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# From the Kali

**Shekóli Swakwe•kú.** As we enter Tsha?tekohsélha? (February/Midwinter), it's a great time to stoke our Yukwatsístayá (Our fire, our spirit within each of us).

I encourage everyone to be cognizant of Kahletsyalúsia (The heartfelt encouragement of the best in each of us) so that we all personify our Nation's vision: A Nation of strong families built on Tsi? Niyukwaliho TÁ and a strong economy.

A great way to accomplish these life-ways is by looking out for our physical health. It's something many of us struggle with, including myself, but it's critically important to proactively care for ourselves so we can avoid the most common and prioritized health-risk factors described on page 17.

Take the stairs, make healthy food choices, or schedule an annual physical are all examples of what

we can do to remain steady and strong for our ourselves, family, and community. In this way, we can be role models representing the work it requires to ensure we establish a foundational legacy for those yet to come in the next seven generations.

To learn more about these lifestyles, check out the Nation's core values on page 6.

Together, let's re-imagine the heights that the Oneida Nation can soar to through Ka?tshatstásla (The strength and vision as a people).



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### Cover Photo: Oneida Snow Removal Team

To recognize the dedicated individuals that often leave their families during holidays and winter storms to prioritize community safety, the Kalihiwisaks brought the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Elderly Services snow removal teams together for this month's cover photo. These devoted employees demonstrate skill and precision, maneuvering heavy machinery on narrow, slippery, winding roads around the clock, no matter the day or temperature. Together, join the Kalihiwisaks in saying "Yawa?kó" for their steadfast work ethic.



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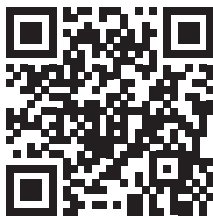
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**JONAS HILL**  
Oneida Nation Councilman



*Shekóli Swakwek okhále? Hoyan!*  
*Happy New Year everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the*  
*holidays and are ready for spring.*

## **2025 Year in Review**

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As we wind down winter and welcome spring, please remember to take care of your mind, body, spirit, and one another. This is an important time for our community to take a moment and honor the need for rest and renewal. I would like to personally thank the community for all your support this year guiding me as I, and we, served the Nation. It has been an honor and has really strengthened my personal fire. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the Nation with a Good Mind, Good Heart, and Strong Fire.

My leadership approach has been strategic and centered on the Nation and our priorities. This term, I built relationships with local Neighborhood Associations. For example, in July we hosted 400+ community members with a "Summer Block Party," in partnership with Ted Fritsch, King of Arms, MacArthur Heights neighborhood association (MHNA), and the Oneida Nation. I want to personally thank Chairman Tehassi Hill and Treasurer Larry Barton for cooking during the event. The Oneida Police Department, Green Bay Police Chief, Green Bay Fire Chief, and the Green Bay Fire Department (GBFD) also attended. In addition, and more meaningfully, the GBFD brought their new truck to show the kids. Thank you all for your service and thank you for taking the time to join in a fun day with your neighbors.

In August, we continued to foster relationships, partnering again with Ted Fritsch, King of Arms, and MacArthur Heights neighborhood associations, and the Indian Gaming Association (IGA) for a "Back-to-school Celebration." The Oneida Royalty handed out backpacks provided by Oneida Nation while MHNA handed out hoodies. Again, thank you to Gaming Commissioner Thurston

Denny and Treasurer Larry Barton for helping cook for the 600+ community members that attended.

I would like to acknowledge the late Mr. Ernie Stevens, Jr. and the IGA for offering to assist in sponsoring the back-to-school event. This event was inspired by Ernie's vision to bring kids and families together before school started. He will forever be missed and so, I send love and respect to his family.

In November, I attended a seminar, hosted by the Native Nations Institute, which centered on Native Nation Building as a framework to assist Oneida Nation in building stronger governing systems. It was a great team building tool, aligned learning for all OBC & Direct staff, and allowed space for strategic collaboration to advance our shared goals.

Finally, I hosted a very successful Wild Game Feast night November 19. Over 200 community members enjoyed a great meal and camaraderie like the good ole days of the Do-Do Club and family gatherings. Thank you to those who contributed food donations, utensils, chef skills, hard-earned wild game, and those who volunteered to make this a great event. Also thank you to the Veterans of the Robert Cornelius VFW Post 7784 for allowing us to host the event and gather in your building. Yaww?kó!

From a Government-to-Government perspective, I committed to fostering relationships that strengthened Oneida's Nationhood, often working in collaboration with Members of Congress and Federal Agencies. Throughout the year I have attended a variety of Tribal Consultations that include meetings with the Departments of Correc-

tions, Transportation, Military Affairs, Natural Resources, and Revenue. These State, Federal, and Local consultations are extremely important for the protection and expression of our Tribal Sovereignty and safeguarding against anything that may impede it. It's been my honor to represent the Nation and ensure our issues are always considered.

As a member of the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC), I am proud to say we passed the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law in 2025. This was a goal I set at the beginning of the term. The LOC, the Legislative Reference Office, Conservation, and Department of Environmental Safety, Land & Agriculture had several work meetings to see this through. Through this collaboration we were able to add the guidance allowing for a youth hunt, elder/disabled hunt, make clear of the verbiage, and update the law to align with the current needs of our community.

Lastly, as a commitment to my service to the Nation, I personally pledged to bettering myself and building capacity to position myself in an advanced space to better serve our community. Concurrently to serving the Nation, fostering partnerships with the federal government, and convening the people, our youth, and our local community, I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay. Earning my degree has helped in many ways. It has helped convey a strong message; education can be a tool used to better understand how we, as a Nation, navigate the necessary relationships needed to maintain government relations on behalf of our people. I take great pride when I represent.



# Reaffirming Oneida's Core Values

## Oneida Business Committee Takes Swift Action to End ICE Contracts

By Garth Webster



The Oneida Business Committee in an emergency Community Meeting on Friday, January 9, 2026 to explain the actions and resolutions they developed to address and end the ICE Contracts entered into by the Oneida Engineering-Science-Construction (OESC) Group.

When the Oneida Business Committee became aware that Oneida Engineering-Science-Construction (OESC) Group entered into two Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) contracts, they took immediate action to investigate and directed former OESC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jeff House to end the agreements. The CEO signed a \$3.9 million dollar contract at 4pm, Friday, December 26, which approved OESC subsidiary Oneida Environmental (OE) and Joint Venture Partner Stantec Inc LLC to perform inspection work in 34 non-disclosed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities around the country. Prior to this, on September 22, 2025, another similar \$2.6 million dollar contract was also awarded to OESC, which House believes originated under the Biden Administration - but this has not been confirmed.

The Trump Administration's ICE agency is organized under the Department of Homeland Security. Their stated mission is to conduct criminal investigations, enforce immigration laws, preserve national secu-

rity, and protect public safety. However, controversy surrounds ICE with both US citizens and Indigenous people protesting the agency's use of excessive force, allegations of human rights abuses, family separation, racial profiling, and lack of transparency, all of which are historical factors that have traumatized Indigenous people for many generations. For these reasons, these contracts sparked backlash from the Oneida community, including our elected leaders on the basis that such agreements do not align with the Nation's values of strong families, Tsi ʔNiyukwaliho Tá (our ways), and the Good Mind principles of the Kayanla'kówa (Great Law of Peace).

Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill was notified at approximately 10am, Monday, December 29, 2025, of a TikTok video circulating that scoffed the agreement. After this discovery, Chairman Hill immediately reached out to his colleagues and House to discuss the issue. Later in the week, during the Friday, January 2, 2026, Facebook Live session hosted by the Oneida Communi-

cations Team, Chairman Hill expressed his displeasure and lack of knowledge of the contract.

"I want to [ensure] that I clearly state that the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) was not aware of this joint venture or the signing of a contract. I also stand strong in my words and conviction that this business venture does not align with the Nation's values, our culture, and who we are as Haudenosaunee people. It is something the committee [OBC] would never have entertained had we been made aware," says Chairman Hill.

Shortly after, House was given the opportunity to explain. "I deeply apologize...I know now that it was a huge mistake. You may not agree or appreciate the decision, but I do want you to know that when I made the decision, the scope of work was really about inspecting the [ICE] facilities, making sure they're up to code, making sure they meet the human standards, making sure it's

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## Vision

**A Nation of strong families built on Tsiʔ Niyukwaliho Tá and a strong economy.**

## Mission

**To strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty.**

## Core Values

### **Kahletsyalúsla (Gahlay-ja-loo-sla)**

The heartfelt encouragement of the best in each of us.

### **Kanolukhwásla (Gano-loo-kwa-sla)**

Compassion, caring, identity, and joy of being.

### **Kaʔnikuhli•yó (Ga-nee-goo hlee yo)**

The openness of the good spirit and mind.

### **Kaʔtshatstásla (Ga-stat-stuh-sla)**

The strength of belief and vision as a People.

### **Kalihwi•yó (Galeeh-wee-yo)**

The use of good words about ourselves, our Nation, and our future.

### **Twahwahtsílaway (Dwa wah jeeleye)**

All of us are family.

### **Yukwatsístay (You-gwa-jees-stai)**

Our fire, our spirit within each of us.

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### OBC End ICE Contracts

properly engineered. While I don't approve and I'm appalled by ICE activities, these people are being detained and put in a facility somewhere. What went through my mind was 'Who's taking care of them, looking out for them, [and] looking out for their best interest?' As much disdain that I have for ICE, that's where my mind went. I was flawed that I didn't keep up and get further information. Had I done that, I'm confident I would have red-lighted the proposal," says House. "Again, I apologize and have since taken steps to terminate the contract. Going forward, our management team will meet on a quarterly basis with the OBC as part of a reporting process. A dashboard [will contain] contracts, customers that are red (no-go), and then there will be a list of yellow [indicating] to proceed with caution, and then there will be green, things that align with the Nation's values." House continued by adding additional context regarding his original rationale for approving the contract.

"When I think about Natives being put

on reservations, which was horrific, what did they [government] give us? They gave us no shelter, or food [but] they did give us diseased blankets and empty promises. That's where my mind was at for these [ICE] detainees. They were pawns in a political battle." Although House was aware of the Potawatomi incident in Kansas, he differentiated our situation by stating their contract was to design and build a facility whereas OESC's was to only inspect facilities, reiterating his humanitarian strategy to ensure the detainees were going to be kept in hospitable quarters.

While mentioning that OESC does have corporate values, he explained that he did not bring this to the OESC Board for approval until after the fact because there was some urgency from the federal government to approve, "They [OESC] have their corporate values and that's why I'm so disappointed in myself that I didn't take this far enough in my haste. It was a fast-track but that's no excuse. I'm disappointed that I allowed this to happen. It was my decision, my fault. I'm the one responsible for it and I'm taking ownership of it, and I'll take care of it."

Later however, it was revealed at the General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting Monday, January 5, 2026, that House was removed and replaced with an interim president and CEO, Matt Kunstman, Oneida citizen and 17-year veteran of OESC and Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises.

During every discussion related to this incident, the OBC continuously acknowledged questions on why they didn't know about the ICE contract, despite Chairman Hill being the liaison. Chairman Hill, among other OBC, referenced the "Corporate Veil," a term used to explain how the corporation is a legal, separate entity and thus, protects business owners (in this case the Oneida Nation) from personal liability for the corporation's debts and actions such as lawsuits.

"In our role as liaisons, we are not involved in the day-to-day operations of these corporations. As part of the separation of the corporation, it's important we maintain that corporate veil to protect the Nation from lawsuits, so that decisions made at the corporation level and any negative responses that could happen with litigation, insurance claims [and] things like this, stay at the cor-





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OESC Open Letter  
to the Oneida Nation



Corporate Social  
Responsibility  
Resolution

porations,” says Chairman Hill.

During the emergency OBC meeting Friday, January 2, 2026, the OBC outlined the corrective measures being taken to avoid this situation from reoccurring.

- First, Secretary Lisa Liggins read aloud the resolution identifying the social responsibility policies corporations that work with the Oneida Nation must follow, including alignment with Oneida’s core values.
- Second, the three-member OESC Board was relieved of their duties and replaced with an interim Board Manager, Debra Powless. Upon her introduction, she referenced a case study regarding the Sioux Tribe. Powless explained that when the Sioux discovered a local manufacturer created a new beer called Crazy Horse, they took legal action to block the beer’s producer from using the name of their legendary Chief. Sioux leadership later discovered that their Nation owned the corporation whose subsidiary was the company producing the beer.

“That’s how dangerous and quickly out-of-hand this kind of thing can get if it’s not carefully watched. If there’s good transparency and good reporting and they’re meeting their performance needs then the GTC, evidence committee, or whatever it is can be one of their biggest supporters. That’s the relationship I think is the most important to be built, that trust and transparency,” says Powless.

During the Monday GTC Meeting, Powless was again introduced, providing her a chance to elaborate on some evolutions she recommends the Nation pursue when it comes to Oneida business ventures. For example, rather than Nation Enterprises funneling their revenue into the general fund, these monies should go into retained earnings for the business to use, respond to market conditions, and in turn, be more successful.

“The goal is really to bring us into the next generation of accountability and revenue generation and [deciding] what that means for Oneida Nation,” says Powless. During this time, Kunstman was formally introduced to the community in his new role.

“I look forward to being more transparent in what we’re going after. The company (OESC) has been doing fantastic. We have over \$200 million in backlog last year, so the company is doing well. I look forward to continuing that success for OESC with the corrective actions we’ve been talking about today,” says Kunstman.

During the Facebook Live session, House mentions he was focused on terminating the second contract, for which no work was rendered. House explained that because no work was completed, the Nation would not experience a financial loss, and we could exit the contract via a ‘convenience’ clause. However, regarding the September contract, House said this one would be “stickier” to exit because work was performed and thus, other clauses may come into play to exit this contract, including “default” or “notice-of-deficiency.”

During the Monday GTC meeting, a motion by Gina Buenrostro enabled Roberts Rules to be suspended during the discussion regarding the ICE contract. This enabled many community members to voice their concerns and disappointment of the situation, including 18-year-old Jaiyah Katsinuhkwatsli Mendoza.

“As members of Oneida Nation, we should be deeply ashamed that this was allowed to happen at all. Even if tribal leadership claims they were unaware, the fact that an Oneida-owned business entered into multi-million-dollar contracts connected to ICE is a serious moral failure and a betrayal of our history and values. Our people know better than most what forced removal, detention, and state violence look like, yet ICE continues to carry out practices that separate families, traumatize communities, and dehu-

manize people for simply existing across borders drawn by colonizers. Allowing our name, resources, or economic enterprises to be tied to an agency that inflicts this level of harm is wrong—period. Accountability after the fact does not erase the damage done, and this should never have been possible in the first place. If our sovereignty and values mean anything, they must include a clear refusal to profit from systems that mirror the same oppression Indigenous people have endured for generations,” says Mendoza.

Towards the end of the GTC meeting, several OBC members had closing statements, including Councilman Jameson Wilson and Treasurer Larry Barton.

“This is a complex situation and the reporting mechanisms that are in place in the [OESC] operating agreement for [these] contracts are clearly not being shared with us in detail,” says Wilson.

Barton adds, “We loudly and clearly heard the concerns throughout this last week. Some reflection of my colleagues, who were very spirited and angry and infuriated not just by the act itself with regard to the project which is so contrary to who we are as Oneidas, it’s the fact that we’re not respectfully communicated to and so we took that very seriously. We executed accountability we felt was justified. Our managing member was responsive to that.” Barton continues, “I’m not here today to make excuses. I’m apologetic, sensitized, and I appreciate the young lady’s (Mendoza) statement. I couldn’t agree more so we all have to work together to make sure we protect our community and never let something like this happen again.”

During her presentation, Powless reinforced Barton’s outlook, “A lot of good is going to come of this but it’s going to take time. We should’ve been doing it [corrective measures] but we weren’t and so now, it’s time to move forward and get it done so we can provide better services to the membership.”





## Collaborating for Growth

### Oneida Councilman Jameson Wilson Elected to NCAI Midwest Region Vice-President, Alternate



Last November, with the support of his colleagues on the Oneida Business Committee (OBC), Councilman Jameson Wilson announced his candidacy for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Midwest Region Vice-President position. His bid to represent the Midwest Tribal Nations was formally endorsed through OBC Resolution #09-26 -25 B, Support the nomination of Councilman Jameson J. Wilson for the National Congress of American Indians Midwest Region Vice-President.

At the 82nd NCAI Annual Convention & Marketplace in November 2025, Councilman Wilson ran a strong and active campaign. Following the conclusion of the regional elections, he was elected to serve as the Midwest Region Vice-President Alternate. District II Representative Wendy Merrill, of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, was elected to serve as the Midwest Region Vice-President.

NCAI's structure includes twelve Vice-Presidents and twelve Vice-President Alternates, each representing one of the organization's geographic regions. The Midwest Region is represented by 36 Tribal Nations located in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan.

Councilman Wilson's selection reflects the confidence placed in him by both the Oneida Nation and Tribal leaders across the Midwest Region. His role as Vice-President Alternate will support regional advocacy and leadership within NCAI's national governance framework where he

will be tasked with elevating the voices of the Midwest Tribes and carry out NCAI constitutionally-driven activities (see callout, below).

While Councilman Wilson remains wholeheartedly committed to his responsibilities to the Oneida Nation, he also recognizes the value of collaborating with other Tribal Nations across the Midwest Region to promote shared tribal priorities. As a continuous learner, he views this role as an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how Midwest Tribes govern, communicate, and address policy issues. He hopes to serve as a strong communication conduit between the Midwest Tribes and the Executive Committee and Executive Council of NCAI ensuring all 36 Tribes in the Midwest Region are properly represented and their voices are amplified and advocated for on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

#### Regional NCAI Vice-President Constitutional Duties

Be responsible for coordination of NCAI activities in their regions

Serve in a leadership role in fundraising and membership activities in their regions

Act as liaison between the tribal individual members in their regions and the officers and other members of the Executive Council

Carry out duties as directed by the Executive Council and/or the Executive Committee of NCAI



## No More Stolen Sisters

Oneida Stands in Solidarity Through New License Plate

by Yewe Cornelius



Left to Right: community champion of MMIW activities and Councilwoman, Jennifer Webster along with Licensing Department Administrator Tonya Webster. Next to Webster is Joann Torrez, who will receive the first issued license plate in honor of her daughter, Cyrstal, who was an MMIW victim and Kristin Welch, founder of the Waking Women Healing Institute in Gresham, WI.

On the morning of December 19, 2025, the Oneida Nation Licensing Department unveiled their newest license plate design. One that is meant to raise awareness about the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives crisis known as MMIW.

The statistics are alarming; Indigenous women are 10 times more likely to experience some form of violence, or to go missing, and these cases have a much higher rate of remaining unsolved. The MMIW awareness movement is a call to action - to put a stop to the disproportionate rates of violence that Indigenous peoples face on Turtle Island. The Nation's newest license plate is meant to echo that call, creating a public declaration of solidarity with the rest of Indian country.

"On behalf of the Oneida Business Committee, it's an honor to stand before you today as we come together for a moment of remembrance, awareness, and unity. Today the Oneida Nation joins Tribal Nations across North America in a shared commitment to bring visibility to the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and relatives. This is not simply an unveiling of a license plate. It's a public declaration that Oneida stands in solidarity with the rest of Indian country to end this crisis. It is our way of saying, 'No more stolen sisters,'" says Councilwoman Jennifer Webster.

The design for the license plate, which was featured on the January cover, was designed by Kalihwisaks Senior Editor Garth Webster. It depicts the iconic red hand symbol used in MMIW awareness campaigns nationwide behind the silhouette of an Indigenous woman in an empowering stance. The plate will also feature the phrase, "No

More Stolen Sisters." During the unveiling we heard from Licensing Administrator Tonya Webster.

"The design is a statement – a call for awareness and a symbol of remembrance. Across the United States and Canada, Indigenous peoples face high rates of violence, disappearance and homicide. These are not just numbers, they are women, people, sisters, and brothers whose lives have been cut short and [cases] unresolved," says Webster.

Webster also confirmed that a portion of the proceeds from the plates will go to the Waking Women Healing Institute which offers culturally based healing for families and victims of the MMIW crisis. Watch for announcements when these license plates are available to members who live within the Nation's boundaries.

**For those who wish to support but cannot get the new plates, there are vehicle decals available for \$15.**



**Plate costs start at \$105.**

**(Trucks may be more pending gross weight)**

**Email [OneidaLicensing@OneidaNation.org](mailto:OneidaLicensing@OneidaNation.org)  
or call 920.496.5310.**



# Legends Among Us

## Oneida's Most Recent Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award

by Yewe Cornelius

Along with the familiar faces of the Oneida Business Committee, Debbie Thundercloud, left, and Albert Manders, are draped in a Commemorative 200 Year blanket given to them to honor their service to the Oneida Nation.



After Charlie Doxtator and the Oneida High School singers rendered a song in their honor, Debbie Thundercloud and Al Manders received lifetime achievement awards on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) conference room. Both recipients spent most of their careers in service to the Oneida Nation, its community, and Indian Country. During the ceremony, both received Commemorative 200 Year blankets by Chairman Tehassi Hill and Treasurer Larry Barton. Council Members Kirby Metoxen and Jameson Wilson also gifted them flowers, and finally, Oneida flags were presented by Connor Kestell and Joe Valentino of Oneida Veterans Services.

Albert Manders worked various construction and foundry jobs in the summer seasons during his many years in education. After high school he went on to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1965 for one year before serving in the United States Army Reserves in 1967. After coming home he continued his education, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of WI-Green Bay in 1971 and later went on to get a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of WI-Oshkosh. Manders dedicated his career to teaching and helping shape the next generations of leaders, teaching for the Bay and West De Pere School Districts and helping with the Oneida Nation Right to Read initiatives in 1973. Furthermore, Manders also served as the OBC Treasurer for a brief time, and served on the West De Pere School Board, and Oneida Town Council. After Councilwoman Jennifer Webster read aloud these acknowledgments, Manders expressed how grateful he was to his family, friends, and the OBC for the award and for the work they do.

"Thank you very much, thank you family and friends,

thank you business committee. I did not expect this, and I didn't realize I had done as much as I did. Again, thank you, I am honored. I can't say enough good things about you guys, but you do a great job and keep it up," says Manders.

Manders continued by addressing the OBC directly, "Don't be afraid to make mistakes, you guys do a great job. Don't let the bad people get you down, there's a lot of complaining and I know that. But you guys do a great job, and I know Oneida is going to move forward."

During her school years, Debbie Thundercloud spent her summers serving food to patrons at the Oneida Civic Center, and as a Local Church Developer for the Oneida Methodist Church, which allowed her to visit with elders, assist with worship services, and lead the Summer Bible School Program. Upon graduating High school in 1979 she attended University of WI-Stout, later finishing her Bachelor's degree from University of WI-Green Bay. Throughout her career, Thundercloud dedicated many years to supporting the development of the Oneida Nation and its community, filling leadership positions from Oneida Nation Head Start programs, Oneida United Methodist Church, Oneida OBC, and National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). During her time on OBC, she served one term as Vice-Chairwoman and two terms as Chairwoman, making her the second woman to be elected as Chairperson for the Nation. Her numerous leadership roles enabled her to make positive impacts for both the Nation and Indian country in many ways. For example, she boosted the Nation's economic development with initiatives like the Little Bear Development Center, Bingo and Casino expansions, the Airport Road Childcare Center, among others. During her administrations, Thundercloud oversaw the biggest eco-



conomic growth for the Nation, including employment levels surpassing 4,000 individuals. Outside her work for the Nation, she also received many accolades during her work with NIGA and Bellin Health.

Although retired since 2004, she continues to serve the Oneida community on the Oneida Land Claims Commission and most recently, joined the Oneida Hymn Singers to help comfort grieving families and celebrate special events in the Community. Like Manders, Thundercloud recognized the OBC and community.

“Our Nation is so important, and I hope that our young people continue to step up and keep leading us forward as this business committee and other business-committees-to-come will do. I have trust and confidence in that. I also want to acknowledge that our culture and our traditions have been a very important part of our Nation and our sovereignty and want to thank the Business Committee for [their] continuing support of the language, culture, and raising our children to know their ways and [to] have that identity which is so important for everyone,” says Thundercloud. “I [also] want to thank the community, because Oneida has always been outstanding on a national level, and we continue to raise a lot of good leaders in our community.”



Above, Joe Valentino (left) and Connor Kestell present Al Manders and Debbie Thundercloud with Oneida Flags to recognize their contributions to the Nation.



“The work that you’ve both done speaks volumes for what our community could, should, and can be as we continue to work together towards the betterment for our future generations. So, I’d like to thank you for your time and dedication to the Oneida community, in the different roles you’ve both held throughout your time here on Earth thus far. I look forward to your continued participation and dedication to the community in whatever aspects you wish to pursue. Thank you,” says Chairman Tehassi Hill.

**Congratulations**  
**2025**

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**Associate of Arts**  
**Mankato State Univ.**



Delilah was inadvertently omitted from the list of 2025 college graduates in the December edition.

## Supporting Teens Taking a Stand

**Scholarship Opportunity for Teens Standing Against Drug Misuse in Their Communities**

By Yewe Cornelius



The Open for Business series in the March 2025 edition featured Milton Dallas’ (pictured above, right) RX Destroyer (RXD) invention, enabling people to safely dispose of unused medications from home by chemically neutralizing them, including narcotics. The article also highlights Dallas’s push to get these pouches into Tribal communities to combat the issue of drug misuse that leads to Tribal communities having a much higher rate of overdoses. Continuing this good work, the RX Destroyer company has recently started the Prevention Impact Scholarship which is meant to help teens who are taking a stand against opioid misuse in their communities.

Recipients of this scholarship will be awarded \$2,500 towards their post-secondary education, as well as 100 RXD pouches to be distributed out into their community. Dallas and his company wanted to create a scholarship that meant more than just focusing on a student’s education, but how students are already doing what they can to make their communities better places. RXD remains committed to amplifying the voices of young people, and doing what they can to provide the tools needed to help make a change.

**Deadline to apply for Prevention Impact Scholarship**  
**is Wednesday April 1, 2026.**  
**Scan the QR Code to learn more.**





## A Trip Down Memory Lane

### Ruth Miller Provides Origins of Mission Park Ball Fields

By Garth Webster



A Mission Park Baseball team, circa early 1950's. Photo courtesy of the family of Ruth Miller.

The article, *New Look for Site One Ball Diamonds*, published in the July 2025 edition, stated the park was originally built in the early 1960's by (Bill) Danforth Construction. However, in light of new information, Bill Danforth and his crew took over maintenance of the park after it's original creation in the 1950's.

After reading the article, Ruth Miller contacted the Kalihwisaks to clarify that the park, known today as Mission Park Ball Fields (MPBF), initially began on the north side of Hwy 54 behind what is now the home of the late Maria Hinton. This location, as well as the current location of MPBF, was constructed by Clifford Doxtator, Sr. along with Noron John and a local farmer, Hank Smits.

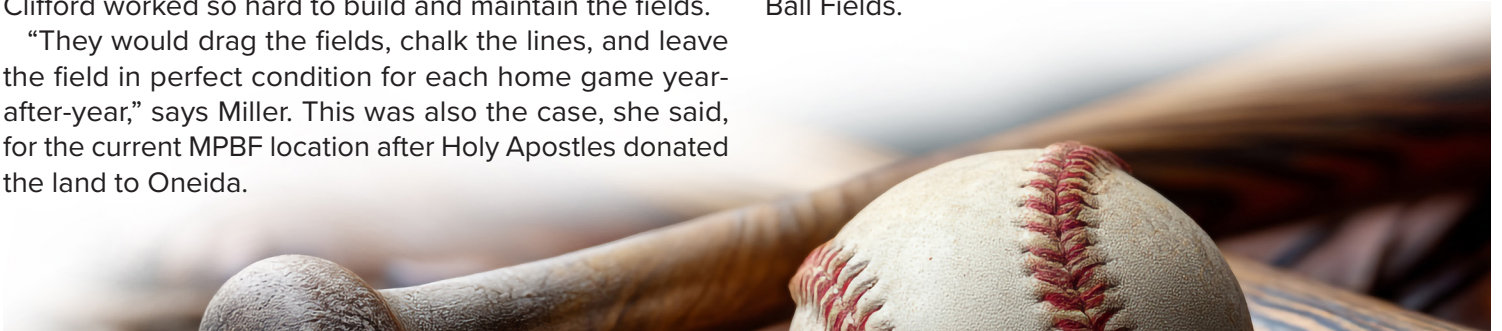
I asked Tommy Danforth (Bill's son) his thoughts about Miller's correction. He replied admittedly, "We were very young at that time so this could very well be true."

In Miller's letter to the Kalihwisaks, she reminisced about those days of the past when Noron, Hank, and her father Clifford worked so hard to build and maintain the fields.

"They would drag the fields, chalk the lines, and leave the field in perfect condition for each home game year-after-year," says Miller. This was also the case, she said, for the current MPBF location after Holy Apostles donated the land to Oneida.

Aside from the field maintenance, Miller also described how her mother, Melinda Doxtator, and Noron's wife, Anna John, worked in the dirt-floor concession stand and used an old ice cooler to keep the sodas cold while Thaddeus (Ted) Christjohn stood watch at the park entrance collecting donations for needed items like baseballs and concession stand goodies. Alas, Miller discussed that there were some awesome players on the Oneida Mission Baseball Team, including Billy Doxtator, who was chosen to play semi-professional ball. Games at that time took place during the day because unlike today, there were no lights nor did the adjacent Site One neighborhood exist.

The Kalihwisaks thanks Ruth Miller for sharing this valuable and historical information. Miller acknowledges the contributions of her parents, Clifford Sr. and Melinda Doxtator, sister Marilyn Danforth, and finally, Noron and Anna John and their daughter Rosemary, for helping provide information for this nostalgic look back at the Mission Park Ball Fields.





# O•nÁ ki? wah Wisconsin, Aloha Hawai'i

## Oneida Team Competes in December-2-Remember Softball Tournament

Submitted by Erma and Bill's Coed Softball Team

The ED's Draining & Cleaning / Erma & Bill's Coed Softball team proudly claimed second place in the *December-2-Remember* tournament held in Oahu, Hawaii December 10-11, 2025.

Despite early challenges, the team battled through the loser's bracket, finishing with a 4-4 record and earning a spot in the Championship game. Isaiah Charles, Justice Blackhawk, and Tiana Danforth were named to the All-Tournament Team, and Leslie Lamberies earned Co-MVP honors. The team extends a heartfelt thank you to its sponsors: ED's Draining and Cleaning, Bay Bank, Oneida Nation, Nicolet Bank, Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association, and Robert Cornelius Post 7784. They're also thankful to everyone who supported them along the way.





Save the Date  
2026

### Cultural Education Nights

Location: Oneida Longhouse, W370 Reformatory Rd, Oneida WI  
5:30pm - 8:00pm

JANUARY	14	CREATION STORY
FEBUARY	11	MAPLE
MARCH	11	TRADITIONAL GENDER ROLES
APRIL	8	SEED
MAY	13	STRAWBERRY
JUNE	10	GREAT LAW
JULY	8	GREEN CORN
AUGUST	12	FUNERAL TEACHINGS
SEPTEMBER	9	KALIHWIYO
OCTOBER	14	HARVEST
NOVEMBER	11	MIDWINTER
DECEMBER	9	HOYAN



QUESTIONS? CONTACT: 920.490.3796

ONEIDA

## Notice of Overnight Shelter in Extreme Cold

The Family Fitness Center will be open to the Oneida community overnight during extreme cold warnings: instances where the overnight wind chill reaches -30°F.

Location: 2640 West Point Road, Green Bay WI 54304

Oneida Call Center: 920-869-4481



## Serving with Joy

### Oneida's Sr. Richard Joseph Sagadin Celebrates 75 Years of Sisterhood

By Cara Artman

Sr. Richard Joseph Sagadin with her Oneida family. LtoR: Sr. Richard Joseph Sagadin, Lee Wielebski, Cara Artman, Carol (House) Artman at her 75th Jubilee party. Photos courtesy of Cara Artman

In 2025, Sr. Richard Joseph Sagadin, CSJ, celebrated her 75th Jubilee as a sister of Saint Joseph of Carondelet. A feat, that most, including Sr. Richard herself, thought would never happen. Priests, teachers, and even the Sisters of Saint Joseph told her that she did not have the trait to be a nun. Sr. Richard agrees and says to this day she does not have that trait, but she will do what the Lord wants.

In Oneida 1949, Ramon Sagadin was deciding whether to become a nun or take a job at a bank. She told her parents, Helen (House) and Victor Sagadin, whichever acceptance comes first, that is what she will do. Next thing she knew, she was saying goodbye to Oneida and her family to join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Formally entering the order in 1950, Sr. Richard, went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees and worked in education. She taught elementary school in Saint Louis and Kansas City, MO, Englewood, CO, and Chicago, IL.



She is now retired after decades of teaching and lives in Orland Park, IL and recently returned to Oneida for the first time since that fateful train ride 70+ years prior. Upon visiting Oneida, she remarked, "It's quite different from what I remember but it's so uplifting and I am so pleased with its evolution." Sr. Richard continues on her recollections of growing up in Oneida.

"The best years of my life and it's been a lot of life! I enjoyed the open spaces, the people, and everyone were family. Times were tough but we were still able to have fun, be happy, and laugh with one another," says Sr. Richard.

Throughout her life, Sr. Richard was determined to follow the Lord's path, but she also kept her mother, Helen's, words of wisdom, to never forget her Oneida roots. Sr. Richard always prays for Oneida and her family and brags about Oneida to anyone who will listen.

Left: A recent photo of Sr. Richard Joseph Sagadin standing next to the Wolf Clan sculpture outside the entrance to the Oneida Community Health Center.

Right: Sr. Richard Joseph Sagadin in her early days when she began her journey as a sister of Saint Joseph of Carondelet.





## Indigenous Leadership on the Rise 40 and 40 Awards Recognizes Three Oneida Leaders



### Excerpts from NCAIED 2024 Commemorative Magazine

The 2026 National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) 40 Under 40 Awards will recognize two Oneida Councilman, Jonas Hill & Jameson Wilson, and Professor of First Nations Studies at UW-Green Bay and Adjunct Professor at the Univ. of Minnesota Duluth, Dr. Lois Stevens. The trio will be presented the award at the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) from March 23-26, 2026, at Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) 40 Under 40 Awards were established in 2009 by its board of directors, led by chairwoman Margo Gray, a member of the Osage Nation.

Recognizing the need to honor emerging Native American leaders under 40 who were making significant contributions to their communities, the board enacted the awards program that year to fill the void to celebrate the next generation of leaders in Indian Country.

Most awards celebrate the past. They highlight what's been achieved and recognize hard work and dedication over a year, a season, or a lifetime. They look backward. The 40 Under 40 Awards have always been a bit different. They are firmly rooted in the present — and the future.

"The 40 Under 40 Awards were created to shine a spotlight on the young leaders who are already making a difference in their fields and in their communities," says Chris James, CEO of The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (The National Center). "These are individuals who are not just our future leaders—they are leaders today, actively contributing to the success and prosperity of Indian Country."

Wilson, Hill, and Stevens will become part of over 600 distinguished Native American leaders recognized since the inception of the award.



**Dr. Lois Stevens**

**First Nations Studies Professor-University of Wisconsin, Green Bay**

"I view this recognition as a reminder that I have so much more work to do. With our world rapidly changing, it is important now more than ever to protect our land and our people. And that work is never done alone, but in community. I am happy to be sharing this award with my friend and fellow product of the Oneida Nation School System, Jameson Wilson. I am hoping it will show just how valuable our community is and what tribal school kids are capable of."

"If you had asked me five years ago where I would be, I never would have imagined myself where I am today. With dedication, hard work and perseverance, it's clear that anything is achievable. I am truly grateful and humbled to join the ranks of all the outstanding leaders, artists, and entrepreneurs of Indian Country who have come before me to accept this prestigious award of NCAIED 40 under 40."

**Jonas Hill**

**Oneida Nation Councilman**



**Jameson Wilson**

**Oneida Nation Councilman**

Being selected as an honoree for the Native American 40 Under 40 Class of 2026 is an acknowledgement that I deeply revere and am overwhelmed with gratitude for this prestigious recognition. Reflecting on the work I've been fortunate to be involved in, I have learned that nurturing relationships and interdependence plays a pivotal role in accomplishing goals and initiatives for our Nation. Fostering healthy relationships and encouraging interdependence are inextricably connected to Tsi'niyukwalihotá (Our Ways) and are rooted in collaboration, engaged listening, and coming to One Mind (consensus-building) on decisions that will impact the Next Seven Generations.





# Know What's Below

## Oneida Hosts Seminar to Prepare for Potential Natural Gas Line Ruptures



by Yewe Cornelius

In early December 2025, the Oneida Nation, in partnership with TC Energy, held a tabletop exercise training day for Oneida employees and local Emergency Response workers. This training centered around what to do if a natural gas pipeline incident occurred within Oneida Nation boundaries.

TC has several natural gas transmission lines that run through the Nation's reservation. For this reason, they find it very important to provide a space for Oneida Nation, Brown, and Outagamie County employees to connect, discuss resources, and ensure that everyone knows what to do should one of these lines rupture due to a line strike.

This training was one of many focusing on the increased safety of the community members, by making sure there are plans in place should one of these incidents occur. In the future the Nation hopes to work with TC to set up a full-scale incident simulation, to

cement the skills and practices covered in these trainings, and make sure the communication systems to both report these incidents and for the different departments to effectively work together are in place and working. While the Nation does a lot of behind-the-scenes work collaborating with internal departments and external jurisdictions to ensure the safety of the community members, there is a role community members can play as well to make sure they don't accidentally hit any lines.

"The main takeaway from this activity, for the community, is to know the importance of calling 811 before you dig. Unfortunately, digging without a line location is the leading cause of pipeline incidents, which can be prevented and will help avoid emergencies like the kind we simulated," says Oneida's Emergency Management Director, Kaylynn Biely.



Above: TC Energy representative Sonya Beach with Oneida Emergency Management Directory Kaylynn Biely. Left, Kaylynn and Sonya in a group photo with the rest of the training exercise participants at the Oneida Employee Services facility.



1. **NOTIFY**-Call 811 2-3 days before you start
2. **WAIT**-Affected utilities will send a locator to mark their underground utility lines.
3. **CONFIRM**-Compare the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.
3. **RESPECT**-Respect the markers by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.
4. **DIG CAREFULLY**-If you can't avoid digging near the markers within 24 to 30 inches on all sides, consider moving your project.





## Improving Community Health Together

By Amanda Riesenberg, Oneida Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach

A dedicated team of Oneida employees and community members is actively working hard to enhance the health of the entire Oneida community through the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Launched in 2023, this five-year plan serves as a guiding framework for health initiatives across the Oneida Community.

In 2022, community health data was collected from the community and analyzed to better understand the unique needs, challenges, and priorities of our community. This information helped us identify key health priorities, guide decision making, develop targeted strategies, measure progress over time, and promote health equity.

The CHIP priority areas were developed through community feedback and partner collaboration, with the goal of creating positive and lasting changes in health. We recognize that health is influenced not only by daily choices but also by the environments where people live, work, age, and play. Using this understanding, the CHIP focuses on the community's top three priorities for improvement:

### Chronic Conditions Management and Prevention

Improved Access to Care

Strong Mental Health

As a part of the work within the Chronic Conditions Management and Prevention priority area, we aim to reduce the three most prevalent health conditions that affect our community:

Overweight and Obesity (Body Mass Index)

Diabetes (A1C)

Heart Disease Risk Factors  
(Blood Pressure and Cholesterol)

As an action step, over the next three months, we will spotlight each of these conditions by sharing data from the Oneida Community Health Center and provide resources and tips to help reduce these health issues.

Learn more by contacting  
Amanda Riesenberg at 920.490.3984 or  
email: [ariesenb@oneidanation.org](mailto:ariesenb@oneidanation.org)



Read the entire  
CHIP Plan







**Oneida Nation High School**

## THUNDERHAWK TIMES



### SECOND SEMESTER COURSES AHEAD

**By Thunderhawk Times Staff**

When you read this, the 2025-2026 School Year will be more than halfway done! Where does time go?

First Semester ended on Thursday, January 15 and Second Semester began Monday, January 19. For ONHS students, the change in class schedule can be a challenge to get used to, but also a chance to try something new.

1-credit required courses like American Literature, Modern World Lit, Algebra I, and Biology are usually a year-long and usually stay in the same time slot during the school day, but semester-long and elective courses often change. There are some very interesting classes offered second semester.

English offerings include Native Leaders/Basic Composition, The Great Law, Mythology, Mystical Beings, and the return of Journalism. In Social Studies there is Economic Episodes, Global Economy, and Ancient World History.

Math options include Statistics and College Tech Math. In Science, students can focus on Astronomy. For Technology, students can take Computer Science Discoveries. Language and Culture classes include Oneida Outdoors, Indigenous Film Study, and Earth Dances. Art electives include Fiber Arts/Textiles and Graphic Arts/Yearbook.

ONHS continues to acknowledge 23.5 credits total for graduation in early June at

the Oneida Hotel and 16+ credits for a Core Academic Diploma with graduation at the Turtle School in early July.

Students are also reminded that semester grades become part of your permanent record via your official school transcripts.

### SECOND SEMESTER COURSES AHEAD

**By Thunderhawk Times Staff**

In last month's Thunderhawk Times, we did an extensive article on the Information Technology Academy (ITA) precollege program.

ITA is a program providing "hands on technology coursework and personal wellness development that will support matriculation into higher education."

An informational meeting was held at ONHS Thursday, January 8. However, it's not too late! The deadline for applying is February 15. Contact SoHappy Davids at [sdavids@wisc.edu](mailto:sdavids@wisc.edu). More information can be found at <https://ita.it.wisc.edu>.

### FEBRUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Thur., Feb. 12: Parent/Teacher Conference (12:30pm dismissal)
- Fri., Feb. 13: Staff Trade-off Day – No School
- Wed., Feb. 18: Staff Development Day – No School
- Mon., Feb. 23: Mid-Quarter 3

### SEVEN NATION ARMY

**By Thunderhawk Times Staff**

As many as twenty ONHS students continue with weekly guitar lessons with local musician Chris Dame. Beginning early in the second semester, 4 students will begin learning the keyboard working with Texas-born musician Michael Rawls who will be moving to the Oneida area soon.

The common musical thread for all is a gigantic, collaborative effort around the White Stripes anthem, *Seven Nation Army* to be performed for the school sometime this spring. Guitars – both acoustic and electric, bass, keyboard, and drums will all be brought into the mix.

The song itself has an interesting back story tracing back to Jack White's mishearing

of *Salvation Army* as a kid. The song has grown into a global sports anthem.

Also in the offing is a field trip for ONHS musicians to Green Bay's MusicU: Studio to Stage where it will further connect with the area music scene.

### NATIONAL BOBBLEHEAD DAY

**By Thunderhawk Times Staff**

Look at some of the special holidays scattered across the year and you find some real doozies. January alone has Fruitcake Toss Day, Old Rock Day, Static Electricity Day, Nothing Day, Bagel and Lox Day, and Answer Your Cat's Questions Day.

January 7 was National Bobblehead Day and warranted a quick look at the bobblehead phenomenon. Like any good rabbit hole, once you jump in, you can go forever.

No way, for instance, that bobbleheads trace their origins back to the 17th Century and "Temple noddies," but once you climb in, that's the first thing you will find out. These were statutes of Buddha with springs that make the head bob. The late 1700s saw a growing popularity of bobbleheads in Europe.

Paper mâché, ceramic generic, and player specific bobbleheads trended in the 1960s. In sports, bobbleheads became especially popular with the first known bobbles being of Roberto Clemente, Micky Mantle, Roger Marris, and Willie Mays.

So, shake your head back and forth or side to side, even bobbleheads have a fascinating story and history.

**See photos online  
of Maya the Thunderhawk and  
the candy-making sessions!**



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



# ONHS Leads the Way in Northeast Wisconsin Trades Programming

By Stephenie Metoxen,  
Oneida Indian Preference Coordinator

This summer and fall marked an exciting milestone for workforce development in Northeast Wisconsin. Two programs, the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP) and the Building Industry Group Skilled Trades Employment Program (BIG STEP) brought both Summer Trades Academy and BIG STEP Builders to the region for the first time. Even more meaningful, Oneida Nation High School (ONHS) became the first school in Northeast Wisconsin to step into the Summer Trades Academy (STA) program and will be implementing BIG STEP's state certified entry level construction program in the curriculum, setting the pace for other schools across the area.

## STA: A First for Northeast Wisconsin

Students from ONHS participated in five full days of STA, which included visits to eight different union training halls. Throughout the week, students received a mix of classroom instruction, hands-on learning, and general information about careers in the building trades. Students explored multiple pathways, met industry professionals, and gained a realistic look at what training and careers in the skilled trades can offer.

## BIG STEP Builders at NWTC

Following STA, students were invited to participate in BIG STEP Builders, hosted at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC). This program included two days of classroom instruction and two days of hands-on projects, where students learned how to safely use power tools and other equipment—many for the first time. Students were also given the opportunity to earn an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10 certification, providing them with a nationally recognized safety credential.

## Strong Partnership Made It Possible

These programs would not have been nearly as successful without the strong support of the ONHS leadership and staff. Special thanks to Denis Gullickson, Wanda Anton, Sarah Wunderlich, and Artley Skeandore, whose assistance with transportation, helping students through the intake process, reminders, and ongoing encouragement ensured student success. Their involvement played a critical role in making these programs run smoothly.

Students were also able to interact multiple times with Dan Webster from Walbec Group, a strong advocate for the program and promoting the skilled trades as a career path. He spoke with the students about the trades and offered to meet one-on-one with them, two of which did, demonstrating the confidence and interest these programs help build.



## Continuing the Momentum

Due to the strong interest from students, Amy Arndt of WRTP | BIG STEP will be holding monthly information sessions at Oneida Nation High School to continue sharing opportunities and next steps in the trades with students and families.

In addition, WRTP | BIG STEP is currently in the planning stages with Stephanie Metoxen from the Oneida Nation Indian Preference Program to move forward with an adult level certified pre-apprenticeship program, expanding opportunities beyond high school and strengthening pathways for community members interested in careers in the trades.

## Looking Ahead

Students from Oneida Nation High School are already asking when the next programs will be offered. WRTP | BIG STEP looks forward to continuing this partnership with the Oneida Nation and building even more opportunities for youth and adults to access family-sustaining careers in the skilled trades.

## Student Spotlight

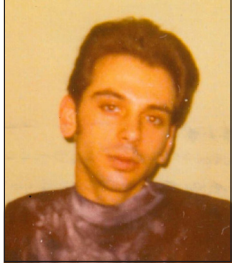
### Anneliese Brunette

WRTP | BIG STEP would like to recognize Anneliese Brunette for successfully completing all three programs! She completed STA, BIG STEP Builders, and earned her OSHA 10 Certification.

Anneliese showed up on time every day, stayed fully engaged, and set a strong example for her peers. She represents the dedication and work ethic that make these programs successful.





**MARK STEVEN MOREHOUSE****October 24, 1947-September 21, 2025**

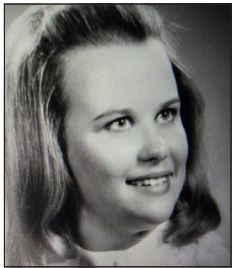
Mark Steven Morehouse, age 77, passed on to the Creator's world, on Sunday, September 21, 2025, with his wife, Christine, by his side. He was

born October 24, 1947, in Milwaukee, WI, where he lived his whole life. He was a proud member of the Oneida Nation (Turtle Clan).

Mark served in the United States Army, in communications, from 1967-1970 in both Korea and Germany. He returned to Milwaukee and worked many jobs in the steel industry. Mark worked for Maynard Steel, Falk, and Pelton Steel as a crane operator. Outside of work, he liked to clean, cook, and garden. He also enjoyed watching the Brewers and Packers. Mark loved dogs and had many of his own over the years.

Mark is survived by his beloved wife, Christine; his only daughter, Tara; his sister Beth (Bob) Avina, Stepson Tyler (Samantha) and Elana. He is further survived by his grandson's Marco and Nick, nephew Samuel Avina and his great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Kathleen Morehouse. As well as his brothers Mike D. Morehouse and Vincent F. Morehouse.

A memorial celebration was held on a warm sunny day.

**LINDA SUE SUMMERS****July 23, 1951-November 26, 2025**

Linda Sue Summers (Schwader), 74, of Green Bay, WI, passed away on November 26, 2025, unexpectedly, surrounded by her

loved ones. Linda was born July 23, 1951 in Suamico, WI, to Arthur and Margarite Schwader (Wolfram), she was in the foster care system and was raised by Leo and Noelle Meier.

Linda graduated from Southwest High School in 1969 and became a Nursing

Assistant. Linda and Benjmain Vieau were married for 10 years, and had their daughter, Makin (Vieau), then was married to Donald Summers for about 10 years. Linda met Miles Chandler, the love of her life, and married him in 2006 in Las Vegas until he passed away in 2014.

Linda worked as an Economic Support Specialist for Oneida for 46 years, retiring in 2024. Linda took pride in her work and especially with her nursing home clients. She also made many life-long friends while working for Oneida.

Linda loved collecting Native artwork, antiques, playing cribbage, thirty-one, visiting the casino, but most of all, spending time with her family, who meant everything to her. She loved her Cribbage Family that met in Vegas every year, playing Thirty-One with her friends Leah, Kim and Linda every Friday night, and playing cards most mornings at Some Place Else in Green Bay. Linda loved hard, caring for her family and friends deeply and was always there for anyone in a time of need. Known as 'Mom' and 'Grandma' to many more than just her children and grandchildren. A few special people to her heart were Colin Summers, Steven Patske, Carrie Laverdiere, and Kelsey Schaller who she loved as her own family. Linda had a fiery soul and always spoke her mind. She had a special place in her heart for her grandkids and great grandkids. She will never be forgotten. She made a mark on so many people's lives and will be dearly missed.

Remaining to cherish Linda's memory are her children William Vieau, Makin Diedrich (Brian); grandchildren, Amber Martens (Alan), Brandon Diedrich (Billy) and Brianna Diedrich; great-grandchildren, Jaxyn, Brynlee and Araya; brothers, Donald Schwader and Bill Schwader; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Miles Chandler; parents, Arthur, Margarite, Leo and Noelle; brothers, Jim, Rick, David, John, Joe Pete; sisters, Cindy and Betty.

A celebration of life will be held December 13, 2025, at 2pm at Four Way Bar & Restaurant in Suamico- anyone that knew and loved Linda is more than welcome to attend. Linda's family would like to extend a special thank you to the ICU staff at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay who cared for her in her final days and ensured she was comfortable and were so supportive for her family.

**BONITA LESCHIG****November 29, 1947-December 7, 2025**

It is with immensely saddened hearts that we share the passing of our dear mother, Bonita "Bonnie" Leschig.

Born in Oneida, Wisconsin to the

late Emil "Bud" and Florence Elm. Bonnie had a cherished childhood with many fond memories such as ice skating in her friend's backyard and delicious early morning breakfasts her grandmother would make for the family and gentlemen helping with the farm.

Bonnie had an adventurous spirit in her youth and moved to Milwaukee with her sister, Mona, where she met our father, her soulmate and love of her life, Ron. They united in marriage on June 23, 1972, and built a family with three daughters and one son. She lovingly devoted her life to her children and husband.

Bonnie was an amazing cook! Her potato salad was a must at family events. We yearn for her dishes already. She enjoyed beading and make beautiful earrings. Another pastime she enjoyed was watching movies and series.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Ronald Leschig Sr. Adored children Paulette Leschig, Dawn Leschig, Ronald (Shawnta) Leschig Jr, and Nicole (John) Treviño. Cherished grandchildren Norris "MoMo", Raven, Bowe, Naomi, John "JJ", Laila, Madison "Maddie", and Alani. Brothers Keith and Gary. Sisters Jenni, Sandi, and Debbie. Many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by parents Emil and Florence, and sisters Carol Ann and Mona.

Family and friends may gather at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere, WI 54115 on Thursday, December 18, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service with Pastor Laura Riemer at 2:30 p.m. The Oneida Hymn Singers will begin their song service at 2:00 p.m. Burial will take place at the Oneida United Methodist Church Cemetery.

"The day you left this Earth, our souls were torn apart. Memories are what remain, we cling to them deep within our heart. You're



at peace and the pain has stopped, a comfort to us all. The most saccharine line to Heaven, you, an Angel we will call" We love you so much DoDo and will miss you endlessly.

### DEWEY E. METOXEN

March 3, 1938-December 20, 2025



Dewey E. Metoxen, 87, passed away peacefully at The Good Shepard Home on Saturday, December 20, 2025. He was born in Green Bay, WI on March 03, 1938,

to the late Freeman and Hazel (Smith) Metoxen.

Family and friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. 10th St. De Pere, WI 54115, on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, for visitation starting at 9:00am until the time of service at 11am. The Oneida Hymn Singers will start their song service at 10:30. Following the service there will be military honors presented by the Oneida VFW.

### THERESA A. SANCHEZ-WEBSTER

August 12, 1958-December 29, 2025



Theresa Ann Sanchez-Webster, 67, passed away December 29, 2025 after a prolonged battle, surrounded by loved ones.

She was born

August 12, 1958, to the beloved, late Stewart and Lavinia (Doxtator) Webster.

Theresa worked for many years in the Accounting Department for the Oneida Nation, where she was respected for her dedication and commitment.

Theresa met Isaac Cornelius, and together they shared many years as devoted life companions.

Theresa was known for her outgoing personality and her enormous heart. She never met a stranger—only friends she had yet to know—and wherever she went, she left behind warmth, laughter, and connection. She had a deep and abiding love for the cats she raised throughout her life, caring for them with the same devotion she showed to everyone she loved.

Singing was another of Theresa's great passions, and her beautiful voice was a gift she freely shared. Music filled her life and the lives of those around her, reflecting her joy, kindness, and vibrant spirit. She will be remembered for her compassion, her love of music, and the genuine way she touched so many hearts.

She is survived by her companion in life Isaac Cornelius, daughter Olivia (Andrew Biehl) Webster, her siblings; Edward (Joanne) Webster, Joe Webster, Barbara Webster, David (Mary) Webster, Brenda (Mike) Ninham, Jackie Webster, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Gordy Webster, Ken Webster, Tom Webster, and Pat Webster.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 9:00AM Saturday, January 10, 2026. The Oneida Hymn Singers will sing at 10:30AM followed by a funeral service at 11:00AM. Burial will follow at Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.

Theresa, your incredible kindness, endless love, and the sunshine you shared with everyone around you will never be forgotten.

### SANDRA MORALES

July 4, 1944-January 2, 2026



Sandra Morales, age 81, of Milwaukee, WI, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2026, surrounded by her family. Born July 4, 1944, in Milwaukee,

WI and raised in Oneida, WI, Sandra was the daughter of Joseph Anthony Steffes and Florance E. (Elm) Steffes. Her life was rooted in family, love, kindness and values she carried with her every day.

Sandra devoted her life to raising six children: Kathy Steffes, Juan Morales, Cynthia Morales, Joanne Morales, Luis Morales, and Raymond Morales. Being a mother was her greatest joy and she poured love, strength and laughter into her family every day.

Sandra was known for her generous heart, readiness to help others, and her constant smile. She had a gift for bringing joy to those around her, always eager to make people laugh with jokes and a playful personality. Her favorite sayings: What's up, Doc?, See

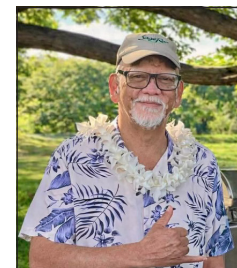
you later, alligator-after a while crocodile, and Taking care of business, became part of who she was and will forever echo in the memories of those who loved her. True to her joyful spirit, Sandra had deep love and was a true fan of Elvis Presley, whose music brought her happiness and comfort. Sandra is survived by her four children: Kathy Steffes, Juan Morales, Joanne Morales (Raul Balderas), and Raymond Morales; seven grandchildren, James Steffes, Christine Steffes, Timothy Steffes, Margarita Morales, Erika Balderas, Miguel Balderas, and Isabela Medina, and her eleven greatgrandchildren. She is also survived by siblings: Shirley Steffes, Doris Ann (Steffes) Roddy, Joseph Steffes, Yvonne DeCarlo (Steffes) Doxtator, Kathleen (Steffes) Garcia, and Robert Steffes as well as by many other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her children Cynthia Morales and Luis Morales; parents Joseph Anthony Steffes and Florance Steffes; and her siblings Mildred Margaret (Steffes) Varnes, Ruth Bernice (Steffes) Buffalo, Esther Marie (Steffes) Boucher-Roddy, Leo Joseph Steffes, Excilda (Steffes) Hutchinson, Cecelia (Steffes) Krawczyk, Delores Joan (Steffes) Lemon, Kenneth Joseph Steffes, and Herbert Steffes.

A Celebration of Life Celebration was held at Schaff Funeral Service Schaff Funeral Service, 5920 W. Lincoln Avenue, West Allis, WI on Wed., Jan. 14, 2026 Wednesday from 4-7pm, with services at 6pm. Sandra's love, laughter, and legacy will forever remain in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

### STERLING "BLA" MANU NUNIES

May 9, 1955-January 9, 2026



Sterling "Bla" Manu Nunies, 70, Oneida, Wisconsin - passed away surrounded by family on January 9, 2026. He was born in Honolulu, Hawai'i to Herman

and Dolores Nunies on May 9, 1955. He grew up in Kalihi on the island of Oahu. He graduated from Farrington High School

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Sterling Manu Nunies



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Sterling Manu Nunies

"Go Govs!" He joined the army and proudly served his country. He was a part of the 890th transportation company and served in Desert Storm. He also served in the 442nd Infantry "Go For Broke!" where he met the love of his life, Monica. They were married on July 24th, 1989.

He was employed by the Oneida Nation for over 20 years and was always on call driving all over the rez. He enjoyed many things throughout his life, golf, horseshoes, gambling, but most of all spending time with his grandkids.

He is survived by his loving wife Monica, his children Linda Marie (Tom), Mary Ann, Sunshine (Turtle), Sterling (Shonna), Ululani (Mike), Kanani (Bradley), his God son Talon (Kota), his grandchildren, Ashley, Jordun, Kayla Marie, Daniel Jr., Kevin Jr., Tyohun, Arthur, Ikaika Manu, Honu, Ruby, Violet, Kūpono, Kekoa, Brennan, Junior, Monica, Wehēla, Happy, Nohealani "Beá", Makana, his great-grandchildren, Eli, Giovanni, Gabriel, Carter, Kyrie, Kenzo, Angelo, and Sekani. His siblings Hanalei (Nell), Cecelia, Bernard (Ulu), Mana (Mona), Doreen (Kuni), Bonso, Miles (Jay). His brother & sister in-laws, Richard, Greg (Nancy), Bobbi (Dale), Ralph, Jamie, Joe and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Herman & Dolores Nunies, his father-and mother-in-law, Purcell and Angeline Powless, his nephew Steven "Alika" Nunies and his sister-in-law Kathy Gilsoul.

Friends may call on him on Wednesday January 14th, 2026, at the Muehl-Boettcher Funeral home in Seymour, WI. Visitation from 10am-12pm with services following at noon.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the St. Vincent's ICU team during this time. Aloha

## EUGENE S. KELLY, JR

June 18, 1977-January 13, 2026



Eugene S. Kelly, Jr., age 48, walked on unexpectedly on Monday, January 13, 2026, in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

A funeral service will be held at 11am

on Monday, January 19, 2026, at Felder/Ritchay Funeral Home in Nekoosa, Wis. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9am until the time of service. Burial will be held at Dexterville Cemetery.

Eugene was born on June 18, 1977, in El Paso County, Colorado, to the late Eugene Kelly Sr. and Rachel (Sickles) Johnson. He was a proud member of the Oneida Nation. Eugene was a beloved presence to all who knew him, known for his sense of humor, kind heart, and the joy he brought into every room. He loved playing video games on his phone, watching movies, and most of all spending time with family and friends. There was truly never a dull moment when Eugene was around; his laughter, stories, and energy made every gathering brighter. Eugene is survived by his children, Breanna Kelly, Cantrell Kelly, Natasha Fuller, Taquan Kelly, Devarius Kelly, Dy'onna Kelly, Devonis Taylor; sisters, Ivory Kelly, Sabrina Peyketewa Major, Miranda Young-Peyketewa, Autumn Kelly, Amber Kelly, Alexandria Kelly, Rosie Aaron; brothers, Kelly Williams, Peter Johnson, Paul Johnson and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; aunt, Kay Thompson and uncle, Tom Sickles.

Feldner/Ritchay Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:land_commission@oneidanation.org). Applications for probate have been filed as follows:

**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 Micolichuk
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 2/23/2026, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF Petitioner Menissa Rita Powless and Respondent Leo James Powless**

Ordered to appear Case No. 24FA272. IT IS ORDERED: Leo James Powless appear as follows:

1. Before: Family Court Commissioner Adrienne Olson Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner.
2. Location: ZOOM Final Divorce Hearing-Sauk County Courthouse 510 Broadway Street, Room 320, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913
3. Date: May 11, 2026, Time 1pm or as soon as the matter may be heard.

Failure by the party named above to appear may result in the court entering a judgment of divorce or legal separation on all issues in their absence.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE****THUR., FEB. 12, 2026 • 12:15PM**

Norbert Hill Center  
Business Committee Conference Room  
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**BUDGET AND FINANCES LAW AMENDMENTS**

The purpose of the Budget and Finances law is to set forth the requirements to be followed by the Oneida Business Committee and the Oneida fund units when preparing the budget to be presented to the General Tribal Council for approval, and to establish financial policies and procedures for the Nation.

**The Budget and Finances law amendments will:**

- Clarify the responsibilities of the Oneida Business Committee, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Managers, and Fund Units.
- Clarify steps of the budget adoption process—such as deadlines for budget guidelines, and proposed budget compilations.
- Address what information is required to be provided for in the Nation's budget.
- Eliminate provisions of the law regarding unexpended capital expenditure funds and capital improvement project funds.
- Add a threshold for when unbudgeted expenditures require approval by the Oneida Business Committee.
- Combine the Permanent Executive Contingency Fund Account and the Grant Reserve Fund Account into one Fund Account to be named the Financial Sovereignty Fund.
- And make other drafting changes to the law.

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed Budget and Finances law amendments in person at the Norbert Hill Center, or virtually through Microsoft Teams. If you wish to attend the public meeting through Microsoft Teams please contact [LOC@oneidanation.org](mailto:LOC@oneidanation.org).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

During the public comment period, anyone may submit written comments, questions or input. Comments may be submitted to the Oneida Nation Secretary's Office or the Legislative Reference Office in person, by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, or e-mail.

For more information on the proposed Budget and Finances law amendments please review the public meeting packet at [oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/publicmeetings](http://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/publicmeetings).

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL LAW AMENDMENTS**

The purpose of the Solid Waste Disposal law is to set forth the process by which the Oneida Nation will reduce, manage, and dispose of recyclable materials and solid waste within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation.

**The Solid Waste Disposal law amendments will:**

- Rename the law from "Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal" to "Solid Waste Disposal." [4 O.C. 405].
- Remove the separation of "recycling" and "solid waste" and instead redefine solid waste to include recyclable materials. [4 O.C. 3-1(v); 4 O.C. 405.6].
- Clarify in the definitions the following terms: "customers," "e-waste," "major appliances," "reservation," "service provider," and "sharps." [4 O.C. 405.1-1(a); (f); (p); (h); (p); (q); (s)].
- Clarify the management of solid waste within the Reservation will be governed by this law, the Nation's Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and applicable provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. [4 O.C. 405.4].
- Clarify the Division of Public Works ("DPW") and Environmental Land and Agriculture ("ELA") have the authority to administer certain provisions of this law, including informing the public of certain requirements, determining nuisances, procuring service providers, and making rules for the regulation and administration of this law. [4 O.C. 405.5].
- Clarify certain items need to be separated; ELA or the service provider may refuse pick up; and there will be a special collection of some items which will be scheduled annually and posted on the Nation's website. [4 O.C. 405.6-7]; [4 O.C. 405.7]; [4 O.C. 405.10].
- Clarify that deer carcasses and other large animal carcasses are not collectable and may be placed for curbside collection. [4 O.C. 405.7-1(j)].
- Clarify it is prohibited to burn solid waste, dump, throw, or leave solid waste in unauthorized areas, in any way that creates a nuisance, or in any way that violates the Sustainable Materials Management Plan, other provisions of the Solid Waste Disposal law, the Public Peace law, or any other law of the Nation. [4 O.C. 405.9].
- Various grammatical changes and other minor changes throughout the law.

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed Solid Waste Disposal law amendments in person at the Norbert Hill Center, or virtually through Microsoft Teams. If you wish to attend the public meeting through Microsoft Teams please contact [LOC@oneidanation.org](mailto:LOC@oneidanation.org).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES FRIDAY, THUR., FEB. 19, 2026**

During the public comment period, anyone may submit written comments, questions or input. Comments may be submitted to the Oneida Nation Secretary's Office or the Legislative Reference Office in person, by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, or e-mail.

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<b>Sakaogon Chippewa Community</b> Mole Lake Bank, Mole Lake, WI March 4-5, 2026	<b>Menominee Indian Tribe of WI</b> Kashena, WI June 3-4, 2026
<b>(Tentative) Ho-Chunk Nation of WI</b> Ho-Chunk Reservation September 2-3, 2026	<b>(Tentative) Lac Vieux Desert Band</b> Lake Superior Chippewa, Watersmeet, MI December 2-3, 2026



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Oneida Aging & Disability Services is offering a limited number of rides to these GLNAEA Meetings. Drop off and pick up only. First come first served. Call 920.869.6845 to schedule.





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This is a partnership between the Oneida Nation and UW Madison Stroke Team to help decrease Stroke and Stroke Risk Factors in Native Americans.

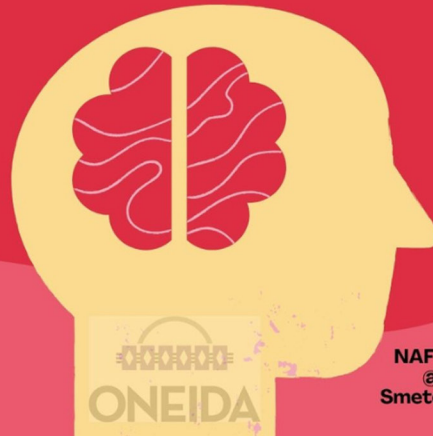
# Stroke Prevention

With Amanda Riesenber - Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach

Thursday March 12th, 2026

130pm-330pm

Stroke doesn't discriminate. Know the vital signs and get immediate treatment. Spread awareness and save lives.



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## Healthy Heart Kickstart

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>TH</sup> / 4-6pm**

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

**Free JMIO first aid kit to the first 100 participants.**

**2026 JMIO punch card- DOUBLE PUNCH MONTH**  
Attend at least 8 of the 11 events to be entered in the grand prize drawings at the end of the year.

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Oneida Tribal Dementia Care Specialist and Oneida Aging and Disability Presents...

## Book Club

**We will be reading...**

Mom's Gone Missing: When a Parent's Changing Life Upends Yours  
by Susan A Marshall

**Next Meetup**  
Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
10:30am-11:30am

Oneida Congregate Meal Site  
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## Saturday, May 30, 2026 Oneida Casino Hotel

(Red Lake, MN) The North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame (NAIAHF) announces its 2026 class of inductees, which features 62 individuals in athletes, coach, trainer, builder, and media categories and 21 Haudenosaunee and Haudenosaunee Nationals lacrosse teams to receive the honor for their athletic achievements and contributions to their respective sports.

Founded in 2022 by Dr. Dan Ninham (Oneida) and his wife Susan Ninham (Red Lake Ojibwe), the NAIAHF honors and recognizes the indigenous sport cultures of 27 countries of North America by recognizing outstanding leadership and achievement in individual and team athletics.

By honoring and celebrating the empowered journey of the annually inducted individuals and teams, the hope is their stories may inspire future generations to follow their dreams in athletics and life.

"The North American Indigenous Athletic Hall of Fame is honored to announce the 2026 inductees who are joining

an elite number of individuals and teams from across Turtle Island," said NAIAHF co-director Susan Ninham.

The NAIAHF will recognize the 2026 class as well as past inductees up to the inaugural 2023 class in a banquet to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, at the Oneida Casino Conference Center. The 2025 and 2024 NAIAHF Banquets were also held at the Oneida Casino Conference Center with an average of 55 inductees and 475 guests from the US and Canada attending.

Contact Dr. Dan by emailing  
[coach.danninham@gmail.com](mailto:coach.danninham@gmail.com)

Scan the QR code for the  
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## 2026 Holy Apostles Church Fish Fry



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# MID-WINTER SHOWDOWN CELEBRATION

Emcee Bradley Granquist (left) on the 1st Annual Mid-Winter Showdown that took place Saturday, January 3, 2026, at the Oneida Nation Elementary School, "We are here to dedicate and support our Ukwewu•wé people with culture events supporting physical, mental, and spiritual well-being."

The event featured social dancing, competitive Smoke Dancing, and numerous vendors. Everyone who attended left in high spirits, ready to continue into the new year.







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