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From the Kali

Shekóli Swakwe•kú. The end of summer is upon us. Inevitably, we will once again transition to cooler days and nights as we enjoy the splendor of the autumn colors and the bountiful harvest from this past growing season. It's also a time when we send our younger generations back to school.

After attending the History Summit (see pages 14-17) this past July, I'm reminded of the season of change that is also upon our proud Nation.

Through our sovereignty, we have the opportunity to reinforce our Kanolukhwásla (compassion, caring, identity, and joy of being), and redefine what it means when each of us proclaim Onayote'a-ká Ni?i (I am Oneida).

In my younger years, my Uncle Gordon McLester led our family on cultural exchange activities whereby we would put on dance exhibitions for local

businesses, schools, etc. It was a fun learning experience for both our family and the groups we shared our culture with. In this way, it provided us a way of keep our traditions going strong.

I believe our traditions are also a way to overcome the issue of blood quantum. Like the students we send off to school, it was refreshing to become a student of our past at the History Summit. Through Ka?tshatstásla (the strength of belief and vision as a people), I'm confident our Nation can apply the lessons we learned to create a perpetual season of growth.



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Filming Oneida Smoke Dancers for a new Cultural Center experience—watch for the full story in October.

Business Committee Forum

By Marlon Skenandore

Oneida Nation Councilman

Shekóli Swakwek (Hello Everyone), It has been two years since I was elected to the OBC and It has been a pleasure to serve the Oneida members, community, and Nation. I enjoy the continued support when out in the community and it drives me to uphold my oath that I took to this Nation. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and for those of us with kids, we can all be thrilled they are back to school! I'm happy to share some recent and upcoming updates from my office.

I want to encourage our members to take care of your mental health and well-being. Life can be tough and is full of trial and tribulations. Don't let the hard times hold you down, continue to strive to be the best version of yourself each and every day. We are all human beings, we make mistakes. Just remember to give yourself grace when things don't go according to plan.

Swawenisliyahak (You all have a good day)

Legislative Operating Committee

September 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM
NHC Cafeteria

The LOC invites all community members to a public meeting to discuss three important laws:

- **Budget & Finances Law Amendments**
- **Higher Education Scholarship Law**
- **Elder Protection Law**

These meetings are a vital opportunity for the community to share input and voice concerns.

As a council member, one of the most rewarding parts of my role is listening to your perspectives to help guide thoughtful, community-based decisions.

We also extend our appreciation to the Nation's employees who contribute to the legislative process. Your time, expertise, and input are deeply valued.

Please join us—your voice matters!

Oneida Youth Summit/Oneida Youth Council

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making the recent Youth Summit a successful and inspiring weekend. Your efforts helped create a space for meaningful dialogue and connection.

We received valuable feedback from attendees that will guide the development of a long-standing Oneida Youth Council—a vital initiative to help shape the future of our Nation.

What's Next:

- **January 2026:** A one-day youth gathering (exact date TBD)
- **Summer 2026:** Youth Summit
- We are actively building a **strategic plan** to ensure youth and partners remain involved throughout the development process.

Yawa?kó to everyone who played a role, your support is deeply appreciated!



"It is never about how you fall; it's about how you get yourself back up and move forward in a good way."



Oneida Community Cannery Groundbreaking on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Learn more on PG 9



Presenting Charlie Doxtator with a blanket for his Oneida Youth leadership at the Youth Summit BBQ Social.

Oneida Nation Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens Resigns

By Oneida Communications

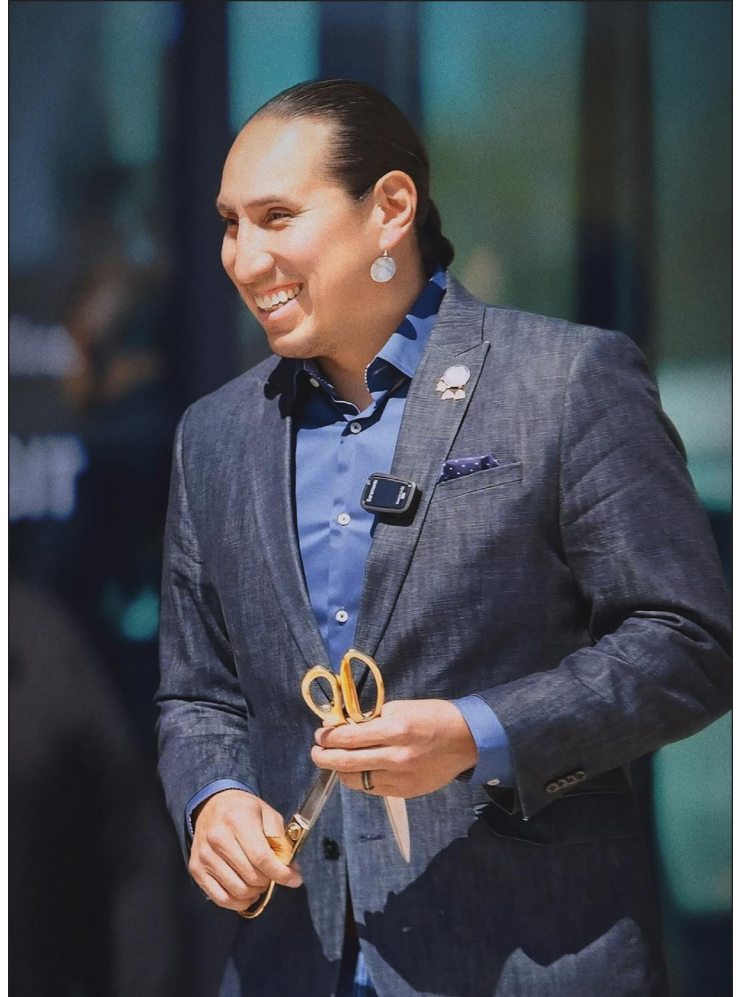
Oneida Nation Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens has resigned from the Oneida Business Committee to accept a new role as Strategist for Oneida's Intergovernmental Affairs Department.

After nearly 17 years of dedicated service as a government official for the Oneida Nation, Yellowbird-Stevens will transition into a role that continues his commitment to the Nation. In this new role, he'll be within the department that serves as a key resource to the Nation's government through the management and strengthening of the Nation's intergovernmental relationships.

Yellowbird-Stevens brings a wealth of experience to his new position. Throughout his tenure as Vice-Chair, he has represented the Oneida Nation in numerous intergovernmental forums and served on a variety of boards and committees at both the state and national level.

In announcing his departure, Stevens shared, "It has been my privilege to serve our Nation for nearly 17 years, and I am truly honored for the chance to continue that service in this new role. I look forward to continuing to work alongside all of you as we strengthen and grow our intergovernmental relationships."

Stevens began his new role on August 3, 2025. The Oneida Business Committee will have a special meeting to determine the next steps in addressing the vacancy. See the notice below.



GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING TO FILL VACANT VICE CHAIRPERSON POSITION Sunday, September 14, 2025 • 10am

Watch as Chairman Tehassi Hill appeared on Facebook Live August 7 to discuss the options to fill the vacant position.



Six options include:

- Special Election
- Accelerated Special Election
- Same Day Election
- Add to Existing Scheduled Special Election
- Appoint 1st Runner Up from 2023 Election
- Leave Vacant until the 2026 General Elections

CORRECTION

In the August 2025 edition, the article titled Oneida Youth Summit Cultivates Leaders of Tomorrow states the July 2025 youth summit was the first of its kind in Oneida.

A reader shared that the January 19, 2006 edition reported on a youth summit held November 29, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel by over 100 high school students. Another youth summit was also held September 14 & 15, 2007, as noted in the October 11, 2007 edition.

We apologize for the error and encourage you to contact us if you see information needing corrections or clarification by emailing Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org or call 920.496.5632.

Budget Outlook is Provided

By Garth Webster



Oneida Nation Treasurer, Larry Barton, appeared on Facebook Live Thursday, July 31, 2025 to provide the community with valuable information regarding the uncertainty caused by the Trump administration and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) earlier this year.

Barton first discussed the federal level budgeting status and then how it could potentially affect Oneida. Barton also prefaced the information as preliminary, subject to changes currently being negotiated in the House Appropriations legislation.



Watch Treasurer Barton's Facebook Live session

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Federal Level

- Justice/Tribal Law Enforcement proposed 39% increase.
- Indian Health Service funding preserved and advanced funding for 2027 has been proposed.
(Becerra V San Carlos Apache landmark case settled at Supreme Court Level in favor of tribes soliciting funds to sustain their healthcare costs)
- Contract Support Costs appear preserved.
- Bureau of Education Program allocations preserved.
- Self-governance funding preserved.
- Renewable Energy Initiatives appear to be cut.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid Benefit Qualifiers will be exempt from prerequisites.

Local Level

- New tax codes regarding withholding and tips will affect Oneida Nation employees.
- According to National Tribal Budget Formation Working Group, Treaty-based funding is short \$63 billion, which equates to \$100 million in Oneida. However, many of the appropriations will remain the same from 2025.
- Oneida is working with a recurring \$40-50 million deficit, which will be reconciled with cuts to balance the budget. This balanced budget will be proposed to GTC on Monday, December 8, 2025.
- Programs and payroll will stay at 2025 levels for 2026.

Distributing Food and Kindness to Oneida



Elder Food Box Distribution

Community members line up to receive Elder Food Boxes distributed by the Oneida Food Pantry. Each box contains proteins, produce, and shelf-stable items. Food boxes are for Oneida members, 55 and older. Distribution takes place at N7372 Water Circle Place in Oneida at 10am, Friday on the following dates:

- September 5 & 26
- November 7 & 21
- October 10 & 24
- December 5 & 19

Oneida Food Pantry Manager, Todd (Moon) Hil, appeared on Facebook Live Tuesday, August 5, 2025 to provide the following highlights of Oneida's Emergency Food Pantry:

- Distributions are 11:30-2:30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Office hours: M-Th, 8am-3pm and Friday, 8am-Noon
- Volunteer staff is currently filled along with Hil, two pantry assistants and one office manager
- Any household with an Oneida Member are allowed
- Non-Oneida's are provided one-time gift, in emergency
- Fresh Produce and proteins provided by Tsyunhehkwia, Oneida Nation Farm, County C Farm, Oneida Orchard, Oneida ELA and others such as Walmart, Festival, HyVee, Kwik Trip, Starbucks, and Fresh Thyme
- Bedding donations are not accepted
- Free Room consisting of clothing, pre-packaged food, and bread

"In July, I walked out of the pantry and discovered I lost my watch. After retracing my steps, I called the pantry and was informed it was found and turned in by Jim Kelly, food pantry volunteer. Thank you so much, Jim. The kindness of our community gives me joy and happiness"

- Nancy Cornelius

Carry Over Funds Move Recreation Project Forward

Project is Targeting FY2029 for Completion

By Garth Webster



The Oneida Recreation Civic Center has hosted many departments, including Business Committee, Accounting, and Bingo. However, the structure is showing signs of wear. The pipes need to be redone but the crawl space above the ceiling prevents the needed repair, which also includes a leaky ceiling, old lighting, and outdated computer wiring. The building has also become too small to host various events or have more youth activities.

As reported in the January 2024 edition, the Oneida Recreation Civic Center was built in 1973. The building has served many programs and has undergone many updates and repairs. However, the building is over ten years past its projected lifespan and it's time to renew.

The project's history dates back to a 1994 resolution to develop a plan for a new facility to serve the community's youth. In 1995, the late Scott Murray led this research, which has since undergone numerous studies.

The January 2024 article also reported project costs of more than \$87 million and was initially going to be integrated with a new school and Oneida Family Fitness. Since then, the projects have been separated, clearing the way for the Oneida Business Committee to take action on July 23, 2025.

The OBC authorized the use of \$24.8 million of carry-over funds to move the Recreation Complex project forward to a targeted completion date in Fiscal Year 2029. Proposed sites are across from the Norbert Hill Center or across from the Oneida Post Office on the south side of Hwy. 54.

Recreation Complex Features

**50' x 84' High School Court
with 2 High School Cross Courts**
43,715 Square Feet (Civic Ctr is 15,850)

Teen Center/Game Room

Arts and Crafts Room

Learning Center

Social Recreation Room

Community Outreach Room

Multi-Purpose Classroom

Commercial Kitchen

150 Seat Cafeteria

Laundry Room

**Phased project for potential add-ons:
Multi-purpose field, pool, fitness center, etc.**

A Night to Remember

National Night Out Builds Community Camaraderie

By Gavriella Van Boxtel



National Night Out (NNO), the annual community-building celebration, took place at the Oneida Nation Elementary School on Tuesday, August 6, 2025. This year, NNO was a little different as it was paired with Oneida Child Support's Back To School Event. Together, they brought the community together with food, live music, and lots of fun.

Hosted by the Oneida Police Department (OPD) and the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division, the events were enjoyed by 871 attendees! For nearly three decades, NNO has been held within the Oneida community. Over the last two years, it has grown almost six times in size, attracting 450+ in 2024 and in 2023 and the years prior, 125-150 people attended.

This year's festivities featured a flurry of activities such as a kickball game between OPD and youth, t-shirt tie-dyeing, and face painting. Oneida first responders, Officer Eddie Metoxen and his trusted pup Smudge, along with other members of the OPD Team, held meet and greets with the community. Oneida leadership

added a splash of fun by being in the dunk tank, including Chairman Tehassi Hill, Councilmember Jonas Hill, and OPD Chief Eric Boulanger.

Multiple Tribal areas collaborated to make this happen, including Oneida Casino Hotel, Oneida Retail, Oneida Behavioral Health, Oneida Farm, Oneida Fire Department, and the Oneida Business Committee. Local vendors also contributed, including Mission BBQ, Sam's Club, AT&T, REZurrected Rides Car Club, and Rock n' Daddy's.

Beginning in 1984, NNO has traditionally been celebrated nationwide the first Tuesday in August. It serves as an effort to strengthen the relationships between local law enforcement and the communities they protect. Over the years, NNO has grown to include block parties, cookouts, and festivals.

Thanks to events such as NNO, the relationship between the community and law enforcement will continue to improve. Make sure to stop by next year – this event is sure to keep growing!



Top to bottom: Cultural Heritage Team provide students back-to-school supplies, OPD vs youth kickball, NNO attendees receive a ride in the golf cart, REZurrected Rides member Seagram Stevens on his classic bicycle, OPD Officers Metoxen and Smudge, and Councilmember Jonas Hill prepares to be dunked.

Food as Medicine

Oneida Nation Breaks Ground for Oneida Community Cannery



In the shadow of the Oneida Food Pantry, Councilman and former Oneida Food Pantry Manager, Marlon Skenandore, leads the groundbreaking proceedings for the new Oneida Community Cannery while community members, including food sovereignty leaders pictured on the cover, Carol Cornelius, Vicki Cornelius, and Jodi King look on.

By Oneida Communications

A new state of the art Oneida Community Cannery (OCC) is underway. The Oneida Nation broke ground 9am, Friday, August 15, 2025 for a new facility that will serve the Oneida community with food preparation and preservation.

The new facility will be located at N7360 Water Circle Place, adjacent to the current Oneida Emergency Food Pantry and Nori Damrow Food Distribution Center on Water Circle Place in Oneida.

The facility's programming will focus on a comprehensive food-as-medicine approach that will look to connect and educate community

to food-based health care.

First opening in 1978 as a small community operation, the Oneida Cannery is currently located on the basement level of the Norbert Hill Center. It has long outgrown its current home.

The new facility is funded by American Rescue Plan Act funding that the Nation received and delegated to food sovereignty infrastructure. The new facility will be just under 11,000 square feet that will encompass state of the art food preparation and preservation equipment. Customers will be able bring their products for canning, drying, and processing some of the traditional foods in a safe and

healthy manner.

The Oneida Cannery currently employs four staff who carry food preservation safety training and licensure. Food sovereignty is a part of the strategic plan to move the Oneida Nation forward, focused on enhancing our community health and prioritizing our foods as preventative and prescription healing. The project is projected to be completed by July 2026.

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Indigenous-Owned & Community-Chosen

2025 Best of the Bay Awards



By Mia Charnon

The 2025 Best of the Bay WI Community's Choice Awards celebrated the best of local business this July, and among the 163 winners and finalists, three Indigenous-owned businesses received recognition.

Partners in Grime and **Taco Tones** earned category wins, while **Oneida One Stop** was named a finalist. Their success highlights the strength, resilience, and impact of Indigenous entrepreneurship in our community.



Best Cleaning Service - *Partners in Grime*

Founded in 2021 by Hailey Skenandore, a first-generation descendant of the Oneida Nation, Partners in Grime began as a one-woman operation and has grown into a trusted provider for homes and businesses across the region.

More Than Cleaning

Hailey launched Partners in Grime as a single mom seeking stability and purpose. Her journey reflects hard work, cultural pride, and a commitment to community. Today, the business serves key Oneida Nation sites like the Travel Center, Red Willow Flats, and Oneida Lake, proving that success is most meaningful when it gives back.

Partners in Grime, based in Oneida, WI, provides residential, commercial, deep cleaning, move-out services, and more!

Partners in Grime | 920-360-7710 | Hailey_Skenandore@yahoo.com

Best Food Truck - *Taco Tones*

Originally from California and raised in Keshena, Anthony Swett now calls Green Bay home. In 2020, he launched Taco Tones, a frybread-based food truck inspired by his 15 years in the local restaurant scene.

Community Favorite

Taco Tones stands out for its signature frybread: crispy, fluffy, and slightly sweet. It's used in tacos, sandwiches, gyros, and creative specials like spaghetti sandwiches.

Anthony credits his success to the support of family, including his parents Lorraine (Reiter) and Paul Swett of Keshena, and his Oneida relatives. Friends like Tera Hansen of State St Pub and Jason and Jeremy Aguirre also played key roles in helping him with Taco Tones.

Based in Green Bay, Taco Tones food truck travels statewide and delivers to nearby areas like Howard, Hobart, Oneida, and De Pere.

Taco Tones | 715-280-0022 | TacoTone510@gmail.com



Best Convenience Store Finalist - *Oneida One Stop*

Since 1982, Oneida One Stops and Smoke Shops have served the community with 7 convenience stores, 3 smoke shops, and over 100 employees.

Earn points & rewards with the Oneida Loyalty Program!

Sign up for the Loyalty Program



Bay Bank Celebrates 30 Years by Awarding \$30,000 to Local Nonprofits



In celebration of its 30th anniversary, Bay Bank presented a total of \$30,000 in donations Wednesday, August 13, 2025 to ten nonprofit organizations in the Green Bay and Kashena areas.

Each received a \$3,000 gift, highlighting Bay Bank's dedication to supporting programs that strengthen and uplift the region.

For 30 years, Bay Bank has dedicated itself to fostering economic growth and supporting community well-being. This milestone celebration honors the partnerships and progress achieved over the decades and reaffirms Bay Bank's mission to invest in a stronger future for everyone.

Bay Bank has a long and proud history of standing for its customers' future. Founded in 1995, the Oneida Nation became the bank's sole owner in 2000. The bank's operations, policies, and locally focused mission were enhanced after the purchase, as Bay Bank provided more federally funded programs to directly assist Tribal members. In addition, Bay Bank and the Oneida Nation devel-

oped unique mortgage and entrepreneurial programs to assist Oneidas in obtaining housing and starting business ventures. Today, Bay Bank has assets of \$300 million and a dedicated team of 40 employees with two convenient locations for customers in the Green Bay area and Keshena, which opened in January 2021. Bay Bank is the only Greater Green Bay bank to offer the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program.

BENEFITING NON-PROFITS

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Woodland Boys & Girls Club

She Rises Collective

Oneida Community Lacrosse Program

Oneida Nation High School Girls Flag Football Team

Woodland Indian Arts Board

Brown County United Way

Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball

Ashwaubenon Lions



Purcell R. Powless

By Isaiah Powless

Purcell Richard Powless, born December 25, 1925, was a respected Oneida leader, WWII Merchant Seaman, iron worker, and long-serving Tribal Chairman. After traveling the world during the war and helping build iconic structures like the Mackinac Bridge and Sears Tower, he dedicated over 30 years to tribal leadership. His legacy includes the creation of the Bingo Hall, Casino, and the Purcell Powless Scholarship Fund.



Watch the Full
Elder Interview



Breaking the Silence

Aging & Disability Services Event Aims to Prevent Elder Abuse



By Garth Webster

On Thursday and Friday, August 14 & 15, 2025, Oneida Aging & Disability Services hosted an event in the Anna John Resident Centered Care Community parking lot with the goal of preventing elder abuse.

Numerous community organizations and departments set up their tents to offer their informational brochures, refer individuals to other vendors, and perhaps most importantly, lend their time and expertise to listen, support, and guide the community on ways to combat elder abuse.

Carol Bogda, Tribal Aging and Disability Resource Spe-

cialist explains the rationale behind the event's theme, Breaking the Silence, "Many times, elders experiencing abuse don't report it because often, it's their family doing this. The elders don't want their families to get in trouble."

On NursingHomeAbuseCenter.com, the National Institute of Health (NIH) and National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) states that elderly women are more likely to suffer from abuse than men. This same website also cites the United States Department of Justice, which says one in every ten adults over 65 suffers from at least one type of abuse each year. These numbers underscore the importance of preventing emotional, financial or some other form of elder abuse in communities everywhere.

While the two-day event was held to counter a very serious issue, it did offer a way for attendees to have some fun as well. REZsurrected Rides provided some shiny rides while Rock 'N Daddy's provided great musical entertainment. The children had a blast in the bouncy house while everyone else enjoyed delicious food, friendly company, and auction items to bid on.

Contact the Oneida Elder Abuse Prevention Team:

Carol Bogda: cbogda@oneidanation.org or

Breanna Phillips: bweber1@oneidanation.org

Three Sisters Neighborhood Expansion on the Horizon

The Project Targets 2026 for Completion

The Three Sisters Neighborhood (TSN) has recently undergone extensive development this summer.

As the project proceeds, it will consist of constructing an extension of Swamp Road north to the W. Mason Street South Frontage Road; along with associated water, sewer, storm water and utility construction. Upon Completion there will be 16 Lots for the Home Building Opportunity (HBO) program, which is a means for enrolled Oneida Nation members to obtain a Residential Land Lease for a vacant residential lot with water & sewer connections to design and build their own home.

TSN is currently in the grading stage for infrastructure in preparation for roadway construction in Spring 2026.



LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY MEETING



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 5:30-7:30PM

Norbert Hill Center - BC Conference Room

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 for the Nation:

- ◆ **Budget and Finances Law Amendments**
- ◆ **Higher Education Scholarship Law**
- ◆ **Elder Protection Law**

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

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

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

ONEIDA LICENSING

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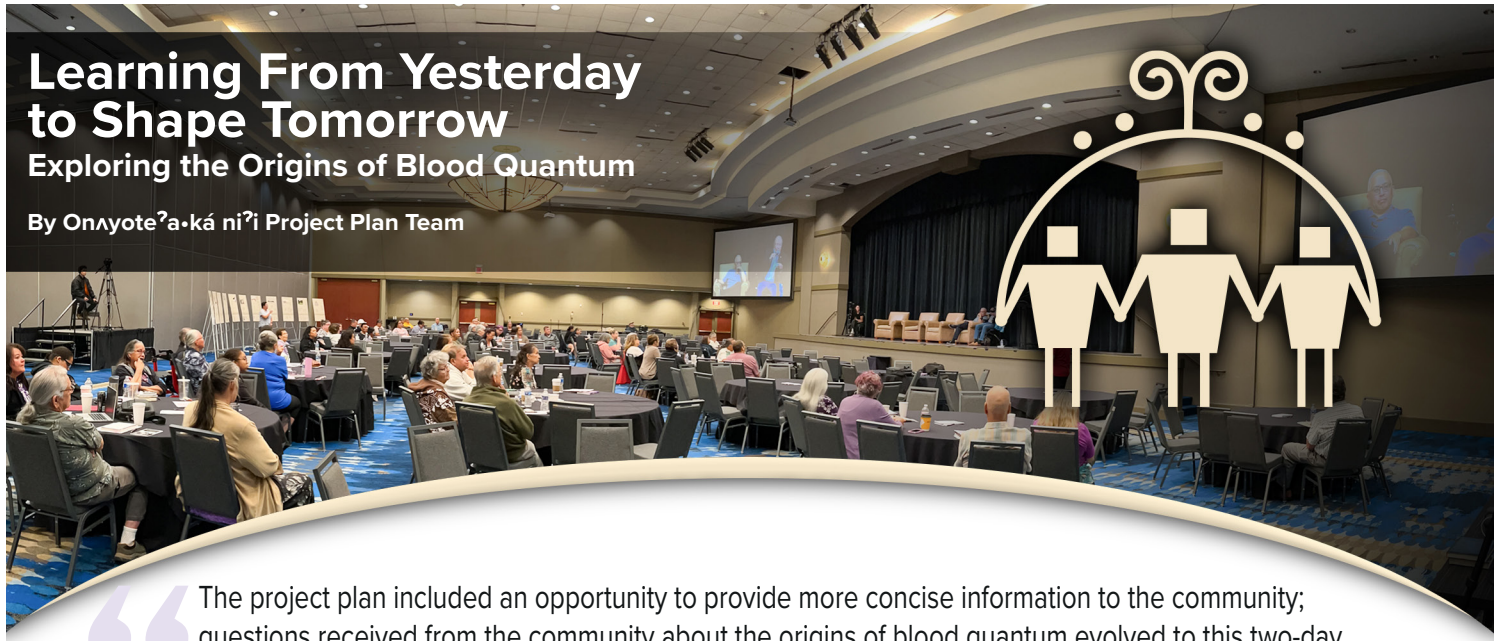
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Learning From Yesterday to Shape Tomorrow

Exploring the Origins of Blood Quantum

By Onayote'a-ká ni'í Project Plan Team



“The project plan included an opportunity to provide more concise information to the community; questions received from the community about the origins of blood quantum evolved to this two-day history summit. We're truly challenging our own ways of thinking with these meetings. Investing these two full days is proof we're doing all that we can to address this vital topic about our past, present, and our future.”

Councilman Jameson Wilson, Co-sponsor of OPP

For years Oneida community members have asked if membership based on blood quantum reflects our Oneida identity. As an expression of sovereignty, the Oneida Nation today is formally discussing what identity and belonging look like now and in the future.

Blood quantum-based membership is an adopted practice. The US Federal Government passed the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) in 1934, incentivizing tribes to adopt constitutions and blood quantum-based membership criteria. The Oneida Nation adopted IRA in 1936, implementing enrollment criteria of $\frac{1}{4}$ Oneida ancestry.

Our collective blood quantum is steadily declining. Current projections indicate only 300 enrolled youth will remain by the year 2070 and total membership will drop to 10,000 people, nearly all of whom will be $\frac{1}{4}$ Oneida.

In response to these concerns, Oneida formed the Onayote'a-ká Ni'í (I am Oneida) Project Plan (OPP). In the first half of 2025, the project team hosted 16 community meetings attended by more than 750 people. The largest meeting being a non-stipend GTC meeting on July 8, 2025 with 427 in attendance. Throughout the meetings, members asked questions on when, how, and why we adopted blood quantum. Many asked how we identified Oneida people prior to IRA.

On July 25 & 26 2025, the Oneida History Summit, an educational event to help answer community questions on identity, was hosted at the Oneida Hotel. The History Summit was attended in-person by more than 120 people and virtually by more than 150.

“The project plan included an opportunity to provide more concise information

to the community; questions received from the community about the origins of blood quantum evolved to this two-day history summit. We're truly challenging our own ways of thinking with these meetings. Investing these two full days is proof that we're doing all that we can to address this vital topic about our past, present, and our future,” said Councilman Jameson Wilson, co-sponsor of the OPP.

The summit included numerous panels and presentations, all by Oneida people, covering a wide range of topics. Each part of the two-day program focused on the theme of identity, blood quantum, and belonging. Recordings of the History Summit will help Oneida Nation membership prepare for the next round of community meetings.

Onayote'a-ká ni'í (I am Oneida) Project Plan (OPP)

Approved by the General Tribal Council – July 24, 2023

About the Project

A community-driven effort to explore and shape the future of Oneida membership.

- Three phases of development
- Multiple rounds of community meetings
- Exploration of new membership criteria

Community Support Team

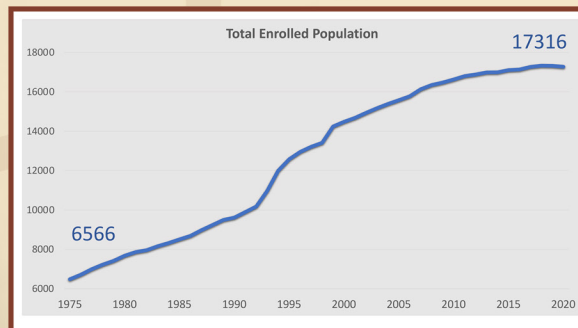
The Onayote'a-ká ni'í Standing Committee, appointed by the Business Committee, helps by:

- Listening to community voices
- Sharing updates & meeting information
- Supporting communication & engagement



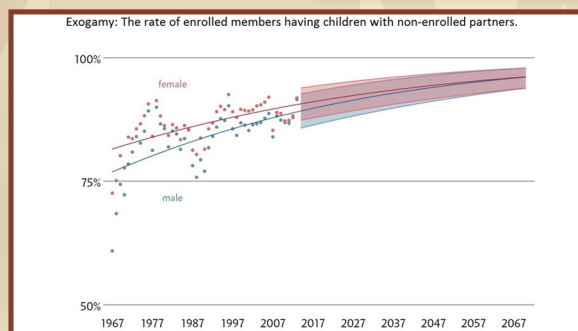
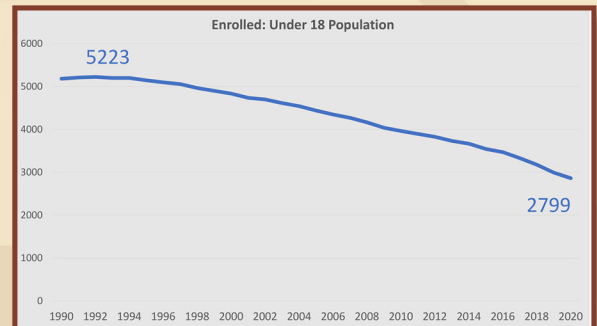
Learn more about OPP

According to the Numbers



"We have essentially reached the highest population that Oneida will ever be unless everyone of my age starts having a large volume of children," said John Danforth, Oneida Trust/Enrollment Director.

"The overall population has gotten larger but the youth population is getting smaller and smaller. Sure, people are still having kids, but they are not producing eligible kids at a rate high enough to maintain the population," said Danforth.



"If we lined up the most recent 100 Oneidas that had kids, we can tell with confidence that nine out of ten had a kid with someone that is not enrolled," said Danforth.

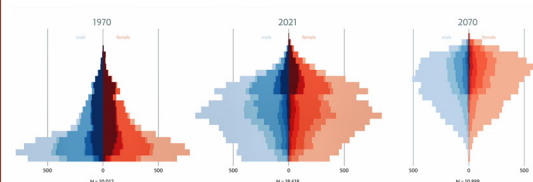


"It's everybody coming together with solutions. The world continues to evolve whether we like it or not. We have to continue to find a way to stay together while making all these decisions. Thanks for being here and being involved these past two days. Thank you for the dedication and listening."

Taryn Webster, Chairwoman of OPP Standing Committee

The shape of these population pyramids is important. A triangular shape is indicative of a growing population. The rectangular shape indicates sustainability whereas the bottom, narrowing shape indicates a declining population.

Oneida Nation Population: Past, Present, Future



Sharing Their Wisdom



Watch the two-day
History Summit
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**Bob Brown as he shares the Creation Story-**

To be able to have these ways to give Thanksgiving, we are doing our best to continue the way of life, the way of our people. The way we were instructed. Our understanding is that everything that is here is for all of us, for our wellbeing.

**Randy Cornelius on impact of colonial era and religious perspectives-**

It was an awakening because it wasn't taught in our schools. It was like the eraser of our history and the reason why our people are the way they are today.

**Artley Skenandore Jr. on cultural identity-**

Blood quantum and benefits are a part of the discussion but neither have anything to do with being Oneida.

**Anita Barber on her views of the community as they deliberate blood quantum-**

I see a maturity in the community in not taking on the negativity these things normally cause. Looking at things in a peaceful way requires us to look at the Great Law and the beautiful way of life it offers.

**Forrest Brooks on what it means to be an Oneida citizen-**

It doesn't mean everyone get's their way. It means coming together collectively. How does the decision you're making benefit all the people collectively.

**Sarah Wonderlich on what it means to be an Oneida citizen-**

It's not always about that entitlement but what do we give back to our Nation and community. We all have our roles. Some are speakers, singers, dancers, or historians...We all have roles and we all have that responsibility to pass that on.

**Larry Roberts on his experience working on land claims-**

It's like dropping a vase. It shatters, then so many years later, let's work together to put it back together again but meanwhile, ownership changes, surveys are imposed, etc.

**Bill Gollnick on the community seeing it's way to a solution on blood quantum-**

If you keep your eye on that distant point as you travel through the water in your canoe, you will get there." "We are not a people that can be sucked into political games.


**John Danforth in review of Oneida's blood quantum population data -**

Today is the pivoting point of how we're going to look forward at addressing where Oneida is heading entirely.

**Tracey Cordova on Nation Building-**

It's not just principles. It's leading with vision and building those visions.







**After-Hours
EMERGENCY
Contacts**

Oneida Police Dept.
920-869-2239

Oneida Health Center
920-869-2711



EMERGENCY: 911



National Crisis & Suicide Lifeline
988

Crime Stoppers
920-432-7864

Drug Taskforce Tip Line
920-437-3784

**Oneida Nation
Emergency Assistance**

Aging & Disability
920-869-2448

Economic Support
920-490-3939

Comprehensive Housing
920-869-2227

Emergency Management
Business Hours 920-869-6650
Emergency 920-366-0411

Conservation Dept.
Business Hours 920-869-1450
Emergency 920-613-6184
Emergency Tree Removal 920-869-6500

Emergency Septic Pumping
920-613-6790

Division of Public Works
Business Hours 920-869-1059
Emergency 920-227-7389

Public Transit
920-496-5770

Emergency Food Pantry
Business Hours 920-869-6165
Emergency 920-606-6002

Utilities
920-496-5290

**Water & Sewer
Emergency**
920-613-6750

Oneida Help Line
920-869-4481



By Mia Charnon

The Oneida Nation’s Hidden Antlers: Public Safety Camp gave youth a hands-on look into public safety careers while connecting them to culture and leadership. Held from July 28 to August 1, 2025, the camp was open and free to teens ages 13–17, offering a unique opportunity to explore diverse career paths in a supportive and engaging environment.

The camp kicked off with a warm welcome from Oneida Nation Councilman Marlon Skenandore, followed by good words and a smudge ceremony led by Community Education Center Manager Sean Powless, setting a meaningful tone for the week.

Throughout the week, participants engaged in a wide range of immersive activities including mock accidents, drone hide-and-seek, EMS trainings, skills obstacle courses, and Lambeau Field tours. They also experienced virtual reality simulations, CSI demos, and firefighting exercises, all designed to simulate real-world public safety scenarios and spark interest in these vital fields.

The camp was the vision of Elizabeth Sauer-Pries, CEC Instructor, who began developing the idea a year ago. Through months of outreach and collaboration, she built strong relationships with public safety organizations, culminating in this impactful 5-day experience.



**This initiative resulted from a partnership with
NWTC Public Safety and various agencies:**

- GB Metro Fire Dept.
- Oneida Police Dept.
- WI Conservation Warden
- Brown County EM
- WI K9 Search & Rescue

- Hobart-Lawrence Police
- Eagle III
- County Rescue
- Green Bay Police Dept.
- Stevens Point Fire Dept.

- Oneida Judiciary
- WI DOJ: DCI
- Howard Fire Dept.

Support also came from Gallagher’s, Festival Foods, and Off the Trail, who helped nourish the youth throughout the week.

**Watch Hidden
Antlers Recap Video**



Halona Media

Empowering Youth Through the Creator's Game

Re-Lax Lacrosse Club



By Mia Charnon

Re-Lax Lacrosse is a year-round high school club dedicated to developing student-athletes through the sport of lacrosse and the values it represents. Welcoming players grades 9–12 across nine area schools, including Pulaski, Oneida, Bay Port, Notre Dame, and De Pere.

What started as pickup practices has grown into a full-fledged team with 35 players, all recruited by word of mouth. Re-Lax focuses on building confidence, leadership, and cultural understanding, on and off the field.

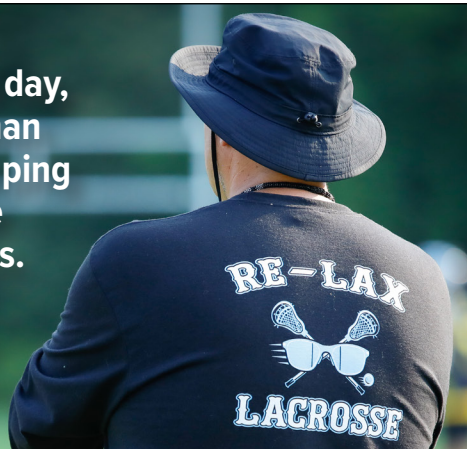


Cultural Connection

Lacrosse is the Creator's Game. Many Re-Lax coaches are Oneida and share the sport's deep cultural significance, helping players understand its history and importance to Indigenous communities.

“Because at the end of the day, coaching is about more than X's and O's—it's about helping young people become the best version of themselves.”

Matthew Ninham
Re-Lax Head Coach



Pathways to Success

Re-Lax competes in tournaments across Summer, Fall Ball, and Winter. After early challenges, the team earned 3rd place at the Madison Capital Classic.

Two players, Kael Pierquet and Jacob Susa, were recruited to play college lacrosse at Missouri Valley College.



The Heart of Re-Lax

Re-Lax uses lacrosse as a tool for personal growth. The program emphasizes:

- Confidence and communication
- Leadership and teamwork
- Cultural education rooted in Haudenosaunee tradition

Coaches teach that success isn't just about winning—it's about progress, whether that's scoring a first goal, making varsity, or gaining self-assurance.

Coaching Staff

- Matthew Ninham – Head Coach
- Ben Phillips – Defense
- Emerson John – Offense
- Isaiah Powless – Face-Off & Defense
- Richard Summers III – Goalie

Practices are held three times a week in Oneida, with indoor sessions during winter. The club trains year-round, pausing only during the spring high school season.

Re-lax also provides game analysis and player evaluations.

Community Support

Re-Lax thrives thanks to incredible parent involvement.

- Game film and photography
- Sideline support and equipment
- Travel logistics and team meals

Their support keeps the program accessible—free to join, with minimal costs for uniforms or tournament fees.

Join the Team!

Re-Lax is open to all skill levels and committed to helping youth succeed in sports, school, and life.

Interested in joining? Contact Matt: StormTrooper874@Yahoo.com.

CHRISTINE LYNNE WOYKE**July 30, 1970 - June 12, 2024**

Christine Lynne Woyke, 53, of Lansing, passed away on June 12, 2024, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Born on July 30, 1970, in Lansing, Michigan, to Carol (Luedtke)

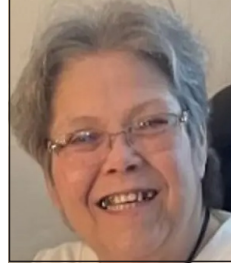
Woyke and the late Richard Woyke. Christine's life was a testament to her loving nature and faith-filled spirit.

A graduate of Grand Ledge High School's class of 1988, Christine carried her passion for learning and growth to Michigan State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her academic achievements and her love for children laid a strong foundation for her fulfilling career. For two decades, Christine served as a supervisor at Pearson Professional Center, where her leadership and dedication were both respected and admired.

Her zest for life shone brightly through her diverse interests and hobbies. Christine was an avid gardener, taking joy in nurturing flowers and creating beautiful landscapes. She cherished the moments spent with her mother watching wildlife in the back yard and fall color trips around the state. Christine embraced the thrill of competition through softball and bowling. She was very active in high school sports teams, even competing in many softball teams and bowling leagues. A loyal fan of the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, and MSU Spartans, Christine's enthusiasm for sports was contagious and brought her closer to her fellow fans and family. Christine's love for life's simple pleasures was apparent in her fondness for Froot Loops cereal, Starburst jelly beans, and her passion for Jeeps. These interests, while varied, painted a picture of a woman who found joy in every facet of life and encouraged others to do the same.

She is survived by her mother, Carol Woyke; sister, Carrie Woyke; brother, Rich Woyke and his wife, Stacy; niece, Jerica Woyke; and godson and nephew, Evan Woyke. Christine also leaves behind Aunt Alma, and many cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, Richard Woyke and maternal grandparents Albert and Marie (Skenandore) Leudke.

CORINNE C. ROBELIA-ZHUCKKAHOSEE**July 28, 1955 - July 31, 2025**

Corinne Carol Robelia-Zhuckkahosee, age 70, of Green Bay, went to meet the Creator on Thursday evening, July 31, 2025, in Green Bay, surrounded by her loving family.

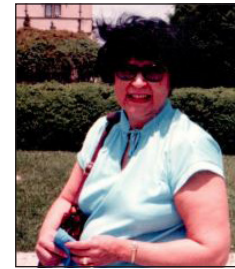
Corinne was born July 28, 1955, in Milwaukee, a daughter of the late Richard and Carol (Cornelius) Robelia. She attended primary school in Milwaukee and later attended Seymour High School, graduating with the Class of 1973. Following high school, Corinne moved to Arizona and attended the Native American Institute of Art.

After graduating, she returned to the area and met her future husband, James "Bozo" Zhuckkahosee. The couple married on August 1, 1980, at the Oneida Methodist Church. Following their marriage, the couple moved to Crow Settlement where they lived for several years before returning to Oneida. While living in Oneida, Corinne earned an Associate Degree in Environmental Science. A lifelong learner, she later completed a bachelor's degree in business administration and communication from Concordia University. Her husband preceded her in death on January 3, 2016.

Corinne was an avid beader, making regalia for many Powwows. She was also an excellent cook who especially cherished sharing meals with her family. Corinne loved her family and was a devoted Green Bay Packer Fan.

Survivors include her daughter, Tamar (Zhuckkahosee) Ramirez of Madison; four grandchildren; and one brother, Daniel (Michelle) Smith of Blackwell, WI. She is further survived by several nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Corinne was preceded in death by her brother, William Robelia.

Traditional Native Services will be held starting Monday afternoon, August 4, 2025, after 5:00 pm at the Zoar Ceremonial Building. Final prayer will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at the Oneida Nation Burial Ground in Oneida. Visitation will begin on Monday after 5:00 pm at the Ceremonial Building. The family kindly asks for no flowers or plants.

**HELEN P. JOHNSON****Birthdate Not Provided - July 7, 2025**

On July 07, 2025, Helen P. Johnson (nee Smith) age 86, passed away in Oneida, Wisconsin of natural causes after a long and active life.

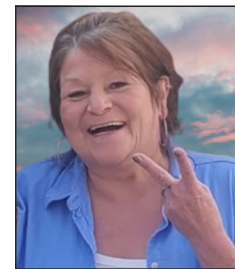
Helen was a long-time Oneida resident retiring as a loan officer at the

Oneida Department of Land Management. She was born and raised in Wisconsin, later moving to Chicago for several years where she married and raised two sons while remaining a loyal Green Bay Packers fan.

Helen was the youngest child of the late Chester A. Smith and Mamie Williams Smith of Oneida. She was a kind and generous person, who loved nature and all animals, especially cats. Helen is a member of the Church of the Holy Apostles in Oneida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Johnson, both of her adult children Steven and Gregory House, and her four siblings: Dorothy Wainwright, Gladys Disney, Leonard Smith, and Chester G. Smith. Helen leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She requested no wake or memorial service, and will be buried on Monday, August 04, 2025, at 10:30am, at the Holy Apostles cemetery in Oneida. In memory of Helen, please donate to a Green Bay area animal rescue.

PATRICIA S. COLTMAN**August 17, 1966 - July 10, 2025**

Patricia Sonia Colman, 58, of Green Bay, passed away on July 10, 2025. She was born on August 17, 1966 to Otis and Rose (Doxtator) Howard in Quincy, MA. She dedicated 15+ years as a Certified Nursing

Assistant. She took great pride in being able to provide care for other people within her career. Patti was a great mother and grandmother, she loved being surrounded by her family. She took great pride in her cooking. She enjoyed being able to jam out to her music and was full of life. She was a very free spirited woman and loved hopping on her Harley - with the wind blowing through her hair. A memorable trip for her was cross country traveling with her dog, Violet, in a carrier on the back.

Patti had a caring heart, even if it meant giving her last or despite the outcome. Even though she was caring, she was stubborn at times, but it made you love her more. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.



Patti is survived by her loving daughter, Bobbi Poquette; her son, Johnny Coltman; four grandchildren: Ryker, Rylee, Brynn and Brayden; siblings: Jerry (Madonna) Howard, Dejon (Melvin) Treadwell, Lisa (Rick) Lang, Rochelle Bowey and Jack (Julie) Howard; and many nieces and nephews.

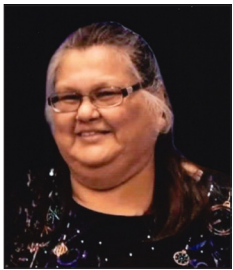
She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Anna (Poncho) Lomas and Vanessa Saladana; her brother, Otis (Dottie) Doxtator; and her canine companion, Violet.

A Celebration of Life for Patti will be held on August 3, 2025 at the Dick Resch and Family Learning and Conservation Center in their banquet room beginning around 1 P.M.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Jeanette and to all of her health care teams she met along the way, especially to the staff at Dimensions during her final days.

VALERIE L. YAZZIE

June 1, 1957 - July 19, 2025



Valerie Lynette Yazzie, "Val", was born June 1, 1957, to Harrison Anderson and Diane Noreen Cornelius passed peacefully on July 19, 2025, in Green Bay, WI with family by her side. She grew up in

Hartland, Wisconsin and graduated from Arrowhead High School in 1975.

In her formative years, she enjoyed bowling, shooting darts and roller skating. After high school she attended the University of Wisconsin Stevens-Point, then later Lakeland University where she earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. In 1988, she moved to Oneida, where she would eventually retire from the Accounting Department in Oneida Nation where she worked for many years. She also bowled and shot darts for a time in Green Bay as well.

Val was united in marriage to Joe Yazzie Sep. 4, 1999. She enjoyed spending time with good friends, traveling, kayaking, and her dogs, Uskah and Teken. Val also spent many hours volunteering for Mit Liebe German Shepherd rescue. It was also time spent with family for holidays and birthdays that she cherished as well.

Val is survived by her husband, Joe Chee Yazzie, her children Jamie LeeAnn (Clinton) Willis and Jerilynn Virginia Doud. She is further survived by her grandchildren Dakota Kaluhiyo Escamea, Genesis Paige Doud, Evelyn Allaire Willis, and Grayson Isaac Willis. Sisters, Vivian (Pete) Dittel, Veronica Cornelius Glass, Victoria Cornelius LaFond; brothers, Terry (Tania) Cornelius and Harry (Pa la) Cornelius, sister-in-law Kitty Pyzel, special friends, Maggie Fermanich and Denise Freeman, and many nieces and nephews. Val is

preceded in death by her parents, Harrison and Diane Cornelius, infant daughter, Jodi lynn, and grandson Christopher John Doud.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at Oneida United Methodist Church from 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Hymn Singers will sing at 10:30AM followed by service at 11:00AM. Ryan Funeral Home is assisting the family.

RENDELL "FUZZY" MILLER

May 5, 1950 - August 5, 2025



Rendell "Fuzzy" Miller, age 75, of Menominee, passed away peacefully on the evening of Tuesday, August 5, 2025. He was born on May 5, 1950, to the late Benjamin and Anna June (Tebeau) Miller.

On November 9, 1990, he married the love of his life, Carolyn.

A proud Menominee activist, Fuzzy was a dedicated member of the Menominee Warrior Society and stood in solidarity with his brothers of the American Indian Movement (A.I.M.), including at pivotal moments in Gresham and Wounded Knee. His commitment to justice and the sovereignty of Indigenous people was unwavering.

Known for his sharp wit and natural charm (some might say he was a bit of a bullshitter), Fuzzy had an unforgettable sense of humor that made him the life of every gathering. Whether it was fishing, hunting, or simply being outside, he found joy in the great outdoors and the land he loved. For many years Fuzzy worked as a carpenter.

Family and friends meant the world to Fuzzy. He cherished time spent with those closest to him and made the most of every moment shared together. He was a proud grandfather to many grandchildren, all who brought him immense joy.

Fuzzy is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn; his children: Kato (Shaleesa), Napota (Tiffany), Winona, Rhonda, Julia, and Rendell; and his siblings: Diana, Dusty, Brenda, Kevine, and Dave. He also leaves behind many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends whose lives he touched.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Norbert, Keith, and Gene.

Family and friends are invited to gather at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM, with words of remembrance shared by Leander Danforth at 2:00 PM.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of the 7th floor at St. Vincent Hospital for their compassionate care

JANET R. MARTIN

May 29, 1939 - August 4, 2025



Janet R. Martin, her Oneida native name, Ka š ni ne, age 86, passed away on Monday August 4, 2025, in Shawano. Janet was born on May 29, 1939, in Keshena to the late Calvin and Janette (King)

Richmond. After graduating from high school, she went on to college in Milwaukee and received her nursing degree. On December 19, 1959, Janet was united in marriage to Wayne M. Martin in Immanuel Mohican Lutheran Church in the township of Red Springs. The couple spent a wonderful 64 years together before Wayne's passing in 2024. She taught catechism at St. Francis Solanus Catholic Church in Gresham. She was a talented artist and enjoyed painting. Janet was a den mother for cub scouts for multiple years. In her free time, she enjoyed canning, playing bingo and slot machines at the casino, going to pow-wows, always had a book in her hands and watching soap operas. In her later years, she became a big Elvis fan. Janet was a bright and happy grandma and was supportive of her children and grandchildren in pursuing their dreams. She was the glue that held the family together; in times of need she wanted everyone to be happy and not to worry. Janet was always hospitable decorating her house and doing all the little tasks to make events and holidays special.

Janet is survived by her children, Barbara (Nuri) Elgutaa of Arizona, Marlow Martin of Bowler, Darwin Martin of Shawano, Dana Martin of California, and Carrie L. (Philip D. Walkup) Martin of Arizona; seven grandchildren, Dallas Tucker, Ryan Elgutaa, Jenelle (Eric) Schroeder, Jesse Martin, Vanessa DeNasha, Angela Martin, and Michaela Martin; numerous great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Janet is preceded in death by her husband, Wayne M. Martin; daughter, Diana Lynn; siblings, Donna Richmond and Donald "Ducky" Richmond; parents, Calvin and Janette Richmond.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday August 7, 2025, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Keshena with Deacon Mark Fuller officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday August 6, 2025, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Gresham starting at 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, with a prayer service at 7:30 pm, then continuing on Thursday at the church from 9:30 am until the time of service. Inurnment will be held at Stockbridge Indian Burial Grounds.

KAREN K. EASTMAN**July 4, 1945 - August 5, 2025**

Karen K. Eastman, our beloved mother, grandma, great grandma, and friend passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family on August 5, 2025. A proud

member of the Oneida Nation, she was born July 4, 1945 in Appleton, WI, daughter of the late William F. Graham and Valeria (Doxlator) Graham Wieseler. On February 19, 1962, Karen was united in marriage to Allan C. Eastman Sr. in Appleton, WI and together they shared 47 years of marriage before his passing on July 27, 2009.

Karen worked at the Columbus Club for 15 years prior to joining and retiring from Theda Clark Medical Center after 22 years of service. She traveled extensively throughout the United States and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends including UTV rides and bonfires at her cabin near Suring, WI.

In addition to traveling, Karen enjoyed cooking, casinos, and shopping—not necessarily in that order. By the way, did we mention shopping? Karen had a love for cars and loved attending car shows as well as watching her son participate in drag races. She and Al also enjoyed motorcycling and camping for many years with their family.

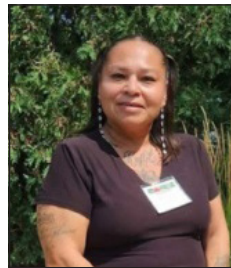
She will be dearly missed by five sons: Al Jr. (Tracy) Neenah, WI, Brian (Lynn) Suring, WI, Conway (Kris) Summerville, SC, Darin Appleton, WI, and Ed (Kim) Oneida, WI. Grandchildren: A.J. (Tamara) Eastman, Alex (Danyelle) Eastman, Jessica (Ben) Detrie, Michael (Kim) Eastman, Brandon (Jordan) Eastman, Brooke (Chris) Perri, McKayla Eastman, Chantel (Scott) Perry and Logan Smith. Great Grandchildren: Brayden, Nonah, Charlee, Ezra, Kendra, Wesley, Jace, Natalie, Lucas, Adelyn, Kayleigh, Everleigh, Lucy, Charlie, and Clayton. Brother Glen (Lynn) Graham; sisters Kathy (James) Ducharme, Marlene (Bruce) Garvey; brother-in-law Bill Eastman; and sister-in-law Kelly Graham. She is further survived by her special friend, Lea Pelegrin, and many nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren, other relatives, and lifelong friends.

Karen is preceded in death by her husband, Al, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harvey and Barbara Eastman, brothers William Graham. LeRoy Graham. Jerry Graham. Alan

Wieseler, and Gary (Sputz) Wieseler, sisters-in-law Jeanette Dengel, Geraldine Graham, Debra Eastman, Lee Eastman, Bonnie Eastman, Isabelle Eastman, Kathy Graham, Darla Jean Graham, Carol Eastman, and Donna Wieseler; brothers-in-law, Jerome Eastman, Wayne Eastman, Bob Eastman, and Carl Dengel; and other dear family members, relatives, and friends.

Karen's family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff at ThedaCare Cancer Center and ThedaCare Hospice at Cherry Meadows for the care and compassion they provided, and to all the family and friends that have reached out in so many ways to provide support to her and her family over the past several months. If you desire, wear pink at her service in honor of breast cancer awareness.

A Celebration of Life for Karen will take place at Valley Funeral Home, 2211 N. Richmond Street Appleton, WI 54911 from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 and again at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2025 and will continue until the time of the service at 11 a.m. A casual reception will follow the service. For online condolences, please visit www.valleyfh.com.

CARA J. BARNES**August 27, 1974 - August 16, 2025**

Cara J. Barnes, "Auntie Bunny", "Buttercup" age 50, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on August 16, 2025, in Shawano. Born on August 27,

1974, to Calvin Barnes and the late Florence Skenandore in Milwaukee. She graduated from Green Bay Southwest High School and went on to raise three wonderful girls. Everyone who knew Cara knew her to be an energetic, bubbly and an outgoing woman. One of her favorite pastimes was singing karaoke and she always favored songs by Janis Joplin. Cara had an adventurous side and spent her free time camping, traveling, and going on memorable road trips. She even liked riding motorcycles and did so with her DC Eagle Friends. Cara loved her family dearly and always made time for them. She was a caretaker to all and dedicated her time to being an amazing mother, sister, aunt and friend.

Cara is survived by: her three daughters, Sapphire Otradovec, Kaylee Otradovec and

Priscilla Otradovec; her father, Calvin Barnes; her siblings, Carl (Barb) Barnes, Jessica (Rafael) Colon and Jesse Barnes. She is further survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, including her special aunts Marcene "Maxx" Barnes and Joanne Thundercloud. Cara is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends, including Carl Jr. (Megan), Shaleen and Christopher "Mookie".

She is preceded in death by, her mother Florence Skenandore, Joe Thundercloud and Maverick.

A funeral mass will be held for Cara at 11:00 am on Saturday August 23, 2025, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit with Fr Hanz Christian officiating. Visitation will begin on Friday at 2:00 pm at the Neopit Community Center and will continue until the time of the service on Saturday.

Cara's family would like to extend a special thank you to the Birch Hill nursing home staff as well as to Heartland Hospice for the wonderful care they provided.

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

Their Journey Has Just Begun

Don't think of them as gone away,
their journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets, this earth is
only one

Just think of them as resting
from the sorrows and the tears.

Think how they must be wishing that
we could know today

How nothing but our sadness,
can really pass away

And think of them as living in the
hearts of those they touched

For nothing loved is ever lost and they
were loved so much.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Tue., Oct. 7 • 3pm • Conference Room H, Skenandoah Complex

In accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking Law, the Digital Technology Services Department is hosting this Public Meeting to gather feedback from the community regarding THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED RULES to the Technology Resources Law

- 001–Acceptable Use
- 002–Clear Desk
- 003–Asset Management
- 004–Security Awareness
- 005 – Password Management
- 006 – Incident Response
- 007–Vendor Remote Access
- 008–Third Party Provider
- 009–Generative AI Usage

This is a proposal to adopt rules which would:

- Establish clear standards for responsible and secure use of digital technology.
- Promote data protection and reduce the risk of unauthorized access or data breaches.
- Ensure proper tracking and disposal of IT assets.
- Require ongoing security awareness training for employees.
- Define procedures for identifying, reporting, and responding to cybersecurity incidents.
- Regulate secure access and evaluate risk for vendors and third-party providers.
- Govern the ethical and secure use of generative AI technologies.

Who would be affected:

- Employees and Contractors
- Vendors and Third-Party Providers

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN UNTIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025**

DTS Digital Security
909 Packerland • Green Bay, WI 54303
infosec@oneidanation.org • 920.869.4357

During the public comment period, all interested persons may submit written comments and/or a transcript of any testimony/spoken comments made during the Public Meeting. These may be submitted to the Digital Technology Services Department.



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Wed., Sep. 10, 2025 • 9:30am–Noon

Eagle Room – Employee Services • 1940 W. Mason St. • Green Bay, WI 54304

In accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking Law, Land Management and the Oneida Land Commission is hosting this Public Meeting to gather feedback from the community regarding the following rule.

TOPIC: AGRICULTURAL RULE – This is a proposal to revise a rule by:

- Replacing the current Chapter 602 Rule No. 2 format to expand on the information provided in the Leasing Law regarding requirements for leasing land for agricultural purposes;
- Updating agricultural leasing requirements will help to improve future soil health, enhance the environment to protect the air, soil, and water and encourage the best regenerative agricultural practices available;
- Providing processes for Tribal members and Tribal Departments to access the Nations land for Agricultural purposes;

To obtain copies of the Public Meeting documents for this proposal, visit
www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN UNTIL WED., SEP. 17, 2025

During the Public Comment Period, all interested persons may submit written comments and/or a transcript of any testimony/spoken comments made during the Public Meeting. These may be submitted to Oneida Land Management by U.S. Mail, interoffice mail, e-mail, or fax.

Oneida Land Management • PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155
shunting@oneidanation.org • 920.869.6610

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. Duxtator at 920.869.4303 or email land_commission@oneidanation.org.

Notice to Creditors: Deadline to file claim is September 8, 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 June M. Begay, Case No. 2025-LCP-006

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 6/25/1929, died on 7/13/2023, was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation in Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin at W1416 Ray Road, 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: Candace L. Walton, Susan D. Wilson, Carla J. Di Salvo, Joseph I. Begay, Elizabeth A. Begay, Diana K. Begay, Laura J. Begay, Edward K. Begay
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 9/22/2025, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Gerald L. Danforth, Case No. 2025-LCP-007

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 12/24/1946, died on 6/1/2025, was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation in Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin at N6966 Seminary Road, 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: Pamela Johns Danforth, Gerald L. Danforth, Jr., Tanya L. Wood, Patrick Danforth
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 9/22/2025, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

ONEIDA ELECTION BOARD ONEIDA NATION 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION TENTATIVE RESULTS

ONEIDA ELECTION BOARD

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Lynette Jordan	191	13	204
Tina L. Skenandire	317	22	339

ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Thurston Denny	220	8	228
Reynold Tommy Danforth	171	16	187
Tamar Jean Cornelius	49	6	55

ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Tomas Escamea	52	3	55
Carmen Escamea	101	6	107
Donald D. McLester	252	18	270

ONEIDA LAND COMMISSION

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Cristina (Tina) Danforth	330	23	353
Tomas Escamea	47	2	49
Carmen Escamea	95	2	97
Donald D. McLester	183	17	200
Lori Elm	124	9	133

ONEIDA NATION COMMISSION ON AGING

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Tomas Escamea	82	6	88
Carmen Escamea	137	8	145
Mary Loeffler/Cornelius	204	20	224
Bev Anderson	253	20	273
Joseph Torres	254	19	273

ONEIDA NATION SCHOOL BOARD - PARENT/GUARDIAN

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Cary Waubanasum	335	25	360

ONEIDA NATION SCHOOL BOARD - COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Joseph Torres	300	25	325

ONEIDA TRUST ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Norbert S. Hill Jr.	291	25	316
Carmen Escamea	147	11	158
Jermaine Delgado	275	19	294
Lynette Jordan	201	18	219

LEGAL RESOURCES CENTER - ADVOCATE

	ONEIDA	MILWAUKEE	TOTAL
Tsystake G. House	225	22	247
Gina Powless-Buenostro	196	8	204

"The election results posted here are tentative results. Final election results are forwarded by the Oneida Election Board to the Oneida Business Committee via a Final Report after time has lapsed for recount requests, or challenges or after all recounts or challenges have been completed, whichever is longer."



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:

Desiree T. Duxtator • Joshua J. Bailey



ONEIDA FAMILY COURT ORIGINAL HEARING BODY NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET Case Number 25PA020, Oneida Nation Child Support Agency v. Co Respondent VERONICA HERNANDEZ and Co- Respondent JOHN H. SKENANDORE

A diligent attempt is made to notify the above individuals of an action filed by the Oneida Nation Child Support Agency for a Petition for Paternity. A hearing shall take place on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court, located at **2630 W. Mason St. Green Bay, WI 54303**. Failure to appear may result in a default judgment. If you fail to appear at any stage of the proceedings, including a scheduled genetic test, the Judge may enter a default judgment finding you to be the father of the child(ren). **Please call (920) 496-7200 with any questions.**

Clerk of Court • Oneida Family Court
P.O. Box 19 • Oneida, WI 54155
920.496.7200

ONEIDA PROBATES UPDATE

The Oneida Law Office has recently taken the responsibility from Land Management for helping tribal members prepare filings for the Nation's probates for submission to the Land Commission and/or Federal probates for submission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

If you have any information regarding a PENDING or OPEN Probate Matter, or if you have any questions about a pending or open probate, please contact the Oneida Law Office at 920-869-4327.

Save THE Date



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Saturday, October 4
10am-3pm

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from college in 2025, the Kalihwisaks would
like to recognize your accomplishment.

Email the following to
Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org

Name • Photo

Name of College • Degree

Deadline: Monday, November 3, 2025

Submissions will be published in the
December 2025 Kalihwisaks.



ONEIDA
Comprehensive Health Division

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

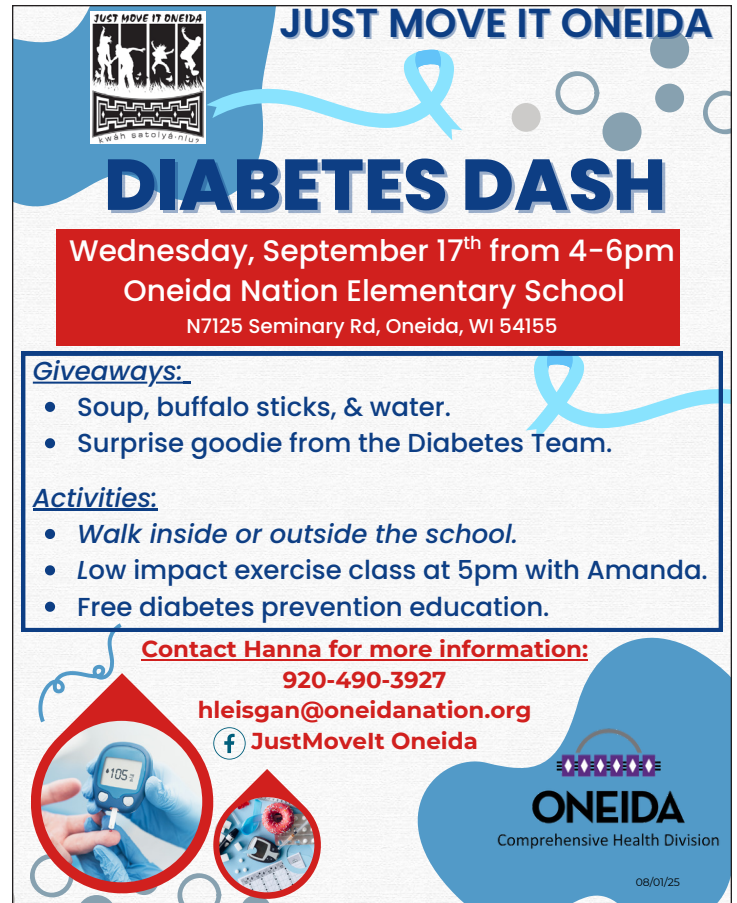
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Saturday, November 15th

ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Contact:
OCHC_booster_buddy@oneidanation.org
for more info



JUST MOVE IT ONEIDA

DIABETES DASH

Wednesday, September 17th from 4-6pm
Oneida Nation Elementary School
N7125 Seminary Rd, Oneida, WI 54155

Giveaways:

- Soup, buffalo sticks, & water.
- Surprise goodie from the Diabetes Team.

Activities:

- Walk inside or outside the school.
- Low impact exercise class at 5pm with Amanda.
- Free diabetes prevention education.

Contact Hanna for more information:
920-490-3927
hleisgan@oneidanation.org
JustMoveIt Oneida

ONEIDA
Comprehensive Health Division
08/01/25



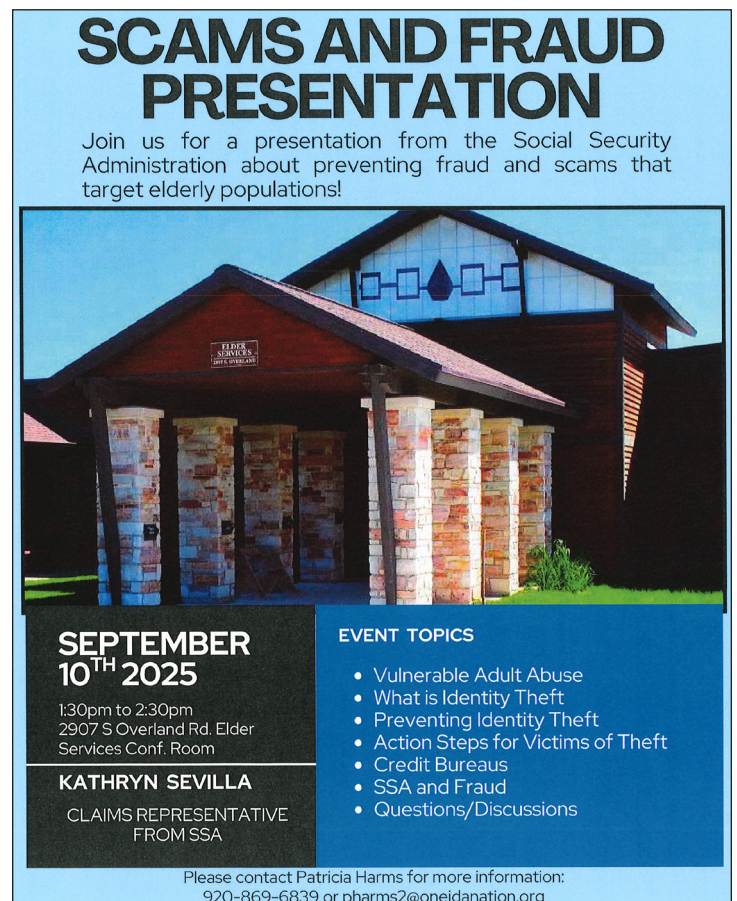
Medicinal Plant & Foraging Teachings with Randy Cornelius

Each session will start at Oneida Cultural Heritage parking lot located at 1250 Packerland Drive Cottage 3A, Green Bay.
Each session is limited to 15 participants

SESSIONS:
Wednesday, September 3: 5:00pm-7:30pm
Tuesday, September 9: 5:00pm-7:30pm
Thursday, September 18: 1:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday, September 23: 1:30pm-4:00pm

TO REGISTER CONTACT:
CulturalHeritage@oneidanation.org

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SCAMS AND FRAUD PRESENTATION

Join us for a presentation from the Social Security Administration about preventing fraud and scams that target elderly populations!

SEPTEMBER 10TH 2025
1:30pm to 2:30pm
2907 S Overland Rd, Elder Services Conf. Room

KATHRYN SEVILLA
CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE FROM SSA

EVENT TOPICS

- Vulnerable Adult Abuse
- What is Identity Theft
- Preventing Identity Theft
- Action Steps for Victims of Theft
- Credit Bureaus
- SSA and Fraud
- Questions/Discussions

Please contact Patricia Harms for more information:
920-869-6839 or pharms2@oneidanation.org

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A good mind. A good heart. A strong fire.

PLEASE JOIN US!

WALK WITH A DOC

LEAD WALKER: DR. MICHAEL LUNDIN
TOPIC: BLOOD PRESSURE

September 3, 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

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ONEIDA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

35TH ANNUAL BANQUET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025
SOCIAL HOUR: 4:00PM | DINNER: 6:30PM
COLONIAL HOUSE SUPPER CLUB
N4330 COUNTY ROAD E, KAUKAUNA (FREEDOM), WI 54130
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Room Block "3rd Annual Tribal Dementia Caregiver Conference"

Link: [3rd Annual Tribal Dementia Caregiver Conference](#)
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How to Enter:

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- Include general location of photo
- Submit: Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org

Deadline: Friday, October 17, 2025

Save THE Date



NOV. 21-23, 2025

ECHOES OF THE FOREST – ART INSPIRED BY NATURE

The voices call to us. They beckon us to invoke the powerful messages so eloquently expressed to us as we give thanks to our symbiotic relationship with creation. As we forage for the resources Creation provides, we do so in a way to live in harmony with it, to reciprocate the inspiration it provides by bringing into existence the art forms that not only reverberate the Forest but also, provide profound messages that resonate within each of us. The Woodland Indian Art Board seeks your creativity that will symbolize and enhance our deep-rooted connection with the Forest, with nature.



Traditions in Trade

Crafting & Community Exchange at Ukwakhwa

By Mia Charnon

Join us on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Ukwakhwa Farmstead for the Barter Market, a community event celebrating traditional trade. Bring heirloom produce, handmade goods, seeds, crafts, and more to exchange in the spirit of reciprocity.

Tentative Event Schedule

- 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Barter Market
- 12:00 PM: Community Meal featuring heirloom Haudenosaunee ingredients
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Crafting Activity (*TBD*)

Pre-Market Workshop

On Friday, September 12, join us for a wooden spoon carving workshop led by Greg Biskakone Johnson, a cultural educator from Lac du Flambeau. *Time to be announced*

📍 Ukwakhwa | Ukwakhwa.org | N6019 Lambie Rd., De Pere, WI



Oneida Cultural Heritage

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FOR ADULTS 18+



6 week class session begins 09/17!
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Wednesdays
Sept 17- Oct 22
Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm
Location: 134 Riverdale Dr.
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WEDNESDAY

SEPT. 10, 2025

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Opens Online:

September 15, 2025

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SAVE THE DATE

Awards Gala

October 25, 2025
5:00pm–7:00pm



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