erika, Alicia, Jake, Emily and Billy. She is further survived by her great-grandchildren, who she was so proud of, Isaiah, Justus, Elayna, Ekyrah, JJ, Amaiah, Jez, Elijo, Kingston, Kortez, Raelyn, Elysianna, and Baby T on the way; siblings, Russel, Alice, Winnie and Ruthie; as well as her large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Speedy; parents, Wallace and Elvira; siblings, Norman, Nelson, Abraham, David, Elsie and Marian; nephew, Mark; grandson, Thunder; and other extended family members.

Funeral services took place on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at The Church of the Holy Apostles. Burial followed at Oneida Methodist Cemetery.

Special thanks to Louise, Marina, Sally, Debbie and Chantel, and everyone who loved and helped care for Mom in recent years.

THUNDER RAYN SKENANDORE

February 10, 2025



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved baby, Thunder Rayn Skenandore, who was born sleeping on February 10, 2025 at St. Vincent

Hospital to Saqora Rayn Skenandore and Aiden Skenandore. He was named after his late uncle and his mother.

Survivors include his parents, Saqora and Aiden; grandparents, Marsha and Hartman Skenandore and Sara and Nogoshee Skenandore; great-grandparents Anthony, Gloria, Yvonne and Michael; aunts and uncles, Brandon Doxtator, Marissa Doxtator (Chantel Polar) and Shania Skenandore (William Dodge), Cayuga Skenandore, Seneca Rose and Alonzo Skenandore; cousins, Amariayanna, Alonzo, Kingston, Kortez and Raelynn; and many members of his extended family.

Thunder was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Marty and Speedy Braeger, Michael L. Hill, Sandra Skenandore; uncles Thunder J. Skenandore and Shannon Wheelock; and other extended family.

Family and friends may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2024 for a drum ceremony, followed by burial at the Oneida Sacred Grounds at 2:00 p.m., near his uncle

Shannon to keep each other company.

MAURICE E. NINHAM

April 6, 1939 - January 25, 2025



Maurice Emroy Ninham, enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on Saturday January 25, 2025, at the

Anna John Nursing Home in Oneida, Wisconsin. Maurice was born on April 6, 1939, in the Town of Red Springs, Gresham, Wisconsin he was the son of Morris "Buckshot" Ninham and Collen Estelle (Bowman) Ninham. He was the second oldest of twelve siblings. A dedicated social worker in Milwaukee for many years. Maurice made a lasting impact by addressing elder abuse in nursing homes, leading to improved policies that protected vulnerable individuals. His achievements included earning a master's degree in social work as a young Native American, inspiring many family members to pursue advanced degrees. He also gained recognition for his administrative skills in Alaska and on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation. Maurice was very proud of his son, David, who obtained his master's and became a professional artist painting portraits that can be seen on Oneida and

Stockbridge-Munsee Reservations. He deeply loved country music and was a talented musician who sang and played piano and guitar. During his time in Milwaukee, he even led his band. Known for his generosity, Maurice often sent money home to help support his parents and younger siblings. Maurice will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him. His legacy of kindness hard work and dedication will continue to inspire those he leaves behind. May he find peace and be reunited with loved ones who have gone before him.

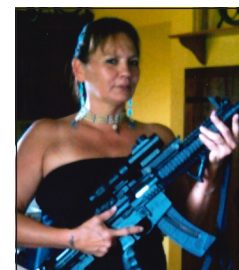
Maurice is survived by his sister, Janet Mae (John) Hill; brothers, Craig Keith Ninham, Kenneth Richard (Florence A. Vallier-Ninham) Ninham, Allen Ray Ninham, Robert Lee Ninham; along with 17 nieces, 14 nephews and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Maurice is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joan; son, David; brothers, Gerald Mont Ninham, Dennis Wayne Ninham and Bruce Edward Ninham; sister, Yvonne Lois (Mike Rudisell) Crepeau, Carol Jean (Goerge) Mohawk, and Sharon Rose (John) Lusiak; sisters-in-law, Shirley Ninham, Violet Ninham and Audrey Ninham.

A memorial gathering was held on Wednesday January 29, 2025, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Gresham from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com.

VIVIAN A. TOURTILLOTT

April 10, 1968 - January 20, 2025



Vivian Ann Tourtillott, 56, passed away at home on Monday morning, January 20, 2025. The daughter of Thomas Judith (Grignon) Tourtillott

was born in Shawano on April 10, 1968.

Vivian spent her childhood between Shawano and Chicago, attended Shawano High School and went on for her accounting degree at the College of Menominee Nation. After living in Phoenix for a time, she came back to the area and worked for the Oneida Nation. Vivian was a hard worker, and loved her Native traditions, attending Pow Wows, cooking, and watching the Packers.

She is survived by her father, Thomas; fiancé, David Ryba; children, Richard Turney, Robert (Charissa Nahwahquaw), Judith Turney (Gabriel Fogue), and Pasquinell Samuelson; grandchildren Mariah, Amari, Kechemow, Nativa (Jason) and Kiowa. Vivian is further survived by her siblings, Thomas Jr., Lance, Chad, Brian, and Amber Warrington; and beloved dogs Feather and Molly.

Vivian was preceded in death by her mother, Judith; grandson, Levi; siblings Melissa and Matthew; aunts Paula and Roxy; Uncle Robert; nieces Samatha Rojas; cousins J.R. and Barbara.

Family and friends may joined Vivian's fire at her home, 512 Leonard Street. Vivian was at home in a closed casket. A feast will took place at the home beginning at sunset after the fire.

Special thanks to Jessica Fish, Tiana Dickenson, Deja Dickenson (Santana Chandar-Aguilar) and Nativa Jacobs, we couldn't have done it without you.

WAYLON J. METOXEN

November 23, 1990 - January 22, 2025



Waylon J. Metoxen, 34 of Oneida WI passed away peacefully with his mother and father by his side on January 22, 2025, in Green Bay, WI. He was born on

November 23, 1990, to Wayne Metoxen and Elaine Parker. He graduated from West De Pere High School in the class of 2009. Waylon previously worked at Oneida Casino as a custodian but always preferred being called a sanitary engineer.

In his younger years, he loved being active, either playing baseball, skateboarding, and fishing. Waylon had also earned his black belt in Taekwondo and competed successfully in many tournaments. He was very proud of his hard work towards this accomplishment. He also enjoyed going on many family trips, from fishing in Canada to relaxing in Florida.

Waylon had a very kind heart and loved making people laugh and smile. He was the most down-to-earth and care-free person you ever met.

Waylon is survived by his parents, Wayne Metoxen and Elaine Paker, his sisters;

Janelle, Jolene, Shannon (Kitty), Toni and Cree, and his brother Bret, and close nephews and nieces; Mikael, Marqus, G'oni and Syndee, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is further survived by his paternal grandparents Florence and Steve Petri.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Lonnie Parker, and Randi Walking Eagle, grandparents; Shirley and Fredmond Hill, Andrew and Betty Parker, and Eugene (Yogi) Metoxen He was further preceded by his aunt and uncles; Tammy Metoxen, Trina (Metoxen) Villegas; Timothy Metoxen, Rory Hill, Daniel Parker, and Marco Vasquez, as well as nephews Kordel Metoxen and D.J. Robertson.

Friends may come to call on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere. A funeral service will begin immediately following the visitation at 4PM.

Special thanks to the team at Bellin, as well as Unity Hospice for their care of Waylon.

DONALD "DUCK" LEE CHARNON

May 15, 1958 - February 12, 2025



Donald "Duck" Lee Charnon Jr., 66, passed away in Green Bay, WI, on February 12, 2025, surrounded by his loving family after an ongoing battle with his health.

Born in Racine, WI, on May 15, 1958, to Donald Charnon Sr. and Sandra Charnon (Baird). Donald's life was a testament to his passion for drama, education, and community service.

At the age of 9, Donald's family moved to Cleveland, WI. He graduated from Sheboygan North High School and then ventured to California, aspiring to make a mark in the arts. In 1977, he joined the Covenant Players, an international Christian drama company. Starting as an actor, he quickly rose to become a director and drama teacher, touring extensively for 10 months each year. His talent and dedication led him to perform for the U.S. military, traveling to 12 countries, including Germany, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. He also worked with schools, churches, and prisons in the British Isles, addressing critical issues such as suicide, substance abuse,

and ethics. While touring with Covenant Players, Donald met his first wife Bridget Reginato and they were married December 21, 1985, and later divorced in 1996.

Upon returning to the U.S., Donald was appointed as a field director and later a regional office supervisor, leading teams across the lower 48 states and all 10 provinces of Canada for 13 years. In 1995, he returned to Wisconsin and directed "Dibajimo" for the Wisconsin Indian Story Theater, produced by Ron Peterson from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. This initiative focused on performances in Wisconsin schools. In 1997, he founded the theater group Yega Ladu "She Tells Stories" in Oneida, aiming to pass on drama skills through workshops that emphasized body control, movement, projection, diction, eye contact, characterization, and line delivery.

Donald once said, "I love performing. I have always had the gift of enthusiasm. I love to make people laugh and I feel theater is an extension of the Indigenous storytelling method of teaching."

He later met Patricia Hein, and they were married, June 26, 1999. Throughout his life, Donald held various roles, including positions at Hidden Valley Electrical and as an Occupational Safety Trainer and Educator for the Oneida Nation. He eventually retired at Tsyunhehkwá Farm, where he passionately led tours, educating visitors about Oneida cultural food traditions, while also maintaining livestock and cultivating crops.

Donald was a founding member of Ohe-láku, a nonprofit organization where Oneida families relearned the art of growing traditional White Corn together. He was also a proud member of the Rising Nation Motorcycle Club, the only Tribal-charter club in the U.S. Among his cherished traditions were vacationing at Shawano Lake with his family and friends and attending Saturday morning breakfast and Bible study with his friends at Pete's Towing & Auto.

Donald is fondly remembered for his love of going to the movies, creating music on his many instruments—especially his trumpet and shofar—singing, dancing, and always finding ways to brighten someone's day.

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Donald "Duck" Lee Charnon

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Donald "Duck" Lee Charnon

Donald is survived by spouse Patricia Charnon (Hein); his children Erin (Joey) Yakunas, Morgan (Kyle) Sobek, Mitchell Gantz, Lystra (Matthew) Clausen, Christa (Wesley) Lewin, and Mia Charnon; his eleven grandchildren, Ruby Drews, Ember

Clausen, Rhema Lewin, Ellie Clausen, Kairos Lewin, Bethany Sobek, Molly Clausen, Mabel Clausen, Quinn Lewin, Margaret Sobek, and Haven Clausen; three siblings, Michael (Lori) Charnon, Brian Charnon, and Wendy Charnon; and nephews, Jacob Charnon, Jesse Charnon, Murphy Charnon, and Noah Charnon.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Donald Sr. and Sandra Charnon, and his grandparents, Murphy and Pansy Baird.

Friends and family may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 North 10th St. De Pere, WI, from 12pm to 2pm on Saturday, March 1, 2025. A Celebration of Life service will begin at 2pm. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere, is assisting the family.



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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO GARNISH

Debtor names: Katrina Paprocki, Christopher Metoxen, David DeCoteau, Shandra D. Smith, Terrylee Cooper, Ezra Coleman

First Published March 2025

Setting Time and Notice to Creditors

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

To attend a scheduled hearing virtually contact:

Diane Wilson, Oneida Nation Land Management, • 470 Airport Dr., PO Box 365
Oneida, WI 54155 920-869-6500 • DWilson@OneidaNation.org

The following case are First Published March 2025

Estate of Elaine A. Melchert, Case No. 2024-LCP-0001

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 08/11/1940 and date of death 5/21/2023, was not an Oneida Nation member, domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at W670 County Road EE, De Pere, WI 54115
3. The deadline to submit claims is March 31, 2025.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

Estate of Karen K. Nolan, Case No. 2024-LCP-0004

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 5/13/1959 and date of death 12/28/2024, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 2775 Metoxen Lane, De Pere, WI 54115
3. The deadline to submit claims is March 31, 2025.

Estate of Merlin Melchert, Case No. 2024-LCP-0002

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 10/02/1941 and date of death 08/02/2023, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at W670 County Road EE, De Pere, WI 54115
3. The deadline to submit claims is March 31, 2025.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

Estate of Russell Metoxen, Case No. 2024-LCP-0003

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 07/06/1934 and date of death 07/05/2023, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 235 Valley Dr., Oneida, WI 54155
3. The deadline to submit claims is March 31, 2025.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

Estate of Martha Braeger, Case No. 2024-LCP-0005

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 03/29/1950 and date of death 12/18/2024, was an Oneida Nation member, domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 2700 He Nis Ra Lane, Green Bay, WI 54304
3. The deadline to submit claims is May 9, 2025.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

CORRECTIONS – FEBRUARY 2025 KALIHWSAKS

On page 5, the introduction of Laura Laitinen-Warren incorrectly showed her title as Director of Training & Development-Human Resources. The correct title is Executive Human Resources Director.

UPDATE-On page 8, the article on Handaid mentioned to stay tuned for details on preliminary agreements to offer the Handaid product at Oneida Comprehensive Health (OCHD). After further review, OCHD will not be offering the product to its patients.

The article on Chef Fabian Martinez on page 10 incorrectly stated the owner of Voyageurs Bakehouse as Joe Schmidt. The owner of Voyageurs Bakehouse is Ben Cadman.

The Kalihwisaks team strives to bring you accurate information in each issue. If you notice an error, please alert us by emailing Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org.

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2025 CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



- March 19 | 1pm**
Officer Metoxen & Smudge
- April 16 | 1:30pm**
Magnet Making
- May 21 | 1:30pm**
Activity TBD
- June 18 | 1pm**
"Grief Education" - Unity Presenter
- July 22 | 1pm**
"Wondering & Safety"
- Debra Miller, Dementia Specialist
- August 20 | 1:30pm**
Creating Bookmarks
- September 17 | 1:30pm**
Oneida Family Fitness Presentation
- October 22 | 1:30pm**
Ornament Making

NAFCG Schuyler Metoxen
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Tribal Elder Food Box Grants Support to Thousands

By Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

In its inaugural year, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's (DATCP) Tribal Elder Community Food Box Program distributed \$1.5 million to nonprofit food assistance organizations to help purchase and distribute healthy, high-quality, and culturally traditional food to thousands of Tribal elders and their families, supporting Indigenous-based food producers in the process.

"DATCP recognizes the significance of food sovereignty to the Tribal nations," said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. "Due to the leadership of the Governor and legislature, this program supports food recipients, producers, and processors from Tribal nations and Wisconsin as a whole."

Feeding America with Great Lakes

Intertribal Food Coalition: Program Impacts include


- Coordinated the distribution of over 31,230 healthy food boxes representative of traditional diets.
- Supported 40 small local producers, including 22 Tribal producers from Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota and 18 non-Tribal Wisconsin producers that included women-owned farm businesses, organic farms and cooperatives, and farm businesses owned by Hmong and Hispanic farmers.
- Program participants reported appreciating the food quality, variety, and healthy options, as well as the help making food affordable; they also reported feeling more connected to community



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ENJOY A LIGHT MEAL

DATE: WED. MARCH 12, 2025
 TIME: 5:30-8PM
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This month's activity will be making stepping stones.



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This is not an ongoing workshop. Complete in one attendance.

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TO REGISTER: 920-490-3700 (option 1)
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Winter Wellness Talks


March 5
Nutrition - Heidi McCann

When: 12:10pm

Where: Oneida Community Health Center Conference Room

Questions?
Contact Taylor Jean at 920-490-3940

03/30/2024



March "50 A MONTH" CHALLENGE!

HELP US RAISE AWARENESS & CELEBRATE 50 YEARS (1975-2025) OF CHILD SUPPORT!

- Print or download our tally chart to keep track of this month's challenge.
- Read with your children or on your own for 50 minutes each week this month.
- Share your tally chart or a photo of you completing the challenge to Facebook with the hashtag #ONCSASupports or to our inbox.
- The post with the most likes on our page at the end of each month wins a prize!

Read with your children or on your own for 50 minutes each week!
BONUS: Create your own bookmark!

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Gathering of Oneida Youth Cultural Path to Belonging

By Garth Webster

The Gathering of Oneida Youth (GOOY) took place at the Oneida Hotel Thursday, February 20, 2025, for approximately 100 Oneida youth from local school districts.

When discussing the event with Oneida Cultural Heritage (OCH) staff, they mentioned one of their initiatives was to hold a bi-annual community building/storytelling event for all Oneida youth. When OCH contacted Leslie Doxtater to cohost, the event was further developed by the Tribal Action Plan (TAP) team, which was eventually themed on belonging. In this way, the event ensured that all students have access to cultural teachings.

The objective was to get the youth together and get them on the same page, from a cultural perspective. After establishing norms and getting comfortable with each other, they learned more about the history of Oneida people, and the commonalities that we all share.

The primary teaching activity tasked each table group to collaborate with one another to share their talents, called superpowers. While doing so, each team created an image on a puzzle piece representing their team strengths. The work was presented in the form of spoken words, a rap, or story. In the end, the event reaffirmed how each of them belonged and recognized how powerful a group can be.

OCH credits Leslie Doxtater and Isis Croston of TAP, Youth Enrichment Services, and Oneida Recreation. In the future, the plan is for three youth gatherings to happen throughout the year. Each of which will have its own theme of cultural learning.



Each student that attended received a photograph. Isis Croston, Tribal Action Plan, took over 100 photos, including some for employees that helped during the event.



Maria Trevizo from the Gathering of Native Americans organization who facilitated the GONA event in March 2024, was on hand to once again provide her leadership skills.

Above and right, students focused on team activities that identified their talents, aka superpowers, which helped form the shield shown below, center.



Students gather in a circle to discuss the day's activities and to form their superpower shield.





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