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# From the Kali

**Shekóli Swakwe•kú.** Ohne•ká (water) is life and life is Ohne•ká. Without it, all of Creation, whether it be the things that walk, fly, swim, or grow would not exist. It is the sustenance that enables all things to flourish.

Page 14 of this edition announces the opening of Oneida Lake. Page 31 discusses what we must keep in mind with our recreational pools. Finally, the center spread on page 18 takes an in-depth look at how the Oneida Nation cares for our water resources.

The mission of the Oneida Utilities Department is to provide safe drinking water and environmentally safe wastewater treatment for the Oneida Nation. After seeing our Wastewater Treatment Facility in action, I can personally attest they are accomplishing their mission.

As they strive to continue doing so, we must also help them. There are some important steps we can abide by when pouring or flushing waste down the drain.

Milk, juices, and used cooking oils do great harm to our water systems. To safely dispose of these types of liquids, put them in a container or saturate them into paper towels, freeze them, and then dispose into the trash. These liquids are incredibly difficult and expensive for treatment plants to remove. Another type of item that wreaks havoc on our water systems are rags, including flushable wipes. They take years to biodegrade, they clog pipes, and cause significant wear on water systems. Place them into the trash and do not flush them. Enjoy the May edition and enjoy our water.



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Oneida Forester Bradley Thomas (left) and Billy Pocan, Non-Point Project Technician, help to plant trees at the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park to ready the venue for summer activities.



# Oneida Nation Business Committee Continues to Engage at Local and National Levels



▲ Vice Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens and Councilman Jonas Hill with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) President, Dr. Kristen Raney. Yellowbird-Stevens and Hill represented the Nation as Dr. Raney hosted the annual NWTC State of the College, an event which brings together elected officials, industry leaders, and community partners to discuss ways to bolster the areas workforce and economic growth. Learn more at [www.nwtc.edu/news/2025/04/building-a-stronger-northeast-wisconsin-together](http://www.nwtc.edu/news/2025/04/building-a-stronger-northeast-wisconsin-together)

◀ Oneida Business Committee members met with Scott Davis, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs for the Department of the Interior, during the Tribal Self-Governance Conference April 7-10, 2025 in Chandler, AZ. Chairman Tehassi Hill and the Business Committee discussed the Nation's priorities, including land, public safety and justice, and resources for tribal programs.

## Community Input Sessions: Onlayote'a·ká·ni'i Project Plan

### Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Meeting Purpose and Background
- Video on Blood Quantum
- Focused Conversation
- Wrap Up/Closing



Friday, May 2, 2025  
4:30-6:30pm  
Microsoft Teams  
(Virtual)

**Pre-registration Required**

For Pre-Registration,  
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[Oneida-NSN.Gov/IAmOneidaProject](http://Oneida-NSN.Gov/IAmOneidaProject)

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**Noon, Thursday, May 1**  
**Noon, Tuesday, May 6**  
**Noon, Thursday, May 8**  
(Each session guest is TBD)

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## Executive Order Affects Oneida Libraries

### IMLS Grants Terminated Under New Federal Directive

By Trista Cornelius-Henrickson

On March 14, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive order “Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy” with the purpose of reducing the elements of federal bureaucracy that the President has determined are unnecessary. Included in this order is the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) along with seven other agencies, where the order declares “...the following governmental entities shall be eliminated to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law, and such entities shall reduce the performance of their statutory functions and associated personnel to the minimum presence and functions required by law.” The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has also been directed per this order, to reject any budget requests from these agencies other than funds needed to shut down.

The IMLS is one of several government agencies that work alongside each other to provide much needed funding for the 467 Libraries in the State of WI including the Oneida Community Library and the Green Earth Branch Library. Oneida submits for the IMLS Native America Library Services Grants annually.

Oneida’s Library was awarded an Enhancement Grant for FY25, however, on April 8, 2025, a notice was received from the new Trump appointed IMLS director, Keith Sonderling, that the remainder of their grant was terminated, effective immediately. Steps had been taken to improve the shelving system, replace the deteriorating circulation desk, upgrade workstations, and future comprehensive training for staff, but now is on hold. This loss of funding will also impact Oneida’s library collections, digital resources, development, and library programming according to Eliza Skenandore, Library Director.

In response, libraries across WI and the U.S. are teaming up to advocate

for the importance of IMLS funding. Oneida is part of the Nicolet Federated Library System (NFLS) who along with organizations like WILS and ATALM are working to address funding challenges. “They’ve been awesome getting all of the tribal libraries together and connecting us and just setting up like spaces for us to collaborate.” Skenandore explains. “It goes back to the Haudenosaunee teaching of the five arrows, with all of us together we’re stronger.”

When asked what the everyday person can do to help support Oneida’s Libraries, Skenandore suggested “We really encourage patrons and community members to take action by contacting their federal elected officials, whether that’s calls, emails, letters, visits, whatever you can do” The Staff at Oneida’s Libraries are determined to stay true to their mission statement and continue to offer enriched programming for all ages despite this new challenge.

You can find more information and other resources for what you can do by scanning the QR codes or reach out to your local library on how to help.

#### The Basic Grant (\$10K)

- Program materials
- Staff training
- Circulation materials
- Basic upgrades (new tables)

#### The Enhancement Grants (\$50k - \$150k)

- Extremely competitive
- Educational programming (all ages)
- Upgraded furnishings
- Professional training
- Additional essentials



Executive Order



American Library Association (ALA)



Nicolet Federated Library System (NFLS)



## 2025 Draft Activities Kicked Off with NFL Green at Amelia Cornelius Culture Park



### From NFL Green Press Release

The chilly and windy weather couldn't dampen the spirits of all those who gathered at the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park on Monday, April 21, 2025 as NFL Green and Verizon, along with partner, Oneida Nation, kicked off the 2025 Draft activities by acknowledging Earth Day.

These community greening events create cooperative efforts to plant shade trees and clean up important waterways, helping to improve air quality, reduce urban heat, support local wildlife, and improve the Fox-Wolf watershed which flows into Green Bay and eventually Lake Michigan.

Jack Groh, NFL Green Director, (shown right, blue jacket), enthusiastically emceed the event, introducing dignitaries such as Susan Lucas, Assoc. Director of Sustainability at Verizon, (right, red sleeves) the Oneida Nation Royalty and Student Singers, Oneida Nation Veterans, Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill, and WI Governor, Tony Evers. Groh's wife, Susan, Assoc. Director of NFL Green, was also on hand to help acknowledge the attendees, including the Oneida's environmental staff who set up stations for community volunteers to complete planting 15 trees after the presentations.

Says Chairman Hill, "I'd like to thank this program for the tree planting. As we continue to restore our reservation land, forestry is a very important aspect of that recovery so anytime we can plant some trees and reestablish the forest or help clean the water and the other things that are important because we are only as healthy as our environment."





# Oneida Nation Shares Culture During 2025 Draft Activities

By Mia Charnon

On Wednesday, April 23, 2025, Draft Week continued with a vibrant celebration of Oneida heritage in Green Bay. The day's events started at 9:30am with Lauren Cornelius singing the National Anthem, accompanied by the Oneida Nation Color Guard at Titledown. The celebration continued with two dance exhibitions by over 50 Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers and Singers at the Discover Green Bay Visitor Center at 10am and 1pm. These free performances showcased the rich traditions and cultural pride of the Oneida people, highlighting their significant role in the community and their enduring legacy in Green Bay.



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## IGA Honors Matriarchs of Indian Gaming

By Rege Behe,

*Freelance journalist and lead contributor to CDC Gaming*

Oneida Casino General Manager, Louise Cornelius was one of 13 individuals recognized Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at the Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention at the San Diego Convention Center.

At one point during the celebration for the “Matriarchs of Indian Gaming – Honoring Our Women Warriors,” Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens seemed overwhelmed. The women on stage with him during the ceremony at Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention at the San Diego Convention Center last week outshone the always-garrulous Stevens.

“We don’t have the time to tell you what this group of women warriors did for Indian country,” said Stevens as he introduced them. “We want to take the time to give them recognition... The Indian Gaming Association proudly recognizes these individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving and promoting Native American culture. These honorees have made lasting contributions



to their communities through their leadership, advocacy, and commitment to honoring tradition.”

“This is the first class of the Matriarchs of Indian Gaming,” Stevens said, “our women warriors, some with a lot of experience, some with not a lot of experience. These ladies have given their lives to Indian gaming. Our next class won’t be as large, but it will be as powerful.”

## All New E&EE Oneida One Stop Nearly Complete

By Phil Wisneski, *Oneida Retail Communication/Strategic Planner*



The new E&EE Oneida One Stop Mobil is hitting the homestretch as construction has shifted to inside and hardware finishes. The store is tentatively scheduled to be open in mid-June and Oneida Retail is excited to provide a much-improved customer experience for their guests.

Flooring has been completed and siding is near completion. The next major milestone will be the installation of cooler and freezer doors and completing the restrooms.

Once these are finished, work will transition to outside as the

weather warms up. Curb and gutter will be poured along the exterior perimeter of the parking lot along with the store sidewalk being laid down. Kitchen completion is also on the schedule as this location will also be featuring Hunt Brothers Pizza.

Oneida Retail has also taken an environmentally responsible approach to the main sign for the property. They will be re-using the sign from the current site with a few updates and a fresh coat of paint. This will not only save on the overall cost of the project but also reduce waste by not having the sign go into a local landfill.



## Celebrating Our Community's Dedication



### Helen Huff, *Custodian*

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at the Norbert Hill Center in Oneida, Wisconsin, Helen Huff was honored for her 30 years of dedicated service. Huff, who retired at the age of 81 and is now 82 years old, worked tirelessly as a custodian for the Oneida Nation. The Nation extends their appreciation for your hard work, and unwavering commitment during your many years of service. Yawλ'kó Helen!

### Darla Dorosz, *Title VI Teacher*

Darla Dorosz is retiring in May 2025 after 14 years of teaching Indigenous students in the Seymour Community School District (SCSD). The Oneida Business Committee and SCSD faculty organized a surprise party to honor her, attended by many of her YES students, teachers, and faculty. The Nation thanks you for your 14 years of service and commitment to education. Yawλ'kó Darla!



### Vicki Krueger, *DTS Operations Analyst*

Vicki Krueger provided an economical solution to hosting the Nation's Geographical Information Systems (GIS). She worked collaboratively within DTS to assist Community Development to implement an on-premises solution, ultimately saving the Nation approximately \$200,000 per year. The Nation thanks you for your innovative solutions. Your leadership will make a lasting impact on the Nation's technological infrastructure. Yawλ'kó Vicki!



### Marilyn King, *Food Distribution Manager*

Marilyn King saved the Nation \$90,540 in tribal contributions this fiscal year by successfully requesting a waiver of the Nation match for her grant. The Nation is deeply grateful for your dedication to fiscal responsibility! Yawλ'kó Marilyn!





## Oneida Art Elevates GRB Airport

### 2025 Draft Visitors Welcomed by Indigenous Masterpieces



"The experience that visitors receive is thanks to the many partnerships and contributions of local vendors who help make GRB the perfect first stop while they explore our community," said Airport Director Marty Piette to WBAY. "The GRB Art Program gives us the chance to promote local artists, and the Oneida Nation is one of the amazing partners eager to highlight their beautiful work."

By Mia Charnon

As stated by Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport (GRB), the Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP) has collaborated with eight talented artists to display 22 pieces of artwork from the Oneida community throughout the concourses of GRB. This dynamic exhibit, perfectly timed for the influx of visitors due to the upcoming 2025 Draft, will be on display from March until August 2025.

The exhibit features captivating pieces from the 2024 Oneida National Treasures, including Scott Hill and Loretta Webster, as well as remarkable works by winners of the 2024 Woodland Indian Art Show & Market: Jennifer Jordan, Rae Skenandore, Eliza Skenandore, Sunny Webster, Liandra Skenandore, and Richard Gonzalez. The artists showcase various media, including acrylic paintings, historical photographs, textiles, bead work, sculptures, and basketry.

The Grand Lobby will include one display case, and each concourse will feature display cases along with wall-mounted artworks, ensuring that travelers can enjoy the diverse and rich artistic expressions of the Oneida community throughout the airport.

The ONAP is excited about this collaboration, emphasizing the chance to share the rich culture and artistic talent of the local Indigenous communities

with travelers.

The artwork will remain on display through August, and the airport is working with other groups to continue highlighting the dynamic art scene of Northeast Wisconsin. GRB aims to enhance the user experience by promoting local artists and educating visitors about the region's cultural heritage.

The GRB Arts Program began in 2023 with a holiday display of Evergleam Christmas trees. The following year, current art displays and a tree decorating contest were introduced. The program's roots date back to 2019, when a conversation between Melinda J. Danforth and airport administration, inspired by similar initiatives at other airports, led to the incorporation of a sense of place in the airport spaces. The GRB administration felt it was important to reflect the unique cultural identity of Northeast Wisconsin in the airport environment.

Gradually, a sense of place has been realized at GRB. Regional lighthouses now highlight walls throughout the airport, a unique collection of Green Bay Packers memorabilia is displayed, veterans of all wars have a devoted area and video, and The Artists of The Oneida Nation display is fully installed.



"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to share our art and traditions with travelers exploring Green Bay, and we truly appreciate this opportunity - Yawλ'kó (Thank you)," said ONAP to WBAY.





## Fostering Community Through Culture

By Garth Webster

The December 2024 edition highlighted the exciting development of Tsi? nahté•shu wáhstake? (Various Things Are Useful), a new program from Oneida Cultural Heritage. This initiative, much like the Youth Rites of Passage, is designed for adults who are eager to deepen their cultural knowledge and enrichment.

As the students progressed through the education, program administrators, including Stephenie Muscavitch-VanEvery, expanded the original platform to include social

dance education (SDE) between breaks of the six-week Tsi? nahté•shu wáhstake? curriculum.

Originally, SDE was originally for Tsi? nahté•shu wáhstake? enrollees. However, all the participants couldn't make it, so Muscavitch-VanEvery and her SDE instructors, Kash Berg and Taylor Berg (pictured below), opened the SDE portion to all adults in the community, marking the first time such a program has been offered to Oneida adults.

Muscavitch-VanEvery says they

have been averaging about 20 participants since the SDE began the sessions in April. Muscavitch-VanEvery enthusiastically expressed how much the students are enjoying the event, "The pick their songs. It's wonderful to see how everyone is finding comfort, acceptance, and belonging." She goes on to add, "People have told us they wanted more confidence when going to social dances on their own. In this way, each person is finding their own space to do so."

## Join Instructors Kash Berg & Taylor Berg Ohutsya?kekha? (Things or Matters of the Earth)

**Social Dance Classes**

**Tuesdays: May 27, June 3, 10, 17, and July 1**  
**Adults 18+**

**Spots first come, first served.**

**email [CulturalHeritage@OneidaNation.org](mailto:CulturalHeritage@OneidaNation.org)**  
**1270 Packerland Dr., Cottage #4, Green Bay**







# Oneida Reads

## Year to Date Recap

October 2024 – April 2025

### Woven within our Work

#### Awareness Building

- Oneida Reads has been featured in the Kali several times
- Oneida Reads Overview Video by Halona Media launched in February
- Oneida Reads was a featured topic on the Oneida Nation Facebook Live four times
- The Oneida Reads Facebook page has over 300 followers and 150 likes
- Oneida Reads presented to the more than 50 members of the teaching staff at Seymour Community School District in February
- Oneida Reads hosted a table at the GBAPS Native Student Achievement Summit at UWGB in November

#### Data

- Planning for the Oneida Reads Data Dashboard kicked off in January
- Updated 3rd grade Forward exam data for Native students in Brown and Outagamie Counties was shared with Oneida Reads by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (data was previously not available publicly)
- ASQ data is tracked at quarterly ASQ User Meetings with our partners from Flipped Classroom (FCR) NEW/Help Me Grow N.E.W.

#### Family Engagement

- Author Maya Payne Smart events to be held April 30 (Lunch and Learn and Family Night)
- Oneida Reads hosted a booth at the Green Bay Packers Time Out for Reading Event at Lambeau Field on March 1 where over 500 kids were in attendance
- Oneida Reads Family events held at the following locations:
  - Pulaski Hillcrest Elementary
  - Oneida Community Library
  - MacArthur Elementary (Luka and Little Feather Reading only)
  - Seymour Rockledge Primary
  - SEOTS
- Oneida Reads provided information in connection with the Oneida Community Education Center's Hallow-Read in October

## Four Focus Areas:

### 1. Kindergarten Readiness

- Launch of the Online Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) at Oneida Child Care, Oneida Early Intervention, Oneida Head Start, FACES and Oneida Comprehensive Health has allowed for the completion of almost 400 development screens as of January
- Launch of the Waterford Family Academy at Oneida Head Start in April
- Oneida Reads met with Governor Evers and his team on the topic of kindergarten readiness while he visited Oneida Head Start in February

### 2. School Attendance

- Data and Action Review meetings with school district partners were held
- Oneida and GBAPS Action Team meets quarterly
- School attendance message postcard sent to 347 Oneida households in January

### 3. How Reading is Taught

- Eight Oneida team members completed the LETRS volume 1 course with partnership from Cooperative Ed. Service Agency (CESA) 7
- Three new FT Specialist roles added to Oneida Youth Enrichment Services elementary schools focused exclusively on early literacy in grades 5K-3rd
- Provided approximately 30 days of CESA 7 coaching in structured literacy with Oneida team members who support literacy
- Purchased decodable books to be housed at the Oneida Community Library through a grant from Wisconsin Literacy (March)
- Wisconsin Reading Corps programming was launched at GBAPS King, GBAPS Kennedy and Seymour Rock Ledge in partnership with Oneida Reads for the 2024/2025 school year

### 4. Out of School Programming

- Planning for early literacy programming for the Summer of 2025 in partnership with Seymour Community School District and Oneida Recreation



## Congratulations University of Wisconsin Green Bay Scholars!

### ONHS Students Excelling in Rising Phoenix and Dual Credit Programs

By Garth Webster

Left to right, front: Ari Mousseau and Luis Delacruz-Cornelius  
Back: Rebecca Döxtator, Mia Leicht, Miko Leroy, and Jonas  
Johnson. Not pictured: Jaylyn Caldwell and Deliana Gonzales.



Several surrounding schools, including the Oneida Nation High School, have recently begun participating in an educational partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB).

Students participating in UWGB's Rising Phoenix (RP) program can simultaneously earn their high school diplomas and an Associates of Arts and Sciences Degree while they are still in high school.

Recently, RP received the Academic Staff Excellence Award, the highest form of recognition from the UW System board of Regents.

UWGB's website (UWGB.edu) states their RP program partners with businesses and organizations committed to public-private collaboration and inclusive representation. By working together, they work to build a powerful model for encouraging a diverse community

of learners that will make up our future workforce.

RP accepts applications for the award-winning program during students' sophomore year. If accepted, they enroll during their junior and senior years. Each student receives assistance from a Student Success Coach and flexibility in class scheduling.

#### ONHS Juniors and Seniors that have been participating in the UWGB Dual Enrollment (DE) Program

- Jaylyn Caldwell
- Luis Delacruz-Cornelius
- Ari Mousseau
- Mia Leicht
- Jonas Johnson

(All DE students have earned 12 or more credits  
since Fall 2024 with a average GPA of 3.5 or better)

#### ONHS Sophomore Students accepted into Fall 2025 RP Program

- Deliana Gonzales
- Rebecca Döxtator
- Miko Leroy



## Oneida Reads

### Collective Impact to Systems Change

- Oneida Reads External Partner Meeting – November 2024
- Oneida Reads Internal Partner Meeting – December 2024
- New collective impact partners added since October 2024 include: Waterford.org, Future State Consulting and Teaching Strategies
- Oneida Reads is partnering with Campaign for Grade Level Reading





# Sun is Shining on Amelia Cornelius Culture Park

## Oneida Tourism Staff Readies ACCP for Summer Events



On March 26, 2025, the Oneida Business Committee approved additional funding for the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park Visitor Center to cover the inflation increase contingency for fiber and surveillance requirements. The design phase is 75% complete with projection of spring 2026 for construction to begin. The current design reduced the building size but maintained three toilet stalls and a community space to seat roughly 100 people.



▲ Throughout April, Oneida Tourism Team, along with the Environmental and Department of Public Works, have been busy beautifying the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park (ACCP) by planting trees (see the Table of Contents photo), cleaning the log homes, and installing Oneida themed borders along the paved walkway.

◀ Two miles west of ACCP, the Oneida Nation Orchard (ONC) installed a fresh look to their sign, featuring an updated logo. ONC's recently opened their store, M-S, 11am-4pm, offering beef & bison sales, among other items.

# ONEIDA LAKE OPENS MAY 1

## Rustic Camp Sites

Camping permits are required and available on a first come first served basis. Registration forms are available at the Conservation and Land Management office.

**470 Airport Dr., Oneida, WI 54155**  
(Monday – Friday 8am-4pm).

To request a form by mail or email:

**Call 920-869-6500 or email**

**Conservation\_Department@OneidaNation.org**

Oneida Lake is a **TENT ONLY** campground  
RV's, Motorhomes, Truck Bed Campers,  
or Camper Units are not allowed.





# Oneida Nation High School

## THUNDERHAWK TIMES



### Schools Happenings

#### By Thunderhawk Times Staff

May is always a busy month every and there is a lot going on at ONHS as the end of the 2024-2025 School Year arrives. It's easy to follow day-to-day school happenings by following Oneida Nation High School on Facebook. Further details on these stories and more can be found there as well.

**On the Academic Front,** Honor Roll was announced following the close of the 3rd Quarter on March 31. Eleven ONHS students earned Highest Honors including seniors Mandi Beans, Luis Delacruz-Cornelius, Jaylyn Caldwell, Rhianna Danforth, and Madalyn King and sophomore Miko Leroy who all posted a 4.0 GPA. Sixteen students earned High Honors and Honors.

**As for Post-Secondary Education,** the connection between ONHS and area colleges continues to thrive and grow thanks to the effort of ONHS staff creating even more opportunities

for ONHS students. Oneida community resources have supported these efforts such as Oneida Transit, Higher Ed, and Vocational Rehabilitation.



4 Directions Feather Wind Chime made by senior Alessandro Rodriguez-Ignacio

The success of the pilot year of the Oneida Academy at NWTC has been reported in previous issues of Thunderhawk Times. This program continues and even improves for the 2025-2026 School Year. So, too, does the Rising Phoenix program in conjunction with UWGB. ONHS students Delianna Gonzalez, Rebecca Doxtator, and Miko Leroy have been accepted into that program and will earn an associate's degree by the time they graduate.



Basketball Players made by senior Kayree House

ONHS students in the program this year included Jaylyn Caldwell, Luis, Delacruz-Cornelius, Jonas Metoxen, Mia Leicht, and Ari Mousseau. These students each earned 12 college credits or more and scored a 3.5 college GPA or higher.

### End of the Year Calendar

- **June 5:** High School Graduation
- **June 10:** End of Q4 & 2nd Semester
- **June 11:** Last day for staff
- **Early July:** Core Academic Diplomas awarded
- **August 19:** Staff report
- **August 25:** Students start

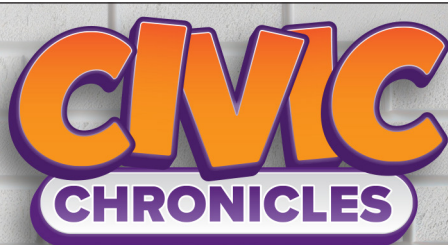
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Civic Chronicles

#### By Evelyn Rodriguez

When I grow up, I want to get good and when I'm happy I'll go back to the Civic.

#### By Dae'lynn Danforth

I want to be a teacher when I grow up and do math.

#### By Jalayah Danforth

I want to be a police officer when I grow up. How I am going to get there is by going to college and practice every day. And the reason why I want to be a police officer is because it is fun and you get to drive around and get paid for doing it.

#### By Esmeralda Morlan

I want to be a teacher because I like teaching my brother. Why I want to be a teacher is so I can teach people

#### By Camille Blackowl

I want to be an Officer because Officer Eddie inspired me. First, I need to go to school and take classes. Then I need to train.

#### By Natelei Noyes

One of my favorite memories is probably when we all played volleyball in the gym. We all were on teams and then every time I served, I like felt a spark. It felt nice to be around people that like the same sport as me. It felt nice being around people that feel like they are my family, and it feels good to be around my friends and family!

#### By Icelyn Padula

What I want to be when I grow up is an artist. So, my first step to get there is to make it through school and then go to a university for art stuff. I should go to university because I can get better at art and I want to make my own art show.





## Exciting Updates at the Oneida Farmers Market

By Mia Charnon

The Oneida Farmers Market, located at N7284 County Road J (across from Hwy 54 One Stop), is set to run every Thursday from June 19 through September 25, from noon to 6 PM. This vibrant market offers a variety of fresh produce and engaging activities for the community.

### OFM Bashes

Mark your calendars for the OFM Bashes on July 17 and August 21. These events promise food, fun, music, and fresh produce. Highlights include the REZurrected Ridez car show, horse and wagon rides, face painting, balloon twisting, live music, and a special appearance by Steve Keller, known as the Snake Dude. All activities are free to the public.

### Oneida Black Angus Burgers

A popular feature at the market is the raffle for 10 pounds of Oneida Black Angus burger patties, held at every market in 2025. Attendees can enter their names for a chance to win these delicious burger patties.



### Vendor of the Week

Each week, visitors can take advantage of the Vendor of the Week promotion. By purchasing \$10 worth of products, shoppers receive \$5 in Oneida Farmers Market dollars to use at any other vendor. This offer is limited to one per person per week and is available while supplies last.

### EBT/QUEST Cards Accepted

The market now accepts Wisconsin EBT QUEST Cards, allowing shoppers to purchase fresh produce such as corn, strawberries, cherries, green beans, broccoli, greens, tomatoes, squash, and lettuce. This initiative aims to make locally grown foods accessible to more community members.

### Stay Informed

To keep up with the latest happenings at the Oneida Farmers Market, subscribe to the weekly newsletter via email by contacting [WVervoor@OneidaNation.org](mailto:WVervoor@OneidaNation.org).



Subscribe to the Oneida Farmers Market Weekly Newsletter

## Why We Love Farmers Markets

### Farmers Win



Family farmers selling at farmers markets have nearly a 10% greater chance of staying in business compared to those using traditional channels.

### Your Community Wins



Businesses near farmers markets report higher sales on market days, boosting the local economy and generating extra tax revenue.

### You Win



Farmers market shoppers save nearly 25% on food annually compared to shopping at grocery stores.

## The Risk to Farmers Markets



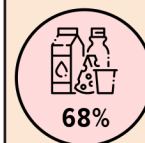
### Farmland Loss

Poorly planned development is causing rapid loss of farmland.

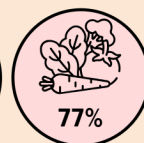
We lose 50 acres of farmland every hour, equivalent to more than 9 local produce farms paved over every day.

### Favorite Foods at Risk

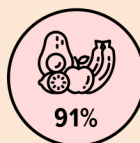
The majority of our food comes from farms near urban areas:



Dairy Products



Vegetables & Melons



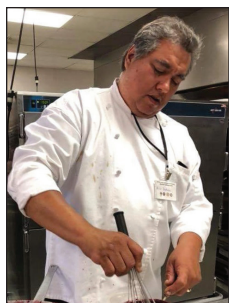
Fruits, Tree Nuts, & Berries



Supporting farmers markets helps preserve farmland, boosts local economies, and saves you money.

*Let's protect our farmers and the delicious local food they provide!*





Greetings, Chef Arlie Doxator here from the WPP Food Sovereignty grant. We've re-branded this project to *Mending the Disconnect with*

*Food: An Oneida Food Sovereignty Initiative.* We feel this new title better explains the end goal for our community. Recently, we acknowledged our Bicentennial here in Wisconsin. We also recognize that during this time, we lost the sacred relationship we shared with many of our original food relatives. These relationships were replaced with many foods we did not recognize and thus, the downward spiral of our people's health began. Along with this historical trauma, the post WWII era brought forth industrial food production, bringing with it highly processed foods like soda, artificial flavors, and artificial sweeteners. Fast food and convenience stores also became factors.

As our Project Manager states, "If food is the cause of most chronic health diseases, then it's also the solution." These words could not be truer.

As we continue to *Mend our Disconnect with Food*, we studied our sacred cultural views as it relates to more contemporary foods. The result is the refrigerator magnet shown to the right. It depicts a small list of ukwehu·wé· (Indigenous) foods you need in your kitchen. We feel it's a good starting point for the community to come full circle and re-connect to our food relatives. Together, let's begin the journey to better physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

Contact our office to get your refrigerator magnet:  
920.869.4576 or 920.869.4577



Mending the Disconnect







John Nicholas, Manager of Oneida Nation Wastewater Treatment Facility (ONWTF), graciously provided the Big Bear Media Team a tour of ONWTF on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Above, Nicholas stands above Lift Station Wetwell 1 (LSW1) near the east end of the Duck Creek Bridge. This station, along with the rest of the facility, was built in 2006. It pumps water 1.5 miles to the ONWTF located near the Hwy 54 wetlands between the Hwy 54 One Stop and Little Bear Development Center.

The largest of 13 lift stations in Oneida, LSW1 pumps 95% of Oneida's wastewater (WW) from over 690 resident and business connections to the treatment facility. Currently, the facility is operating at 50% capacity, handling roughly 300,000 gallons of water per day.

Nicholas oversees the operations and his team of 11 employees, along with partnerships with plumbing and the rest of the divisions in Oneida's Department of Public Works to ensure Oneida's water supply is as clean as possible before it's released back into the natural aquifer. Nicholas says that Oneida Nation's water is constantly monitored and proudly assures that it is some of the cleanest water in the area.



Oneida has two 4,500 gallon septic trucks, (shown below) that are filled up to 8 times per day to service Oneida's connections. Along with the lift stations, they transport the wastewater to ONWTF's holding tanks, where it begins its first stage of treatment beginning with the Headworks system shown above.

The Headworks is a series of lifts, pumps, and filters that move the WW through the system. Nicholas says the biggest obstacle this system faces is catching flushable wipes and other rag type material from entering the facility.

**Nicholas says flushable wipes can take up to 3 years before degrading.**

Located near the Wastewater Composite Sampler. The samples for the tests for harmful chemicals, or bacteria.







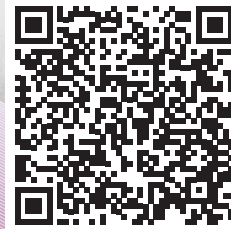
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Pictured above is the Oxidation Deck. These large tanks are continuously agitated and aerated driven by the large motor shown or blowers beneath the tanks. The topmost photo shows the tank where fats, oils, and greases are separated, some of which must be brought to the reed fields shown below in the background where it's dried and filtered through the reeds and recycled back into the plant for further treatment. The lower left photo above is where WW is introduced to micro-organisms too small to be seen with the naked eye that help consume harmful chemicals like phosphorous and nitrogen.



Top, Nicholas samples water from one of two 30-foot-diameter Clarifier tanks that utilize mechanisms to filter unwanted grease and floating solids from the water. After clarification, clean water is pumped through one last step, shown below the clarifier photo that flashes the water with Ultraviolet Light before it is finally released back into nature.



Learn more by  
reading the  
ONWTF's  
informational  
pamphlet





## Oneida Health Advances Doula Support, Mammography, & Mental Health



### Indigenous Doula Services Revives Traditional Practices

The Oneida Comprehensive Health Division has launched the Indigenous Doula Services program to provide culturally sensitive, non-medical support to Native American mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. Funded by the Maternal Health Innovation Grant, the program has expanded to include eight doulas, all Native women trained in trauma-informed care. This initiative aims to revive traditional birthing practices and support families in Brown and Outagamie counties, offering prenatal visits, labor and delivery support, and postpartum care.

The doulas educate mothers on birthing options and postpartum recovery, providing emotional and informational support. The program focuses on pregnant women receiving obstetric care at Oneida Comprehensive Health Division, with eligibility based on various factors such as social support and medical history. Indigenous Doula Services seeks to create a lasting support network that honors culture, strengthens community, and empowers mothers, with hopes to expand its reach and sustainability through continued funding and growth.

### OCHD Earns Top Mammography Accreditation

OCHD has earned a three-year accreditation in mammography from the American College of Radiology® (ACR). Mammography uses low-dose X-rays to examine breasts, aiding in early detection and diagnosis of breast diseases. The ACR gold seal of accreditation, representing the highest level of image quality and patient safety, is awarded to facilities meeting specific standards through a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists.

Image quality, personnel qualifications, facility equipment, quality control

procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed, providing a comprehensive report for continuous improvement. "We are incredibly proud to receive this accreditation," said Division Director Deb Danforth. "This recognition is a testament to our team's commitment to providing the highest quality imaging and care."

*To make a mammography appointment, call (920) 869-2711 and choose "medical" to schedule a time.*



### Celebrating Crabb's Mental Health Certification

OCHD proudly announces that Candice Crabb, a family nurse practitioner, has earned her Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-Board Certified (PMHNP-BC) credential. This certification highlights her commitment to providing comprehensive care, combining expertise in family practice with a focus on mental health.

#### Crabb's credentials now include:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP),
- Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner – Board Certified (FNP-BC), and PMHNP-BC
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Before her role as an FNP, Crabb worked as an inpatient RN for seven years on a medical/surgical/cardiac unit. She also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Bellin College, working with FNP students.

"We celebrate Candice's initiative in securing her PMHNP-BC credentials and are extremely proud of her commitment to her patients," said Division Director Deb Danforth. Since joining the Oneida community in 2017, Crabb has made a positive impact as a Family Nurse Practitioner.



## Supporting Caregivers

### Oneida's Kinship Care Project



#### By Oneida Family Services

The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Family Services Department is collaborating with the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) on the Bridging Systems for Kinship Families initiative. This project aims to support relative/kinship caregivers, who are crucial for the well-being of children in the community. The initiative will address service barriers and enhance collaboration across tribal and state systems to better serve these families.

In August 2024, ten representatives from the Oneida Nation's social services departments and a tribal council member attended the virtual kickoff meeting. They expressed their commitment to the project, rooted in the Oneida Nation's core value of **Yukwahwa:tsi'le** (Our family and our Nation), which emphasizes shared responsibility for the safety and well-being of children and families.

Louise Padron, Oneida Nation Family Services supervisor, highlighted the importance of supporting relative caregivers, who are often the least supported

yet most valuable resources for children. She stated, "They are some of the most valuable resources for children in the community and often the least supported. This project will ensure that our traditional value of

**Twahwahtsilaya** (All of us are family) will be honored."

Changing systems can be challenging, especially given the historical and intergenerational trauma the Oneida community has faced. Relative caregivers in the Kinship Care Program are vital, serving as prevention resources to keep at-risk kids out of the child welfare system and providing essential intervention support. They align with the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act's placement preferences, strengthening family preservation and wellness for the Oneida community. NICWA is excited to work with

and learn from the Kinship Care Program over the next two years. This collaboration aims to create a reliable system that empowers caregivers, ensuring children thrive and stay connected to their families and tribal community.

#### Oneida Core Values

- **Kahletsyalu'sla** - ga lay ja lou sla
  - The heartfelt encouragement of the best in each of us
- **Kanolukhwa'sla** - ga no lou kwa sla
  - Compassion, caring, identity, and joy of being
- **Ka?nikuhli:yo'** - ga nee goo lee yo
  - The openness of the good spirit and mind
- **Ka?tshatst^'sla** - ka jat stunh sla
  - The strength of belief and vision as a People
- **Kalihwi:yo'** - ka lee wee yo
  - The use of the good words about ourselves, our Nation and our future
- **Yukwahwa:tsi'le** - you kwa wa gee lay
  - Our Family and our Nation
- **Yukwatsi'stay^** - you kwa gee sta yunh
  - Our fire, our spirit within each one of us

ONEIDA CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

## Help Native Children Stay With Native Families

### Be a Foster Parent, Make a Difference

#### Why Become a Foster Parent?

- Carry on traditional Oneida family values
- Keep siblings together
- Maintain children's identity & connection to their culture
- Provide support and guidance from community, family, & friends

#### Requirements:

- Background Check
- Home Inspection
- References
- Fire Evacuation Plan
- Home Study

#### Resources:

- Support Group
- Monthly Stipend per Child
- Clothing Allowance
- Assistance with Medical, Dental, Vision, & Mental Health Services through Medicaid or WIC

### Not Sure If Fostering Is For You, But Still Want To Help?

#### Respite Care Provides:

- Temporary Relief
- Improved Family Stability
- Reduced Risk of Abuse & Neglect

#### Contact for Licensing Process or More Information:

**Yolanda Summers**  
 Respite Coordinator | 920.490.3717  
 YSummers@OneidaNation.org



## Honoring Oneida Excellence

### WI 25 Most Influential Native American Leaders for 2025

The Kalihwisaks collected the Oneida Nation Members who were recognized as Wisconsin's 25 Most Influential Native American Leaders for 2025 from *Madison365*

*Madison365* proudly presents the sixth annual edition of Wisconsin's Most Influential Native American Leaders! As the CEO of 365 Media Foundation and Publisher of *Madison365*, Henry Sanders is dedicated to showcasing the incredible diversity and achievements of Indigenous leaders across the state.

The spotlight shines brightly on elected officials, business leaders, and

community advocates who are making remarkable contributions despite facing discrimination and historical oppression. While the list features 26 outstanding leaders, it's just the beginning—many more influential figures were nominated and deserve recognition.

Henry Sanders invites readers to dive into the stories of these leaders,

connect with them, and share their impactful work. The goal is to honor and celebrate the efforts of Indigenous leaders who are paving the way for a thriving Wisconsin for all.



Learn more about WI  
25 Most Influential  
Native American  
Leaders for 2025



**Apache Danforth**

Apache Danforth is founder of public relations firm Good Words Consulting and travel agency Good Words Travel, which connects international travelers with Indigenous cultural experiences across Wisconsin. She is also co-founder of She Rises Collective, a group of six Indigenous women business owners dedicated to supporting other women entrepreneurs. She has previously worked as tribal tourism director for Native American Tourism of Wisconsin and public relations specialist for the Oneida Nation. She holds a bachelor's degree in organizational administration from UW-Milwaukee and a master's degree in public relations from Kent State.



**Todd VanDen Heuvel**

Todd VanDen Heuvel is associate vice president for human resources at Lawrence University in Appleton, a role he took on in January. He comes to Lawrence from the Oneida Nation, where he served as executive human resources director since 2021. He previously worked in HR leadership positions at North Star Mohican Casino & Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, Winnebago Mental Health Institute, Brown County, and the State of Wisconsin. He also serves on the board of directors of Oneida Bay Bank. He earned a bachelor's degree at Florida State and a master's degree in human resource management at Marquette.





## Ron Powless Inducted into North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame

By Dan Ninham, Contributing Writer

Ron Powless was born on March 17, 1931, in Milwaukee Wisconsin and passed away September 9, 2011, in Marietta, GA while enroute to his winter home in Ft. Myers, FL. His father was Merville Powless from the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. His mother, Jesse Snow Powless, was from the Red Lake Chippewa Nation.

Ron, the oldest of three brothers, was highly motivated and an athletically talented youth. He played high school football at Morgan Park, Chicago, IL and Washington High School, Milwaukee, WI. His success

as a receiver and punter led to his recruitment and scholarship offers. Ron attended Indiana University on an athletic scholarship playing football for the Hoosiers in the Big Ten. Following his time at Indiana, Ron served in the military stationed in Tokyo, Japan, where he was selected to the U.S. Army All-Star football team and played in the first American football game in Tokyo Stadium against the Marine All-Star's.

After his time in the military and playing for the U.S. Army All-Star football team, he continued his

education in Mexico City at Mexico City College and later graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Marketing and Economics.

Ron's competitive nature led to successful careers with companies like Xerox and Ittek before founding his own corporation, International Data Systems. His success allowed him to contribute to American Indian causes and enjoy homes in Wisconsin and Florida. Ron's legacy lives on as he had a son and daughter both of whom followed him with successful careers and healthy families.



**Saturday, June 7**  
**Oneida Casino Hotel**

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Call: 218.368.6430

email: [coach.danninham@gmail.com](mailto:coach.danninham@gmail.com)

Last year's event was attended by 450 guests,  
including the 55 inductees pictured below.

Please join us to honor the 2025 NAIAHF Inductees.





**SHARON (SHERRY) L. CHESNIK****April 16, 1936 - March 31, 2025**

Sharon (Sherry) Lynn Chesnik passed away on March 31, 2025, in Madison, Wisconsin at age 88. She was surrounded by her family.

Born April 16, 1936 to Lou and John Huff, Sherry grew up in Milwaukee. She was close with her adoptive father, John Rau, whom Lou married when Sherry was four years old. At age 15, Sherry met Earl (Bud) Chesnik at the Riverside ice skating rink and instantly fell in love. They married on September 12, 1953 and were together for 67 years.

Sherry and Bud welcomed their daughter, Carrie, in 1957, and their son, Kevin, in 1959. The family moved to Redfield, South Dakota in 1961. While there, Sherry joined the Lioness Lion's Club and the Jayceettes (serving as President).

Sherry attended Northern State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota—where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1982. She worked as a psychologist in Pennsylvania and as a consultant for the Harrisburg Police Department, offering support to victims of domestic violence. Sherry was a tribal member of the Oneida Nation. She felt deeply proud of her Native heritage and cared about the preservation of Indigenous culture. She loved attending Pow Wows and was an avid reader of the Oneida Nation's official publication, Kalihwisaks. Carrie remains connected with several tribal communities and Kevin currently serves as Executive Director of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce - Wisconsin.

Sherry is survived by her two children, Kevin and Carrie; her daughter-in-law, Connie; her sister-in-law, Marilyn; her brother-in-law, Jerry; her nephew, Ben (Shannon); her grandchildren, Kelly, Hayley, and Valerie (Lee); and her great grandson, Theodore. If you would like to honor Sherry's memory, the family kindly asks you consider a donation to The Southern Poverty Law Center at <https://www.splcenter.org/support-us/>

We miss you Sherry. We love you. Hugs and kisses.

**VINCENT A. LEMIEUX****September 21, 1983 - April 3, 2025**

Vincent Arthur LeMieux, 41, Oneida started his journey on April 3, 2025. Vin was born on September 21, 1983, to Raymond & Debra LeMieux in

Wausau, Wisconsin. He was the proud father of Vincent II and James. He was the loving partner to Miranda and dad to Jaymeson.

Vin grew up on the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation but later moved to Oneida where he spent most of his adult life. The baby of the family, Vin always had a smile on his face and would put a smile on anyone else's. He was usually the funniest one in the room. He poured love into everyone in his life and will be greatly missed by all those that were lucky enough to know him. Vin loved the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Bucks, always sporting the coolest jerseys and matching sneakers. Even more so, he loved spending time with his family especially his sons, nieces and nephews. He was the proudest father and uncle around, always checking in with his loved ones.

Vin is survived by his sons; Vincent (Brianna) LeMieux II, James Vaughn III, his parents Ray and Deb, his partner Miranda Kulow and their son Jaymeson, his siblings; Raylene (Jeffrey) LeMieux, Colleen LeMieux, Raymond (MaKenzie) LeMieux, Joe (Tracy) Pecore, Ed LeMieux, and all of his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Clyde & Beatrice LeMieux, and best friend Jay Thunder Williams.

Friends may call on Tuesday, April 8 at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin a song service at 11:30 AM. A funeral service will begin immediately following at 12:00 PM.

**ROBERTA LEE DOXTATOR****April 19, 1937 - April 4, 2025**

Roberta was born April 19, 1937 in Tomah, WI to Isadore Doxtator and Beatrice (nee Hill) Doxtator and passed away peacefully on Friday, April 4, in Cudahy, WI at the

age of 87 years. She is survived by her children Lorene (Tom) Patnode, Lisa (Jose) Ramirez, Brian Doxtator and Karin Doxtator; also her closely held, Antonio Doxtator, Armando Doxtator, the late Michael Doxtator and the late Crystal Doxtator. Dearest sister of Brenda Doxtator, the late Delores Skenandore and the late Carol Jean Doxtator. Also survived and fondly remembered by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Amongst Roberta's schooling she attended a year at Neillsville, WI boarding school and a one at another boarding school Marty, South Dakota. She spent 8 summers at the Wittenberg boarding school. She moved to Milwaukee in 1951 and later went to Lincoln High School.

The Doxtator family joined United Indians of Milwaukee 1981 and were core members until 1989. Her children went to the Indian Community School. Roberta was on the school board when it entered into partnership with the Forest County Potawatomi. This led to the opening of the Potawatomi Bingo and Casino with revenue sharing for the Indian Community School. Roberta remained on the school board until 1994 when work and home obligations forced her to resign.

Roberta worked at Astronautics in Shipping for 10 years, Master Lock on the assembly line for 10 years and retired in 1999.

She never slowed down in her community service, she helped found the Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit in 1991 and was a church council member until 2014. She joined the Oneida Hymn Singers in 1999-2015 and enjoyed singing for the community and supporting families in need. She volunteered with the American Indian Task Force on Domestic Violence from 1999-2008 Roberta received the Wallace Pyawasit Community Leadership Award in 2014 from UWM. She is featured in the Milwaukee Public Museum diorama, "Tribute to Survival," as a dancer.

As busy as she was, the ONE true constant in



her life was her love and unwavering support for her family.

Visitation at Prasser-Klecza Funeral Home, 3275 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM. Funeral Service at 5:00 PM.



Read the full obituary

### MICHAEL G. SMITH

July 17, 1954 - April 6, 2025



Michael Gordon Smith, 70, took the journey from this earth on the 6th day of April, 2025 of natural causes. He was born in Chicago, IL on July 17, 2025, to Malphas Smith and

Verila Silas.

Mike attended Flandreu and received his GED later in life. In his prime, he was an avid boxer for the Soaring Eagles Club of Oneida. "Pompero" was his nickname.

Mike worked as a construction worker for the earlier part of his life. He then preceded to work for the Oneida Casino, first as a bingo caller, then table games. He loved to gamble, play cribbage, and 10,000. He also loved the outdoors.

Mike is survived by his children Michael Shannon Powless (Veronica), Tera Jean Smith (Chris), Johnathan Smith (Amber) and Jacklyn Smith; his siblings: Elizabeth Dennison, Cecil Smith, Rose (Harvey) Thompson, Valerie La Plante, Dawit Smith, Selma Smith, Malphas (Ginny) Smith, and Verda (Kim) House. He will be deeply missed and loved by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

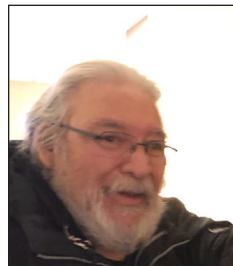
He was preceded in death by his son, Gerald Smith and daughter, Megan Smith; his siblings: Gerald Silas Smith, Joan Lee Smith, Melvin Smith, Terry Smith, Judy Smith, Earl Smith and Sharlene Kasee.

Family and Friends may visit Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. A funeral service will begin at 4:00 PM with Sonny Hill speaking.

The family encourages those who attend the funeral to please wear Packer apparel in memory of Mike.

### CECIL ALLEN SMITH

October 24, 1946 - April 10, 2025



Cecil Allen Smith, 78, peacefully passed away on April 10, 2025. He was born in Green Bay, WI, on October 24, 1946, to the late Malphas and Verila (Silas) Smith.

In Cecil's younger years he loved raccoon hunting with his great friend Clayton Elm. He was a very religious man, serving as an altar boy at Holy Apostles Church. Throughout his life he volunteered with the military helping to recruit for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. Later in life he enjoyed tinkering in his garage with electronics and motors.

Cecil is survived by his children, Tiffany Ann Smith and Lori Anne Smith. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Chanel Winter Garcia (Zachary T. Peterson), Isabel Catalina Garcia, and Gabriel Garcia Jr. Cecil is further survived by his great grandchildren, Lilianne Salas and Olivia Yukino Peterson.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, Mike, Earl, Melvin, and Terry Smith, as well as his sister, Judy Adams.

Friends and family may call at Holy Apostles Church, 2937 Freedom Rd. Oneida, WI 54115, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, from 9:00am until time of service at 11:00am, with Fr. James Biegler presiding. A song service sung by the Oneida Hymn Singers will start at 10:30am.

### CAROL MARY MADL

August 28, 1927 - April 10, 2025



Carole Mary Madl, 97, Oneida, passed away on the evening of April 10, 2025, in her home, which is the same home she was born in 97 years ago on August 28,

1927, to the late Clarence and Blanche Polzin.

On October 21, 1944, she was united in marriage to Joseph W. Madl.

Carole was a lifelong United Methodist. A longtime member of Oneida United Methodist Church, Carole was a member of the Methodist Women Group, cleaned the church for many years and took care of the flower beds.

An avid gardener, Carole loved taking care of her flowers. She also enjoyed shopping with friends, especially at Resale Shops.

In addition to her profound love of God, her family was so important to her. Carole's children, grandchildren, sisters, and cousins brought her so much happiness.

She is survived by her children; Brian (Kim) Madl, and Michelle Madl. Seven grandsons, Twenty – four great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, as well as her sister Faye Huchro, and nieces, nephews, Godchildren, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph, her son Dennis, and siblings; Fred Polzin, and Barbara Polzin Wilson.

Friends may call at Oneida United Methodist Church, Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10:00AM until time of service at 10:30AM. The Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 10:15AM. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere, is assisting the family.

Carole's family would like to thank Unity Hospice and Melissa Fleming for your compassion and care over the last several weeks.

### VINCENT F. MOREHOUSE

September 2, 1962 - March 2, 2025



Vincent went up to the Spirit in the Sky. He passed away unexpectedly at home on March 2. He was a member of the Oneida Nation Turtle Clan.

He served in the 128th Air Refueling Wing of the Wisconsin National Guard for 20 years. Vinnie was a fix-it-guy who was always willing to help. He enjoyed skateboarding, biking, music, and cooking. He made good chili, roasts, ham, beans, and soups. Vinnie also made model airplanes, helicopters, and cars. His Dad called him Tiger. He was loud and could talk your ear off.

Vinnie is survived by his brother Mark Morehouse (close bros), sister Beth A. Avina (He called her Ber), niece & friend Tara Morehouse, newpew Samuel Avina (He was always giving Sam things).

Vinnie was preceded in death by his parents, Milan L. and Kathlaleen Morehouse, older brother Mike D. Morehouse, and many Airforce friends. RIP Vinnie.







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



Obituaries longer than 300 words  
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Virtual Solar Power Hour  
Tuesday, May 6 • Noon

Registration  
link:



General Energy Information Session • Tuesday, May 13, 5-8pm  
 Grow Solar Program Power Hour • Tuesday, May 27 • 5-8pm

We'll talk about energy savings ideas, including:  
 Energy Audits • Energy Efficiency  
 Electrification • Solar

For questions, email Mike Troge at  
[mtroge@oneidanation.org](mailto:mtroge@oneidanation.org) or call 920.869.4571.

GSP is a group-buy program managed by the  
 Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA).  
 Endries Solar & Electric will install the systems.



Press Release





 JUST MOVE IT ONEIDA


# GET MOVIN' MAY




**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST / 4-6PM**  
**Oneida Nation Elementary School**  
 N7125 Seminary Rd, Oneida, WI 54155

 Councilwoman Jennifer Webster will be reading physical activity books to the kids from 5-5:30pm for Oneida Reads.

**FREE JMIO  SUNGLASSES & CORN SOUP.**  
 WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

For more information or questions contact Hanna Leisgang:  
 920-490-3927 hleisgan@oneidanation.org  JustMoveIt Oneida

03/31/2025

## SOUTHEASTERN ONEIDA TRIBAL SERVICES(SEOTS) UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>FAMILY &amp; CULTURAL DAYS</u>	<u>ELDER EVENTS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY EVENTS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 6th - Brewer Tailgate &amp; Game: Limited spots available. Sign up required.</li> <li>May 20th Cultural Day- Strawberry Theme, food, storytelling, and activities provided. RSVP required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 13 (Brain Health Topic) &amp; 27th (Elder Yoga), Elder lunch and Bingo, various activities provided 10am-12pm.</li> <li>May 21st 10am- Elder Food Boxes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 10th 11am-2pm- Mother's Day Craft Fair</li> <li>June 21st 12-3pm SEOTS Community Picnic at Humboldt Park. Food, activities, and raffles provided. Limited to 120 participants, sign up required.</li> </ul>

 FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR MOST UP TO DATE EVENTS!


[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SOUTHEASTERNONEIDATRIBALSERVICES/](https://www.facebook.com/southeasternoneidatribalservices/)

[HTTPS://ONEIDA-NSN.GOV/RESOURCES/SOUTH-EASTERN-ONEIDA-TRIBAL-SERVICES/SEOTS-EVENTS/](https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/south-eastern-oneida-tribal-services/seots-events/)

## ELDER COMPUTER CLASS SERIES


*Every first Thursday of the month!*

A representative from Humana will be instructing the May class.



- May 1, 2025, 9am "Using technology to stay connected"
- June 5, 2025, 9am "All about apps: How to navigate your phone"
- July 3, 2025, 9am "Out with snail mail, in with the EMAIL"

For more information or to sign up:  
 920-496-5248 or stop in at the CEC!

 Community Education Center  
 2632 Packerland Drive  
 920-496-5260

## Strawberry Ceremony

### EDUCATION NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY  
 MAY 14, 2025  
 5:30-8PM**

ONEIDA LONGHOUSE  
 W370 REFORMATORY RD  
 ONEIDA WI

**ENJOY A LIGHT MEAL**  
 CONTACT: ISIS SCHREIBER  
 920.490.3796



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**WALK WITH A DOC**

**LEAD WALKER: DR. VALERIE HEY**

**TOPIC: KIDS SUMMER SAFETY**

May 7, 2025  
12:10 - 12:45 PM


Oneida Community Health Center

No registration Required! Walk with a Doc series will occur on the 1st Wednesday of every month from May through October. Meet by the front entrance.



For more information contact Amanda Riesenberg at 920-490-3984 or ariesenb@oneidanation.org

**Oneida Tribal Aging & Disability Resources**



Do you need help for yourself or a loved one in the home?

Lets talk to see what is the best option for you or your loved ones to remain in the home. Do you need medical equipment in your home or help with your daily living activities.

**SERVICES**

**Information & Assistance**  
Is a function of the Aging Unit collaborating to provide services to the Aging community

**Options Counseling**  
Provide counseling about options to meet long term care needs

**Enrollment counseling**  
helping a person to enroll in a Long Term Care program if they Physically & Financially qualify

**TRIBAL AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE SPECIALIST**  
Carol Bogda Oneida TADRS  
cbogda@oneidanation.org  
920-869-6834

Oneida Aging & Disability Services  
2907 S. Overland Rd.  
Oneida WI 54155

**SPRING OVER TO...**

**PARENT GROUP**

Who: Parents, Expecting Families, Caregivers

When: May 14th, 2025 530pm-630pm

Place: BIA Early Intervention  
1260 Packerland Dr  
Cottage #1

RSVP: Please text/call Makenit Gutierrez at 920-655-2146 or call Rosemarie T. Navarro Redhail at 920-490-3880.

**Nurturing Self-Esteem in Your Child**

Self-esteem plays a vital role in a child's development, influencing their confidence, motivation, resilience in facing challenges, social interactions, and overall health. When positive self-esteem is fostered, children take pride in their abilities. Join us for a meal and discover valuable learning tools!



Sponsored by: Oneida Comprehensive Health Division, Maternal Child Health Services, BIA Early Intervention  
February 14, 2025




**ECONOMIC SUPPORT**

**DO YOU NEED HELP?**  
Are you Oneida Enrolled? Have had a crisis going on or recently? Struggling with a financial need or unsure if it may be met at all?

**IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE OUR SERVICES!**

How to Apply: May apply in person at Economic Support or call 920-490-3710 and by submitting a completed CSF application to the Oneida Nation's Social Services website at <https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support/community-support/>

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND SERVICES**

- SHELTER EXPENSES
- UTILITIES
- MEDICAL EXPENSES


(All services are in accordance with the Chapter 125 Rule Book) Find Chapter 125 <https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/laws/>


**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

920-490-3710  
2640 West Point Road  
Green Bay, WI 54304

<https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support/>  
[economic\\_support@oneidanation.org](mailto:economic_support@oneidanation.org)



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 **Inward Bound**

**PRESENTS**


**Gentle/Restorative YOGA CLASSES**

**WEDNESDAYS 5-6PM**

All levels are welcome. Space is limited. Sessions will focus on slow mindful movements and restorative poses.

**TEXT/CALL:** Heather (200 RYT\*) @ (920) 530-7596 or  
 \*RYT - Registered Yoga Teacher Theresa (200 RYT\*) @ (920) 378-6699

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 **ONEIDA MAN CLAN**  
 Gathering VII

**Saturday, May 31 • 8am**  
 Oneida VFW - 2980 E. Service Rd., Oneida, WI


**Come share your story, and listen to others.**

**Enjoy the 'Safe Place' and all of its positive energy.**

**Connect through the power of 'Man Discussions.'**




Donations are always appreciated. If you would like to contribute, email [OneidaManClan@gmail.com](mailto:OneidaManClan@gmail.com). [Facebook.com/OneidaManClan](https://www.facebook.com/OneidaManClan)  
 Bring your own lawn chair.



 **Oneida Land Claims Commission Book Club**


**Tuesdays,**  
**May 13 & 27 • 5-7pm**  
**Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria**  
**N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida, WI 54155**

**Meet the OLCC Commission to talk history, rights, treaties, and Oneida Land Claims.**

**Light Refreshments • Books Provided**

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A swimming pool can be a great way to both cool off and get some exercise during the hot summer months. Be aware that there are some rules and regulations that must be followed. Knowing and understanding the rules and regulations prior to installation can save you time, money, and a lot of frustration.

1. Depending on the size and depth of the pool, a permit may be required from the Zoning Department.
2. Housing Homes require approval from Comprehensive Housing prior to installation. Please call Comprehensive Housing at (920) 869-2227 for any questions or approvals.
3. The Code Compliance and Zoning Department follows the requirements of Oneida Law Chapter 603.23 for pools located on reservation land.
4. Most pools, whether in ground or above ground, will require a fence for safety purposes. Fence requirements are also found in Chapter 603.23.
5. Most smaller, temporary pools which are dismantled and/or removed for the winter are exempt from the requirements of 603.23.
6. You will also want to contact your homeowners insurance agent.



These guidelines are offered not only to assure permitting requirements are satisfied, but also as a reminder that safety is an important component as well. Children should always be supervised by an adult around pools. They should also be taught to respect and avoid the dangers a pool may pose.

Contact the Code Compliance & Zoning Department (920-869-4510 or 920-869-4564) with any questions you may have. They are willing to assist, and can offer advise as well as make permit determinations on a case by case basis.

#### ONEIDA NATION PARDON AND FORGIVENESS HEARING NOTICE

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

**When:** Thursday, May 22, 2025

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

**Time:** 10:00 AM

#### Pardon and Forgiveness Hearing Process

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

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

#### 2025 Minor Trust Payment Information

**If you were born between 9/2/2003 – 9/1/2007**

**There may be a Minor Trust Account available for you to claim or defer.** Minor Trust Accounts have been established for enrolled tribal members under the age of 18 for those members eligible to receive their Minor Trust Account or the members who previously deferred.

The Minor Trust Payment Deferral forms were mailed the first week in March 2025

**If you do not receive a PINK Minor Trust Payment Form packet**

**in the mail by April 1, 2025 contact our office or find the**

**Minor Trust Payment Deferral forms available online:**

<https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/>

**Deadline to submit the PINK Form to Defer or to Claim all is:**

**Tuesday July 1, 2025, 4:30 PM (CST)**

**(No Exceptions)**

**Receipts:** A receipt will be mailed within 2 weeks of your submission whether you defer or claim all. If not received, contact the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department.

**Deadline for Proof of Graduation Document & Direct Deposit Form is:**

**Tuesday September 2, 2025, 4:30 PM (CST)**

**(No Exceptions)**

**If you have not yet claimed your Minor Trust Account and you are 21 contact the Trust Enrollment Department immediately.**

**Minor Trust Payment will be issued...end October 2025**

Please visit our website for additional information: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/>  
Oneida Trust Enrollment Department • Mail-ins USPS -> PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155-0365  
920-869-6200 • 800-571-9902

Please deliver in person or by courier delivery only (Fed Ex, UPS) at street address below  
210 Elm St, Oneida WI 54155 (No office mailbox)



## 2025 Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution Schedule

N7372 Water Circle Place  
Oneida, WI 54155

ALL DATES ARE FRIDAY, 10AM

**May 30**

**June 13 & 27**

**July 11 & 25**

**August 8 & 22**

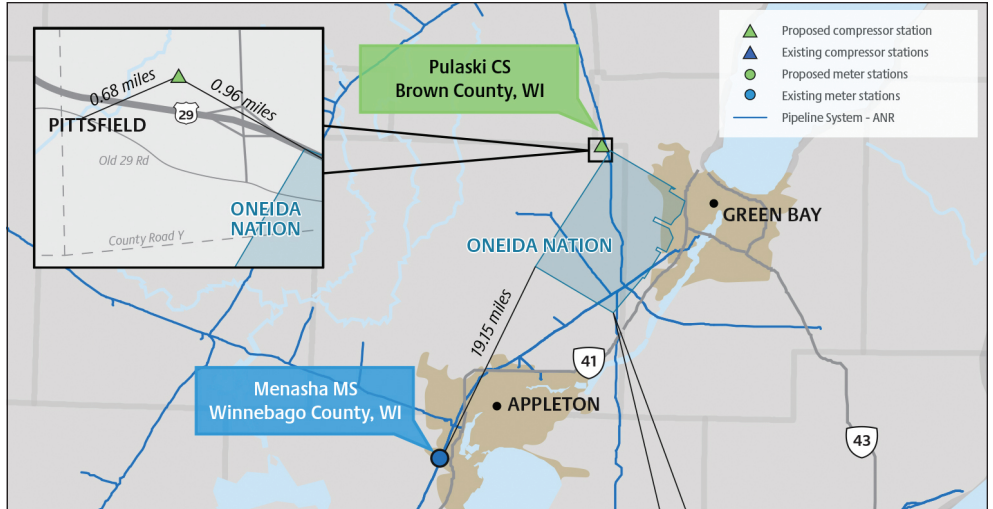
**September 5 & 26**

**October 10 & 24**

**November 7 & 21**

**December 5 & 19**

Each box contains proteins, produce, and shelf-stable items, sourced from Indigenous and non-Indigenous local producers and will be representative of traditional foods whenever possible. The average box will be 20 pounds. The contents of the boxes will change for each distribution based on what is available seasonally for the given distribution week. PLEASE NOTE: Food provided is for Tribal members, 55 and older. This project is funded by a Feeding America National Organization grant, Feeding Wisconsin's Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ARPA grant, and an Intertribal Local Food Purchasing Agreement grant.



## OPEN HOUSE

### JOIN US! HEARTLAND PROJECT (AHP)

Join TC Energy for a community open house to learn more about our proposed natural gas ANR Heartland Project (AHP).

Construction related to this project will not take place within the Oneida Reservation; however, we are committed to transparency, collaboration and keeping communities and Tribal Nations informed about upcoming infrastructure enhancements designed to provide safe, sustainable and reliable natural gas to the Midwest.

#### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- Information on the project's purpose, benefits, and proposed construction near Pittsfield, Wis., (approximately one mile away from the Oneida Reservation).
- Opportunities to speak directly with TC Energy team.
- Insights into how AHP supports regional economic growth, energy reliability and affordability and environmental sustainability.
- Learn about scholarship opportunities, social impact grant funding and potential contracting opportunities around the Project.

#### EVENT DETAILS:

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14  
5 – 8 P.M.**

**Location:** The Oneida Casino Hotel, Seneca & Mohawk Rooms, 2020 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313

(Drop-in event, no formal presentation)  
Refreshments available!

We look forward to engaging with you and hearing your feedback! For More information, visit our project website: [tcenergy.com/HEARTLAND](https://tcenergy.com/HEARTLAND)





## Fee-to-Trust Follow-Up

### 570 Acres of New Trust Lands

By Garth Webster



The April 2025 edition discussed a community meeting held by General Manager, Mark Powless and Deputy Director of Land Management, Nicole Rommel regarding the new fee-to-trust (FtoT) process.

In addition to new process, Powless and Rommel revealed that recently, eight FtoT applications within Hobart and Green Bay transferred 570 acres of taxable-land into trust status. We asked Rommel to share some more details about these new trust lands. Rommel also recognized Brenda Skenandore, Environmental, Land, and Agriculture Budget and Trust Analyst, for the great job she did processing these FtoT applications.

#### **Where is the land located?**

Five properties were in Hobart and three were in Green Bay.

#### **When was the applications for these properties submitted?**

The five in Hobart were applied for in 2008 and were appealed by Hobart.

#### **Was this partly a result of the new efficient process mentioned in the April Community Meeting?**

The applications that were submitted prior to 2024 will continue under the prior process, as far as we know. There hasn't been clarification yet with the BIA on how the prior applications will be handled by the BIA. There are 27 applications in the prior process. Applications submitted after 2024 will be processed with the new regulations. There are 25 submitted under the new process. ELA is currently working to complete 150 additional applications for submittal.

#### **Can you share how parcels are selected for trust applications?**

The order for completing applications is by the oldest acquisition date. ELA is currently working on applications for property purchases from 2008, 2009, and 2010.

#### **What is the end-goal of the new trust status land?**

It depends on what the property is currently being used for. Most of the time, the use of the property continues as is. For example, a home on the property will continue to be a home.



Pending Fee to Trust  
Applications via old  
and New Process

## Oneida Vocational Rehabilitation Program

### A Journey of Resilience and Empathy

By Ernest L. Oberst,

Oneida Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manager



This is a story of a lady, BS, who shall remain unnamed for privacy. BS' story is one of remarkable resilience and unwavering empathy. As a dedicated Recovery Coach at Oneida Behavioral Health's Recovery Nest, BS has transformed her personal struggles into a powerful drive to support others within her community.

Navigating the challenges of being a single mother, BS sought assistance from the Oneida Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. As she worked closely with the VR psychological consultant to enhance her mental health support, she demonstrated her commitment to personal growth and well-being. Additionally, she reached out to the Oneida VR program for help with acquiring new business attire for her newly-obtained full-time employment, showcasing her determination to succeed.

Having been in her current position for almost a year, BS found her calling. BS passionately considers her role as a Recovery Coach her career goal, driven by the empathy she's developed through personal experiences. BS' success as a participant in VR is a testament to her strength and dedication.

Her journey is an inspiring example of how personal challenges can be transformed into a source of motivation to help others. Her story highlights the importance of community support and the impact of VR in empowering individuals to achieve their career aspirations.

We will be at the Community Education Center on Thursday, May 22, 2025, 1-4pm.



Oneida Vocational  
Rehabilitation Services



## Annual Seed & Plant Distribution

**Tsyunhéhkwa Farm**  
**139 Riverdale Dr., Oneida, WI**  
**Saturday, May 10 • 9am until gone**

### Other events and information:

Traditional tobacco workshop:  
 Thursday, May 1, 12:15pm • Thursday, May 8, 12:15pm

Participate in the Trade & Barter System:  
 Trade non-perishable items for tobacco, #6, and sage,  
 while supplies last. Donated items are brought to  
 the Emergency Food Pantry.

Receive 1 lb of Indigenous grass-fed beef  
 when you donate 2 volunteer hours.

Ask about the Community Garden and Community Tilling.

For questions, contact Kyle Wisneski  
 email [Kwisneski@OneidaNation.org](mailto:Kwisneski@OneidaNation.org) or call 920.370.3151.



## Oneida Falling Leaves is Now Oneida Soaring Eagles 4-H Students Create Their Own Play



By Garth Webster

Recently, the Falling Leaves 4-H club renamed themselves the Oneida Soaring Eagles (OSE). As the club moves forward with their new name and logo (see photo to right) they are staying quite busy, says Team leader Harlen Cooper.

"The children had their choice of over 150 projects they could work on," says Cooper.

On March 8, 2025, OSE competed in the County Wide Drama Festival at Seymour Community High School by putting on their own comedy play called *The Bus Stop*. The annual event, hosted by the Outagamie 4-H of Wisconsin, is held to provide participants experience in acting and directing.

*The Bus Stop*, sponsored by the Freedom 4-H Club, Smile Awhile, was written to make a point that 4-H is more than just raising farm animals. In this way, OSE utilized a time-honored approach outlined in the 4-H guidelines, which emphasize project-based learning. This method enables youth to explore different areas and develop mastery in areas of interest, especially when it relates to the four focus areas for 4-H students: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Agriculture, Healthy Living, and Civic Engagement.

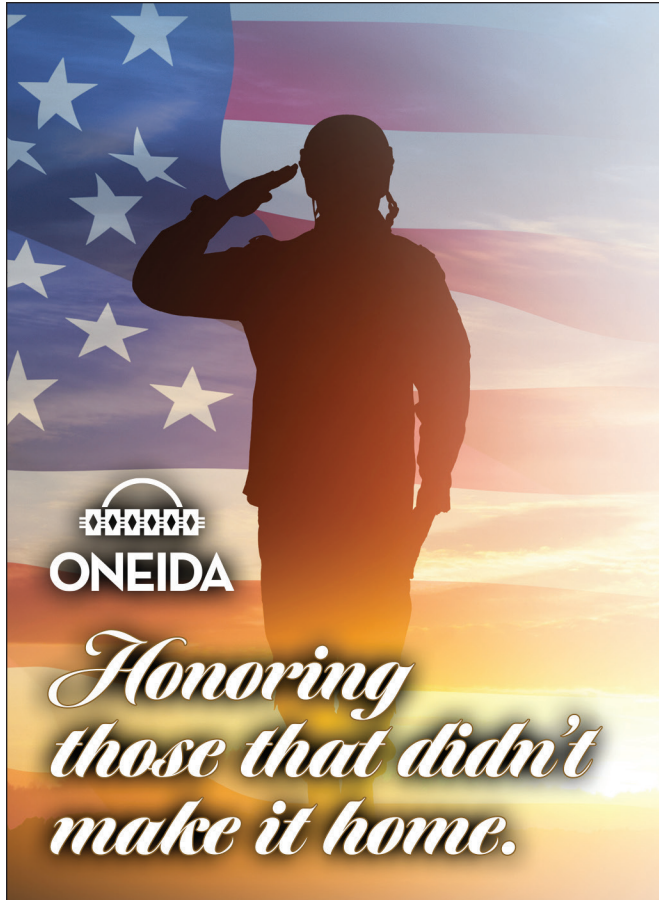
If you have or know children who would like to develop life-skills, build confidence and independence, or explore their interests, contact Harlen Cooper to become a member of the Oneida Soaring Eagles. Reach him at 920.254.9641



▲ Oneida Soaring Eagles 4-H club in costume for the play, *The Bus Stop*.

◀ Abi Ferrell (left), played Miss Chowder, the Hypochondriac Passenger and Autumn Cooper played Miss Mabel, the Librarian in *The Bus Stop* play.





## MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Monday, May 26, 2025 • Annual Cemetery Tour**

**Members arrive 7:40am • Depart 8am**

**Oneida VFW Post 7784 • 2980 E. Service Rd., Oneida, WI**

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Lutheran-Riverdale Dr.          | 8. Oneida Tribal Cemetery Adams Dr.                  |
| 2. Morman-Riverdale Dr.            | 9. Anna John Nursing Home 2901 S. Overland Rd.       |
| 3. Assembly of God-Hwy 54          | • • • Break • • •                                    |
| 4. St. Joseph-Seminary Rd.         | 10. Oneida Veteran's Memorial Hwy 54 & Pleasant Lane |
| 5. Holy Apostles-Freedom Rd.       |  |
| 6. Methodist-Freedom Rd.           |  |
| 7. White Cemetery Freedom Rd. & EE |  |

Approximately Noon or 1pm, lunch will be provided at Oneida VFW Post 7784 (While food lasts.)

*Thank You for your support & service to our community Veterans.*

*Sincerely, Commander Deke Suri*  
Mobile: 920.445.1972



MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES



## Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk

**Saturday, May 10 • 10am Registration**

**Oneida Recreation • 2913 Artley St., Oneida, WI 54155**

**11am: Walk begins to Oneida Nation Elementary School (Turtle School)**

**Light meal provided, presentations & music • email [TAP@OneidaNation.org](mailto:TAP@OneidaNation.org)**







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# 57th Annual Oneida Royalty Pageant

Oneida Hotel • Grand Council Ballroom  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 • 6pm

**DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 2**

## REQUIREMENTS

### Miss Oneida

- High School Graduate
- Enrolled Member of Oneida Nation
- Letter of Recommendation
- 18-25 Years of Age

### Jr. Miss Oneida

- High School Student Good Standing
- Enrolled Member of Oneida Nation
- Letter of Recommendation
- 14-17 Years of Age


### Lil' Miss Oneida

- Student-Good Standing
- Enrolled Member of Oneida Nation
- Letter of Recommendation
- 10-13 Years of Age

Each Miss and Jr. Miss Contestant must agree to present an Oneida Traditional skill or talent.

Proud Sponsor:

Applications are available at Big Bear Media, Oneida Nation High School, and Oneida Library (Elm St.). For more information contact Oneida Royalty Committee. [OneidaRoyalty@OneidaNation.org](mailto:OneidaRoyalty@OneidaNation.org)

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