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Shekóli Swakwe•kú. After meeting with Ann McCotter and Joann Ninham in late 2023, we published the first article regarding the Oneida Reads campaign in the February 2024 edition. Since then, there have been numerous events, trainings, and several articles supporting this initiative, including the article about Maya Payne Smart on page 12.

Needless to say, we stay well connected with Ann about matters of education, including recently when we both attended the NFL Digital Divide event chronicled on page 7. During this time, Ann shared the pride she feels, and all of us for that matter, regarding the milestone our high school students have achieved, "Congratulations on your graduation! Your dedication, perseverance,

and passion have brought you to this exciting new chapter, and we celebrate all that you have accomplished. As you look toward the future, we invite you to channel your energy and fresh perspective into a cause that can transform lives for generations: early literacy. Oneida Reads is working to build a strong, equitable system that ensures every Oneida child in our community can read proficiently by third grade—a critical foundation for lifelong learning and success. Early literacy is an education and social issue imperative to the future of Oneida Nation. If we want an innovative workforce, thriving communities, and strong leaders, we need to recognize that literacy is critical and refocus on improving reading outcomes, especially in

the early grades. Change starts with people like you—committed, hopeful, and ready to make a difference. Whether you volunteer, advocate, or help spread the word, your involvement can spark a ripple effect of opportunity across Oneida Nation and beyond. Together, let's champion literacy and create a future where every Oneida child has the power to read, dream, and thrive."

See page 15 for the complete list of our young Oneida members graduating high school. Congratulations class of 2025!

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The Big Bear Media team takes advantage of some unseasonably warm spring weather to install sky dome borders around the asphalt pathways at the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park.



Business Committee Forum

By Jameson Wilson, Oneida Nation Councilman



“Let us continue to support one another to keep a good mind, a good heart, and a strong fire.”

Shekoli Swakweku (Hello everyone),

The warm winds of the summer season have returned and I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather. We are approaching the halfway point of 2025, and I appreciate this opportunity to provide an update from my office.

LOC Update

The Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) is hosting its Summer Community Meeting on Wednesday, June 4th (Alternative date: June 18th) from 5:30-7:30pm in the Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria. We will be discussing the proposed amendments to the Ten-Day Notice Policy, the Election Law, and the creation of a Renewable Energy Law. Please join us to provide input on the development of these amendments and laws.

OPP Update

The Oneida Business Committee (OBC) took action on May 1st, 2025, via an emergency OBC meeting to

cancel the tentatively scheduled May 5th Special General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting. The intent of the canceled GTC meeting was to hold discussion about the Onlyote'a-ká ni'í Project Plan. In lieu of the cancellation of the GTC meeting, the Onlyote'a-ká ni'í Standing Committee, whose purpose is to serve on behalf of the GTC and BC as it relates to the implementation and management of the of the Onlyote'a-ká ni'í Project Plan, held a community input session on May 5th at the Oneida Hotel to talk about the Nation's enrollment criteria dilemma. The Special GTC meeting to discuss Onlyote'a-ká ni'í Project Plan will be rescheduled to a later date in 2025.

Nation Building Update

This term, the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) is using Nation Building principles developed by the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona. The five Nation Building principles are Transformational

Leadership, Strong Governing Systems, Seventh Generation Thinking, Cultural Match, and Sovereignty.

The Nation Building principles helped the OBC develop a strategic plan which includes 11 long-term initiatives. These initiatives cover a wide range of topics and are aimed at helping the Nation strengthen its position moving forward. See the graphic below for details.

Each initiative has an associated goal statement that is being refined by the assigned project teams. The teams are currently drafting project plans and clarifying.

In closing, I want you to know that I remain committed to serving the Nation with compassion, kindness, empathy, and optimism and will continue the work of creating a safe environment for our people.

Nation Building Initiatives

- Feasibility Assessment
- Create Continuous Improvement Plan for Government Systems
- Initiative Next Round of Constitutional Amendments
- Create Oneida Language & Culture Law
- Carry Out "I am Oneida" Project Plan
- Enhanced Mental Health & Well-Being
- Create a System of Commerce
- Strengthen Capacity for Technology
- Foster Innovative Solutions to Community Challenges
- Invest in Energy Infrastructure
- Research Center



Chairman Hill and Councilman Wilson provide testimony to the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) on behalf of the Oneida Nation regarding the Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Tribal Leader Consultation in support of permanent expansion of the Food Distribution Self-Determination Demonstration Project.



Left: Councilmen Wilson and Jonas Hill discussing the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law at the March LOC Community Meeting.



Right: Councilman Wilson presenting on one of the eleven Nation Building initiatives at the April Nation Building meeting.

Welcome to Oneida

Monuments Symbolize Pride for Community

By Garth Webster

Oneida Monument Project Team members (L to R): Brandon Noll, Troy Parr, Stephanie Skenandore, Crystal Holtz, Melinda J. Danforth, Bobbi Webster, Paul Witek, Tana Aguirre, and Paul Truttman enjoy a beautiful sunny day as they reveal the largest of three monuments that welcome visitors to Oneida.



About ten years ago, Melinda J. Danforth, Director of Oneida's Inter-governmental Affairs Department, became a part of a special project team whose initiative was to enhance the place-branding of the Oneida Nation.

The initiative finally came to fruition recently with the installation of three monuments welcoming passers-by to the Oneida Nation territory. Two of the which, located on the corner of W. Mason and Taylor St. and the corner of County EB and Packerland Drive, are smaller scale signs. The third monument, a much larger sign at 26 feet in height, is located at the corner of Highway 29 and County Line Road U. All three feature the Oneida Nation logo (ONL).

When asked about the use of the ONL versus the Oneida Nation seal, Danforth said it's mostly about utilizing the visual that's strategically used to communicate with the target market.

The Oneida Nation seal is used for government-to-government communications whereas the ONL is used to market to community residents, tourists, etc. In this way, the ONL has higher levels of recall because of its simplicity in text and symbols. The other benefit was its versatility to be manufactured more efficiently at large scales and with more readily available materials.

Danforth points out that the monuments are placed in high-traffic areas to gain the most exposure, unlike the green Department of Transportation Dual Language Signs discussed in the November 2022 edition. Although both announce to drivers where they're located, the monuments do so with much bolder, well-recognized visuals and text.

More monuments are planned in places such as Highway 172. However, Danforth says there are many steps, such as zoning and right-of-way issues

that must be negotiated before installation. For the current monuments, the intent is to add landscaping and solar lighting features, especially for the County U and Highway 29 location.

Metaphorically, it's been a long road and thus, Danforth gives credit to the team for persevering through some of the obstacles. When the initiative began, momentum was lost due to financial priorities. When it became a viable option again, the pandemic struck. In the end, other than the project team, she says the membership has been the biggest source of enthusiasm, "The community is so full of pride and has been so supportive of this effort."

This pride also resonates with Danforth on a personal level who explains the moment she had with her child, "I took my kid over there, who's nine years old. As soon as we drove by, he proclaimed 'ONEIDA!' This our land."



HUD Secretary Scott Turner

Newly Available Funds to Expand Tribal HUD-VASH Program

By US Housing and Urban Development

HUD Secretary Scott Turner addresses the press conference attendees from the driveway of a newly built housing unit on Metoxen Lane in Oneida on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Scott Turner announced \$2.2 million in new available funding under the Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program on Thursday, April 24, 2025. This program delivers critical rental assistance for Native American veterans who are – or who are at risk of becoming – homeless in Tribal communities across the nation. Secretary Turner made the announcement after touring the Oneida Nation with Congressman Tony Wied and visiting with the Oneida Nation Business Committee.

The expansion announcement is the result of approximately \$2.2 million in Fiscal Year 2017 funds that were not exhausted are now available for grants to support the expansion of rental assistance for Native American Veterans who qualify. HUD invites Tribes and Tribal Designated Housing Entities

(TDHEs) to apply for this expansion funding.

"It was informative and inspiring to see how Oneida Tribal Leadership serve their members, including by providing housing and wrap around services to create economic opportunity and pathways to self-sufficiency for Native American families," said HUD Secretary Scott Turner. "For about a decade, the Oneida Tribe has utilized HUD-VASH to support Native American Veterans with a specialized set of tools and resources. The announcement of the newly available funds will help expand this impactful program to more Native American veterans across the country."

"The Oneida Nation welcomed HUD to our reservation in the early 1960's and since that time we have worked to provide affordable adequate housing for our citizens," said Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill. "Across the

country, Tribes continue to have unmet needs on reservations, and projects such as VASH move Tribes closer to closing the gap. We're pleased to have Secretary Turner come to Oneida for a firsthand experience and tour of our housing community."

"The Oneida Nation is an integral part of Wisconsin 8th Congressional District, and I have pledged to always be a partner to them in Washington," said Congressman Tony Wied. "That's why I am proud to stand alongside Secretary Turner to announce this vital new funding for the Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supporting Housing (VASH) Program. Our American veterans risked their lives for our country, and they should never have to worry about losing their housing on Tribal lands. I thank the Secretary for his leadership and look forward to continuing our strong partnership to protect Native residents across Northeast Wisconsin."



Wisconsin 8th District Congressman Tony Wied, Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill, HUD Secretary Scott Turner, and Oneida Nation Vice Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, at the press conference where Turner announced \$2.2 million marked to provide rental assistance to Native American veterans



Bridging the Digital Divide

NFL-Packer Inspire Change Provides \$150,000 Grant to ONSS

By Garth Webster

Just one day before the 2025 Draft, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Green Bay Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, along with former and distinguished NFL players, including former Packers players, gathered with Chairman Tehassi Hill and the Oneida Business Committee and the faculty and students of the Oneida Nation School System (ONSS) to announce a generous \$100,000 grant from the Social Responsibility Team as part of the NFL Inspire Change initiative. The Green Bay Packers sweetened the deal with an additional \$50,000, bringing the total to an amazing \$150,000!

After a welcoming address that acknowledged the student social dance singers from emcee Bobbi Webster, she introduced Governor Evers, who delivered a fitting statement for the highly anticipated announcement from Goodell, "What's happening here at Oneida is really exciting. We want you [Oneida students and all students in the area] to dream big and we want you to be ready to do well in school and make your

dreams come true. The NFL has made this day happen."

As Goodell provided a shout-out to the Oneida Flag Football Team in the audience, he stated, "It's important to understand and experience the cultures of the communities we go to. The Draft is really about community and that's why we're here today. We want to share and leave a legacy with you, one that lives on to inspire other kids."

Murphy, after stressing how important the Oneida Nation has been to the Green Bay community for over two centuries, including its partnership with the Packers, says, "We're pleased to team up with the NFL Foundation and the Oneida Nation to *bridge the digital divide* that many Oneida students face. This grant will help ensure Oneida's students have the proper technological resources and opportunities to succeed."

Former Packer and schoolteacher, Scott Wells, also spoke to the students and reinforced Goodell's message of community, "I was the 251st out of 255 players chosen when I was drafted. Nobody finds success by accident. I got to where I am through the support from my community. The fact that I've had some very supportive and influential people in my life helped me chase my dreams. It's amazing this [Digital Divide Grant] is being done for you and I appreciate you all for letting me be a part of it."

Special thanks to all those who made this event possible, especially Council Woman Jennifer Webster, Oneida Education and Training Area Manager Jackie Smith, Oneida Nation High School Principal Dr. Artley Skenandore, Oneida Nation Technology Coordinator Tony Romandine, Oneida Head Start Director Jay Martinez, and Oneida Reads Team Leader, Ann McCotter.



"Welcome to the Oneida Nation, we have a long history of football and the city of Green Bay."

Tehassi Hill
Chairman of Oneida Nation

By Mia Charnon

On April 26, 2025, the Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers, led by Chairman Tehassi Hill, impressed at the 2025 Draft. Chairman Hill highlighted the strong ties between the Oneida Nation and Green Bay, their shared football history, and the importance of celebrating Oneida culture.

Following his remarks, the Smoke Dancers captivated the audience with their vibrant display, earning enthusiastic applause. For those who missed it, Halona Media has captured the entire performance on video, ensuring this memorable cultural celebration can be enjoyed by all.



Watch the Smoke Dancers
Performance by
Halona Media





By Trista Cornelius-Henrickson

Attorneys general from twenty-one states, including WI, sued President Trump to halt the executive order put in place to dismantle, to the maximum extent of the law, seven governmental agencies, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) which provides grant funding for Libraries and Museums across the United States. A preliminary injunction was issued on May 6th, 2025, by Chief Judge John J. McConnel, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island, determining the Executive Order to be in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act and the Take Care Clause (Article II, Section 2 of the US Constitution).

The Preliminary Injunction orders that officials are prohibited from implementing the executive order, and that the IMLS must promptly take all necessary steps to reverse any policies, memoranda, directives, or actions issued from the executive order. The court has also directed that IMLS employees and contractors placed on leave or terminated due to the order shall be restored. Finally, grants and contracts shall not be further paused, cancelled, or otherwise terminated.

The Oneida Nation Museum (ONM), to be renamed the Kahnekano-lú Cultural Center following completion of construction (Spring 2026), plans to move forward with applying for IMLS grants as needed to help further its mission: to preserve,

protect and strengthen the history, culture and lifeways of the Onnyote'a-ká people. Previously ONM has used IMLS funds for exhibits, programming, collections, and technology according to

Director Stacy Coon. The Oneida Nation Museum belongs to the Brown County Federation of Historic Organizations (BCFHO) and the American Alliance of Museums (AAM); these local and national partnerships allow ONM to take an active role in demonstrating how impactful museums are by connecting people, fostering learning and community as well as preservation and collection stewardship initiatives.

Coon encourages patrons to show their support by requesting tours, visiting museums, and posting on social media platforms about their visits, participating in any offered programming and to “support our local artists and shop at our gift shop!”

 Oneida Museum

Future Cultural Center Plans that Benefit from Grant Funding

1. Classes by visiting conservators on artifact cleaning and preservation
2. Community engagement opportunities
3. In-depth presentations on art forms/topics
4. Digitization of collections and archives
5. Enhancements to collections and exhibits
6. Youth and cultural wellness programs
7. Cultural festivals and events
8. Partnerships with other museums



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Oneida Museum

Indigenous Fashion Show Electrifies Audience

Event Produced by Native Max

By Garth Webster



Its S.E.W.
Me Designs



Sew Lovely
Designs



Iron Horse Quillwork
and Irene Moore
Collective Designs



Good Feather
Designs

On the evening of Tuesday, April 22, 2025 the Indigenous Fashion Show highlighted Native fashion and jewelry that dazzled the audience at the historic Tarlton Theater in Downtown Green Bay. The powerful lineup featured *designs by Sew Lovely, Its S.E.W Me Designs* by Sunny Webster, *Good Feather Designs* by Aissa Roberts, and a collaborative effort from *Ironhorse Quillwork and Irene Moore Collective*.

The event, the first of its kind fully coordinated by the Oneida Nation, was led by Oneida Nation Councilman Marlon Skenandore. About an hour before the event, Skenandore expressed the pride he felt as customers began coming through the doors.

"Indigenous culture is something that lives in your heart. For Native individuals, once you find your wellness, once you find your fire, even if it sometimes dims, it's always some-

thing you can hold onto. It's something you can grasp and build on. As Native people, it's important we have that fire and we nurture it each and every day."

The event's emcee, Ernie Stevens III had this to say, "It's awesome to be here. This is the first time we're doing this. It's been a historic year. Everyone has done such a great job putting this together. There's a lot of excitement around this event and I'm honored to emcee the festivities."

This feeling of gratitude was reaffirmed by Skenandore as he spoke about his assistant, Fawn Billie, "She's been the most amazing teammate I've ever had. It's like we read each other's minds and as we put in the work." Skenandore credits Kelly Holms, cofounder of Native Max, the contracted production company he says was instrumental in putting the event together. Also, on Skenan-

dore's list of recognitions is the contingent of area Smoke Dancers who kicked off the show, owner of Native Clarity Photography, Clarissa Friday, Byran Halona of Halona Media, and the Tarlton Theater for being such a gracious host venue. Skenandore also cites Sadie Hill Kelley from within the Oneida Nation team for her coordination.

Among the sold-out audience were several local dignitaries: Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Green Bay Alderman Brian Johnson, Senator Jamie Wall, and Scott Vele from the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

With the amount of support this event has received, says Skenandore, "We'd be letting ourselves down if we didn't have more events in the future." *Stay tuned.*



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Clarissa Friday
Native Clarity Photography

Event Videography
Byran Halona
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Maya Payne Smart Inspires Empowering Early Literacy with Oneida Reads

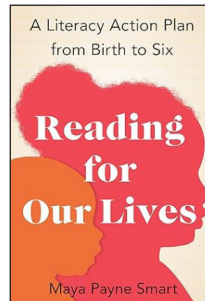
By Mia Charnon

On Wednesday, April 30, 2025, Oneida Reads hosted two events with author Maya Payne Smart at the Oneida Casino Hotel – Iroquois Complex. The events brought together Oneida employees, parents, educators, and community members dedicated to ensuring every Oneida

child becomes a proficient reader by 3rd grade.

Maya shared valuable insights and strategies for early literacy, making it a memorable and impactful day.

Join Oneida Reads in the mission to support early literacy and help every child succeed!



Learn more about
Maya Paynes Smart



Tiny Scholars Shine at Oneida Head Start Graduation



By Mia Charnon

On Tuesday, May 15, 2025, the Oneida Nation gathered at the Oneida Casino Hotel at 1 pm to celebrate the graduation of its 2025 Head Start class. The event was a joyous occasion, honoring the young graduates for their hard work and achievements.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates for their remarkable accomplishments!



Celebrating Progress: Oneida's New Transit Facility



By Mia Charnon

On Thursday, May 8, 2025, Oneida Public Transit proudly celebrated the grand opening of its new Transit Garage Facility located at N7341 Water Circle Place, Oneida. The event featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2pm, followed by light refreshments. The facility remained open to the community until 6pm, allowing attendees to

explore the new space and learn more about its features. The grand opening marked a significant milestone for Oneida Public Transit, showcasing their commitment to enhancing transportation services for the community. The event was well-attended, reflecting the community's support and enthusiasm for the new facility.

Oneida Nation Code Talkers Day

Honor Our Warriors and Our Language



By Nate Wisneski, 2019

Take a moment to celebrate, honor and remember our Oneida Nation Code Talkers on May 23, Oneida Nation Code Talkers Day. During WWII, many Native Americans used their native language to create a code that the enemy could not conquer. Our Oneida warriors spoke with one another using the Oneida Language to deliver messages and our language, used as code, could never be broken, thereby saving our troops, and protecting our nation.

These Veteran Warriors were the most honorable and loyal soldiers in our history. Many of our Oneida men took this act of heroism to their graves and never revealed the secrecy of the code to anyone.

*Salute, remember, and honor our heroic
Oneida Warriors Code Talkers*



Learn more about
the Oneida Nation
Code Talkers

Lloyd M.
SCHUYLER

February 14th 1922 - July 4th 2004
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Rupert S.
Adams

February 6, 1919 - September 26, 1998
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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May 13th 1920 - June 14th 1980
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



All Nations Solar & Electric is Powering the Future

By Garth Webster



All Nations Solar and Electric (ANSE), an LLC owned and operated by Oneida members Greg Manthe and Lloyd Zeise, provides electrical services for commercial, industrial, and residential properties.

Manthe's journey in the electricity industry began 15 years ago after acquiring his Electrical Certificate from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC). After interning under the tutelage of Jill Bocker at the Oneida Department of Public Works, he worked for several companies in Green Bay and Madison performing a variety of roles. While doing so, Manthe joined the Electrical Union where he was able to demonstrate his leadership skills. Shortly after, his Business Development Representative noticed his skills and sent him to a business class, which proved to be a pivotal moment in Manthe's career.

After successfully completing the class, he started a small business while continuing to work full time in

Madison. During this time, it became clear to Manthe that he would need assistance from his family back home in Oneida to succeed.

Since January 2025, after recruiting his uncle, Lloyd Zeise, they began ANSE, using the tagline, Empowering Energy Independence for All. It's this slogan, says Manthe, that drives them to complete their mission for their customers, "We want to provide the Oneida community with renewable technology to reduce their energy burden, create pathways for them to participate in a sustainable future, and ultimately, energy independence by installing solar panels and battery storage."

In the big picture, ANSE works with Oneida members to take advantage of Wisconsin's Focus on Energy Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) program. Manthe says most Tribal members qualify for free upgrades to their wiring and electrical panels which prepare homes for

the Solar for All Program. On a smaller scale, ANSE also encourages you to contact them to upgrade outlets, power your garage, or light fixtures. "No job is too small," says Manthe.

"Our goal is to improve the comfort, health, and safety of our customer's homes while simultaneously reducing the amount of energy they use, which by the way, also increases property values."

In addition to growing ANSE, Manthe wants to reciprocate the mentoring he received by hiring and developing Oneida members looking to get into this industry.

"The favorite part of my job is training apprentices and watching them grow. I'm so proud when they surpass my skills." He goes on to add, "My advice for anyone interested in becoming an electrician is to join the union. I wish I would have sooner. You can't beat the benefits, and you never have to ask for a raise."

Sunflowers are a reminder to be strong, stand tall, and always find the light.

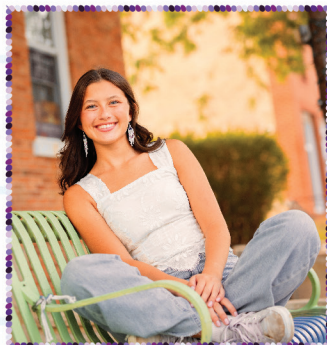
Learn more about All Nations Solar and Electric and the programs they offer

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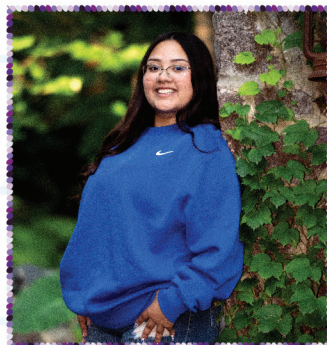
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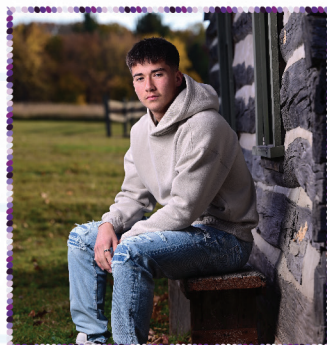
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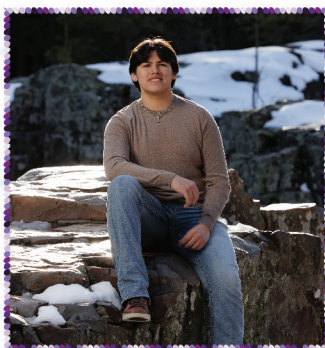
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Oneida Nation Girls Shine at 2025 Draft Representing Flag Football and Women in Sports

By Anthony Cornelius, Oneida Nations Girl's Flag Football Head Coach



We were invited to the 2025 Draft Experience on behalf of Toyota and NFL FLAG to attend the red-carpet event and call off a draft pick on stage. This experience was so cool to be a part of. The girls got to hang out with Annie Agar (a social media influencer for the NFL). They also did an interview with Jazzy's World TV (a famous kid mini mic reporter). Kamaben White also got to experience the "hand the cap moment" in which she was backstage for the Packers first round pick and celebrated him on being selected. Being the coach for this up-and-coming program is special. It brought positive attention and opportunities to our program. Being able to go on stage with these ladies was powerful. They used their platform to represent our community, our

school system, and women in sports. Standing on that stage in front of 200,000 people was something these girls will never forget. I chose Jaylyn Caldwell to call off the Draft pick because she is an inspiring reflection of our school system and our community.

"To be able to go up on stage and announce one of the draft picks was so exciting. To be on such a big stage like the NFL Draft and to represent our school and our community, it was an honor to be selected. To have something happen like this at the end of my senior year was special to me. I'm glad I was able to be a part of building the Girl's Flag Football program here at ONHS, but I hope after I leave more girls will get involved and try it out."

Jaylyn Caldwell, ONHS Senior



Lakeland University Plymouth, WI

Nursing

Basketball



Lakeland University Plymouth, WI

Criminal Justice

Basketball

Empowering Oneida's Youth

Youth Summit to Provide Platform for Young Leaders

By Office of Councilman Marlon Skenandore and Vice Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

The Onnyote?a-ká Youth Summit is taking place on July 12-13, 2025, at the Oneida Nation Turtle School for ages 14-24 years old. This is a kick-off event with the intent to establish a youth council for the long term. There will be other activities pertaining to culture, art, sports, mental health, education, outdoor activities, community engagement, entrepreneurship, and much more!

At the beginning of this Oneida Business Committee (OBC) term, Councilman Marlon Skenandore brought the idea to the table through their Nation Building Strategic Plan. It has become an office initiative co-led by Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens and Councilman Marlon Skenandore's Offices.

"Being the father to four children, serving on the Oneida Youth Leadership Institute for three years, and coaching youth lacrosse for four years, this initiative runs near and dear to my heart. It's important that we lift the voices of our youth and young adults to the top, hear their

input, and establish those recommendations into our foundation of our Nation for the next seven generations and beyond," says Skenandore.

To assist with organizing the Youth Summit and Youth Council, Sadie Hill Kelley (pictured left, below) was hired as a post graduate employee as an OBC Project Specialist. Sadie brings experience from participating in the National Congress of American Indians Youth Commission, Native Americans in Philanthropy - Native Youth Grantmakers program, Coordinator of the Native American Student Association, and Vice-chair of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee at Colorado Mesa University. Most recently, she also participated in the 2024 White House Tribal Youth Forum. With a larger team and experience that Hill Kelley brings, this initiative has become a priority for the two council members.

The registration application goes live Sunday, June 1, 2025. Please share this information with friends and family.



Registration Open Beginning Sunday, June 1, 2025

Oneida Youth Summit

July 12-13, 2025, Ages 14-24
at the Oneida Turtle School

What's Included

- 3 meals each day
- Breakout sessions
- Community Engagement
- Tour of Oneida Reservation
- Oneida Lake Activities

Scan the QR
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Contact Sadie Hill Kelley
with questions at
skelley1@oneidanation.org

From the office of Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens & Councilman Marlon Skenandore

Commitment to Maternal Mental Health

Grant Fuels Support Programs

By Maternal Health Services

The Oneida Prenatal Care Program, funded partly by the Maternal Child Health grant, provides education and support to expecting families. This year, the focus is on improving maternal mental health.

Maternal Mental Health

Also known as Perinatal Mental Health, it refers to the emotional, social, and mental well-being of a pregnant or postpartum person. Common conditions include depression and anxiety.

Maternal Mortality

The death of a woman during pregnancy, childbirth, or within a certain period after giving birth.

Prevalence



1 in 5 mothers are affected by mental health conditions

Causes

- **Biological:** Hormonal changes during and after pregnancy can impact mood.
- **Psychological:** Adjusting to new roles, relationships, and responsibilities can be challenging.
- **Social:** Changes in jobs, homes, and finances during childbearing years add stress.
- **Genetic/Past Disorders:** History of mental health disorders increases risk, but mood disorders can affect anyone.
- **Historical Trauma:** Native Americans have higher rates of PTSD, addiction, and suicide.

Completed Tasks

- Met with Oneida Behavioral Health therapists to discuss screening and referral processes for prenatal and postpartum women.
- Surveyed Prevea OB and Oneida Medical providers on their screening and referral methods.
- Confirmed local, state, and national maternal mental health resources and created a magnet listing them.

Next Steps

- Develop a screening and referral policy.
- Provide updated maternal mental health educational materials to providers.
- Increase community awareness and reduce stigma around maternal mental health.

Leading Causes of Maternal Mortality



Suicides and substance use disorder-related fatalities due to mental health conditions

Treatment Gap



75% of mothers with mental health conditions are untreated, increasing risks for both moms and babies

Treatment

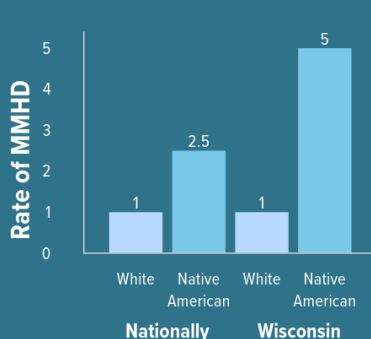
- Speak up if experiencing symptoms prenatally or postpartum.
- Most maternal mental health conditions are temporary and treatable.
- Recovery methods include self-care, social support, counseling, medication, and alternative therapies like Reiki and traditional practices.

Barriers to Treatment

- Feelings of shame or guilt.
- Fear of being reported to child protective services.
- Lack of access to maternal mental healthcare, transportation, or childcare.

Screening Best Practices

- **Prenatally:** Once per trimester, especially if another pregnancy occurs within 12 months postnatally.
- **Postpartum:** At 2-4 weeks, 2-3 months, and 9-12 months postpartum.
- **Concerns:** If there are signs of inability to function or bond with the baby.



Impact

Native American pregnant and postpartum individuals experience maternal mental health disorders (MMHD) 2-3 times more than white women; in Wisconsin, this rate is 5 times higher.



Lowná·note? “He is reading”

Native History Book Reviews



***On Savage Shores: How Indigenous Americans Discovered Europe* by Caroline Dodds Pennock (2023)**

The first victims of the transatlantic slave trade were Native Tainos being sold in Spain. Most familiar tellings of Native history are so thin they don't include slavery, despite the fact that early Europeans enslaved millions of our ancestors. In her book *On Savage Shores*, Caroline Dodds Pennock inverts our expectations of history by centering it around the experiences of Indigenous people. While conventional narratives are rife with stories of people coming west, she teaches of Natives' experiences going east and making discoveries of their own.

Pennock, a professor of international history, specializes in early contact and the Aztecs in particular. In this book, she expands her reach by highlighting long marginalized stories of Natives from all parts of the western hemisphere. We learn about the varied experiences Natives had with Europeans as interpreters, slaves, diplomats, and even family members. She includes not just the stories of peoples but also the transatlantic crossing of our food and crops and how quickly they became ubiquitous in the rest of the world.

The author considers this book a “project of recovery - of filling a gap in our knowledge - but it is more than that: each Native traveler in whose footprints we follow enriches our understanding, challenges our preconceptions, and transforms our impression of history.” By highlighting individual, often hidden threads of experience, she weaves a new pattern into our interpretation of the past. For example, the first Algonquian alphabet was, for centuries, credited to Englishman Thomas Hariot in the late 1500s. This document - long thought lost - was rediscovered in the 1980s. At the bottom of the page is a signature, a declaration: Mateoroidn - “King Manteo did this.” Manteo, a Native translator, and Hariot were partners in this creation. Manteo's agency and contribution had been silenced for centuries. In 1544, an Italian described the arrival of “another species of eggplant” from the western hemisphere and dubbed it golden fruit. They were eating

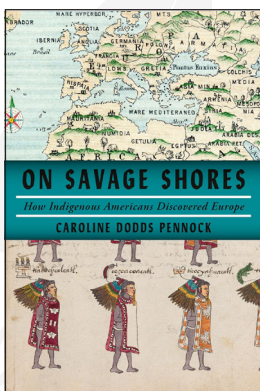
tomatoes for the first time.

Pennock shares wonderfully illuminating passages about tobacco, chocolate, and potatoes and their movements around the globe. We also learn of all the various ways in which Native people used tobacco for medicinal purposes, relaxation, spirituality, and the promotion of peace. Today, tobacco, along with many other products, is “largely detached from its Indigenous context.” Potatoes are not Irish; they are from the Andean region of Peru, and tomatoes are Mexican, not Italian. In enjoying these various Native products, we see how the “world had adopted Indigenous habits.”

The most interesting contribution this book makes is recording the impressions Natives had of Europe when they traveled there. Much has been made of European impressions of peoples of the Western Hemisphere, but most renditions about early contact completely leave out what the Indigenous thought about European society. Their most common reaction was a “revulsion at the inequality of European society.” A Wyandot man was appalled that people had to beg just to avoid starvation. He was equally shocked about the violence meted out “in the name of

justice and parenting.” Three Tupinamba' visited France and found two very strange customs: armed strongmen with beards obeyed a child (King Charles IX was 11 years old at the time), and the poor accepted that some people lived with great wealth while they were “emaciated from hunger and poverty.” It stands to reason that our ancestors would be appalled at today's commensurate level of inequality and poverty in our own society. We can learn more from our ancestors as we uncover our true past.

History has its own inertia. Old misconceptions grow rigid and intractable as each generation inherits a narrative. Pennock's re-evaluation centers Indigenous voices in the history of early contact. Her book is essential reading for all who wish to better understand where we came from and overcome the stale chronicles of the past.



Steven Skenandore
Native History Book Reviewer

Thank you for taking the time to read my review. My intention with this column is to teach our people some of the new history being written about Native Americans, as I think we are in a golden age of historical discovery. I'll be reviewing recent books once a quarter related to Native history, usually centered geographically on North America. I obtained my bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Nevada Las Vegas and a master's in international security from the University of Denver. I grew up in Oneida, Wisconsin but now live in Las Vegas, Nevada with my wife Amanda and work as a Police Lieutenant. My family continues to live in Oneida and is composed of my mother Alice, my late father Roy (Emroy), and my brothers and sister Ray, Danny, Berry, Clarissa, and Eddy.

If there is a book you would suggest or have any comments related to my reviews, please contact me at Skenandore@Outlook.com

Artwork by Lance Dillenburg (Thank you!)

CAROL SMITH**April 10, 1939 - May 2, 2025**

Carol Smith, 86, passed away peacefully on May 2, 2025, with family by her side. She was born in Oneida, WI, on April 10, 1939, to the late Arthur Cornelius Sr. and

Sadie Metoxen. She married the late Nathan Smith on October 16, 1982, at Oneida Methodist Church.

Carol lived most of her life on the Oneida reservation. She always remembered fondly spending a lot of time as a child with her grandparents, Mary and Bill Metoxen, in a little log cabin on Ray Rd. She also lived in California as a young woman and Milwaukee where she was a seamstress making formal drapes for an Italian woman named Amalia.

Back in Oneida, she raised her family. She had a tavern in downtown Oneida named Caroline's. She was also an EMT. One time, infamously, she was on a call and ended up picking up her own son who had been accidentally shot while hunting with a friend. He ended up being ok. She also worked at the Oneida Nursing Home, Oneida Health Center, and Oneida Bingo and Casino. She found her calling as the tour bus coordinator for the Bingo hall.

Carol loved her grandkids and never missed a family gathering. She would show up with a big kettle of homemade mostaccioli or bowl of potato salad. At one picnic on the 4th of July, errant fireworks sent everyone running, including Carol, who first stopped to grab her lawn chair, her purse, and her plate of food.

Carol lived a good life. She played Bingo and could move her dauber faster than lightning. She made great big breakfasts and pots of soup. She canned tomatoes and pickles. She went to as many rummage sales as possible. She enjoyed her birds, house plants, word searches, and puzzles. She became friends with Wayne Newton and Willie Nelson and saw them in concert many times. She never missed a Friday night fish fry or Sunday night at Sammy's Pizza.

She was feisty, and fierce, and loved her family. Carol is survived by her children: Bonita (Ernie) Nicholas-Marlewski, Geraldine (Joseph) Danforth, and Denise (Michael) McVeigh, stepsons: Blake (CJ) Smith and Kent (Marie) Smith, sister Betty Stensloff and her brother Art (Beth) Cornelius. She is further survived by her grandchildren: Carla, Nick, Christa.

Misty Dawn, Jayne, John, Rosa, Linda, Felicia, Miranda, Nicholas, Ashley, Thunder, Blaze, and Ryder, 28 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Linda Nicholas, son Franklin Nicholas, brothers: Wendel and Robert Cornelius, and her sister Marlene O'Donnel.

Family and friends may call at Oneida Methodist Church from 9:00am to 11:00am on May 8, 2025. A funeral service will begin at 11:00am with Pastor Jeremiah Cottrell-Duebner presiding.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Unity Hospice, Bristol Hospice, and Angela Smith (her live in caretaker) for their great care. Another special thank you is extended to John and Catrina Danforth and their family, for opening their home and providing extra special care to Carol in her final days.

GERALDINE "GERI" BUECHEL**April 9, 1946 - April 25, 2025**

Geraldine "Geri" Buechel, 79, passed away peacefully Friday April 25, 2025, at Anna John Nursing Home in Oneida, surrounded by her family. Geri was born on April 9, 1946, in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin to Velma Veronica Doxtator. On October 13, 1973, she married Kenneth "Ken" Buechel, who preceded her in death on January 11, 2023.

Geri enjoyed cooking for her family, diamond dots, knitting and scrapbooking. Christmas was known as her favorite time of year, during this time she was often seen making her candies and other snacks. She also took this time to happily spoil her family with presents. One of her favorite past-times was taking trips to Wal-Mart, often a few times a week.

When she moved to Anna John's she was, as her family liked to call her, a "social butterfly". You could always find her participating in weekly games of bingo, Sunday morning coffee and donuts, social hours, and cultural entertainment that was provided to the residents. And as a proud member of the Oneida Nation, Geri would tell anyone that she was a part of the Turtle Clan.

Geri is survived by her daughters: Lisa (Tom) Van Haren, Jackie (James) Wilder, Jennifer (Fran) Tyson and Karen (Kevin) Hamilton. Grandchildren: Nicole (Robert) Schroeder, Andrea (Oscar) Garcia, Caitlin Van Haren, Erik Wilder, Evan Wilder (fiancée Yami Viruet), Isabella Tyson, Jonah Tyson, Zoe Hamilton and Ethan Hamilton. Great-grandchildren: Owen

Schroeder, Carter Schroeder, Savannah Garcia, Naomi Garica, and Navé Wilder. Sisters: Shirley Jannusch and Diana Baltutis. Special friend: Rosella Moss and many other family members.

She is preceded in death by her husband, mother, brothers: Ken "Skeeter" Harris, Bobby Harris, Daniel "Butch" Morgan, Dennis Pleau and Dana Pleau. Father-in-law Edmund Buechel and Mother-in-law Elsie Buechel.

Family and friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Tuesday May 6, 2025. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin at 11:30 AM, with a prayer service to follow.

To leave an online condolence for Geri's family, please visit www.ryanfh.com

To the staff at Anna John:

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible care you provided to our Mom. Your compassion and dedication provided not only comfort to her but also peace of mind for our entire family. It takes a special group of people to do the work that you do, and we are forever grateful.

Our family would also like to thank Elizabeth Wagner, Bellin Cardiology for all the care given to Mom throughout the years.

LYNN PATRICK SCHOMMER**July 26, 1953 - April 23, 2025**

Lynn Patrick Schommer, 71, passed away peacefully at his residence in Green Bay, WI 54303 on April 23, 2025, with family by his side. He was born in Appleton, WI, on July 26, 1953, to Nicholas H. and

Ramona M. (Metoxen) Schommer.

Lynn married Rebecca VanEnkenvoort on October 18, 1983, and later separated but remained dedicated to one another.

Lynn worked for Oneida since 1990 and retired in 2016. He enjoyed going camping, loved animals and kids, the Green Bay Packers, bonfire, and fireworks. He was full of great one-liners and jokes. He would want us all to know that he stands tall to talk above them all, "don't forget I'm going to the big house."

Lynn is survived by the mother of his children, Rebecca; their children, Leah Schommer, Dominic Schommer, and Joshua Schommer, his daughters, Maria Schommer and Jasmin Gartland; four grandchildren, Kylee, Destiny (Mitch), Justice, Mazzie, and one great-grandchild, Enzo; four sisters, Paula Schommer, Cheryl Schommer, Darlene (Tim) Flunker, Bonnie Delfosse; nieces and nephews, Nicole (Dan), Bronson, Jordan (Ben); aunts, Norma (Gerald) Rammer, Lois Strong; cousins, Kristin

Okamoto, Jameson (Merissa) Wilson, Pat (Paula) Metoxen, Krissy Metoxen, and Rae (David) Skenandore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas and Ramona, sister Colleen Schommer, uncle and aunt Patrick (Sandra) Metoxen.

Family and friends may call at Riverview Baptist Church, 216 N. Main Street, Seymour, WI 54165, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2025, with Pastor Scotty Backhaus presiding. The Schommer family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Bellin Hospital and Unity Hospice for their care and consideration.

VERA R. BATISTE

April 21, 1953 - April 30, 2025



Vera R. Batiste, 72 of Oneida, passed away surrounded by family on April 30, 2025. Vera was born on April 21, 1953 to the late Willard and Nellie (King) Johnson. She married Lee Batiste in December 29, 1971.

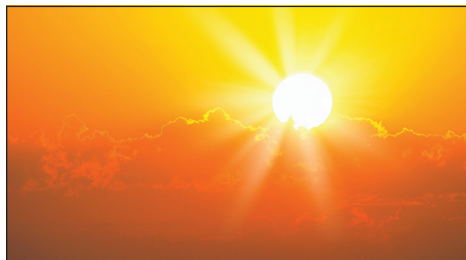
She always enjoyed going to the casino and playing bingo with her friends. They traveled all around to play together. She went on a trip to Las Vegas with her sister Virginia and spent the weekend gambling and sight-seeing.

Vera is survived by her children, Kimberly Batiste (Carlos Godinez), Orleana Batiste (Alberto Villalba), and her grandchildren, Lexus, Brylee, Juakin, Alejandro, Elena, Gael, Ariana, Rosalba. She is further survived by her siblings, Alan R. King, Anthony Johnson, LizAnn Johnson, Barabara Meyer, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Batiste, her son Charlie Batiste, her parents, and her siblings, Virginia Johnson, Patsy Skenandore, Shirley Johnson, Marylynn Johnson.

Friends and family may call at Orleana's home, 3105 Sandia Drive, in Green Bay, WI 54313 for visitation on Saturday May 3 at 12:00 PM. Visitation will continue overnight until 10:00 AM Sunday Morning.

The family would like to thank Unity Hospice, and the staff at Anna John Nursing Home for the wonderful care they took of Vera for many years.



AUTUMN LITTLESTAR MACHADO

September 21, 1976 - April 22, 2025



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Autumn Mahado Laes, a beloved daughter, sister, Nani, cousin, and friend. Autumn was called home in April 2025 at age 49. Born September

21, 1976 in Green Bay, WI, to her mother Iris Smith and father, Richard Laes, Autumn was a proud Ho-Chunk Native American woman whose heart belonged to her home in Black River Falls, WI.

Autumn embraced life with a vibrant spirit and a deep appreciation for the simple joys. She found immense pleasure in the beauty of the outdoors, often spending time hiking and connecting with nature. Music filled her soul, and she expressed her creativity and love through the art of cooking, always eager to share a meal with those she cherished. Above all, Autumn treasured the moments spend with her friends and family, creating lasting memories with laughter and love.

Autumn is survived by her loving brothers, Ira Laes, Bobby Wilkinson, and Uriah Lewis; her dear Nanis, Regina Reel and Barb Smith; her cousins, Somer and Cheyenne Reel; her niece, Jocelyn Kimps; and numerous other nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will deeply miss her presence in their lives.

As a proud member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Autumn held heritage close to her heart. In this time of sorrow, we turn to the wisdom of her ancestors:

Great Spirit, Creator of all, We gather before you with hearts filled with sorrow. A life, like a young sapling, has been taken too soon. Autumn's journey on this earth, though vibrant and full of promise, has reached its end before its time.

We do not understand the path you have laid before her, but we trust in your wisdom and your boundless love. Embrace her spirit now, guide her on her journey to the next world. May she find peace and rest among our ancestors.

Comfort us, the ones left behind, with the strength to carry on. Help us to remember the joy she brought into our lives. The laughter she shared, and the love she so freely gave. Though her physical presence is gone, may her spirit forever live on in our hearts. Hoka hey.

A visitation was held Friday, April 25, 2025 at 9:30am at Torgerson's Funeral Home in Black River Falls with services that followed at 11am to celebrate Autumn's life and the impact she had on all who knew her.

Autumn's memory will forever be cherished by her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

DUANE E. ELM

March 31, 1960 - May 11, 2025



Duane Edward Elm, 65, passed away peacefully at Aurora Bay Care on May 11, 2025, of lung cancer with family by his side. He was born in Green Bay, WI, on March 31, 1960, to the late Earl Elm Sr. and Kathleen

Jourdan.

Some of his most favorite hobbies were creating beautiful beadwork. He also loved camping, fishing, and watching the Packers.

Duane is survived by his daughter Danyell Jordan, sister Laurie Elm, and his brothers Earl Elm Jr. and Robert Elm, along with many nieces and nephews. He is further survived by his grandchildren Eli Jordan and Ashlee Engelos (Special Friend Jennifer).

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Vernon and Katherine Jourdan, uncles Kermit Jordan, Hubert Jourdan, Randy Jourdan, Clint Jourdan, aunt Elaine Danforth, nephews Jimmy and David Duxtator, and cousin Kyle Dunlap.

Family and friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. 10th St. De Pere, WI 54115, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Thursday May 15, 2025. A memorial service will begin at 4:00pm with Pastor Juan Alicia presiding. Duane will be buried on Friday May 16, 2025, at 10:00am at the Oneida United Methodist Cemetery.

On Their Journey

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



Obituaries longer than 300 words
will be linked online



MARIA STICKA**January 4, 2005 - May 7, 2025**

It is with profound sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of our beloved daughter, Maria, at the age of 20.

Maria lived life with boldness and heart. She loved loud and she

loved hard, never afraid to show her emotions, speak her mind, or let those around her know how much they meant to her. She knew she had a voice, and she used it with confidence, passion, and purpose.

Maria brought light and laughter wherever she went. She deeply loved her family and cherished every moment spent with those closest to her. She shared a special bond with her parents and siblings- with her mother, never missing a chance to rave about her cooking or help to organize and clean the house until everything was just right- with her father, always talking about fishing, seeking his advice, or taking a walk with him in the woods. With her sisters, Nevaeh and Abby,

she enjoyed driving in the car—screaming the lyrics to the songs and she loved spending every minute before school finishing up whatever was on the stereo. With her brother, Jonny, she loved playing Fortnite together and listening to music on the way to Dollar General.

Maria's loyalty ran deep—she was a steadfast friend, a loving sister, dog mom, and a bright light in every life she touched. Her energy filled the room, and her presence will forever echo in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Maria had a vibrant personality and a passion for the things she loved most, including curating unique outfits from her favorite thrift stores and building her ever-evolving collection of shoes. She was always the first to notice trends, and her social media presence reflected her fun-loving spirit, bold style, and deep care for how she showed up in the world. Her greatest passion was taking care of her dog, Asher.

She is survived by her parents: Bernie and Amber (Klakowicz) Sticka, her oldest sister: Nevaeh Sticka (Carter Kositzke), her twin sister: Abby Sticka, her brother: Jonny Sticka, her grandparents: John and Lois (Dimmer) Sticka, Rick and Tina (Emberton) Klakowicz, her godparents: Todd Klakowicz (Danae Cleveland),

Kyleen (Adam) Wertel, her aunties and uncles: Jason (Lindsey) Sticka, Neil (Steph) Sticka, Jasmine (Justin) Folkman, Nathaniel Klakowicz, cousins: Allison Sticka, Jason Folkman, Jaxon Folkman, Teal Sticka, Eli Wertel, Jacob Sticka, Julia Folkman, Evan Sticka, Milton Sticka, Calvin Sticka, Jack Wertel, Oliva Klakowicz, Amelia Klakowicz.

Maria leaves behind a heartbroken family and many friends who will carry her memory forward with love, laughter, and strength. Her vibrant soul touched so many in her short time here, and her presence will be deeply missed every single day.

Family and friends may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Service will follow the visitation beginning at 1:00 pm. All who knew and loved her are welcome to attend.

The service will be streamed through the funeral home website, and can be viewed by clicking on the "Watch Webcast" icon below the service information.

In honor of Maria, we encourage everyone to wear something bold, bright, or thrifted—just as she would have loved.

**ONEIDA NATION
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 • 12:15PM

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

Find Public Meeting Materials at
Oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/publicmeetings

Email Public Comments to
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Ask Questions Here
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920.869.4417

SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES LAW

The purpose of the Sanctions and Penalties law is to establish a consistent set of sanctions and penalties that may be imposed upon elected officials of the Nation, including members of the Oneida Business Committee, for misconduct in office; and to establish an orderly and fair process for imposing such sanctions and penalties.

The Sanctions and Penalties law will:

- ♦ Provide what behaviors constitutes misconduct;
- ♦ Describe how an individual can file a complaint against and elected official;
- ♦ Provide that complaints against an elected official shall be handled by the Judiciary Trial Court; and
- ♦ Describe the potential sanctions and penalties that can be imposed upon elected officials found to have engaged in misconduct, and the factors that will be utilized to determine an appropriate sanction or penalty.

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed Sanctions & Penalties law in person at the Norbert Hill Center, or virtually through Microsoft Teams (MC). If you wish to attend the public meeting through MC, email LOC@oneidanation.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 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 Sanctions and Penalties law, please review the public meeting packet at www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings.

LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE
**COMMUNITY
MEETING**
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 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:

- ♦ 10 Day Notice Policy Amendments
- ♦ Election Law Amendments
- ♦ Renewable Energy Law

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.

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

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Milwaukee, WI 53220**

Must be 18 or older to vote. Picture identification required for voting. No children allowed in voting area.

Notice to Interested Person(s) Setting Hearing on Applications for Probate

To attend meetings virtually or request a copy of the materials, contact Brooke M. Doxtator at 920.869.4303 or email land_commission@oneidanation.org.

Applications for Probate have been filed as follows:

Estate of Merlin Melchert, Case No. 2025-LCP-002

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 10/2/1941, died on 8/2/2023 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at W670 County Road EE, De Pere, WI 54115
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Tami Melchert
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/21/2025, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Lillian Lavinia King, Case No. 2025-LCP-005

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 1/30/1927, died on 8/28/2022 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Outagamie County, state of Wisconsin at W1799 Culbertson Road, Seymour, WI 54165
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Estate of Ronald E. King, Sr., Marilyn J. King, Edwin D. King, Jr., Bruce A. King, Arthur M. King, Albert R. King, Linda King, Nevada Webster, Onikwintala Webster, Teri Webster, Orlin Webster, Jr., Jonni Webster, Danielle Webster, Deandra Fowler, Bernard Fowler, Jr., Lisa King
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/14/2025, 3pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Martha Braeger, Case No. 2025-LCP-005

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 3/29/1950, died on 12/18/2024 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 2700 He Nis Ra Lane, Green Bay, WI 54304
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Michelle Hill, Marsha Skenadore
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/28/2025, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Elaine Melchert, Case No. 2025-LCP-001

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 8/11/1940, died on 5/21/2023 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at W670 County Road EE, De Pere, WI 54115
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Estate of Merlin Melchert, Tami Melchert
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/21/2025, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Russell Bernard Metoxen, Case No. 2025-LCP-003

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 7/6/1934, died on 7/5/2023 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 235 Valley Drive, Oneida, WI 54155
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Kirby Metoxen, Kelly Metoxen, Kerry Metoxen, Kristen Metoxen
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/28/2025, 3pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Karen Kay Nolan, Case No. 2025-LCP-004

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 5/13/1959, died on 12/28/2024 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 2775 Metoxen Lane, De Pere, WI 54115
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Louis Guerra, Jr., Maria Buerro, Kiley Nolan, Connor Nolan, Lauren Hartman
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/28/2025, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Notice to Interested Person(s) Setting Hearing on Applications for Probate and Setting Time and Notice to Creditors

To attend meetings virtually or request a copy of the materials, contact Brooke M. Doxtator at 920.869.4303 or email land_commission@oneidanation.org.

Notice to Creditors: Deadline to file claim is June 25, 2025

To file a claim, contact Oneida Land Commission, Attn. Government Administrative Office, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or email land_commission@oneidanation.org.

Applications for probate have been filed as follows:

Estate of Julie Ann Hill, Case No. 2024-LCP-0007

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 7/3/1970, died on 10/3/2022, was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 3045 Ferndale Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Estate of Larry R. Hill, Jr., Robert J. L. King, Tre'Lonnice E. King
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/14/2025, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Larry Roscoe Hill, Jr. Case No. 2024-LCP-008

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 9/19/1970, died on 5/1/2024, was domiciled on exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 3045 Ferndale Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Kendra L. Henry, Erykah R. Hill
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/14/2025, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Anna Marie Haven, Jr. Case No. 2024-LCP-009

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 8/4/1965, died on 11/21/2024, was domiciled on exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Outagamie County, state of Wisconsin at N6969 Cornelius Circle, Oneida, WI 54155
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Kelsey M. Haven
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/21/2025, 3pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.



ONEIDA JUDICIARY

Tsi nu téshakotiya?tolétha/Trial Court

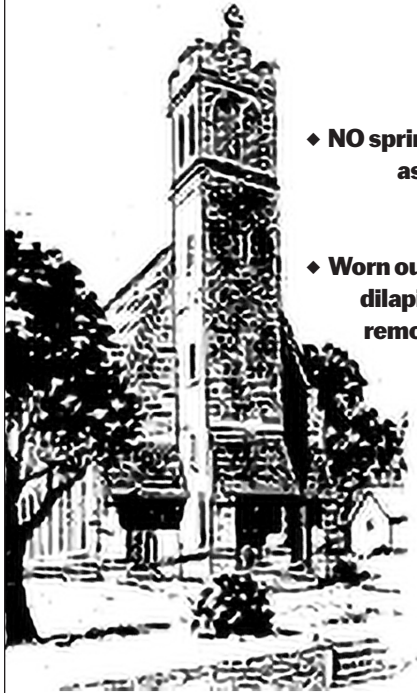
Payment can be made either in person at the Oneida Trial Court located at 2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303; or by mailing said payment to Oneida Trial Court P.O. Box 19, Oneida, WI 54155

NOTICE OF INTENT TO GARNISH

Debtor names:
Shawna F. Sewell
Rosalyn R. Danforth
Kalisa H. Lyons
Johnnie B. Hous

Church of the Holy Apostles

These Rules and Regulations were approved July 11, 2018 and remain in effect today.



◆ **NO sprinkling of cremation ashes will be allowed**

◆ **Worn out, faded, otherwise dilapidated items will be removed without notice**

◆ **Cemetery will be closed from dusk to dawn no personal vehicles allowed during this time**

Floral Displays

- ◆ ONLY metal or plastic containers at ground level, next to the monument shall be used for fresh cut or artificial flowers
- ◆ Live/fresh cut flowers to be removed after two (2) weeks
- ◆ One (1) shepherd's hook per grave site for hanging basket

Monuments/Headstones

- ◆ Must be made of marble, granite, fiberglass, or bronze. Replace wooden markers before they deteriorate.

ITEMS PROHIBITED

- ◆ Planting of any trees, shrubs, perennials
- ◆ Snowmobiles, ATVs, cross country cycles, dirt bikes
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages or any other glass containers or glass items
- ◆ Enclosures of any kind around grave sites (e.g. fences)
- ◆ Decorative stones, yard decorations (signs, solar lights, planters, toys, pinwheels, balloons and the like) if deemed dangerous for lawn equipment
- ◆ Any unusual markers, decorations must be pre-approved

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ONEIDA NATION

Board, Committee, or Commissions

AVAILABLE

BCC POSITIONS

APPLY NOW

BCC Highlight

**ONEIDA NATION
ARTS BOARD
(ONAB)**

Provide advisory guidance & support to the Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP)

Oversee Dollars for Arts Project

Qualifications

Application



**BCC Position
Vacancies &
Applications**

**CONTACT GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (GAO)**

920.869.4303

FOR MORE INFORMATION





JUNE Memory Café

JUNE 11, 2025 1:30PM-3:00PM
Main Conference Room at the Oneida Health Center

Memory Café is open to anyone the with early memory loss and other dementia symptoms. Feel free to bring your spouse, friend, family member, or significant other to this fun, comfortable environment. It's a great way to socialize and connect in an understanding stigma-free setting.




Memory Café happens every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8,
Nov. 12, Dec. 10

This month's activity is chair yoga!



ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER



525 Airport Drive
Oneida, WI 54155
920-869-4995

Holy Apostles Church Rummage Sale



Parish Hall
2936 Freedom Rd, Oneida

JUNE 20-21 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

VFW Ladies' Auxiliary will be hosting a
Soup Sale - Friday June 20

Holy Apostles Church, 2937 Freedom Road, Oneida, WI 54155 * (920) 869-2565
* holyapostles15@gmail.com

Textile Community Day

Have family blankets, clothes, or lace? Join us for a hands-on textile workshop to learn how to preserve your family heirlooms!

Items to bring:

- Quilts/blankets/weavings
- Clothing
- Lace
- Leather



JUNE 6, 2025
10:30-6:00 PM
30 min. time slots
At CEC (2632 Packerland Dr.)

TO REGISTER:
cdmc.wisc.edu/oneida-community-day/
or call 920-676-1039



HELEN LOUISE ALLEN
TEXTILE COLLECTION




THE GREAT LAW

EDUCATION NIGHT



**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 11, 2025
5:30-8PM**

ONEIDA LONGHOUSE
W370 REFORMATORY RD
ONEIDA WI





Annual Oneida Pow Wow Elder Vendor Tent Signup 2025

Vendor tables will become available to all Oneida enrolled elders 55+ looking to sign up as an arts & crafts vendor for the 2025 Oneida Pow Wow

Monday, June 2, 2025

SIGN-UP IS FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED
NO EXCEPTIONS

NO PARKING,
DROP OFF BY
VENDOR TENT ONLY

Oneida Aging and Disability Services
Contact: Amber Van Kirk
920-869-2448



Kickoff to SUMMER FUN

Wednesday, June 18TH
Oneida Lake from 4 - 6 PM

Address:
W172 Crook Rd. De Pere, WI 54115

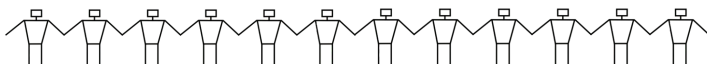
Activities:
Kayaking with Oneida Adventures!
Guarantee a spot- contact Sue Majeski:
920-490-3818 or adventure_dept@oneidanation.org

Giveaway items: (while supplies last)

- JMIO beach ball
- Buffalo snack sticks from Oneida Nation Farm

More information:
☎ 920-490-3927
✉ hleisgan@oneidanation.org

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2025 SEOTS COMMUNITY PICNIC

JUNE 21ST 12-3PM

HUMBOLDT PARK (3000 S HOWELL AVE)

FOOD • ACTIVITIES • RAFFLES

SIGN UP REQUIRED! SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THIS LINK:
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/XBDHECPIKE](https://forms.office.com/R/XBDHECPIKE)



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
414-329-4101



SOUTHEASTERN ONEIDA TRIBAL SERVICES(SEOTS) UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3rd Lunch & Potluck 10:30am with Oneida Nation Museum Presentation at 11am
- June 4th Estate Planning Clinic 9am and 10:30am (sign up required)
- June 6th Laptop Distribution (sign up required) 9am and 2pm
- June 24th Elder yoga, lunch, and bingo 10am-12pm.
- June 13th 11am or per shipment arrival- Tribal Elder Food Boxes
- June 17th 12pm Tentative Cultural Heritage Day- Great Law, with food, storytelling, and activities.
- June 21st 12-3pm SEOTS Community Picnic at Humboldt Park. Food, activities, and raffles provided. Limited to 120 participants, sign up required.
- July 10th SEOTS Youth Camp Begins. Every Thursday and Friday until August 1st.



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



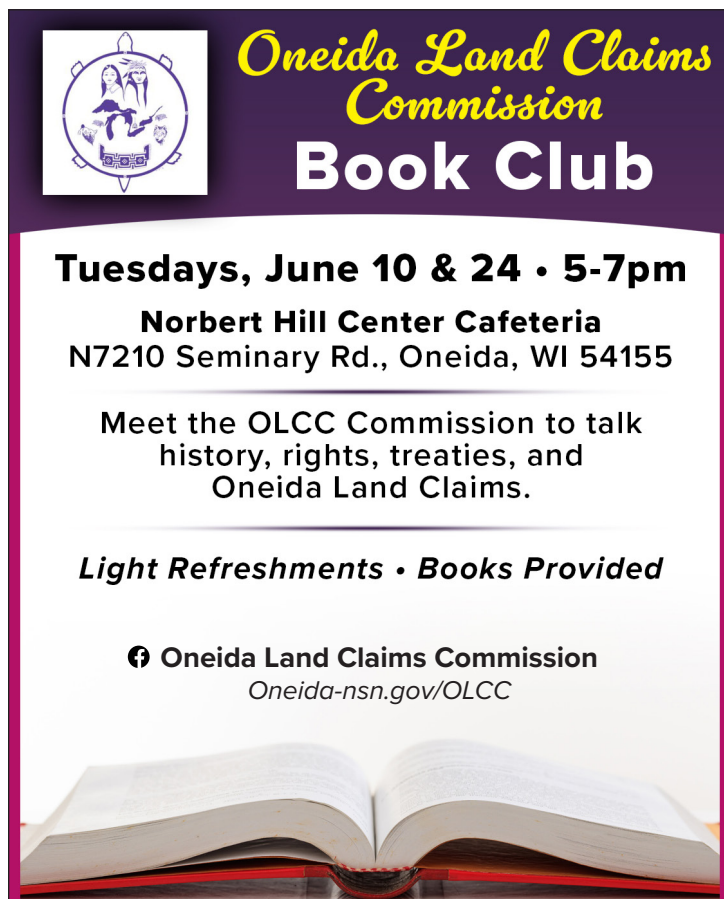
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20ft. x 20ft. Tents

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Oneida Land Claims Commission Book Club


Tuesdays, June 10 & 24 • 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

Oneida Land Claims Commission
Oneida-nsn.gov/OLCC



Know Where to Go!



RESOURCES

Oneida Behavioral Health is a resource for mental health & substance abuse information, resources, programs, and services.

2-1-1

ASSISTANCE

Call or text 2-1-1 anytime for free assistance with human, social, mental, and basic needs and for help during disaster situations.



SUPPORT

Call 920.436.8888 anytime when immediate support is needed to prevent a situation from becoming dangerous.



LIFELINE

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress as well as prevention and crisis resources for you and your loved ones.



CRISIS

Call 9-1-1 to request immediate assistance from police, fire, and rescue personnel for any in-progress situation that could potentially result in danger to someone's life.

What to Expect

A Crisis counselor will work with you so they can understand the situation and help you problem-solve, explore options and possibly send help to deescalate the crisis.

If there are concerns a person might harm them self or someone else, the counselor will complete a risk assessment and work with you to determine what is needed to help the person be safe and stable.

Crisis counselors work to provide trauma-informed, person-centered support in the least restrictive way. Hospitalization does occur at times, as the last and least used option. Most are healed by finding ways to increase support and reduce risk.

Crisis counseling is a short-term service to address an immediate mental health need. If ongoing services are needed, or if there are needs or services besides mental health support, the crisis counselor will help people connect with resources.

Follow up services will be provided to determine if the crisis has been resolved or if additional support is needed.

Call 9-1-1 if you or someone you know is in danger as a result of a mental health crisis.

For more information visit:

Oneida-NSN.gov/Resources/Behavioral-Health

BrownCountyUnitedWay.org/2-1-1

FamilyServicesNEW.org/Crisis-Center





"Today, we come together as one mind for those community members who knows someone who has been a victim or is missing and to support them. I think the emphasis of the MMIW movement is to bring awareness that this is happening across the country and to remind people to be aware of your surroundings. Pay attention to where your children are and so we come together to support one another."

~ Oneida Nation Councilwoman Jennifer Webster



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Gaming and Hotel Positions



Program and Service Positions

www.oneida-nsn.gov/resources/kalihwisaks/

@kalihwisaks



June 27 – 29, 2025
Norbert Hill Center
N7210 Seminary Rd
Oneida, WI

*Public
is Welcome*

*Food and
Craft Vendors*

**Over \$108,000
in Prize Money!**

Dancing & Drum Contest

(Tabulation by Raymond Seto ICreeAzn)

Stick Dance Grand Entry – Sat., 7pm

Haudenosaunee Social Dance Competitions • Sat., During Dinner Break

Admission	
Weekend Pass	\$15
Daily Pass	\$10
62 & Over	FREE
5 & Under	FREE

Grand Entry Times	
Fri., June 27	7pm
Sat., June 28	1 & 7pm
Sun., June 29	Noon

Admissions and grounds
open 11am Friday,
9am Saturday & Sunday.
No pets allowed.

Advanced tickets available at Oneida One Stops beginning June 2, 2025
for \$12. Refunds must be processed at location of purchase.

Reserve your room today by calling the Oneida Hotel at 920.494.7300.

Ask for the "Oneida Pow Wow" room block. Single/double, \$109.

Deadline to reserve is Friday, June 6.

NO CANOPIES ALLOWED. For more information, contact Oneida
Pow Wow Event Team members Tonya at 920.362.5425 or email
twebster@oneidanation.org and Leah at 920.370.3961 or email
lstrooba@oneidanation.org. Vendors, contact Tonya.

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