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Shekóli Swakwe•kú. My name is Yewelahwi•se Cornelius.

I am happy to share I have been selected as the Creative Services Trainee for the Kalihwisaks! I grew up here in Oneida learning what I could about Oneida culture by attending the Music of Our Culture (MOC) program when I was young and singing Oneida Hymns with my family.

I graduated from Syracuse University in 2023 with a degree in communications and rhetorical studies and a minor in Indigenous studies.

I then moved to Milwaukee and lived there for the past 2 years working as an administrative assistant at the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Office (SEOTS). There I was able to get to know the SEOTS community and learn a lot from them.

I have just recently moved back home and I'm excited to join the team at Big Bear Media in my new role and work alongside everyone to help bring important stories and news to the Oneida Nation community. Ultimately, I want to do anything I can to give back to the community that raised me. Yawa?kó.

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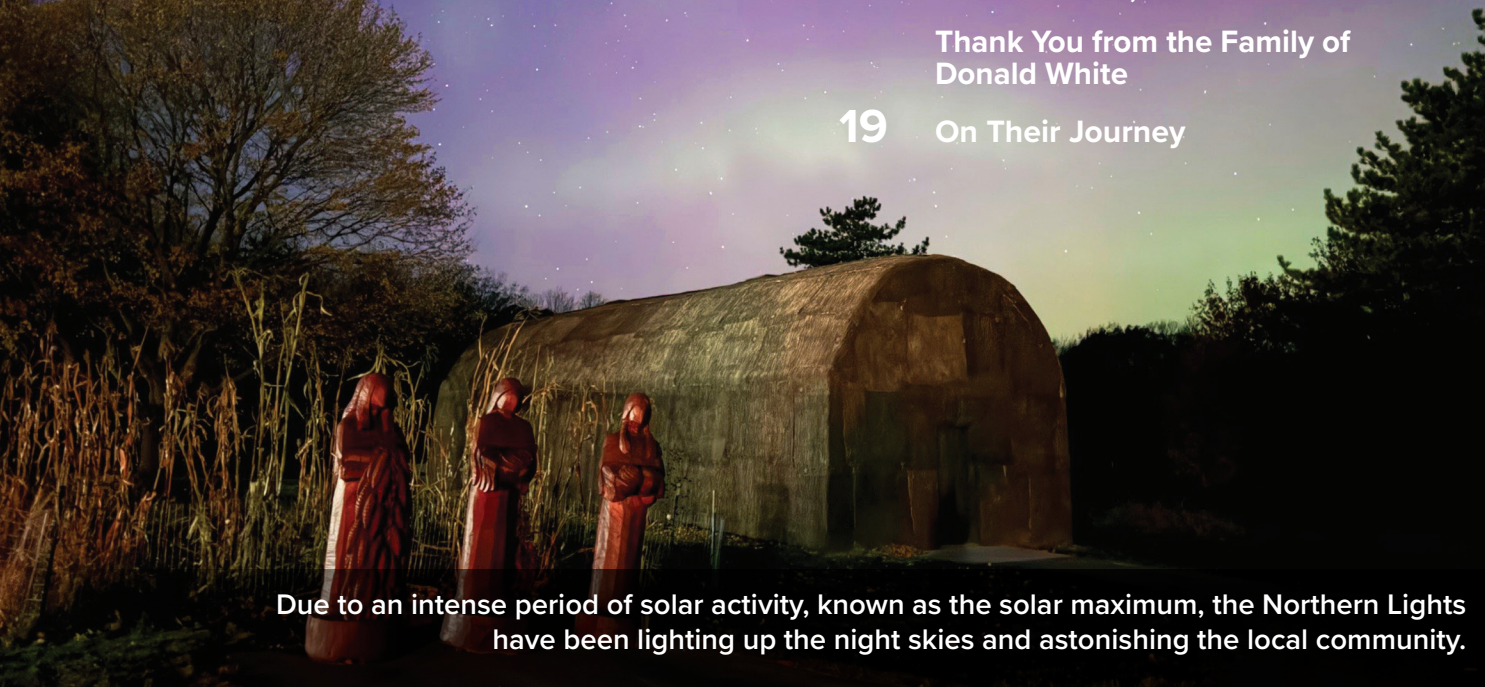
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Due to an intense period of solar activity, known as the solar maximum, the Northern Lights have been lighting up the night skies and astonishing the local community.



JAMESON WILSON



Oneida Nation Councilman

Shekóli Akukwe•tł (Hello my relatives),

As winter approaches, let's take a moment to appreciate the beauty and stillness it brings. This season reminds us to slow down, reflect, and nurture the warmth of community and connection. May the coming months be filled with peace, comfort, and shared strength—like a fire that keeps us warm.

Yawwá?kó ki wah okhále? Hoyan (thank you very much and happy new year)!

Contact me at 920.869.4300 or email jwilson@oneidanation.org.

Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

The Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) has had a bustling term. We have been able to adopt twenty (20) laws. Some of the most notable laws adopted are the Law Enforcement Ordinance Amendments, Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Law Amendments, Landlord Tenant Law Amendments, Oneida Life Insurance Plan Law Amendments, and the Election Law Emergency Amendments. We have hosted several Community Meetings and Community Work Sessions and recently added the Oneida Farmer's Market as part of our community outreach efforts. Our goal is to educate

community members about the responsibility of the LOC, how to amend or create a law (legislative process), and amendments to laws that are currently being developed. It's important that our legislation is community driven, and we prioritize providing platforms to gather input. It was a great outreach for the LOC, and we look forward to finding new ways to connect with the community. Yawwá?kó. to the staff attorneys at the Legislative Reference Office and the Legislative Operating Committee for their dedication and steadfast commitment to the nation.

Onlyote?a•ká ni?i Project Plan (OPP)

The Onlyote?a•ká ni?i 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?i Project Plan, held community input sessions on October 15, 2025 at the Oneida Hotel to talk about the Nation's enrollment criteria dilemma. Community Input Sessions are being held for Veterans, Descendents, and general sessions to gather feedback from the

community. Going through the process for addressing the Nation's enrollment criteria affects all families of our nation and the Standing Committee and staff who have coordinated these efforts have done an excellent job of ensuring these sessions are safe spaces for individuals to share their thoughts, expectations, and guidance as to what components are needed to create a sustainable solution to our current enrollment criteria.

Compassional Leadership

One of the pillars of my leadership style is possessing the ability to recognize, understand, and articulate the emotional state and well-being of those I interact with which allows me to communicate effectively, navigate conflicts with a good mind and foster healthy relationships. I'm committed to continuous learning, embracing a growth mindset, and nurturing professional and community connections with compassion and empathy. Developing these skills has provided a solid foundation for building meaningful connections. By learning to view situations

through others' perspectives, we can work through communication barriers and create space for true collaboration and synergy.

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 supportive capacity. Let us carry forward the spirit of the Good Mind, supporting one another and walking together in harmony through the colder days ahead.

Safety is the Priority

Improving Brown County's "Most Dangerous Intersection"

By Yewe Cornelius



L to R: Brown County (BC) Highway Commissioner Chris Hardy, BC Board of Supervisors Chairman Patrick Buckley, Councilman Jonas Hill, Oneida Chairman Tehassi Hill, and BC Executive Troy Streckenbach formally open the Roundabout at Packerland Drive and Trojan Drive. Oneida Nation provided an easement to Brown County enabling the project to proceed.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Tuesday, November 25, 2025, for the installment of a new roundabout at the Packerland and Trojan Drive intersection, a two-phased project to improve the safety and accessibility on Green Bay's far west side.

The construction part of the project kicked off in 2023 with new cement barriers and access changes for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), Green Bay Southwest High School (GBSWHS) and other businesses along the frontage road. The City of Green Bay, Brown County, and the Oneida Nation have been working together to make improvements to the safety of this intersection.

After acknowledging the land as original territories of the Menominee and Ho-Chunk nations, Chairman Tehassi Hill addressed the attendees of the ribbon cutting ceremony that formally opened the roundabout. "It's a great collaboration between the city, county, and Oneida Nation to address the safety hazards of transportation and pedestrians in this portion of the Oneida reservation. It's important to note that we were able to grant some easement for this project to make sure that we're willing players in the safety of our community. It's very important

to maintain these good relationships between all levels of government to be able to address the needs and the safety of our people and community. Thank you for all the partners for working together with us and us with them to get this project completed and we're looking forward to a much safer and walkable community."

Prior to the construction, the Packerland Drive and Mason Street intersection has had 37 accidents from 2018 to October 2021. In this regard, it's easy to see why this intersection has often been referred to as Green Bay's "most dangerous intersection."

Nevertheless, despite the attempt to help improve the safety of the intersection, there has still been some complaints about the roundabout. Some have expressed concerns about traffic backups from the intersection up to GBSWHS, due to people trying to turn northbound along Packerland from the frontage road, which often ends up blocked by drivers at the light. However, there is just as much positive feedback from citizens, who are thankful that something has been done to make our communities and roads safer. As well, there are some people who see taking a "longer route" as a worthwhile tradeoff to ensure the safety of the community.

There is going to be a need for a temporary adjustment period, but officials have stated that they will continue to monitor the roundabout and the intersections and address any issues that may arise.



Oneida Hosts Annual Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference

By Yewe Cornelius

The Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference (WTTC) held its annual 2025 conference from October 21 & 22, 2025, at the Oneida Casino Hotel. Over this two-day event, many state, federal, tribal and industry leaders met to discuss tribal transportation, safety, and development.

After acknowledging the lands as the traditional homelands of the Menominee and Ho-Chunk nations, Councilman Jameson Wilson addressed the attendees to help kick off the conference.

“The Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference has grown into a cornerstone of tribal transportation planning. And from the first Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference hosted here in Oneida, to today’s gathering in Oneida, we’ve seen the power of collaboration,” says Wilson.

The conference had several other guests in attendance, including James Crawford, Assistant Secretary Tribal Government Affairs, United States Department of Transportation, Daniel Webster, Walbec Group Director of Diversity and Inclusion, and Troy Parr, Area Manager-Community Development, among many others.



Top to bottom, Jameson Wilson delivers opening remarks, including the Kanahelatúksla (Thanksgiving address). Wilson takes a moment to take a photo with Oneida Intergovernmental Affairs Legislative Strategist Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Asst. Sec. Tribal Govt. Affairs, US Dept. of Trans. James Crawford, Walbec Group Director of Diversity and Inclusion Daniel Webster, and Community Development Area Manager Troy Parr.

Community Budget Sessions

Monday, December 1, 2025 • 5pm

Oneida Hotel Tuscarora Room, 2040 Airport Dr., Green Bay

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 • 1pm

SEOTS, 5233 W. Morgan Ave., Milwaukee

GTC 2026 Budget Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2025 • 6pm • Oneida Hotel





By Yewe Cornelius

In October 2025, the Oneida Nation was able to partner with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Departments of Neurological Surgery, Radiology, and Medicine – Cardiovascular Division, to start their research on stroke risk factors within Indigenous communities.

The study, titled “Brain Health and Root Causes of Stroke Risk Disparity in Wisconsin Native Americans,” called for 20 participants, aged 55-90 years old, to undergo a series of tests to discover how brain health can relate to stroke risk factors.

With 80% of Indigenous elders having a higher risk for stroke, there has been a clear disparity in the rates of stroke risk factors in Indigenous communities, as well as an increase of people wanting to raise awareness around these factors and in stroke prevention for our communities. Stroke Study Participant, Michelle Danforth-Anderson, is one of many hoping this study will help.

“I’m hoping that people start to become aware of these alarming statistics that are in front of us. And that, as a community – as a whole, that we can figure out how to heal and live happier, healthier lives,” says Danforth-Anderson.

During her interview, Danforth-Anderson went on to

talk about why she chose to partake, and how important this study is, and more so how important it is to focus on healthy living and making good choices for our bodies and our communities. She also hopes that by talking about these risk factors, and getting more information out there, more people will look into their own health and bring more awareness to the higher risk Indigenous communities face for strokes and stroke risk factors.

Danforth-Anderson asserts, “The more that we can figure out how to get information to the community about being healthier, the better our community will be in the long run.”

This study was one of two happening between the Oneida Nation and the University of Wisconsin-Madison stroke team. The second study is currently looking for volunteers, both multi-generational families and individuals ages 7 to 85. For anyone who is interested in participating, or just wants some more information, please reach out to the Oneida Nation Stroke Prevention Coach.

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STROKE PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS

Manage risk factors: Manage your blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol to lower your risk.

Control medical conditions: The importance of managing conditions like hypertension and diabetes is often a critical component.

Lifestyle choices: Key lifestyles include: No smoking, get regular physical activity, choosing healthy foods, and limiting alcohol consumption.

Know your numbers: Remember to know your blood pressure and cholesterol numbers and work to keep them in a healthy range.

Oneida Nation and UWGB Team Up

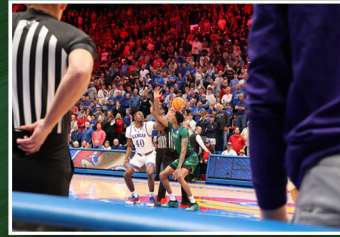
Partnership Celebrates Native American History Month, and More

Excerpts taken from UWGB Press Release

Top to bottom, left to right: UWGB Phoenix proudly debut the new Oneida themed jersey against the Kansas Jayhawks in Lawrence, Kansas. During halftime, local Indigenous dancers and singers put on an exhibition to entertain the crowd. Chaske Jacobs, Jossalyn Metoxen (Jersey designer), enjoy the game after filming interviews at nearby Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence. Jacobs, a Haskell player from Oneida, will perform a flag song at the November 29 game in Green Bay. Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens was also interviewed regarding the history between Oneida and Haskell highlighting the Oneida Nation of WI basketball floor to be revealed at the November 29 game. Finally, an autumn scene of the famous statue on the Haskell campus and more of the special UWGB gear featuring the Oneida word, Kanatá•ke meaning Green Bay or On the Village. Phonetically, it's pronounced Gunna-Daw-Gay.



For updates before, during, and after the Sat., Nov. 29, 2025 game.
Photos courtesy of Oneida Communications.



Over the past year, the Oneida Nation and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) officials collaborated on two basketball events meant to reflect the long-standing respect and recognition each entity has for the other.

The first of these events took place in Lawrence, Kansas Monday, November 3, 2025 when the Kansas Jayhawks hosted the UWGB Phoenix at the Allen Fieldhouse. During the game, UWGB honored Oneida by sporting a new jersey, designed by Jossalyn Metoxen, an Oneida Nation citizen attending UWGB. In the spirit of Native American Heritage Month, the game also featured an Indigenous dance exhibition during halftime.

The jersey features the words Kanatá•ke (Green Bay or On the village) and Onlyote?a•ká• (People of the Standing Stone), among other culturally significant colors and symbols.

For the second event, and shortly after press time for this December edition, the Phoenix hosted Haskell University's Fighting Indians at the Kress Center. During the game, UWGB and the Oneida Nation provided an in-depth look at the meaning behind the new jersey design.

Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Tasi Hill stated, "The Nation's relationship with UWGB has been one of mutual respect. The University has consistently taken measures to ensure Indigenous culture and programming are taken seriously and incorporated into academic programming, offering an EdD in First Nations Education since 2018. In the 2024 academic year, Oneida supported 922 students pursuing higher education endeavors and over eighty of those students attended the University in varying programs. The Nation contributes a direct economic output in education of about \$32M; having strong relationships with educational institutions such as UWGB benefits Oneida citizens as individuals, the Nation and NE Wisconsin overall."

During past efforts, such summer programs for youth in STEM/STEAM have helped to create the curiosity necessary to support a solid educational foundation in youth. Long-term plans on other programming efforts between the Oneida Nation and UWGB are under development; with a good mind, a good heart and a strong fire, the Oneida Nation looks forward to what concepts will come to fruition in the future.

Fighting For Two Flags

Cletus Ninham Shares His Story of Life, Trauma, and Healing

By Yewe Cornelius

Cletus Ninham, 1 of 13 kids, grew up in Oneida, and went on to serve in the 101st airborne division during the Vietnam war. Coming home after 2 years of serving had its ups and downs for Ninham. He faced many challenges from all different aspects of life, but through his love for family and God, he was able to find ways to work through his trauma.

At Living Faith Church in Suamico, WI on Saturday, November 8, 2025, Ninham shared what it was like during his time in the military and the ways it impacted him. Facing many challenges, societal, physical and mental, he shares how he was, "trying to be normal again, fit back into society." He then goes on to talk about a pivotal moment in his life, and when he made a choice to change for the better.

Through sharing his story, Ninham delivers a fun yet powerful presentation on what this era of history was like, and how he survived it.

"What ever you're going through, don't get down. There's always hope," says Ninham.



After Ninham's presentation, he spent approximately 40 minutes taking and answering questions from the audience. For instance, people asked about the symbols on his uniform or the eight pound helmet he and his comrades wore during battle.

Watch as
Cletus Ninham
shares his story



Onlayote?a·ká ni?i Project

We invite all Tribal members, descendants, and community members to share their voices through in-person and online **community input sessions**.



Upcoming Events

Community – Tues. Jan 20

Oneida Casino Hotel

Option 1: 3PM–5PM | Option 2: 6PM–8PM

Descendants – Sat. Feb. 28

10AM – 12PM | Oneida Casino Hotel

Community – Sat. Feb. 28

1:30PM – 3:30PM | Oneida Casino Hotel

Community – Mon. Jan. 26

6PM–8PM | Virtual, *Microsoft Teams*

Community – Thurs. Feb. 26

4:30PM–6:30PM | Virtual, *Microsoft Teams*



Learn more about the
OPP – I Am Oneida Project



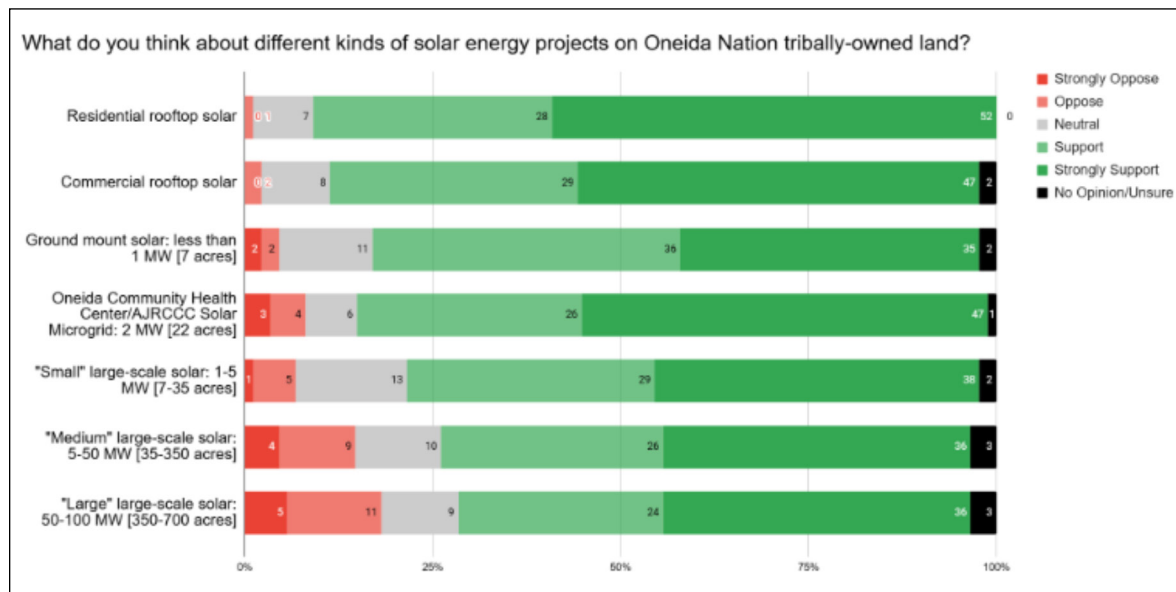
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Brightening Our Future with Solar Energy

Oneida Energy Team Provides Update

By Michael F. Troge, Energy Projects Manager, Engineering Department



This graph is a strong indication of the positive public sentiment in Oneida regarding the use of Solar Energy. The strongest support comes in the residential sector where over half of the survey respondents favored the use of solar. Close behind is the commercial sector with a 47% support rating.

This year had a lot of ups and downs on the energy front. Many changes have occurred at the federal level that impact available funding for energy projects. Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association was an awardee of the Environmental Protection Agency's Solar For All Grant. It would have provided funding to member-Tribes to help pay for solar installs at Tribal homes and small businesses. Oneida Nation, a member-Tribe, would have been recipient of more than \$1 million. Unfortunately, the new administration canceled that grant.

Since 2021, staff from Emergency Management, Facilities, Engineering, Environmental, and the CEO's office worked with Woven Energy to design a microgrid for the Health Campus (Health Center, Anna John, Elder Services, Child Care). This microgrid would have allowed the Campus to stay open during power outages. The team sent an application to Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant. We anticipated an award in May this year, but the program was cancelled in April. That grant amount was to be \$9 million!

These were difficult blows to the Tribe. This is happening to Tribes throughout the country. Another significant challenge for solar installations is the elimination of the Investment Tax Credit (ITC). This 30% tax credit, along with other incentives, can reduce the price of a solar project by nearly a one-third.

The Energy Team worked with the Midwest Renewable

Energy Association (MREA) to bring the Grow Solar Program to the area. A few Tribal households were able to take advantage of this volume discount offer – as well as the ITC before it expired. (It's worth noting that the ITC does require the recipient to have a taxable income adding up to about \$7,000 over a few years. Unfortunately, many low-income, disabled, and retiree households are unable to use the ITC.)

Each of these decisions at the federal level – eliminating the tax credit, the BRIC grant, the Solar For All grant – deserve a call to your representatives.

In other news, the Energy Team held a series of Energy Socials throughout the summer. These outreach events introduced the Grow Solar Program, various energy initiatives, and encourage participating in some surveys. We also hosted a focus group.

The Energy Team partnered with UW Extension and Great Plains Institute on the survey work. The results largely show that community members support small to large solar projects. The team is doing additional analysis to determine the best use of Tribal land to support the Nation's energy needs.

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about this work, please contact me:
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Science Gateways Community Institute Holds Annual Conference in Oneida

By Garth Webster

SGCI Director Excellence, Sandra Gesing, presents Chairman Tehassi Hill with a special recognition for Oneida's participation in their annual conference, as Dr. Lloyd Mitchell (left in purple shirt), among others, looks on.

The Science Gateways Community Institute (SGCI) held their annual conference at the Oneida Hotel Tuesday, October 28, 2025. As their name implies, SGCI, who is funded by the National Science Foundation, strives to bring a vast array of professional disciplines together using shared data and computing services via data centers and/or science gateways (SG).

Dr. Lloyd Mitchell, Oneida member, professor of Public Health at Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina, elected representative of the University of North Carolina Faculty Assembly Executive Committee, and also part of SGCI, is a proponent to the advancement of scientific methodologies using SG's. However, Mitchell is cognizant of the apprehension many have regarding the use of data, especially most recently with the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI). He relates it to the invention of the printing press where suddenly, people had access to information more than ever before.

Mitchell readily admits that data can often be used wrongfully, says, "We want it [data] to be used for peaceful purposes, not to create chaos." This sentiment was echoed by Mitchell's colleague, Dr. Linda Hayden, SGCI's Workforce Development Lead, who works to bring students, college faculty, and mentors together to research their fields of study to find new and innovative solutions. Hayden explains her desire to accomplish SGCI's goal of developing the next generation of Science Gateway users and developers by creating pathways for students, faculty, and mentors to collaborate. However, as noted in the sidebar, there are also environmental concerns worth noting.

"It means a lot to me. It's something I'm passionate about and making sure that students have the opportunity to contribute and interact with professionals," says Hayden.

Dr. Sandra Gesing, Director of Excellence at SGCI says, "It's about bringing the community together and giving them this stage where they can discuss solutions. Because of the knowledge in computer science, we have researchers who do their work more efficiently. The data infrastructures in this type of computing are so complex so they want to share the knowledge, not just in the community but internationally."

Hayden and Gesing claim this is the first SGCI conference held on an Indian Reservation as they discussed Mitchell's compassion about the Environmental Sciences and this [Oneida] community, which is why he invited Oneida to be a part of it.

At the event Emceed by Oneida Public Relations Director, Bobbi Webster, the Oneida Veterans escorted the flags into the venue to the sounds of the Buffalo Creek Singers. After, Chairman Tehassi Hill shared information about the economic progressiveness of the Oneida Nation along with providing the Kanehelatúksla (Thanksgiving Address).

The primary environmental concern of science gateways scientists is the carbon footprint required for large scale use of data, which stems from the significant energy consumption of the underlying high-performance computing (HPC) resources, data centers, and associated hardware. Key concerns include:

- **High Energy Consumption:** Mega data use requires access to intensive computational resources, and the data centers powering them consume vast amounts of electricity. This power usage is a major source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, contributing to climate change.
- **Embodied Carbon:** Beyond operational energy use, there are substantial carbon emissions associated with the manufacturing, transport, and eventual disposal of computer hardware and infrastructure (servers, storage, networking equipment).
- **Water Usage:** Data centers often use significant amounts of water for cooling systems, which can strain local water resources in some regions.
- **E-Waste:** The rapid pace of technological advancement in computing leads to a high turnover of hardware, generating electronic waste which poses disposal and pollution challenges.

Source: Google.com

Environmental, Land & Agriculture

Newsletter

Get the latest updates from Oneida Nation's Environmental, Land and Agricultural Division! Read about all the hard work the ELA division has done over the 4th quarter of FY25.

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ONEIDA *Residential* SNOW REMOVAL

The Oneida Nation's Division of Public Works handles essential services year-round for the Oneida community. The Public Works team designs, constructs, maintains, and operates the nation's public infrastructure in a way that respects the environment, and allows the Nation to assert our sovereignty and preserve resources.

One of the services they offer every winter is snow removal along the nation's roads. Typically, Public Works will only remove snow from Oneida roads, business parking lots, (Including some commercial locations) the health center and employee parking lots. If anyone has any concerns with a snow event, Public Works has

asked that people please contact the Oneida Police Department at 920-869-2239. Their dispatchers will be able to look up and help contact the correct jurisdiction to address concerns.

Public works, however, is not in charge of plowing residential driveways. If anyone needs someone to plow their driveway after a snow event, Oneida Nation's Aging and Disability Services has a list of people they will do this for that is updated annually. To be added to the wait-list, anyone may contact Christina Liggins at 920-869-6847. Elders 70 years and older or homeowners with a disability will take priority for being added to the list.



THE PATH TO A CLEAR FUTURE

Water Quality Improvements on the Reservation



By Gavriella Van Boxel

Over the past 20 years, the Nation has made significant strides in improving its water quality, thanks to coordinated efforts between local agencies, conservation groups, residents, and our very own Nonpoint team. The reservation's ecological health is deeply tied to the condition of its waterways.

During the morning of Friday, September 5, 2025 staff from Oneida's Environmental Department and the office of Nation Services joined together at the Oneida Quarry to create a video showcasing the efforts of the last 2 decades. This video, filmed by Byran Halona of Halona Media, was made to help community members better understand our water quality improvements, along with the efforts that have been made to get the level of quality to where it is today.

The video focuses on an example of dramatic improvement – the reduction of suspended solids in our waterways. Suspended solids are small solid particles that do not dissolve in water. These solids can be things such as sediment, silt, and organic matter that make the water appear cloudy and can often have negative impacts on water quality. Monitoring suspended

solids is essential for assessing and maintaining the health of our waterways.

While water quality in the Nation's waterways has improved overall, this video primarily focuses on Duck Creek and Trout Creek. Big Bear Media provided the drone shots featured in the video; Oneida's Environmental Department provided the data and photos of the Nation's waterways featured in the video – Alaina Noll and Jim Snitgen are featured talking about these improvements. Special shout out to the Nation's Nonpoint team: Wes Johnson, William Poca, Jaryd Wilber, and Jon Habeck. Even more special shout out to Michael Finney, the now retired visionary who originally started the program.

For any further questions about the Nation's water quality, reach out to Jim Snitgen, Environmental Quality Manager: 920.869.4589.

Watch
Water Quality
Video





2025 National Treasure Recipients

By Garth Webster

The National Treasures Awards Gala was held Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Oneida Hotel to recognize the benevolent contributions of key community members that enable Haudenosaunee Cultural traditions to continue now and into the future for the Oneida Nation.

The event was well attended by approximately 150 participants who enjoyed an evening of great food, camaraderie, and most importantly, an opportunity to share their appreciation to the 2025 National Treasures (NT) recipients: Eliza Skenandore, Ukwakwha (Steve & Becky Webster and Giselle Metoxen), and Oneida Community Lacrosse (Curt Summers).

The evening, Emcee'd by Oneida Nation Turtle Clan

Manager Nicholas Metoxen, began with the introduction of Chairman Tehassi Hill, followed by keynote speaker and 2024 NT recipient Karen Ann Hoffman who shared a colorful story, *How the Birds Got Their Feathers*. After Hoffman's presentation, the crowd was urged to get up and enjoy song and dance by singers Bradley Granquist, Eddie Santiago, and Kendrick Powless.

As the NT recipients were introduced, it was no surprise that each were very humble and genuinely gave credit to their family, friends, and community for the inspiration and motivation behind their efforts. Below are scenes from the evening.



◀ 2024 NT Recipient Karen Ann Hoffman shared her story, "How the Birds Got Their Feathers."



▲ The table center pieces were designed and made by Oneida Cultural Heritage.





Eliza Skenandore

"I feel so humbled to be standing here before my family, community, and friends. This award is not just about me, it belongs to all of us. It represents the strength of our culture, our stories, and our community. Many of my creations are inspired by our teachings and my hope is to always pass those gifts on to the next generation. To the artists coming up, my message is never give up. Be proud of who you are, where you come from, and celebrate everything you create. Each piece you make is proof that you are still here and it carries our culture forward only in a way that you can. Looking ahead my dream is to keep creating, teaching, and building spaces for artists in our community. Places where we can gather, learn, and grow together. Yawλ'kó to my family, mentors, and community for believing in me and walking this journey with me. This award is a reminder that our culture is alive and when we create, we honor those that came before us and those that will come after us."

Oneida Community Lacrosse-Curt Summers

"It's our dream to get these kids through their education and come back and help with the community, whether it's with our Oneida program but also, getting involved in the youth program." Curt continued by thanking all the coaches, volunteers, and his wife for doing all the behind-the-scenes stuff. "The things they [kids] can do with sticks nowadays...it's an artform.... watching them pass behind their back, and no-look passes. Seeing the energy they have and if you have the chance to watch them, you'll understand why this is called the Medicine Game or the Creator's Game because these kids give everything they have to this game. Artistically, some of them have some pretty awesome moves."



Becky and Steve Webster

Ukwakhwa-Steve & Becky Webster, Giselle Metoxen

"We're really just feeding off the energy of our community. I can't thank all of our supporters enough for following our ideas. Anybody that's been to our farm knows it's a really magical place. I don't know what happened or how things worked but it feels like when we have ideas or concepts of what we want to do, try, or experiment with, it feels like the sun, moon, and stars align to be able to make it happen. I don't think anyone of us can take credit for it. I really think something magical is happening. We are doing the work to pick up those pieces that our ancestors had to lay down just in order to survive. Thank you, everyone, for being a part of this adventure to pick up those pieces with us," says Becky.

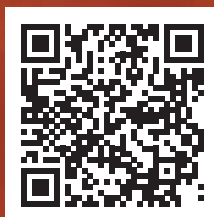


Giselle Metoxen

"After thanking everyone, Steve says, "The lesson that I keep getting is that it really does take a village to do these things. Not only the people here, but the people before us that aren't hear anymore to layout what we were able to take advantage of to build our farm. Thank you also to Giselle Metoxen (Gise) for really taking us to the next level."



The audience was also treated to videos produced by Halona Media. The videos provide a deeper understanding of each of the 2025 National Treasure recipients.



Eliza Skenandore



Oneida Community
Lacrosse



Ukwakhwa

Oneida Nation High School



THUNDERHAWK TIMES

FAMILY FEAST: AN ANNUAL TRADITION

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Thursday, October 30 was the date for the 39th Annual Family Feast sponsored by the Oneida Nation School System and held at Norbert Hill Center.

Students were released at 12:30pm that day and staff went to work preparing to host the community which ate by clans – Turtle, Wolf, and Bear.

The annual event is a chance for the school system to showcase student work and Core Values of the school system with the Oneida Community.

As usual, the turnout was impressive. According to School System Administrator, Sharon Mousseau, "We did have 405 staff and parents/guardians sign in for the Family Feast. We did have a great turn out in terms of enough help in the lines and plenty of food for all. YawΛ?kó to the staff for your assistance with this Annual Event!" Mousseau continued, "A special yawΛ?kó to 6th grader, Naalzheehii King on opening the event with your good words!"

IN THE LONGHOUSE

By Harmony Ferrell

Each year in October, the school calendar has an entry "Dates to be Determined – Harvest Ceremonies (School in Session)." It is a welcome part to the school year as staff and students are excused to attend ceremonies at the longhouse.

Here are the impressions of ONHS freshman reporter Harmony, "We are all gathered in the longhouse – men, women, children, small babies. Everyone is warm. People are talking amongst themselves. You can smell smoke from the woodfire. Suddenly, everyone turns their attention to the front of the room. The speaker there stands up and begins talking in Oneida. Everything there is so peaceful.

The dancing, the listening, the speaking. I have never known such a peaceful feeling. My heart is happy. I can't wait for tomorrow."

SCHOOL CALENDAR GETS BUSY

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Brace yourself! Besides the days turning colder and darker and the snow about to fly, we are headed into the holidays and that means lots of items in the school calendar to be aware of.

- November has Veterans Day 11/11–No School
- Cultural Activities and 12:30 Dismissal for Students 11/18
- Virtual Staff Development Day 11/19–No School
- Thanksgiving Break 11/26-11/28–No School
- December has Mid-Quarter Grades 12/04
- 12:30 dismissal 12/23
- Winter Break 12/24-12/31
- January has Winter Break continuing–1/1-1/2
- Classes Resume 01/05
- Cultural Activities 01/09
- End of Quarter and Semester 1/15
- Staff Inservice 1/16–No School
- Mid-Winter Ceremonies 1/23-1/26–No School

ONEIDA 3v3 LEAGUE

**By Anthony Cornelius,
ONHS Support Services**

I started this league as a way to engage more students to play basketball within our school system. The goal was to start at 4th/5th grade and have them play in between the 6th-8th graders. I didn't get as much interest as I would've liked so I let the high schoolers have their own division.

With all teams being only boys, we had one girl who put together her own team of all girls, Nova Rae Danforth. She didn't care if she went against the boys or not. It was inspiring to see her compete against the boys every week. Some weeks her teammates couldn't be there or didn't show up, and she still found a way to make it happen every week and did it with a smile. That's what it's all about. Providing a healthy competitive environment for kids to play sports in.

The league ran with a running score for 4 weeks and on the fifth week we had our playoffs, in which the top three scoring teams would advance to the championship, and all of the scores would be erased in a winner take all game.

Our league champions from the middle school were Arthur Big Mountain, Tehokwa Gutierrez, Matthias Jordan, and K'Deen Pocan. Our high school champions were Cory McIntyre, Carlos Vera-Cantu, Davian Gutierrez, and Kingston Webster.



Halloween at ONHS: Student clan council had a costume contest at ONHS and awarded prizes for a boy and girl costume for each class. Here are a few random pictures of some of those costumes.

Left to right, top to bottom: First, ONHS junior Taliana Webster and a throwback friend. Next, Garfield the Cat and ONHS freshman Roland Madrid dressed as Ozzy Osborne. Then, Oneida Language and Culture Instructor Charlie Duxtator warmly encouraging an art student. Finally, ONHS Art Students Continue Creative Expressions under guidance of art teacher, Cindy Thomas. All photos courtesy of Cindy Thomas.

**SENIORS-LEARN
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COLLEGE
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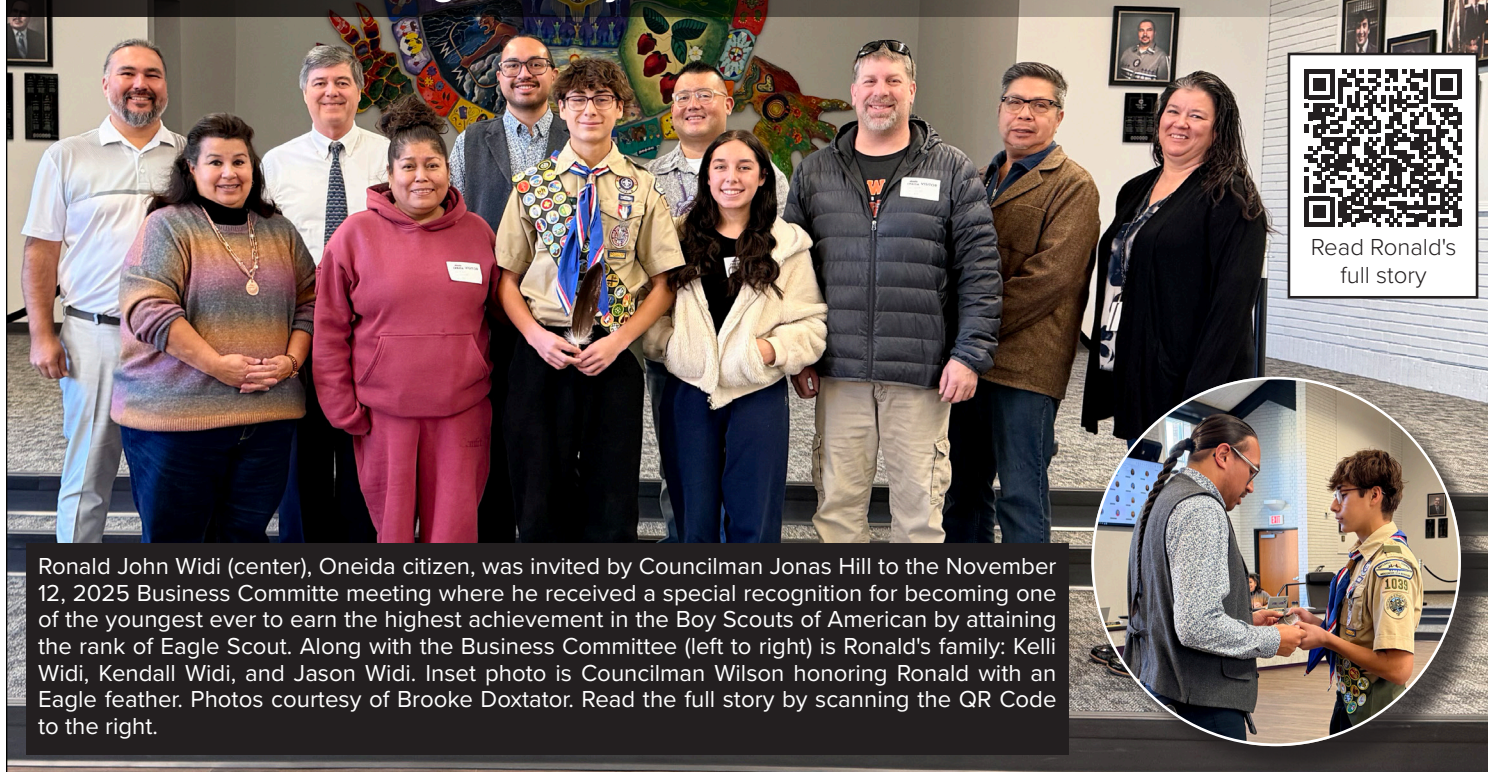


**Thunderhawk
Times Staff**

Aurthur Boyiddle, Harmony Ferrell, Joie Gutierrez, Mi'quel LaRock, Saniya Clark-Ninham, and Gabby Velasquez-Skenandore
Advisors: Johnny Danforth and Denis Gullickson

A Remarkable Achievement

Ronald Widi Earns Highest Boy Scout Rank



Read Ronald's
full story

Ronald John Widi (center), Oneida citizen, was invited by Councilman Jonas Hill to the November 12, 2025 Business Committee meeting where he received a special recognition for becoming one of the youngest ever to earn the highest achievement in the Boy Scouts of America by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Along with the Business Committee (left to right) is Ronald's family: Kelli Widi, Kendall Widi, and Jason Widi. Inset photo is Councilman Wilson honoring Ronald with an Eagle feather. Photos courtesy of Brooke Duxtator. Read the full story by scanning the QR Code to the right.



Hitting it Long and Straight

Three Oneida Golfers Excelled during the 2025 Golf Season

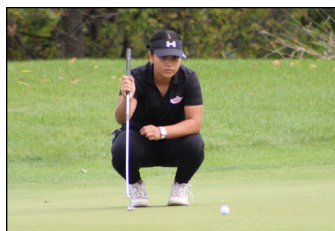
Vivien Ninham golfs for St. Norbert's College in De Pere, WI. She placed 3rd in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) College Women's Golf Championship that took place October 4-6, 2025. Vivien shot 79, 76, and 75 during the three-day tournament.

The week before she placed 2nd place at the two-day Edgewood College invitational shooting 75 both days.



Chris Kurth played in the Annual Native American Open in New Mexico for the first time representing the Oneida Nation where he finished 3rd. Picture left to right is Kurth's caddy Marcus Stockton, Christopher Kurth, and the course General Manager Derek Gutierrez and Head Professional Zach Hoeful.

Kurth says, "This was my first time representing the tribe and I noticed a familiar name, Conrad King won the 50+ over flight that same weekend, so I'd like to get props to him as well." Kurth continues, "My grandmother is Phyllis Davids and my mom is Ramona Kurth along with my sister Samantha and father Raymond."



Monique Martinez plays for Seymour Community High School. Martinez and her team filled their trophy display case with the following accomplishments this season:

- Bay Conference Champs
- WIAA Division 2 Regional Champs
- WIAA Division 2 Sectional Champs
- 4th Place Finish at WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament



The family of Ernie "Big Cat" Stevens, Jr. extends our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love, support, and generosity shown during the most difficult time of our lives. Our hearts continue to overflow with emotion as we witness just how deeply Ernie (Steve) was loved and cherished here at home, throughout Indian Country, and beyond.

First, we want to thank our community, those who brought food, helped with the fire, assisted with cleaning, or simply sat with us during and after the 10-day fire. Your kindness carried us through, and we cannot express how much your presence and care meant to us.

Our thanks go to the REZurrected Riderz and all who joined in the procession that brought Ernie home to the reservation. This was a moving and powerful tribute that we know he would have loved. Thank you to those that shared their voices, through story and song, to celebrate Ernie's memory. To our Longhouse community who prepared, cooked, cleaned, prayed, and simply supported the family; you honored us with your compassionate work. We truly could not have done it without you.

We also wish to thank the Oneida Nation Business Committee, Oneida Nation School System, Oneida Recreation, Ryan's Funeral Home, and Indian Gaming Association for their support and for helping ensure Ernie's sendoff reflected the honor he deserved. Your efforts meant the world to our family.

With over 1,000 attendees, we are still sending out all the thank-you cards. Some cards and flowers arrived without addresses, and a few names were difficult to read; please accept our sincerest apologies if we left anyone out or were unable to reach you personally.

Finally, we want to thank everyone for showing your love and helping us honor our husband, father, Papa, brother and friend with such dignity and care. Your compassion made this emotional time a little easier.

Watch REZurrected
Ridez escort the
procession for the
Stevens family



*The family of the
late Donald R. White
would like to extend
heartfelt gratitude to
the Oneida Nation,
Oneida Veterans,
Oneida Hymn
Singers, and Ryan
Funeral Home.*

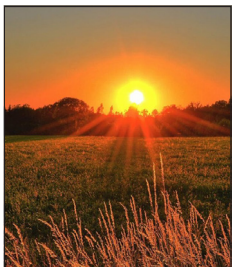
*All of your kindness
and support is very
much appreciated
as we mourn the
loss of a truly amazing
father and husband.*

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KENNETH L. KING**March 12, 1958 - October 10, 2025**

Kenneth L. King age 67 of Neenah passed away on Friday October 10, 2025, at Theda Care Medical Center in Neenah. Ken was born on March 12, 1958, in

Annapolis, Maryland while his father was at the Naval Academy. His parents were Phineas and Joyce "Jean" (Russell) King. Ken was united in marriage to Gloria Ebel on April 16, 1982, in Oshkosh, WI. They have been together since August of 1980 when Ken moved here from Virginia Beach, Virginia. They were neighbors and as they say, "Love thy Neighbor" and so they did. He was preceded in death by his mother and father and his brothers Rick and Joe. Ken is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years Gloria, his brother-in-law Jeff Ebel, his precious dog Lucy and his inherited dog Angel, along with other relatives and friends. A private burial will be held.

MYRON "ROCKY" WHITE**September 10, 1940 - October 15, 2025**

Myron "Rocky" White, 85, US Army Veteran of Des Plaines, Illinois, passed away October 15, 2025.

Loving husband of the late Linda

White (1996); devoted father of David White, Monica White and Natalie White; treasured grandfather of Donnie Sarli, Lily Sarli and Ryan; cherished brother of Charlotte, Patrick and the late Geno, Ross, Donald and Gerald; adored son of the late George and Mabel White; favorite uncle to many.

Myron was born in Tomah, Wisconsin and grew up in Chicago's Wicker Park area (North Ave. & Ashland). He was a devoted family man and great husband to the love of his life, Linda. Myron was kind hearted and affable, making many dear friends throughout his lifetime. He was a longtime truck driver for Emery Worldwide and beloved crossing guard

at Iroquois Community School in Des Plaines. A loyal fan of Chicago White Sox and the Green Bay Packers, he rarely missed an opportunity to cheer on his teams. Myron was also a fervent supporter of Pope Leo XIV.

Memorial service pending. Arrangements entrusted to Chicagoland Cremation Options of Schiller Park, IL

SHEILA M. OTTO**December 10, 1950 - October 21, 2025**

Sheila M. Otto, age 74, of Shawano, began her journey to the Spirit World on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Sheila May was born December 10, 1950, in Keshena,

a daughter to the late Bennett Jr. and Laverne (Schnoor) King. She attended school in Shawano, graduating with the Class of 1969. Following school, she moved to Manitowoc, where she worked at Mirro before eventually returning to the Shawano area. She was employed at Zwicker in Shawano and later retired after many dedicated years of working in finance at the Menominee Casino.

In 1972, Sheila was united in marriage to Timothy Otto, and together they were blessed with six children. In 1985, they moved to the Otto family farm in Gresham, where they raised their family.

Sheila enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and cooking. She loved watching the birds on the feeders and unwinding with one of her favorite television shows. Christmas was her favorite holiday, and she adored her snowmen decorations. Above all, family meant everything to her.

Survivors include her six children, Marni, Matthew, Melissa (Jesse), Rebecca (John), Geoff (Hannah), and Kevin (Katie); 14 grandchildren, Sutton "Dolly Girl," Sedric "Buddy," Morgan, Christine, Molly (Brandon), Hannah, Emma, Nikolaus, Sophia, Brody, Oaklynn, Haven, Tatum, and Kennedy; 9 great-grandchildren, Mariella, Charles, Grayson, Jude, Isaiah, Malcolm, Lilith, Gwendolyn, Eloise; Godchildren, Rueben James King, Joseph, and Dakota; and 12 siblings. She is further survived by her former husband, and

numerous nieces and nephews. Sheila is preceded in death by two brothers; one sister; mother-in-law, Grandma Mae; and second mom, Sandy.

In keeping with Sheila's wishes, private family services have been held.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers a memorial tree planted in Sheila's name.

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



Read the full version
of the obituary

CAROL JEAN PLATTEN**September 7, 1934 - October 22, 2025**

Carol Jean (Warnecke) Platten, 91, passed away Wednesday, October 22, 2025 surrounded by her 6 loving daughters. Born on September 7, 1934 in Kaukauna, Wisconsin,

Carol was the daughter to the late William Warnecke and Mabel (Reed) Burnham.

Carol was a devoted and loving mother as well as a very proud grandmother and great grandmother. Her family was her number one priority. She was always working, yet able to find time to spend with her family and offer assistance to those in need. A wonderful cook, she enjoyed putting together menus for different meals and holiday celebrations to be enjoyed by all. She was loved for her unexpected yet humorous remarks while hosting those family gatherings, creating laughter and joy for those around her. Carol was also a proud member of the Oneida Nation.

Carol is survived by her daughters: Debbie Bartel, Diane (Bill) Diny, Dawn Marciniak, Denise (significant other Jon) Roskom, Dena (Jesse) Hietpas, and Darla (Todd) Jodar; grandchildren: Kaylee (Jason) Snell and Trevor Jodar; Luke (significant other Mea) and Dylan Hietpas; Melanie, Kyle, and Holly Roskom and their father Gene; Amber (fiancé Craig) Marciniak; Kevin (Danielle) and Steve (Holly) Diny; Aman-

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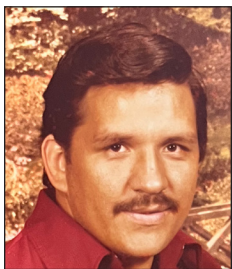
da (Bryan) Cullen, Matt (Kayla) and Mike (Jenny) Bartel, Stacy (Max) Rath and their father, Larry; Miranda Propson, Louis (Melba) Beck; Daniel Beck and his children; great grandchildren: Hadley, Emily, Nicholas, Eric, Autumn, Ella, Riley, Gavin, Elijah, Asher, James, Sage, Walker, Ivy, Tate, and Leilani; siblings: Beverly Skinner and Bill (Mary) Warnecke; and sister-in-law, Leona Platten. Carol was deeply loved by her numerous nephews, nieces, extended family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step father, Gerry Burnham; husband, Vern Platten and his siblings; sister, Baby Warnecke; sons-in-law: Joe Marciniak and Dan Beck; and brother-in-law, Nelson Skinner. A funeral service for Carol will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Verkuilen-Van Deurzen Family Funeral Home, 2401 Fieldcrest Dr., Kaukauna. Visitation will begin at the funeral home at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established. For online condolences, please visit www.verkuilenfh.com. Carol's family would like to extend a special thank you to St. Croix Hospice as well as the Apple Creek staff, especially Kelsey, for the exceptional care and compassion they provided.

"So glad we had this time together."

CRAIG NINHAM

March 1, 1951 - October 25, 2025



Craig (chuckle butt) Ninham, age 74, passed away Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Craig was born on March 1, 1951, to the late Morris and Colleen (Bowman)

Ninham. Craig was united in marriage to Shirley Metoxen. She preceded him in death on June 25, 2016.

He enjoyed spending time with family, telling his spontaneous stories, and telling his jokes. Craig loved going on road trips and listening to county music. Craig always made everyone feel loved and welcomed, with his contagious smile and his warming heart, making you never feel judged.

He is survived by children: Dawn Ninham

and Craig Ninham; Step-children: Caroline Padilla, Gail Padilla, Simone DeCoteau, David DeCoteau; Grandchildren: Rachel (Denzel) Inge, Monique Inge, Stephanie (Deontae) Inge, Alex White, Gabby White, Cano (Yuli) Padilla, Izaiah Padilla, Lauren, Forrest Hill, Jesus, Ariel, Ashley, Amanda, and Blair DeCoteau; 19 great-grandchildren; Sister: Janet (John) Hill; Brother: Robert Ninham, Allen Ninham, and Kenneth (Flo) Ninham.

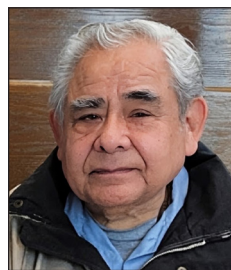
Preceded in death by daughter: Tracie Ninham; Sisters: Yvonne, Carrol, and Sharon; Brothers: Maurice, Gerald, Dennis, and Bruce; Brother-in-law: George Mohawk, John Lusiak, Mike Rudesill; Sister-in-law: Violet Ninham; and Nephews: David Ninham and Darrell Ninham.

A private family burial will take place at the Oneida United Methodist Church Cemetery.

For online condolences to Criag's family please visit www.muehlboettcher.com

MIKE MENDOLLA

September 6, 1934 - October 26, 2025



Michael "Mike" Mendolla – a man whose spirit was as unyielding as the pine trees he admired – passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025, surrounded

by family, at the age of 91. He was a devoted husband, proud father, fiercely protective, loving grandfather & great grandfather. Michael leaves behind a lasting legacy of hard work, perseverance and dedication to provide for his family.

Born in Tyler, Texas to the late Estanislao & Bernabe (Navarro) Mendolla. He built a remarkable life alongside his beloved wife, Barbara, to whom he was married for an extraordinary 71 years. Together, they created a strong and caring family that includes three sons: Michael (Linda), Ricardo (Paula) and Tino (Jen) Mendolla; eleven cherished grandchildren and thirteen adored great-grandchildren.

Mike found peace and purpose in gardening and hunting. Known by those who loved him, he was tough as nails & delightfully stubborn, he approached life with grit and quiet determination. Mike dedicated 43 years to Georgia-Pacific –

remaining through four company names changes – before retiring. His loyalty, frugality and incredible work ethic became the foundation of his life philosophy: save every penny. His discipline and dedication instilled a great work ethic in his sons, a value they continue to pass down to each generation.

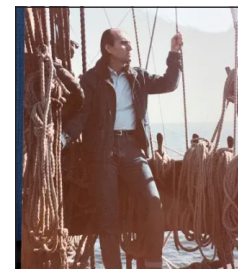
Michael is survived by his beloved wife, Barb; his three sons and their families; his siblings Visenta, Stan, Mary, Peter and Judy; his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers: Frank, Paul and Joe Mendolla and his infant children Randy and Debbie.

Family and friends may call on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 2pm until the time of service at 4pm at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N 10th Street in De Pere.

The Mendolla family would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the Bellin ICU and 4th floor staff, as well as the Unity Hospice staff for their unwavering care and support to our family and father as he faced his final days

PAUL WATSON LEE ZAKHAR

July 31, 1937 - October 27, 2025



Paul Watson Lee Zakhar, age 88, walked on at the Anna John Resident Centered Care Community on October 27, 2025, with Arlene, his wife of 68 years by his side. He was

born at the Tomah Indian Hospital on July 31, 1937, to Paul and Alvina (Skenandore) Zakhar.

His father was killed in an accident at the age of thirty-one while riding his motorcycle in Milwaukee. Paul spent much of his early life between Milwaukee and Oneida to spend time with his grandmother Lillian. Paul and Arlene met on a neighborhood playground on the east side of Milwaukee when they were 16 years old. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of seventeen and he and Arlene were married in Waukegan, Illinois on March 7, 1958.

After the birth of their only child, daughter Renee, the family moved to Spenard, a neighborhood of Anchorage, Alaska where he worked for the Alaska Railroad. Part of his job was chasing moose off the tracks and clearing snow from avalanch-

es. Later they moved to Honolulu, Hawaii where he was licensed to teach automotive repair. In 1963 the family returned to Milwaukee where Paul earned his B.S. in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He and his younger brother, Jim Zakhar, were instrumental in leading the effort to establish the Southeast Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) office to provide social services and cultural education to Oneida tribal members living in Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin. Paul worked various jobs before moving to Green Bay to work at the Oneida Casino. He accepted a position in the Employee Relations department to advocate for tribal employees from 1993 to 2004 when he retired.

Paul was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and a proud Oneida. He is survived by his wife Arlene, daughter Renee Zakhar and grandson Harrison Schultz. Paul was preceded in death by three grandchildren Taylor, Sawyer, and Isabel Denning. Also preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Alvina; brothers Jim Zakhar, sister Rhea Reagan, twin sisters Priscilla (Carol) Zakhar and Patricia (Bob) Ulrich, and many nephews and nieces.

The family sincerely thanks staff at the Anna John Resident Centered Care Community, Matt Metoxen of Oasis Senior Advisors-Green Bay, and Ryan Funeral Home. A memorial celebration of life will be planned for a later date.

NATHANIEL RODERICK CLOUD

April 22, 1940 - October 29, 2025



Obituary not available for Nathaniel.



HARRY ROPER DECOTEAU, JR.

February 15, 1961 - October 30, 2025



Mr. Harry Roper Decoteau Jr., age 64 of Cougar Lane Cherry Log, GA., passed onto the Creator's world in Blairsville, GA on Thursday October 30, 2025, follow-

ing a long illness. Mr. DeCoteau was born on February 15, 1961, in Green Bay, WI., the son of the late Harry Roper DeCoteau Sr. and the late Vivian Danforth DeCoteau. He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters. Harry loved making Native American regalia and jewelry. He also loved dancing the Northern Traditional dance. He was a Champion Northern Dancer. He was proud of his Oneida culture. He would sell handmade jewelry. He helped other native people learn the art of making regalia to honor Creator.

He was a loving and caring partner and father. His favorite past time was fishing. Fishing was his life and watching the Green Bay Packers. Mr. DeCoteau was of the Christian faith. He did know and love the Lord.

Surviving Mr. DeCoteau are his loving partner and best friend Lucy Wade of Cherry Log, GA., one son, Matthew DeCoteau, and one daughter, Alissa DeCoteau. Many other relatives and friends also survive.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers if you wish, the family requests that donations may be made to help defray expenses in Mr. DeCoteau's memory.

Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville is in charge of the arrangements. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences online at www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com

REV. LONNIE GENE JOHNSON

September 27, 1938 - October 31, 2025



Rev. Lonnie Gene Johnson was born in Sisseton, SD, September 27, 1938, to Lester and Gladys (German) Johnson. He was the third oldest of eleven and grew

up on a farm. At age 17 he felt the call of God in his heart to go to Bible college. After graduation he attended Lakewood Park Bible school. During bible college, he met Kathleen Hill, who became his beloved wife in September of 1960. Lonnie graduated from Bible college in 1961. From November 1962 until the fall of 1974, he had pastored at four churches. In the fall of 1974 he moved to Oneida, WI. His goal was to take the church from mission status to General Council church. He had

pastored for forty-eight years in Oneida with a total of 60 years in the ministry. Lonnie was also the Director of Inter-Tribal Family Camp, WNMD Native American Ministries, and President of Lakeshore Appaloosa Promoters. He was director of Oneida Ecumenical Group for many years. In November of 2022, he resigned to start retirement.

God called Lonnie to his heavenly home on October 31, 2025. "Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord" Matthew 25:21. He enjoyed attending barrel races, rodeos, and being on his John Deere tractor, along with spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Kathleen Johnson. His children, Darla, Renee (Paul), Kevin, Karin (Scott), and Sharon (Dennis). Thirteen grandchildren, Derrick, Chris (Katie), Kacee, Nicole (Eric), Jazmine (Jacob), Kyle, Rachel (Tanner), Kaleb, Lexus, Kayla, Kamron (Laura), and Tia (Nathan), Ashlyn (Greg). Eight great-grandkids, Ariella, Leilonnie, Elijah, Jacob, Elayna, and Samuel, Jack, Sonny. He is also survived by five siblings, seven in-laws, and many nieces and nephews.

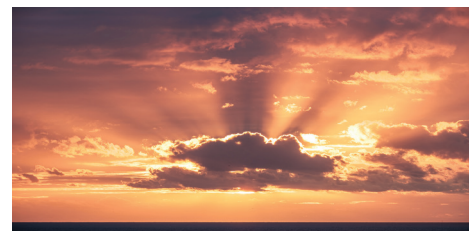
Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents Lester and Gladys (German) Johnson, five siblings, infant great-granddaughter Kylie Shorey and son-in-law Camon Simon.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 5-7:00pm with a closing prayer at 7pm at the Seymour Assembly of God Church. Visitation will continue at the Seymour Assembly of God Church on Friday, November 14th, 2025, from 8:30am until the service at 10am with Oneida Hymn Singers performing at 9:45am.

For full obituary and online condolences to Lonnie's family please visit www.muehlboettcher.com



Read the full version of the obituary



Tribal Contribution Savings Report

Quarterly Highlight

CIP: #15-001 Oneida Community Cannery



Project Description:

The proposed Oneida Community Cannery (formerly named Food Innovation Center) would develop a new facility for the Oneida Nation Cannery and its programmatic efforts. The purpose of this project is to focus this center to be a new cannery and training facility. The Community Cannery will allow for the Cannery to best serve the community and the demand placed on the program by facilitating the food processing needs of the community and continuing to allow for the transfer of knowledge of food and empowering our citizens in the safe production and processing of their own foods.

Current Status

Milbach Construction Services is the General Contractor for the Cannery Project. Pre-Engineered Metal Building is being erected.

Schedule

Approvals—2022 • Design—2023-2025 • Bidding—2025
Construction—2025-2026 • Substantial Completion—May 2026

Project Partners

Environmental, Land & Agriculture Division - Food & Agriculture Area;
Engineering Department, DPW—Facilities

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Notice to Interested Person(s) Setting Hearing on Application 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.

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 William A. Schuyler, Sr., Case No. 2025-LCP-008 The deadline to file a claim is Dec. 1, 2025

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 3/8/1942, died on 10/20/2024, was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation, in Brown County, State of Wisconsin at 1403 S. Crestwood 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: William A. Schuyler, Jr., Jackson Schuyler, Bobby J. Serama, Kenneth W. Schuyler
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 12/15/2025, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Arlie Doxtator, Case No. 2025-LCP-010 The deadline to file a claim is January 12, 2026

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 7/24/1935, died on 2/13/2025, was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation, in Brown County, State of Wisconsin at 2502 Laredo 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: Susan Doxtator, Arlie Doxtator, Jr., Barb Truttman
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 1/26/2026, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Rose Laitinen, Case No. 2025-LCP-009 The deadline to file a claim is January 12, 2026

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 1/12/1939, died on 10/13/2021, was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation, in Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin at W1351 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: Jennifer Thewis, Robert Laitinen, Fred Laitinen, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Jeremiah Laitinen, Justin Laitinen, Jacob Laitinen
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 1/26/2026, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.



Cans & Kindness

HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bay Bank is joining forces with the Oneida and Menominee Food Pantries to help our neighbors facing hardship.

Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary gifts will be collected through December 23. Bring your items to the Green Bay/Packerland or Keshena branch locations during business hours. *Together, we can fill shelves and hearts!*



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MONDAY, DEC. 1 - MONDAY, DEC. 8

Help us spread holiday cheer to those in need.

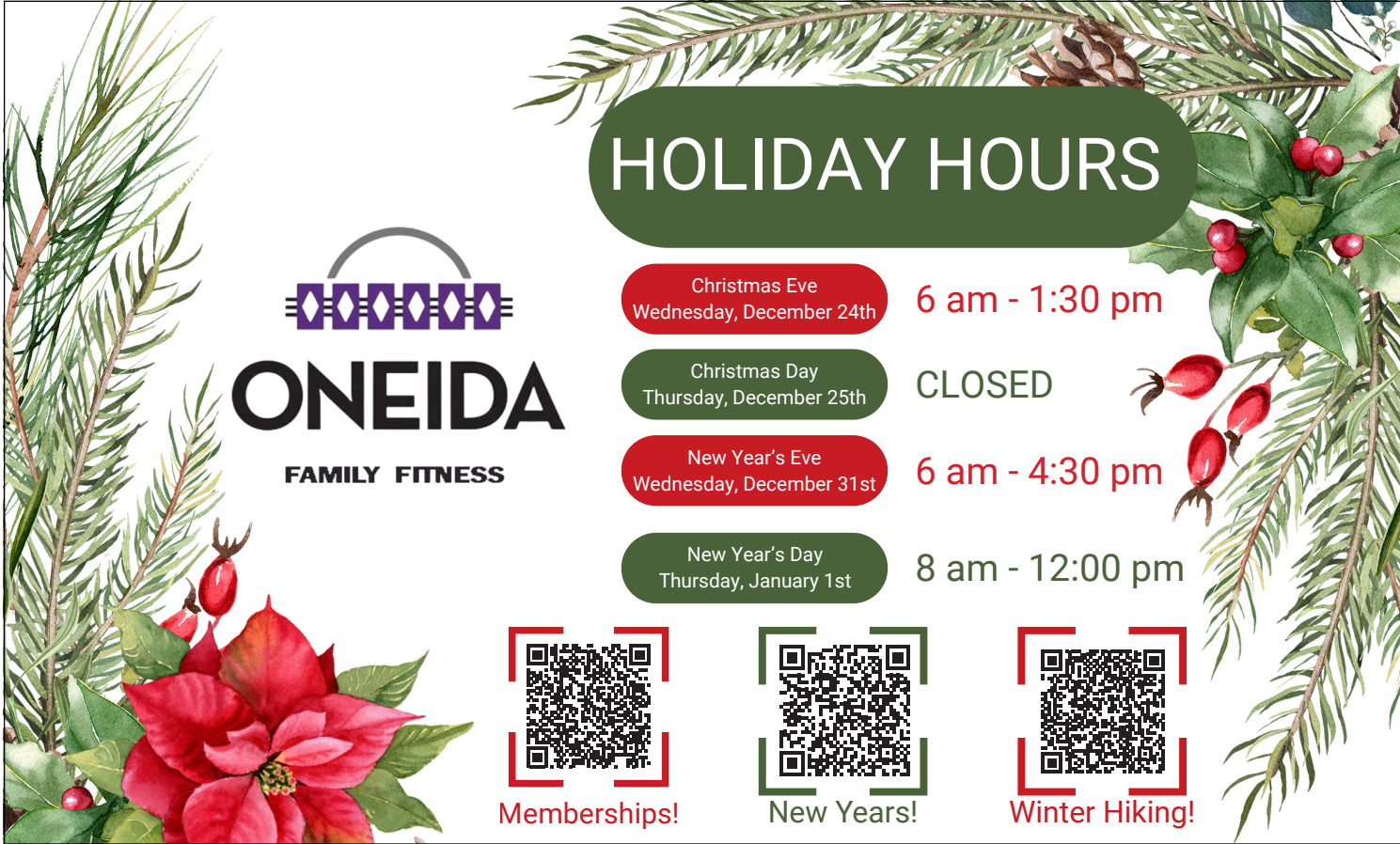
Bring in a new toy, valued at \$5 or more (with store receipt), and receive a \$10 Bingo Pass for every \$5 spent.
(Example: \$20 Toy value = 4-\$10 Bingo Passes)



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HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24th	6 am - 1:30 pm
Christmas Day Thursday, December 25th	CLOSED
New Year's Eve Wednesday, December 31st	6 am - 4:30 pm
New Year's Day Thursday, January 1st	8 am - 12:00 pm



Memberships!



New Years!



Winter Hiking!

Just Move It Oneida



MERRY FITMAS

Receive a free JMIO mug.

12/17/2025 4-6 PM

ONEIDA NATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
N7125 Seminary Rd, Oneida, WI 54155

- Walk in the gym on the track (12 laps = 1 mile).
- Come learn about nutrition and decreasing stroke risk factors with the UW Madison stroke team.
- Soup, snacks, and water.

920-490-3927
hleisgan@oneidanation.org
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10/23/25

Oneida Nation
Museum Giftshop

Holiday Shopping

Extended WEDNESDAY Hours!!

December 3	8A-6P
December 10	8A-6P
December 17	8A-6P

Regular Hours: Monday - Friday 8A - 4P

Save the Date

HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO

JAN. 29, 2026

11 AM - 2:30 PM

ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER



ONEIDA
Comprehensive Health Division
07/22/2025

December 2025

SEOTS UPCOMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER 2ND ELDER POTLUCK 10:30AM-12PM.
- DECEMBER 9TH & 23RD ELDER LUNCH AND BINGO PROVIDED 10AM-12PM.
- DECEMBER 5TH & 10TH APPROXIMATELY 10AM TRIBAL ELDER FOOD BOXES
- DECEMBER 11TH BOOKS AND COCOA: ELDERS AND K4 STUDENTS FROM INDIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS. SIGN UP REQUIRED! 9:30AM-11AM.
- DECEMBER 16TH CRAFT CIRCLE: WOOD BURNING 2PM-4PM
- DECEMBER 18TH HOLIDAY PARTY, GIVING TREE PICKUP, FOOD AND WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE. SIGN UP REQUIRED! 5PM-7:30PM

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Strategies for Effective Co-Parenting.

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"They Watch Over the Children"

MONTHLY SESSIONS: **One 2-hour session completes the workshop.

2ND MONDAY 9:30AM-11:30AM
**limited child care available upon request for AM session

4TH MONDAY 3:00PM-5:00PM

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

LOCATION:
Ka'nikuhl-yó Family Center
2640 West Point Rd.,
Green Bay

REQUIREMENTS:
Need to be a participant of the Oneida Nation Child Support Agency. Please contact us if you are not sure.

HOW OFTEN DO I ATTEND?
This is not an ongoing workshop. Complete in one attendance.

OTHER INFORMATION:
You may attend with your co-parent or on your own.
Free gift & certificate upon completion.

TO REGISTER: 920-490-3700 (option 1)
kponton@oneidanation.org



What's happening at
Wise Women Gathering Place

Discovery Dating Facilitator Training
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Register at:
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December 2-5, 2025 8am - 5pm*
*Last day ends 12pm Contact: bjohn@wisewomengp.org

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Cedar Greens Schedule

Each year, it is tradition to hand-tie cedar boughs to make 300 feet of garland from fresh cut cedar branches. The garland is hung in the church on the Sunday before Christmas. This event has been happening for more than 125 years and is held in the church basement. Meals are hosted by congregation members and usually served around 5:30 pm,

All are welcome to join us to learn a new craft or refresh an old one if you have participated in the past, no prior experience required.

December 2025 Schedule:

Sunday, December 14th—Need cutters right after church, 11:30 am
Coffee & Donuts provided

Monday, December 15th—Need People to tie & cut, 4 pm doors open,

Tuesday, December 16th—Need people to tie & cut, 4pm doors open,

Wednesday, December 17th—Need people to tie & cut, 4pm doors open,

Thursday, December 18th—Need people to tie & cut, 4pm doors open,

Sunday, December 21st—**Hanging of the Greens, after 10a mass,**
need volunteers to help, consider donating your time & talents.

***Join us Wednesday Christmas Eve Mass at 7:00pm**
(also known as midnight mass) &
Thursday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day at 10am*

STAY SAFE

Winter Weather Preparedness Tips



Winter Travel Safety:

- Follow news and weather alerts.
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Pack an emergency kit.
- Share your plans with someone.
- Drive slowly, give yourself extra space and time.
- Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter.



Preventing Heating Fires:

- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Plug heaters directly into a wall outlet.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Turn Off heaters before sleeping or leaving



Older Adult Preparedness:

- Check in on your elders.
- Keep emergency contacts nearby.
- Perform regular safety checks.
- Keep walkways clear.



Power Outage Safety:

- Keep fridges and freezers closed.
- Use generators outside and away from windows.
- Unplug electronics to prevent damage.
- have a plan for heating, medication, and communication during outages.

Staying Safe With Carbon Monoxide

What is Carbon Monoxide?:

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a deadly, colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. CO is produced by incomplete burning of fuels like coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas.

Symptoms of CO Poisoning:

CO exposure is undetectable, so watch for these: headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness. On average, 200 people in the US die every year from CO produced by consumer products.

Things NOT to Do!:

Never use gas appliances (ranges, ovens, dryers) to heat your home. Never leave a car running in an attached garage. Never operate a gas-powered tool in or near an enclosed space.

Where Might It Be In Your Home:

CO is produced by malfunctioning fuel-burning household appliances - furnaces, ranges, water heaters, portable generators, fireplaces, portable room heaters and more.

How to Stay Safe!:

Install a CO alarm in your home, make sure appliances are installed by a qualified professional and up to code, and make sure to have your heating system professionally inspected/serviced annually.

Learn more by
reading the
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Announcement from
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APPLY NOW!

ONEIDA COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

The Oneida Nation is looking for a qualified applicants to fill one (1) spot on the Oneida Community Library Board (OCLB) for a three-year term. The board was established to administer and oversee the administration of the Oneida Community Library in accordance with the laws of the Nation, Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and any policies adopted pursuant thereto.



Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation
- Must be 18 years or older
- Must be a resident of either Brown or Outagamie County
- Must not be a contractor or employee of any Oneida Nation Library Branch

To Apply:

(920) 869-4303





Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations!

Join the Kalihwisaks in congratulating the class of 2025 College Graduates! Their hard work, determination, perseverance, and passion is inspiring. Hats off to all the grads for their significant achievement.

Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations!



Krysanda Bissonette
College of
Menominee Nation
Associate of Arts & Science
Digital Media



Naiya Garcia
Alverno College
Bachelors
Biomedical Sciences



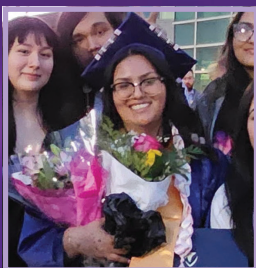
Jonas Hill
U. of Wisc-Green Bay
Bachelors
Political Science
(Graduates Dec. 2025)



Michelle Howard
Marquette Univ.
Doctoral
Nursing Practice
(2024 Graduate)



Malia Lois John Jacobs
Haskell Indian Nations Univ.
Bachelors of Science
Business Administration



Camille Romans
Northeast WI Tech College
Associate Degree
Design & Graphic
Technology



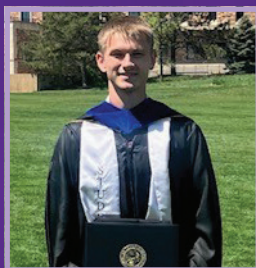
Jourdon Schuyler
U. of Oshkosh
Bachelors
Kinesiology
(Continuing to Bellin for
Doctorate Phy. Therapy)



Tammy Shoning
U. of Wisc-Green Bay
Bachelors
Organizational
Leadership



Arianna Stevens
Northeast WI Tech College
Culinary Specialist
Technical Diploma



Cade Van Hout
U. of Colorado Boulder
Leeds School of Business
Masters in Business Analytics

Way to go!
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This 24.8 feet wide by 16.3 feet tall mural of Women Smoke Dancers in front of a cheering crowd at legendary Lambeau Field blew up social media recently when it was revealed Thursday, November 6, 2025.

The mural appears in the grocery entrance of the Walmart Supercenter located at 2440 W. Mason St. in Green Bay. Shown here is installer Kyle Schultz of Art City Wraps, located in Oshkosh, WI, who were subcontracted by Real Hit Media to put up the mural.

Attempts were made to contact Walmart management to express appreciation for the mural and also, discover who the artist is to provide them credit. Unfortunately, they were unavailable for comment.

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