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MMIW license plate now available in Oneida. See inside front cover for description.

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Shekóli Swakwe•kú. As we reach the middle of our winter months, we take this time to be together with our friends and families, sharing holiday cheer and gearing up for a new year. During this time, we also get ready for Midwinter Ceremony (MC). Held in the middle of winter, this time signifies the beginning of a new cycle. Over the four days of MC, January 23-26, 2026, it's also a time when Mother Earth prepares to wake from her winter slumber.

Some things to start thinking about as we approach MC, especially for anyone going for the first time are: Be sure to bring a plate, fork, spoon, bowl, and napkins for all four days, and don't forget to bring a dish to pass. On day three, it is also asked that you bring some tobacco for burning and blackberries for blackberry drink. Finally, on day four it is customary that you bring something to put up for the Peachstone game. These items cannot be anything fully red or black, anything you are going to

discard or throw away, or anything shiny.

Finally, please remember to take time to be grateful for everything you have and to surround yourselves with loved ones.

It can be an incredibly challenging period of time for some. For this reason, be compassionate for the feelings of others while also remembering to practice self-encouragement.

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Cover Photo: Oneida Licensing, MMIW License Plate

Left to right: Oneida Licensing Administrator Tonya Webster, and Olivia Danforth, proudly hold an oversized replica of the new Missing Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) license plate offering for Oneida members. Oneida Licensing held a press conference Friday, December 19, 2025, to unveil the design. Not pictured is their team member Mercedes Danforth-Hernandez. Thank you to Oneida Transit for allowing the use of their facility to take the photo.

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Photo of a bison taken by Dennis King (D. King of Images) is featured on the cover of the Winter 2025 edition of Edible NEW, a magazine that celebrates the art of sustenance. Within the issue is a Buffalo Chili recipe, how Bison and Turkey make great additions to your meals, and an interview with Oneida Chef Arlie Doxtator.



H OYAN!



From the desk of Chairman Tehassi tasi Hill

Shekóli Swakwek. On behalf of the Oneida Business Committee, we extend warm wishes and holiday blessings to you and family, as we look forward to and welcome a new year.

We are thankful that the Nation's contingency plans are in place to alleviate the financial burden of a government shutdown. As the potential for another shutdown looms into the new year, we once again will rely upon our contingency plans and continue to advocate for advanced or forward funding for our federally funded programs. As a nation we continue to push the federal government to uphold its treaty and trust responsibilities.

The new year and Winter Solstice is a time to gather with family and friends, as you share stories of the past and carry on traditions passed down from generations. Speak of relatives who no longer are with us, as those loved ones have provided so much wisdom and guidance – that help shape who we are as Oneida people today. May we always hold on to our roots and keep educating our ways.

It is our hopes that we all find peace as we move ahead towards an encouraging future together. Keep a good mind, a good heart, and a strong fire this Holiday Season as the promise of a New Year shines brightly on the Oneida Nation. As 2026 fast approaches, we pray this New Year brings us all closer in spirit, stronger in our hearts, and may we encourage and frequently share Kalihwi'yo (Good Words) amongst each other.

Sincerely,

Tehassi tasi Hill

Oneida Nation Chairman



YEAR IN REVIEW Nation Services

Digital Technology Services

Expanding Internet Across the Reservation

Oneida Nation's Digital Technology Services department is expanding internet access on the reservation through two major projects: fixed wireless for 560 homes and fiber-to-home for 669 homes and businesses in partnership with Cellcom/Nsight. Learn more on page 9.

Environmental Land & Agriculture

Caring for Mother Earth

The Nation's Natural Resource Technicians delivered an estimated 250,000 pounds of hardwood to Elders during FY25. They also maintain 27 miles of trails and completed a record 192 work orders to remove hazardous trees!

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Winter Gathering Pow Wow Debut

The Winter Gathering Powwow, held on January 18, 2025, was the first of its kind! With a drum circle of 12, this event was a resounding success.

Grants – \$22.5 Million Raised in FY25

Funds will Raise Oneida to New Heights

Through the collective effort of the Grants Department, they tripled their goal amount!

Comprehensive Health Division

Oneida Regains AAAHC Accreditation

The Oneida Comprehensive Health Division was awarded reaccreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care for the third time (cycle is every 3 years) with no deficiencies! Learn more on page 12.

Nation Services

Oneida Nation Home Infrastructure Project!

The Oneida Nation Home Infrastructure Program, amended on June 25, 2025, provided essential support to homeowners for improving and maintaining critical home infrastructure systems. This initiative, administered by Lori Hill and Rocky Hill, was designed to ensure safe, healthy, and sustainable living environments for Oneida Nation members. This program served approximately 460 tribal homeowners and expended approximately \$3 million!

Oneida Higher Education

Return of the Education Fair

Oneida Higher Education's College Showcase returned for the first time since 2019! This was a unique college fair event that allowed college representatives to showcase their programs to Native American high school students from across Wisconsin. Learn more on page 15 of the November 2025 edition.

Comprehensive Housing Division

Home Loan Program for Tribal Membership

On November 13, 2024 a resolution to provide funding for low-interest loans for home ownership was approved in the amount of \$4 million. This funding provided loans for 14 tribal members to purchase homes.

Division of Public Works

New Installation at Cora House Park

Oneida Nation's Division of Public Works completed the installation of new playground equipment at Cora House Park – the large slide tower is the first of its kind in Wisconsin!

Human Services

New Transit Building for Oneida Nation

On Thursday, May 8, 2025, Oneida Public Transit opened its new Transit Garage Facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and community tours. The event highlighted their commitment to better transportation services and was well-supported by the community. Learn more on page 13 of the June 2025 edition.

Way to go team!

A Bountiful Success

Oneida Nation Farm Provides White Corn Harvest

by Yewe Cornelius



For the 2025 growing season the Environmental, Land & Agriculture (ELA) Division planted two large scale fields of Oneida White corn. Tsyunhehkwa Farm and Oneida Nation Farm (ONF) planted seven and nine acres, respectively. Unfortunately, Tsyunhehkwa suffered heavy losses due to weather and animal predation. The corn at ONF, which was planted as a backup, fared much better, resulting in a harvest of over 20,000 pounds! Historically, most of the community's corn was provided by Tsyunhehkwa and thus the ONF harvest avoided a massive shortage of White corn. Now, all requests for corn from the community, along with the Cannery and Retail, will be filled this year.

Due to the success of ONF's crop, reinforcements needed to be called in to help with the harvest. This need was fulfilled by volunteer students from places like soaring Eagles Boxing Club and the Oneida Nation School, along with several community members and employees. Every student who volunteered their time received a certificate of appreciation from ELA employees. Tsyunhehkwa also had students, employees, and community members help

with their harvest, including members of the Green Bay Packers organization who spent a day contributing their time to this Oneida tradition. Eric McLester, ELA Division Director was extremely pleased with the harvest this year.

"The 2025 ONF's corn harvest exceeded everyone's expectations this year as it was an experiment and backup insurance in case Tsyunhehkwa suffered another difficult year. Yawa?kó to everyone that came out and helped with the harvest, hand picking and husking at both locations! We were very fortunate to harvest enough early to get some dried down and processed by the Cannery in time to have it ready for Thanksgiving orders and the Holiday Season. Corn bread, corn mush, and all your corn soup needs are now available at Oneida One Stop and the Cannery. Yoyanne and Yawa?kó to everyone who helped this year," says McLester.

The ELA Division is very optimistic and looks forward to continuing ONF's efforts to plant and grow enough corn to successfully help meet the Oneida community's needs and secure our food sovereignty.



Once Again Oneida is Victorious in Federal Court Case

Hobart Loses Case Filed Against Oneida and Department of Interior

By Yewe Cornelius



On Tuesday, December 2, 2025, Wisconsin's Eastern District Court Judge William C. Griesbach ruled in favor of the United States Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Oneida Nation on a court case filed by the Village of Hobart against the DOI and the Oneida Nation. This is one of two court cases between Hobart and Oneida within the past five years in which Hobart lost the case.

In Judge Griesbach's ruling, he not only affirmed the DOI's decision, but also declared the Indian Reorganization Act to be constitutional. This is the second time Hobart and Oneida have been in court over a land claims dispute in the past five years. In the 2020 case, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals declared that the Nation's boundaries would remain intact, and that Hobart would not be allowed to enforce their permits on Tribal land.

According to the initial complaint in 2023, Hobart challenged the DOI for taking 21 parcels (nearly 500 acres) of land into trust for Oneida under the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act, which they claimed would put them into "fiscal and geographical extinction," citing a loss of property tax revenue that could potentially threaten their financial stability. Hobart claimed the Indian Reorganization Act was unconstitutional.

"We are very pleased with the court decision rejecting all of Hobart's claims on the processing of fee-to-trust applications and also the constitutionality of the Indian Reorganization Act, and we are also anticipating the decision to be reaffirmed if Hobart should appeal," says Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill.



Onlayote²a·ká ni²i 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

Community – Mon. Jan. 26

6PM–8PM | Virtual, *Microsoft Teams*

Community – Thurs. Feb. 26

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

Descendants – Sat. Feb. 28

10AM – 12PM | Oneida Casino Hotel

Community – Sat. Feb. 28

1:30PM – 3:30PM | Oneida Casino Hotel



Learn more about the
OPP – I Am Oneida Project



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People's Recorder Podcast Now Available

By Garth Webster

As a follow up to People's Recorder Podcast article in the February 2024 edition, James Mirabello of Spark Media is excited to announce that the podcast episode, *Native Historians Do Stand-Up: Revitalizing the Oneida Language and Preserving Their History*, with support from Wisconsin Humanities, is now available on YouTube as episode 6 of the award-winning People's Recorder (PR) series.

As mentioned in the previous article, PR was inspired by Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Federal Writers Project (FWP) during the Great Depression era, which hired Oneida citizens to interview their fellow community members to translate their accounts of daily life, including boarding school experiences, from the Oneida language to English. This resulted in a plethora of notebooks, which are currently stored in the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay archives.

The conversations within the notebooks were also recorded, serving as a basis for linguists to create the Oneida Language Project, an initiative that has helped teach the Oneida language for many years. One prominent individual involved with the project was Oscar Archiquette, one of the first Oneida WPA writers who is often credited with helping to save the language.

In addition to Archiquette, listeners will hear stories from more contemporary Oneida leaders such as Charlie Hill, Tribal Historian Loretta Metoxen, and Gordon McLester, who was inspired to begin video recording Oneida elders.

Other episodes of the series discuss the Writers' Project in states like Florida, Virginia, Nebraska, and California. In addition to these episodes, PR is releasing bonus interviews with historians, authors, and scholars. Listeners will be able to enjoy a good portion of the interviews, including a few related to the Oneida WPA, for free. However, because the grant Spark Media was utilizing to produce

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the episodes was eliminated by policies of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) in early 2025, they had to find other means to fund their work. To do so, Spark Media is offering subscribers of their Patreon channel with special access to extended versions of the conversations, as well as future bonus episodes and other content.

Mirabello expresses the importance of these conversations in the February 2024 article stating, "The stories in this podcast and this episode [6] in particular matter, local stories matter because they make a difference and are usually left out from what we are taught in history books."

Along with episode 6, other Spark Media productions on their YouTube channel include interviews with Gerald Hill and Loretta Metoxen.

Native Historians Do Stand-Up (Charlie Hill): Revitalizing the Oneida Language and Preserving their History

A Conversation with Gerald Hill Bonus Episode of the People's Recorder

A Conversation with Loretta Metoxen Bonus Episode of the People's Recorder

Creating Stronger Connections in Oneida

Wireless Internet Project Aims to Tie In Underserved Areas

by Garth Webster



During the press conference at E&E One Stop Wed., Dec. 17, 2025, Oneida Chief Information Officer Jason Doxtator receives a shadow box from Adam Haas, Principal of Rabbit Communications, who consulted on the project. It shows pictures and stakes symbolically representing the beginning and successful completion of the FWA towers.

In this age of information, broadband internet connectivity for many is viewed just as commonplace as indoor plumbing. However, for some rural areas, such as the fringes of the Oneida reservation, infrastructure that enables high speed internet access has in many cases, fallen behind. Oneida's Digital Technology Services (DTS) Department has worked diligently to change this.

The Oneida Nation is excited to announce that a grant-funded project, in collaboration with Cellcom, will now begin to provide Fixed Wireless Access Internet (FWA) that will enhance internet connections to areas of the reservation with low and/or no access at all, such as the areas around the Buffalo Overlook area on Cooper Road and the E&E One stop.

"The FWA Internet will connect people not only with the community but also telemedicine, education, public safety, and just a better overall internet experience within Oneida," says Oneida's Chief Information Officer (CIO) Jason Doxtator.

Around 2020, before the development of the FWA Internet service, Jason Doxtator and his team began receiving requests to bolster both internet access and radio coverage for the Oneida Police Department. In response, Jason began research-

ing the numerous logistical factors involved with building three strategically placed towers within Oneida to make this happen. After the tower locations were finalized, the reigns of the project were given to Oneida's DTS Senior Network Analyst, Nate Villarreal.

"We had to jump through a lot of hoops, including environmental clearance(s), Federal Communications Commission and Federal Aviation Administration regulations, among others," says Nate Villarreal. "Once through these regulations, we began construction, which brought even more challenges but over four years, we prevailed."

When asked about future enhancements, Nate enthusiastically explained, "Fixed wireless access internet is only the start. I am currently working on a project to upgrade connectivity by outfitting homes within reservation boundaries with fiber. This project is in its infant stages so stay tuned for more information."

Nate stated that FWA Internet service subscriptions began December 8, 2025, and cost approximately \$60 per month, with some additional equipment fees that include offers to save with one-year contracts. There are also Tribal and non-Tribal Lifeline plans offered by Cellcom for those that qualify.



Left to right: Councilman Jameson Wilson watches as Treasurer Larry Barton and Brigid Riordan, CEO of Nsight and its subsidiaries, including Cellcom, flip the switch to officially activate the tower.



Developing Tomorrow's Leaders 2nd Annual Oneida Reads Summit

By Yewe Cornelius

Left to Right: Education & Training Area Manager, Eric Krawczyk, Government Relations Specialist/Oneida Business Committee Admin David Jordan, Oneida Reads Lead/Organizational Development Specialist Ann McCotter, Councilwoman/Oneida Reads Community Champion Jennifer Webster, Councilman Kirby Metoxen, Miss Oneida Mia Charnon, Nation Services Chief Executive Officer Mark Powless, Jr. Miss Oneida Wileena Bigjohn, Lil' Miss Oneida Marley Fontaine, Wisconsin State Senator Jamie Wall and Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach.

On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, The Oneida Reads (OR) 2nd annual summit was held at the Oneida Casino Hotel. To start the day's activities, Buffalo Creek Drum and the Oneida Royalty provided an honor song and greetings, respectively, along with the Kana-helatukslá (Thanksgiving Address) recited by Junior Miss Oneida Wileena Bigjohn.

Over 175 people attended, including Oneida Business Committee members, local, state and federal government representatives as well as community members. Among the summit's many presenters was Malai Amfahr, the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Senior Program Officer, Constituency Outreach, and Engagement.

"I'm absolutely blown away actually, by the power that's in this room, and the number of people that have come together," says Amfahr.

This year, the OR team wanted to focus on the bright spots of the what the organization has been working on. Through their efforts, focusing on kindergarten readiness, school attendance, instruction/how reading is taught, and out of school learning, OR is

starting to see improvement in the 3rd grade reading proficiency data for Native students in our area. While it's difficult to compare the recent Wisconsin Forward Exam scores with those from prior years based on a change to the Forward Exam and cut scores, it's clear that there are improvements in this important outcome data.

The OR team also discussed joining the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (NCGLR) in June 2025. In so doing, Oneida became one of over 300 communities nationwide partnering with NCGLR working to improve the overall literacy of our students.

Looking to the future, the team, led by Ann McCotter, wants to bring more awareness to the needs of our Oneida students and what can help them. For instance, one discovery in recent data was that young girls tend to get more academic help as necessary than boys. Vital information like this will help the OR team reach their goal of 100% of Oneida Students reading at grade-level by 3rd grade.

"In the last year Oneida Reads has implemented various new programs to help

increase 3rd grade reading proficiency. Some things show a positive impact and others did not. We'll keep doing what works and change out the things that are not working. That's continuous improvement. Oneida Reads will continue to utilize data when making programming decisions," says McCotter.

At the summit it was also revealed that a new award would be awarded each year, named in honor of the recently retired Education and Training Area Manager for Oneida, Jackie Smith. The first recipient of the Jackie Smith Oneida Reads Annual Recognition award was Councilwoman Jennifer Webster, for her work with the OR team as their Community Champion. The summit was a great success that allowed for many officials to work together, learn and brainstorm ideas together on what to expect from the future, and how to help our Oneida students.

Contact Ann McCotter to learn more by emailing amcotte@oneidanation.org

 Oneida Reads



Oneida Nation High School

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ONHS-ITA CONNECTION IS STRONG

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

The Information Technology Academy (ITA) was founded in 2000 as a pre-college program that prepares low-income and first-generation students for higher education.

Begun in Madison, in 2013, ITA expanded to reach more Native American and rural students through ITA Oneida and ITA Lac du Flambeau. According to its website, 96% of ITA graduates have been accepted to institutions of higher education.

ITA Oneida and ITA Lac du Flambeau recruit 15 students per site in their final semester of 9th grade to participate in the program for 3 years. Students who participate in ITA commit to participating in summer camps, virtual and in-person learning throughout the academic year, and benefit from tutoring, community events, and more.

The connection between Oneida Nation High School and the ITA program is a strong one.

SoHappy Davids, ITA Student success Outreach Specialist, is a key resource to Native American students considering the program or already in it.

SoHappy is a regular resource at ONHS as she meets with ONHS and other ITA students in the program and interacts with other ONHS and Indigenous students in the area who might be considering enrolling. Students in the program from all area schools meet monthly at the Norbert Hill Center.

Important dates are approaching for students and families interested in enrolling in ITA. Enrollment for new students runs from January 15-February 15, 2026. There is a Community Zoom Presentation at 7pm on Wed., January 21, 2026. Interested parties can go to the Oneida Nation High School Facebook page for a link to that meeting.

Students who are accepted and enroll into UW-Madison may be eligible for a four-year tuition scholarship and support from the PEOPLE Scholars Program. New ITA Students are currently in 9th grade, attend a high school within 1 hour of the Oneida Nation, and have a 2.73 GPA and are enrolled in Algebra freshman year.

For more information, email SoHappy Davids at sdavids@wisc.edu or call 715-853-6892.

THOUGHTS ON RICHARD LAMBERT'S PASSING

By Dylan Bateman/Denis Gullickson

Richard Lambert passed away, after bravely battling cancer, on November 30, 2025. Richard worked in the Oneida School System since joining the staff as a substitute teacher in 2009.

During that time, he worked in the high school as a special education aid and in the middle school as a co-teacher.

Richard's passing has affected many of us.

"He was a really caring person," said Dylan. "He always had music playing and whenever someone needed help, he was there to give them time. He said his only wish for me was to graduate high school."

"Richard was a great man," said Denis. "Our conversations were always centered around kindness and giving of ourselves to others. Over the years, he touched the hearts of many of our students and staff members. I told Dylan that he could use Richard's legacy to inspire himself to be a successful student."

As of this writing, plans are being made for a Celebration of Richard's Life at the Oneida Turtle School on Wednesday, December 17.

Watch for more on this story that is so important to ONSS staff, students, families, and community members.

HALFTIME HALF-COURT SHOT

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Want a chance at \$200+?

It's a brand-new feature at every home ONHS basketball game this season. All you have to do is make one half-court shot or take 24 seconds to make a layup, a free throw, 3-point, and a half-court shot.

Raffle tickets are purchased at the game and the ticket number of some potentially lucky fan is called out. That person gets their chance at halftime of the varsity contest that evening.

As of this writing, two games into the season, no one has won, and the pot has grown — increasing by \$20 every home game.

Tickets are \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets, and \$20 for a run of tickets as long as your "wingspan."

Proceeds are split between the boys and girls teams and go toward bonding events, team dinners, and extra activities to do with the teams.



**Online Articles:
All I Want For Christmas
and see more Cultural
Days Images, like the
one above**



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Oneida Community Health Center Laboratory Passes CLIA Inspection!

By Nathan Wisneski, Public Relations Manager, Comprehensive Health Division



Front left to right: Brittany Tahlner, Lorie Potvin, Carrie Habeck, Corrine Bird, and Beth Roddan. Back left to right: Pepin Steckler, Kristen Mogensen, Robin Dequaine, Andy Zellmer, and Carrie Blohowiak.

We are proud to announce that Oneida Laboratory has once again successfully passed its Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) inspection, which took place November 19, 2025. CLIA, established by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), sets rigorous federal standards for all clinical laboratory testing performed on human specimens, ensuring accuracy, reliability, and timeliness of patient test results.

During the recent inspection, surveyors expressed their admiration for our laboratory's commitment to excellence. They were particularly impressed by the high quality of testing and the wide range of testing modalities available at the health facility. This achievement reflects the dedication of our entire team to maintaining superior standards and delivering exceptional diagnostic services to our community.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this outstanding accomplishment!



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Sierra Skenandore Joins AMICA Team

By Sacheen Lawrence



The American Indigenous Cognitive Assessment (AMICA) research team presented a poster at the Native Nations Nursing, Helpers, and Healers Summit in November 2025, held in Madison, WI with our new hire, Sierra Skenandore, RN. Sierra recently graduated from UW-Madison with her Bachelor's in Nursing and joined the AMICA team in September 2025 as a research nurse. She worked within the healthcare field throughout her academic career, mostly as a caregiver but also as a student nurse assistant at a chemotherapy center. Sierra shared that her desire to move to the Oneida area was to be close to her grandparents, as she grew up in the Madison area. By pursuing a nursing role in research, her goal is to positively contribute to the health of our people and all Native American people's experience in healthcare while learning more about their brain health. Sierra enjoys being active, cooking cleanly, and she is always looking for an opportunity to learn in her professional and personal life. Sierra is passionate about

food and believes its role in our lives drives our health and brings us together.

The AMICA Oneida team aims to help improve memory screening tools for the next phase of the research project with the guidance of respected traditional knowledge carriers from the Oneida Nation in collaboration with the Center for Native American Health-University of New Mexico Health Sciences and the First Nations Community HealthSource from Albuquerque, NM; and the Red Lake Nation of Minnesota and the Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth campus.

Learn more by contacting Cassandra Thomas
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Light the Bridgeway!

Annual Event Sets the Stage for the Season



Participants enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride. Shown here is the wagon entering the former Hwy. 54 bridge over Duck Creek in Oneida. Now, the bridge is part of the walkway system on the south side of Hwy 54 running adjacent to the newer bridge for those crossing over Duck Creek by vehicle.

Excerpts from Oneida Communications

The Oneida Nation celebrated its 8th annual “Light the Bridgeway” event in downtown Oneida Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6pm.

As councilwoman Jennifer Webster counted down, attendees excitedly awaited the beautiful lights to come on at the Hwy. 54 bridge.

What started as a community voluntary tree decorating event with approximately 30 trees being decorated for loved ones and special memories and various causes, has grown into the annual bridgeway lighting. The event kicks off the holiday season by bringing together families and community to share their holiday spirit and enjoy festive activities.

Many enjoyed horse-drawn wagon rides with the Oneida Hymn Singers serenading the crowd with traditional Christmas carols in both English and Oneida. The transmission of these songs has carried on from generation to generation and loved by all. The Oneida Royalty were also in attendance sharing holiday cheer.

After the bridge was lit, food and refreshments were served by the Veterans near the north side of the library. Everyone had a great time. The area will continue its splendor through the holiday season for all those who would like to stroll through the paths or for drivers who pass by.



Each year, the Oneida Veterans play a vital role in making the Light the Bridgeway event even more special by taking on kitchen duty grilling up goodies donated by Home Town Café. Veterans picture left to right: Denise Lorsung (Community volunteer), Deke Suri, Achilles Suri (Community volunteer), Ben Bay, John Brueninger, Lynn Summers, Michelle Witman, and Connor Kestell. Veterans not pictured are Raymond Elm, Dan Skenandore, Eddy Skenandore Jr., Dale Webster, Jerry Cornelius, Teddy Christjohn, and Glen Manske. Community members also volunteered earlier that day in kitchen duty including: Carol Stiff, Isis Croston, Leah Stroobants, Trista Cornelius Henrickson, Nick Metoxen, Amanda Thayer, and Denise Lorsung, and Achilles Suri.

ECHOES of the FOREST

By Garth Webster

The theme to the 2025 Woodland Indian Art Show & Market was Echoes of the Forest-Art Inspired by Nature, described as follows:

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 sought creativity that symbolized and enhanced our deep-rooted connection with the Forest, and with nature.

The 38 artists who participated this year did not fail to represent this theme. The judges had a very difficult time deciding the winner in each of eight categories. Below and upper right are the winners, along with a QR code to view the rest, along with images and video of the Indigenous Fashion Show, coordinated by Shiny-moon Creations. A special thank you also to the Oneida Hymn Singers and the Q & A session from Rick Church about his new book, *Dog Soldier*.



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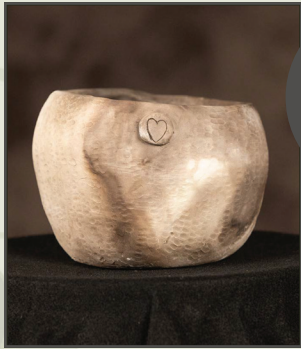
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The Oneida Hymn Singers once again provided Christian Hymns in the Oneida Language, as they have done for the Oneida Community since 1795. The group of singers, ranging in number from less than a dozen to more than fifty and age from young teens to older than eighty, sing at funerals, Tribal ceremonies, and social occasions.

Rick Church is from the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation and is a prolific author utilizing his extensive academic background in Police sciences and as a Marine Vietnam Vet. His new book, *Dog Soldier* is available at Barnes & Noble.





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Theme and
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Loretta Webster Memorial
Christopher Sweet



2025 WIASM
Category Winners



Stephanie Muscavitch-VanEvery



It's S.E.W Me Designs
Sunny Webster



Indigenous
Fashion Show
Videography
by Halona Media



Wah-To-Ben Creations
Vanny Wheelock



Tisha Thompson



Yo Adrienne B
Adrienne Benjamin



SUNNY MOON CREATIONS
Jennifer Benally

It was the dream of Woodland Indian Art, Inc. founder Loretta Webster and her husband Stanley to raise the awareness and appreciation of the Woodland Indian Art forms to prominence. The current WIA, Inc Board strives to continue Loretta's legacy: Chairman John Breuninger, Vice-Chair Eric Doxtator, Toni House, Dawn Reiter, Garth Webster, Stacy White, WIA Administrator Sherry King and Information Technology Lead Vanessa Harris.



UWGB vs Haskell

Honoring Native American Heritage Month, and More

By Garth Webster

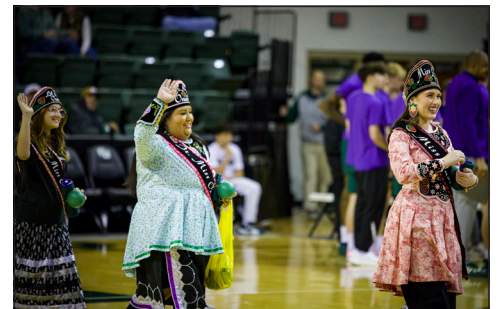
As a follow up to the article, *Oneida Nation and UWGB Team Up* in the December 2025 edition, the collaborative effort between the Nation and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay wrapped up when Haskell Indian Nations University traveled to Wisconsin Saturday, November 19, 2025 to take on the UWGB Phoenix at the Kress Events Center.

Once again, the Phoenix wore their special edition jerseys designed by UWGB student and Oneida citizen Jossalyn Metoxen. In addition to the game, the event was jam-packed with events recognizing Native American Heritage Month, as well as the long-standing respect and recognition the Nation and UWGB have for each other.

After the customary National Anthem, Oneida citizen and Haskell basketball player Chaske Jacobs was handed the mic to render a flag song to begin the activities.

It was a day of cultural immersion, featuring cultural presentations about the legacy left by former Haskell basketball player and Oneida member, the late Ernie Stevens, Jr. In attendance were approximately 1,300 Oneida members, who received free tickets to take in some great basketball action.

During halftime, the Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers electrified the crowd with their fancy footwork. In the end, despite the snowy weather and slick roads, all fans, Oneida and non-Oneida alike, enjoyed watching the game and an atmosphere that honored traditions and community connections.



Top to bottom left to right: The family of Ernie Stevens, Jr., including son Brandon, wife Cheryl, sister-in-law Judy Sprangers, and granddaughter Nyah Stevens (Brandon's daughter), and son-in-law Paul Atkinson (Lois) await to honor both the UWGB and Haskell Head Coaches with star quilts. Oneida member Chaske Jacobs, (son of Dionne Jacobs) and Haskell player, sings a flag song. The Oneida Royalty, Lil' Miss Marley Fontaine, Jr. Miss Wileena Bigjohn, and Miss Oneida Mia Charron, throw t-shirts to the crowd during a gamebreak as Councilman Jonas Hill and Chairman Tehassi Hill do the same. A great action shot during the first half, leading up to the Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers putting a stunning exhibition during halftime.

New Year's Resolutions

What Works and What Doesn't

by Yewe Cornelius



Every New Year's Eve thousands of Americans will make new year resolutions. However, 80-90% of these individuals never realize their goal. In fact, most people give up by mid-January or February.

There are thousands of resolution options, from learning new skills and languages, to increasing productivity. Of course, some resolutions are easier to maintain than others. There are five types of resolutions that typically fail each year:

1. Losing weight
2. Exercising more
3. Saving money
4. Eating healthier
5. Breaking bad habits (smoking, addictions, etc.)

There are many reasons a New Year's resolution could fail, from being too vague or too complex, to simply a loss of motivation for a goal that begins to feel overwhelming. These are the biggest downfalls for the top five resolutions above. However, there are ways to increase success.

For starters, you want to focus on making S.M.A.R.T goals. These are goals that are: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound. For instance, rather than stating, "I want to lose weight," frame the goal by identifying a specific amount of weight by a specific month in the year. Other ways to help prevent a loss of motivation are focusing on small, gradual changes rather than one big goal. You can also find an enjoyable activity to help you reach your goal, like playing a game to distract your mind from a bad habit you're trying to break.

Good luck everyone. Here's to 2026 being your year to accomplish all of your goals!

JUST MOVE IT ONEIDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st 4-6PM

2026

NEW YEAR'S Challenge

Oneida Nation Elementary School
N7125 Seminary Rd, Oneida, WI 54155

★ **PUNCH CARD IS BACK!** ★

ATTEND AT LEAST 8 OF OUR 12 JMIO EVENTS IN 2026 TO BE ENTERED IN THE GRAND PRIZES AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

★ **RECEIVE THE NEW 2026 JMIO T-SHIRT.**

SOUP, SNACKS, AND WATER
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

For more information or questions contact Hanna Leisgang:

920-490-3927 hleisgan@oneidanation.org JustMoveIt Oneida

ONEIDA Comprehensive Health Division 12/2/25

4 Ways to Get Your Steps in This Winter

1. Go to Oneida Family Fitness or participate in Just Move It Oneida. See flyer above.
2. Walk the Duck Creek Trail. This trail has paved walkways that are kept clear of snow.
3. Brown County Dog Park. Bring your pooch with you and enjoy the path along Duck Creek.
4. Go to the mall or walk the aisles of your office. Bring a friend and enjoy the camaraderie.

SNOWPLOW SEASON

Oneida Aging & Disability Services encourages everyone to plan for any snowstorm and keep safe.

HOURS: Mon. – Fri., 8am-4:30pm

Priority snow removal is provided to lifeline and dialysis elders.

Limited weekend snowplow services for lifeline and dialysis elders.

Weekend snow removal for remaining list will be done beginning at 4am.

Elder is responsible for purchasing their own salt, but Elder Services can assist with delivering and applying it.



Oneida Nation Aging and Disability Services (ADS) Offers a variety of in-home and community-based services for disabled and elder clients, with a goal of helping disabled people and elders live independent, healthy, productive and quality lifestyles. One of the services that ADS provides every winter is a driveway

snow removal program for Oneida Nation members who need the extra help. This was mentioned briefly in a snow removal article in the December 2025 edition. Picking up where that article left off, here a few things to know about the ADS snow removal program.

If you're already on the snow removal list, there's no need to call & check every snowstorm, as multiple calls may tie up the phone lines.

Snow removal is for snow accumulations of three (3) inches or more.

We are short staffed with 90+ driveways on our lists- so please be patient. workers will get to you as soon as they can!

Workers will first clear an emergency access path in & out of the driveway. Depending on how bad the weather is, they may return the next day to get walkways, ramps, mailboxes, and so forth.

For worker's safety, workers will not enter roads that have not yet been plowed by their respective municipalities.

We do not pay for snow removal from external businesses.

Consider rescheduling any appointments if your driveway hasn't been cleared as we will not be taking special requests to be plowed first.

Hoyan!

Start 2026 Ready

Make preparedness part of your New Year's resolution.

- ✓ Update your emergency contacts
- ✓ Check your home and car emergency kits
- ✓ Review your insurance coverage
- ✓ Talk about where to meet if you're separated
- ✓ Sign up for Oneida Nation Alerts text ONEIDANATION TO 77295

Oneida Nation Emergency Management wants you to stay prepared visit:
<https://www.ready.gov/plan>

Your 2026 Preparedness Plan: Step-by-Step

1. **Communication Plan**
 - Write down contact information for family, neighbors, and key departments.
 - Choose one local meeting spot (like a relative's house) and an out-of-town spot.
2. **Home Safety & Supplies**
 - Check smoke and CO alarms.
 - Restock your 3-day food, water, and medicine supply.
 - Keep flashlights and batteries handy for power outages.
3. **Travel & Vehicle Readiness**
 - Keep your tank at least half full.
 - Store winter gear: blanket, scraper, water, snacks, jumper cables, flashlight.
4. **Elders & Pets**
 - Make sure elders have needed medications, heat sources, and a check-in contact.
 - Keep pets' food and meds in your emergency kit.
5. **Stay informed**
 - Sign up for Oneida Nation Emergency Alerts.
 - Follow official social media pages.
 - Listen to local radio for updates during power outages.

January is Radon Awareness Month!

Note: Testing is not mandatory but is recommended.

What is Radon?

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally from the decay of uranium in soil, rock, and water.

How It Enters Homes

It can seep into buildings through cracks in foundations, floors, walls, and other openings.

Health Risks

Long-term exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking.

Testing Is Critical

Radon cannot be detected by human senses; testing is the only way to know if levels are elevated.

Recommended Action Levels

The EPA recommends action if radon levels are at or above 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L).

Testing Methods

Short-term and long-term radon test kits are available for homeowners and professionals.

Mitigation Options

If high levels are found, mitigation systems such as sub-slab depressurization can reduce radon concentrations

Responsibility and Awareness

Homeowners, landlords, and property managers should ensure testing is done to protect occupants' health.

For more information, contact Sanitarian Jennifer Jordan 920.869.4575 or Sanitarian Brittany Nicholas 920.869.4554.

GLENN G. GRAHM**August 5, 1948 - November 20, 2025**

Glenn G. Graham, age 77, passed away on Thursday, November 20, 2025. A proud member of the Oneida Nation, he was born on August 5, 1948,

son of the late William F. Graham and Valeria (Doxtator) Graham Wieseler. On July 1, 1977, Glenn was united in marriage to his wife Lynette Ardnt, and they raised two sons.

Glenn honorably served his country in Vietnam, stationed in Korea with the U.S. Army. He carried his sense of duty, discipline, and respect his entire life, influencing all who knew him. Glenn dedicated 40+ years to Neenah Foundry, where he was known for his strong work ethic, reliability, and commitment to his craft. A lifelong lover of sports, Glenn cherished weekends spent playing baseball with his sons and cheering them on at their many sporting events. His enthusiasm for the game extended to his hobbies—collecting sports cards, enjoying card and board games, and playing countless rounds of cribbage with family and friends. Glenn was a true Wisconsin sports fan, always supporting the Packers, Brewers, Badgers, and Bucks. Some of his happiest moments were spent with Lynn and their family exploring the beauty of Wisconsin—taking scenic drives, discovering new places, and simply enjoying time together.

Glenn is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lynette; sons: Justin (Alex) Graham and Shane (Emily) Graham; grandchildren: Jack and Molly Graham; sisters: Kathy (James) Ducharme and Marlene (Bruce) Garvey; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: William F. Graham Jr., Edward Graham, LeRoy Graham, Jerry Graham, Karen Eastman, Alan Wieseler, and Gary (Sputz) Wieseler; as well as his in-laws: Ethel and Leland Arndt.

A Funeral Service for Glenn was held on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Valley Funeral Home, Appleton. Glenn was laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery in Neenah. For online condolences, please visit www.valleyfh.com.

NORBERT GLENN JORGENSEN**January 10, 1939 - November 21, 2025**

Norbert "Nubby" Glenn Jorgenson Jr, age 86, born and raised in the Green Bay area, passed away Friday, November 21, 2025. He was born January 10,

1939 to the late Norbert and Harriet (Cornelius) Jorgenson.

Norbert attended Cormier School in Ashwaubenon where he won awards for his drawing and artistic skills. After graduating from East High School in Green Bay, Norbert served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. Later in life he took up various forms of art, including taxidermy, drawing, and painting. He was an avid watcher of Bob Ross and learned to paint oil on canvas.

He loved spending time outdoors, hunting, and especially fishing. He frequently went to camp and fish on Turtle-FlambeauFlowage in Northern Wisconsin with his son Eric, often inviting family and friends. It was on one of these fishing trips he caught the largest fish of his life, a legendary sized largemouth bass, which sadly had to be released.

Norbert is survived by his son, Eric Jorgenson, daughter-in-law, Donna Elkey, and Granddaughters Stephani and Samantha Elkey. In addition, he will be deeply missed by his sisters: Carol (Owen) Stewart, Chetek; Barbara (Larry) Reynolds, Oneida, and Sister-in-Law, Kathryn "Kitty" Jorgenson; his brothers: Harold (Mary) Jorgenson, Oneida; and Donald Jorgenson, Seymour. He was preceded in death by his parents; son Norbert "Bert" Elkey; daughter Yvonne Jorgenson; his brothers: Russel Jorgenson, Alan Jorgenson, Gerald Jorgenson; his sister Sharon Jorgenson; brother-in-law, Thomas Prendiville, Sr.; nephew, Thomas "Tommy" Prendiville; and great niece, Kayla Phillips; and great-nephews Mathu Giese and Collin Reynolds.

Friends may call at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, N6135 Seminary Road, De Pere, WI. 54115 on Monday, December 1st, 2025 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Funeral Services will begin at 2:00 pm with Nicolas Reynolds officiating.

Norbert's family would like to thank everyone who cared for Nubby during his final years.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.muehlboettcher.com

EVAN OWEN JOHN (DANFORTH)**January 5, 1992 - November 26, 2025**

Evan Owen John (Danforth), 33, Oneida, passed away tragically in an accident on Wednesday afternoon, November 26, 2025.

He was born on January 5, 1992, to Melinda K. Danforth and Francis John.

Evan was so very proud of his three sons and his family. His happiest moments were spent when he was with family.

He is survived by his parents. His three sons; Josiah, Giovanni, and Kashton. His sister Billie, the love of his life Kayla, nephew Kalyx, niece Ialla, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; William "Bill" (Erma) Danforth, Ronald (Eleanor) John, his nephew Kairo, aunts and uncles.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, from 9:00AM Friday, December 5, 2025, until time of service at 12:00PM with Deacon Deborah Heckel officiating. Burial will follow at the Sacred Burial Grounds.

Evan we are so very proud of the obstacles you have over come and the strides you have made to be a better man, father, son, and person.

"Pimps castle, what's your hassle?"

KAREN VERVOORT**January 27, 1952 - December 1, 2025**

Karen (Hurst) VerVoort, age 73, of Seymour, WI unexpectedly passed away in her sleep on December 1, 2025. She was born to the late Marvin

and Pauline (Lemke) Hurst on January 27, 1952. Karen spent her formative years living next door to her paternal

grandparents (Herbert and Marion (Denny) Hurst) and playing with her beloved cousins and Beaulieu Hill Bandit buddies down in the Happy Hollow.

After graduating from Kaukauna High School in 1970, Karen went on to study Library Science at UW-Oshkosh. She married the love of her life, Gary (Squirrel) VerVoort, in 1976, and they raised a family together in Seymour. Through the years, Karen earned an AS degree at FVTC, served as an administrative assistant for the Oneida Nation and worked as an Oneida One Stop Retail Associate, but the work she loved best was helping out on the VerVoort Family Farm.

Karen was a proud Oneida Tribal Member who enjoyed attending pow wows and cultural events. She also loved to read books, watch scary movies, and hunt for 'treasures' at thrift shops, rummage sales, farmer's markets, craft sales, the bottle dump, auctions and antique stores. Karen was adventurous and inquisitive; she took great pleasure in traveling and exploring and observing nature. Above all, Karen held her family dear; she spent a great deal of time and energy making them laugh, smile, and feel especially loved.

Karen is survived by her beloved husband Gary, son Tyler (fiancé Lera Haidarova), son Sean, and rescue cats Black and Softail. She is further survived by her dear Godfather Marty Lemke and loving siblings: Susan Hurst, Linda (Roy Hartjes) Hurst, Steven Hurst, Lori Bevers, Bill (Kelli) Hurst, and Lisa (Craig Baker) Hurst. Karen cherished and is also survived by her in-laws: Rosemary (Dale) Van Elsen, Kay (Bill) Roskom, and Bill (Marcia) VerVoort along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

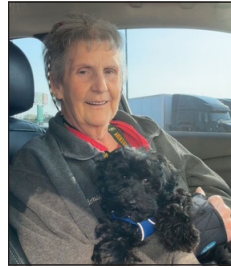
Karen is preceded in death by her father Marvin Hurst, mother Pauline (Lemke) Hurst, sister Cheryl Hurst, father-in-law Peter VerVoort, mother-in-law Ruth (Meulemens) VerVoort, brother-in-law, Fran VerVoort, brother-in-law, Dan VerVoort, sister-in-law, Mary VerVoort, sister-in-law, Darlene Price, and nephew, Joshua Verbeten.

Per Karen's wishes there will be no formal funeral services held. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Saving Paws Animal Rescue in Karen's memory. www.savingpaws.com

Online condolences may be expressed at www.muehlboettcher.com

SHERYL M. SKENANDORE

May 19, 1954 - December 6, 2025



Sheryl M. Skenandore, age 71, of Green Bay, passed away peacefully at her home, Saturday, December 6, 2025, surrounded by family. She was

born May 19, 1954, in Milwaukee, WI, daughter of the late June (Trestrail) Janssen.

Sheryl was lovingly raised by her mother, June and her stepfather, Robert Allen Janssen "Fafa." She worked for Multicolor Corp in Green Bay, retiring after 37 years of dedicated service.

Sheryl had a fiery, but loveable personality and she loved everybody. She enjoyed reading, sewing, knitting and solving puzzles. Her greatest joy was attending soccer and basketball games, rarely missing an event. Sheryl was a woman on the go and loved experiencing everything life had to offer.

Sheryl is survived by her daughter, Sheila Pamonicutt; 4 grandchildren: Joseph Maldonado, Matthew Maldonado, Shane Sommers and Nicholas Pamonicutt and 4 siblings: Sue Lewis, Robert (Lynda) Janssen, Julie (Scott) Schowalter and Jeff (Kori) Janssen. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jason Lewis.

Visitation will be held at Newcomer Chapel (340 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI), Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 1-3pm. A funeral ceremony will follow at 3pm.

Sheryl's family would like to thank Unity Hospice, especially Bethany and Elizabeth, for their compassion and care.

LLOYD D. DAVIS

September 23, 1955 - December 7, 2025



Lloyd D. Davis 70 passed away peacefully at St Vincent Hospital, Green Bay, WI on Sunday December 7, 2025, with his niece and daughter by his

side. Lloyd was born in Sacaton, Arizona

on September 23, 1955, to the late Lloyd Davis and late Beverlene Davis.

Lloyd lived and was a welder in Chicago for a while before he decided to move to Wisconsin to be closer to his daughter and her family. He loved welding and even though at the time there were not many welding jobs in Green Bay, he wanted to be by his daughter and applied for a position with the Oneida Tribe at elderly services. He worked there for many years until his stroke 10 years ago. He loved seeing and helping the elders. His duties included cutting grass for the elders in the summer, raking and cleaning up yards in the fall, and in the winter, it was plowing driveways, shoveling and salting walkways and driveways for the elders.

Lloyd had a big heart and would help anyone in need.

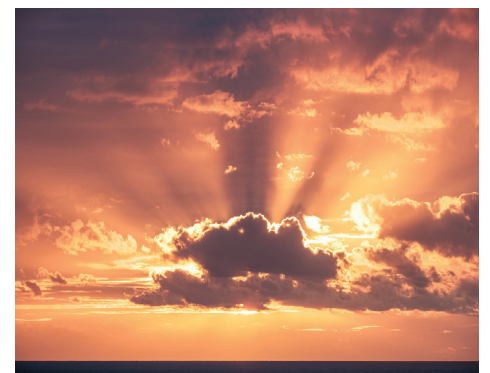
Lloyd is survived by his daughter Tahni Torres along with Tahni's siblings who Lloyd treated and loved like his own kids. Lorena (Brian) Jordan, Dana Isaac, Kaniyaka Anowal, and Tyler Torres.

Lloyd is also survived by one granddaughter, Victoria Torres who he also called his "favorite granddaughter" and "Vicky Victoria." His siblings Verna Pollice (Davis) Kenneth Davis, Loyce Davis, and Derron Davis. Nieces Stephanie Correa, Earlene Davis-Barcos, Jorjan Deloney, nephew Jayce Deloney, great nieces Cheyenne Davis, Maya Correa, Nina Correa, and Ruby Correa. And special family friend Gretchen Strouse Scott.

Family and friends may call to Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere WI 54115 from 9-11am on Monday, December 15, 2025. A memorial service will begin immediately following visitation at 11am.



Read the full version
of the obituary



MAHWAEW MICHAEL-GORDON DOXTATOR

November 21, 2025 - December 11 2025



M a h w a e w Michael-Gordon Doxtator passed away on December 11, 2025. He was born on November 21, 2025 the son of Wayenisliyoste "Neece" Powless

and Michael Doxtator. He is survived by his siblings: Miley, Daysen, Ximenah, Nalani, Teho, Elianna, Tolas, Zariah, and Sonny; maternal grandparents: Cheyenne Brown and Wilfred Cloud, maternal great-grandparents: Georgia and Jamie Pocan, great-great-grandmother, Dorothy Ninham, special great-great-aunt, Mildred Doxtator, aunts and uncles: Quanah and Marcella Pocan, Sergio and Autumn Pocan, Devin, Alana, and Junior Metoxen, and Edward Putnam; further survived by great-aunts and uncles: Geronimo and Michelle Powless, Vincent and Linda Powless, Cheryl and Dale Powless, Gina Powless, Sonny Peters. Special aunt and uncle: Jessica and Gordon "Little Bear" Williams, and special aunt: Holly Moore.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents: Gordon Stick and Sherena Doxtator, paternal great-grandmother, Janice Doxtator, paternal great-great-grandmother, Ella Besaw, paternal great-great-grandfather, Herbert Stick, maternal great-great-grandfather, Herbert Powless, maternal great-grandfather, Nathan Cloud, great-aunts: Wanda and Missy Peters, great-great uncle, Anthony Powless, great-uncle, Geronimo Pocan and great-aunts: Bonita Burns and Rhys Pocan.

Friends and family may visit at the home, W1802 Poplar Lane Seymour, WI on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 5pm with the fire remaining all night.

Native American Church services will begin Saturday evening at 9pm; conducted by Vincent Powless.

Burial and Last Rites will take place on Sunday at 10am at Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds conducted by Bob Brown, with a meal to follow.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Mahwaew Michael-Gordon Doxtator, please visit our flower store.

Time of Crisis Resources

911

Non-Emergency OPD: (920) 869-2239

920.490.3860

Oneida Behavior Health Triage

920.490.3950

Oneida Recovery Coach

**Call 211 Text 898211
211.org**

Help starts here 211 connects you to expert, caring help. Every call is completely confidential.

**Safe Call Now
206.459.3020**

safecallnowusa.org

Safe Call Now is a 24-hour crisis referral service for all public safety employees, all emergency services personnel and their family.

**National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline**

800.273.8255

SuicidePreventionLifeline.org

**The National
Domestic Violence Hotline
800.799.SAFE(7233)**

or Text 88788 • TheHotline.org

**National Drug Helpline
800.289.0879**

DrugHelpLine.org

Help with drug and alcohol addiction.

**Crisis Line
Text HOME to 741741**

CrisisTextLine.org

Support in an emotional crisis.

**Brown County Crisis Center
920.436.8888**

FamilyServicesNEW.org/Crisis-Center

**Outagamie County
Crisis Phone Counselor**

920.832.4646 or 800.719.4418

TALK and TREATS

**WITH AGING & DISABILITY
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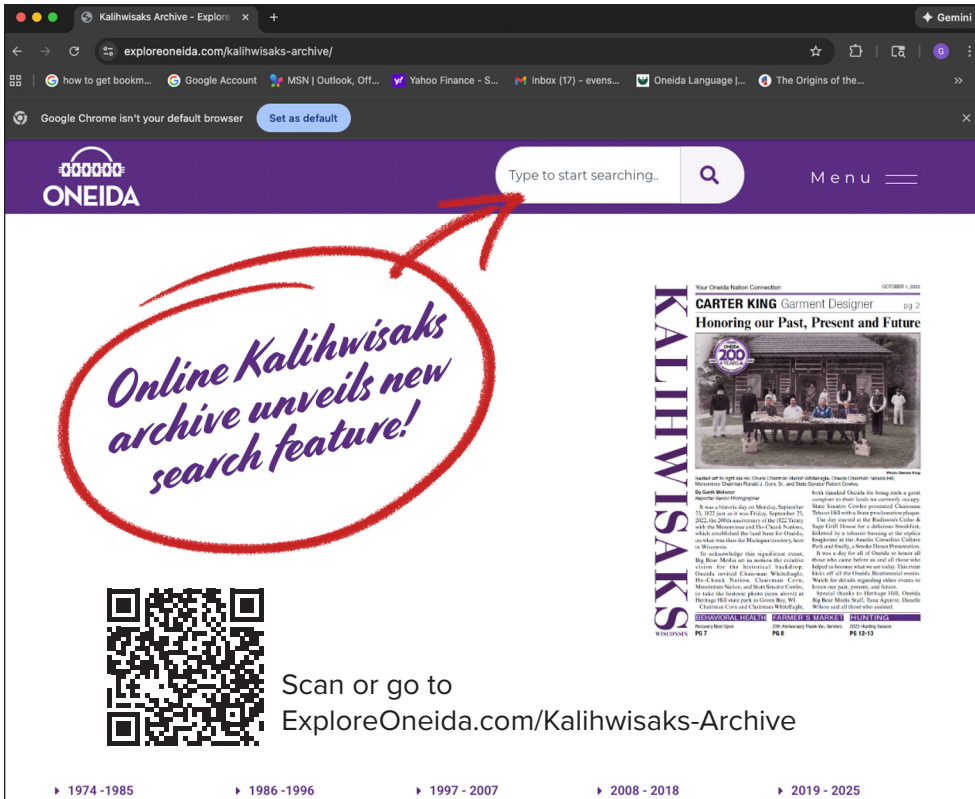
FRIENDS

**Share your story with
me and hear mine**

**2nd WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH.
EXCEPT NOV.
10:30-11:30AM**

Jan. 14	July 8
Feb. 11	Aug. 12
March 11	Sep. 9
April 8	Oct. 14
May 13	Dec. 9
June 10	

**Elder Services
Conference Room
2907 Overland Rd.**



Online Kalihwisaks archive unveils new search feature!

Scan or go to
ExploreOneida.com/Kalihwisaks-Archive

1974-1985 1986-1996 1997-2007 2008-2018 2019-2025

The Oneida Nation's archives are a valuable collection that documents the history, culture, and ongoing activities of the Oneida people. These archives feature past editions of the Nation's newsletters, which provide insights into community events, government initiatives, cultural preservation efforts, and updates on the lives of the Nation's members. They offer a window into the Nation's milestones, challenges, and celebrations, showcasing the resilience and spirit of the Oneida community.

For these reasons, the Kalihwisaks is happy to announce that the online archive has recently become much easier to search. Check it out to begin your journey into Oneida past.

ONEIDA COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE:

A diligent attempt was made to notify the named individuals of tribal debt owed to Oneida Comprehensive Housing Division. This is a public notice of intent to garnish employee earnings if debt is not satisfied by January 16, 2026.

Payment can be made at Comprehensive Housing located at 2913 Commissioner Street or sent by mail to P.O. Box 68, Oneida, WI 54155

Danelle and Matthew Wilson
Sarah Capelle
Shannon Davis
Peggy Duxtator
Tammy and Dale Metoxen
Mae and Christopher Cornelius
Neva Archiquette
Chrystal Kirby
Nicholas Parker
Racquel Hill
Jamison and Angela Ortiz-Webster
Daniel and Dawn Lara
Jessica Mielke
Donna and Roger Metoxen

Kyle Wisneski
Justin and Sonya Rentmeester
Marques and Kateri Danforth
Fawn and Louis Cottrell
Kerry and Gertrudes Koepke
Estate of Julie A. Hill
Michelle and Phillip Jordan
Brandie Klarkowski
Roberta Webster
Apache Danforth
Estate of Craig Ninham
Jessie Smith
Norman Betters
Darlene Longcore

Ashlee Olujic
Miya and Ronald Goodeagle
Simone DeCoteau
Shonna Danforth
Sterling Nunies
Danette Woodmansee
Darlene Hill
John and Delphina Hill
Chrisstara Cornelius
Kristal and Chad Hill
Charlene Charles
Crystal Flores
Larry Hill

The above-named individuals may contact Leanne Jordan at 920-869-6172 or at ljordan2@oneidanation.org for more information.

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 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., Barbara 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.

Estate of Scharlene Kasee, Case No. 2025-LCP-011

The deadline to file a claim is February 9, 2026

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 4/19/1937, died on 5/13/2018, was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation, in Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin at W1251 Hattie Lane, De Pere, WI 54115.
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Kelly Skenandore, Luther Laster, Walter Goodman, Crete Kasee, Richard Buhr, Shannon Micolichek
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 2/23/2026, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

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AVAILABLE BCC POSITIONS

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The Oneida Nation is looking for qualified applicants to fill three (3) positions for the Oneida Youth Leadership Institute for a three (3) year term. The purpose of the Oneida Youth Leadership Institute is to operate and support programs and activities which promote leadership qualities in Oneida youth, and to solicit charitable donations to fund such programs and activities.

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Community Meal and Discussion

Discussion Topic:
Nation Services Listening Session

Staff will be present to hear your concerns about Nation Services. Nation Services is comprised of Big Bear Media; Comprehensive Health Division; Comprehensive Housing Division; Digital Technology Services; Division of Public Works; Education & Training; Environmental, Land, and Agriculture; Grants Office; and Human Services Division.

Thursday, January 8th, 2026
Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria
5:30-7:00 PM

- Enter in the lower parking lot at the cafeteria door
- Food provided by the Oneida Cannery
- One lucky participant will receive an Apple iPad!




JANUARY Memory Café

JAN. 14, 2026 1:30PM-3:00PM
Main Conference Room at the Oneida Health Center

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




Memory Café happens every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Feb. 11, Mar. 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 Nov. (Canceled due Veteran's Day), Dec. 9



This month's activity is a winter surprise.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

READERS AT THE READY

JANUARY 17 *DONATION BASED READERS
Saturday 11-3pm *FREE SNACKS/NIBBLES



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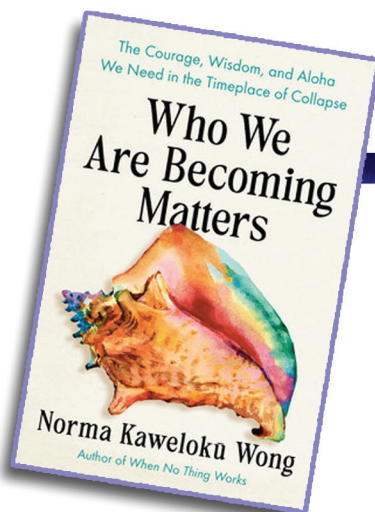
*Newsletter will not be printed. Next edition coming in March. Email
apowles7@oneidanation.org with any questions

After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the quieter days of winter provides time to decompress, self-reflect, and allow ourselves time to enjoy one the many options of Indigenous entertainment. Whether it be films, books, television series or a documentary. Here are few the Kalihwisaks recommends.



January 22 – February 1, 2026

Sundance Film Festival. Held in Park City and Salt Lake City, Utah. United State's largest independent Film Festival creating one of the most significant spaces for Indigenous voices and stories



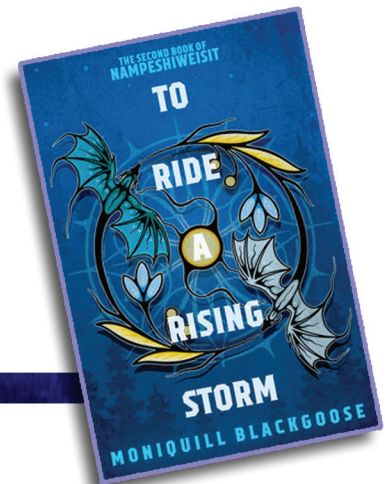
Feb. 10, 2026 – *Who We Are Becoming Matters* by Norma Kaweloku Wong

The Courage, Wisdom and Aloha We Need in a Timeplace of Collapse by Norma Kaweloku Wong. A book sharing Indigenous Hawaiian knowledge and perspectives about how to move forward together.

JANUARY FEBRUARY

Jan. 27, 2026 – *To Ride a Rising Storm* by Moniquill Blackgoose

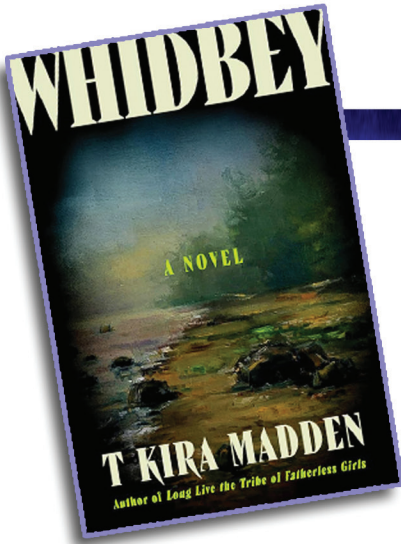
The second book in the fantasy series, *To Shape a Dragon's Breath*. The story centers around a young Indigenous Woman, Anequs, and her dragon as they fight to protect their homeland and culture.



Feb. 15, 2026 – *Dark Winds Season 4*

Watch the next chapter of Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, Sergeant Jim Chee and U.S Border Patrol Agent Bernadette Manuelito in the newest season of AMC's *Dark Winds*.

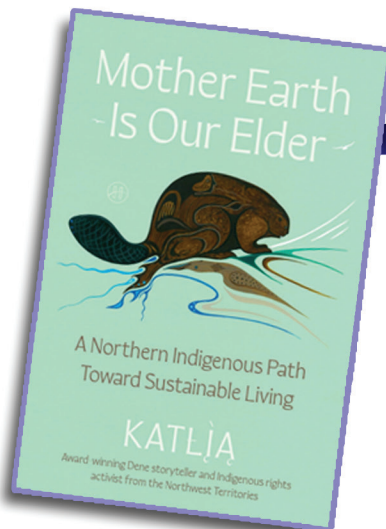




March 10, 2026 – *Whidbey*

by Hawaiian author T. Kira Madden

This book is a “whodunnit” type of thriller, connecting three women whose stories intertwine and are tied to the same murdered man.



March 19, 2026 – *Mother Earth is Our Elder* by Katlia Lafferty

This book brings knowledge from Lafferty's Dene Nation to the ongoing conversation of climate change and offers new perspectives on how to help.

MARCH

March 10, 2026 – Native Women in Film Festival

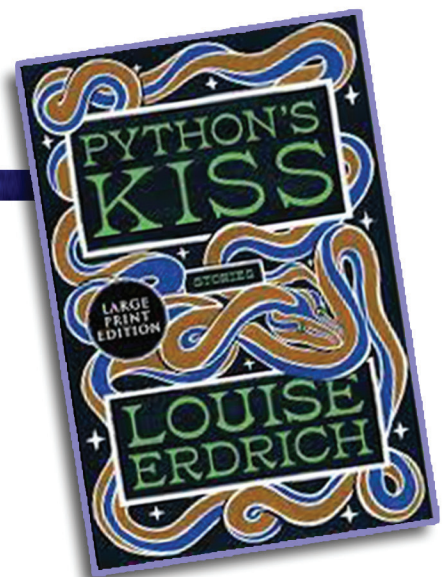
Dedicated to giving Indigenous women film makers and directors a space to share their stories.



**NATIVE WOMEN
IN FILM &
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IN ALL MEDIA**

March 24, 2026 – *Python's Kiss* by Louise Erdrich

A collection of stories by Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian author Louise Erdrich.





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Grand Entry at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Social Dancing during Dinner Break

Registration Closes: 6:00 PM

MC: John "JT" Teller | AD: Dylan Prescott

Host Drum: Smokey Town | Smoke Dance Singer:

Kahutsyawan Stevens | Head Dancers: TBA

To reserve a hotel room at the Oneida Hotel, mention the Oneida Pow Wow Room Block when calling 920-494-7300.