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# From the Kali

## Shekóli Swakwe•kú.

In every edition of the Kalihwisaks, we work hard to highlight the positive impact of strong Indigenous representation and leadership.

These actions are empowering reflections of ourselves, teaches our youth empathy, kindness, and compassion for one another, and thus, it is a powerful tool for societal change.

Recently, Governor Tony Evers signed Act 222 into law. This act protects our students' rights to wear their traditional regalia during graduation ceremonies and school sponsored events.

Beyond the commencement ceremonies, however, it's still vitally important to represent in everyday actions like clothing, jewelry, or even stickers on a water bottle. Doing so connects and inspires us all. Therefore, the ability to freely and openly show this connection to

our culture and communities shows us that no matter where we go in life, we'll have people inspiring and urging us forward.

These beliefs and concepts are personified in the article, *Commencing with Indigenous Pride* on page 16 and the photo collage on page 24 of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk.

Enjoy reading the June 2026 edition and keep representing!



Yawλ?kó.

*Yewelahwi•se C.*

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L to R: Senator Tammy Baldwin visited with with the owners of Skenandore Farm, LLC and Oneida Creek Equestrian, Isaiah and Kelsey Skenandore, on Friday, May 15, 2026 to hear how the Trump Administration's war of choice in Iran is impacting the farming industry.

Per Senator Baldwin's team, One-third of the world's fertilizer passes through the Strait of Hormuz, and since the attacks on the shipping lane, prices have gone up 25%. Diesel prices have also jumped 75% in the last three months, dramatically increasing farmers' costs to operate their machinery. Senator Baldwin has repeatedly forced votes in the Senate to end Trump's war in Iran that is hurting Wisconsin farmers, families, and service members.



# KIRBY METOXEN

Oneida Nation Councilman



As I look back on my family's journey in service to the Oneida Nation, I want to share a special piece of history that has guided me throughout my own time on the Oneida Business Committee. This article was written by my father, Russell Metoxen, as his final message to the Oneida people when he completed his term on Council. My father's words reflect the heart and steady commitment that shaped his leadership and my understanding of what it means to serve our Nation. I share his column today to honor his legacy and to recognize the intergenerational journey we have traveled together as Oneida members and as Oneida councilmen.

As my term comes to an end, I extend my deepest gratitude to my family, whose steady support has helped me serve our Nation with clarity and purpose.

I especially want to acknowledge my children, Elijah, Mercy, Schuyler, and grandchildren, who remind me that our future depends on staying connected to who we are as Oneida people. They show me that our community thrives when each generation chooses to contribute and nurture what was handed down to us. I also want to thank everyone who has supported my work over the years. Your guidance and encouragement have strengthened my leadership, and I am honored to have served alongside you.

*Thank you and God Bless,  
Kirby Metoxen  
Retiring Councilman*

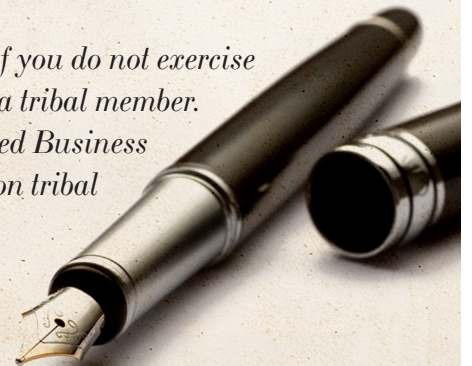
*I would like to sincerely say it has been a pleasure to serve the Oneida people and by far it has been one of the most challenging things I have ever done in my life. Perhaps I have not always made the right decisions on the council, but I can say with a clear conscience I have always done my best.*

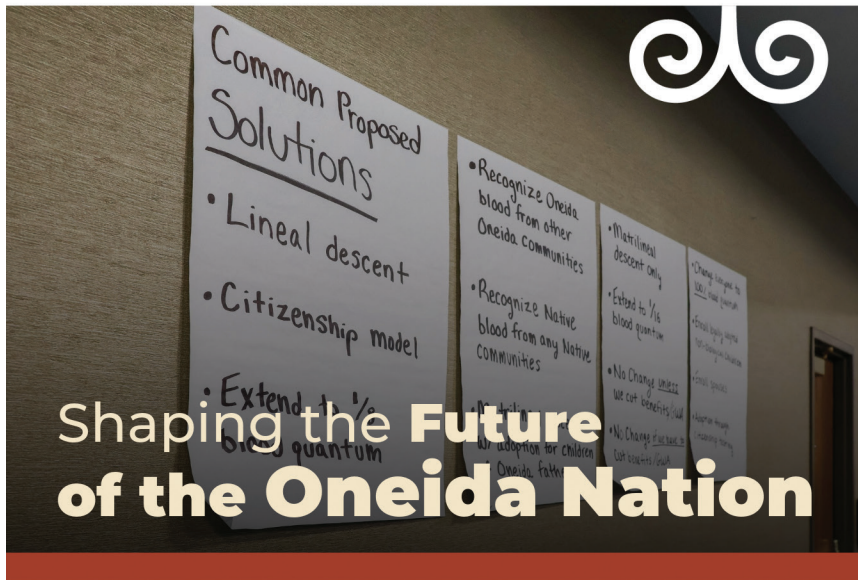
*I encourage every tribal member who is enrolled to take an interest in our tribal affairs and if you are able to run for any elected office, take advantage of the situation now. We have more elected positions within the tribe where everyone can have an opportunity to participate in elder affairs, education, gaming, judiciary, trust, and other boards and committees. There is so much growth in this tribe and it has been because of the involvement of all our Oneida people who are willing to stand up and take a position as decision makers and leaders.*

*The most difficult part of serving on the Business Committee has been making decisions every day that you know will have an effect on people and we cannot please everyone all of the time, in fact it seems there is always someone who is offended by the Business Committee decisions, but I have always tried to look at how decisions affect the tribe overall and not just a few individuals.*

*With the elections just a week away, I hope everyone goes to the polls to vote, if you do not exercise your right to vote, you are wasting one of the most important rights you have as a tribal member. After the elections I hope each of you will do your best to support the newly elected Business Committee no matter who they are, give them a chance, and keep a watchful eye on tribal business as a responsible member of the General Tribal Council.*

*Thank you and God Bless,  
Russell Metoxen  
Retiring Councilman*



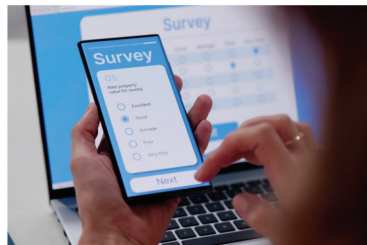


## Shaping the Future of the Oneida Nation

The I Am Oneida Project is a community-driven initiative supporting dialogue on enrollment, identity, and the future of the Oneida Nation.

### Community Engagement

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



### Your Voice Matters

While Round 2 Community Input Sessions have concluded, there are still important opportunities for you to share your perspective.

**A community survey is now available**, and Oneida Nation Members, Descendants, and community members are encouraged to participate.

Your feedback will help shape the next steps in this work!



### I Am Oneida Project – GTC Meeting

We invite you to join us at the General Tribal Council meeting on **Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6 PM** at the Oneida Casino Hotel. During this meeting, we will share a project update and host an additional Community Input Session. *This meeting is non-stipend.*



## Onlayote'aká ni?i Project

### Phase 2 Survey

*As part of this phase, we are asking:*

1. How should we **define being Oneida?**
2. What are possible **alternatives to the current enrollment criteria?**
3. What thoughts, **foresights, or observations do you have about impacts to our community, families, governance, and resources?**
4. With those insights, **what could you support?**

**Take the Phase 2 Survey now!**



*Complete the I Am Oneida Project Phase 2 Survey by July 15, 2026*



# 2026 Oneida Pow Wow Walk | Run

**Proud Sponsors:**



**ONEIDA**  
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Special Diabetes Program for Indians

Just Move It Oneida (JMIO) is a community wellness campaign encouraging Oneida Community members of all ages to stay active through free monthly physical activity events.

Participants must register once per calendar year to attend JMIO events. Registration is available in person on the day of the event. Each registered participant will receive one free 2026 JMIO t-shirt, while supplies last.

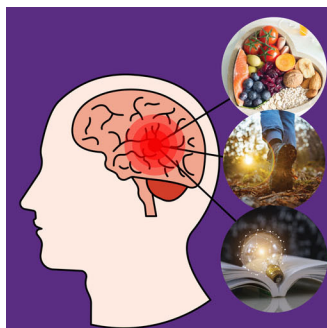
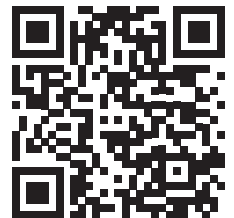
The event includes a 1–3 mile walk or run on a maintained pea gravel trail and will begin with an opening prayer at 8am. Participants should dress for the weather. No pets allowed.

While supplies last, participants will receive a JMIO workout towel, as well as snacks, and water.

**Pow Wow JMIO Walk/Run**  
**Saturday, June 27th • 8–10am**  
 Farmers Market location @ Duck Creek Trail  
 (N7284 County Rd J, Oneida, WI 54155)

**SPECIAL JMIO POW WOW T-SHIRT DEADLINE**

Special event t-shirt registration is closed. If you registered for a special pow wow walk/run t-shirt, pickup will be available at the event only.



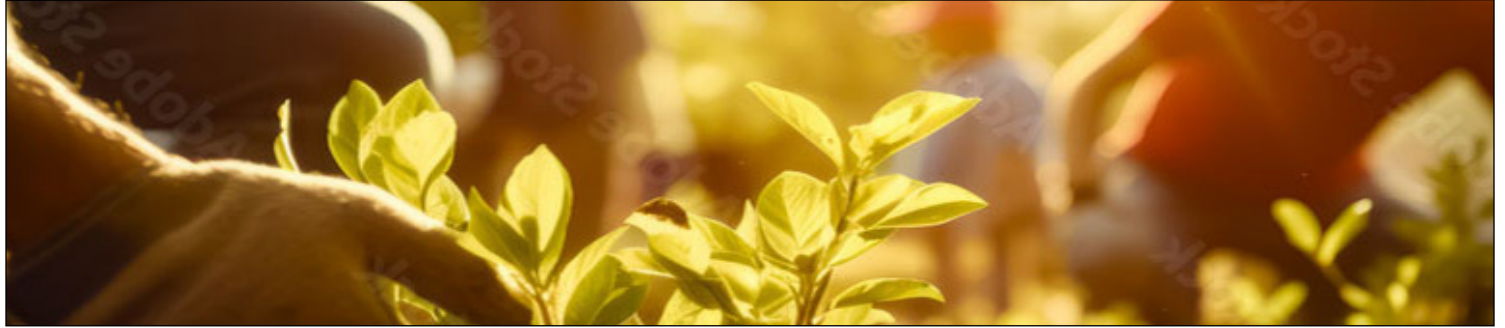
Bring the whole family and join us Wed., July 22 from 5-6:30pm for an interactive evening of food, movement, and education focusing on building:  
**Strong Hearts • Strong Generations • Strong Community**

Hosted by Health Promotions Disease Prevention, Nutrition Services, and the UW-Madison Stroke Team.

# Nourishing the Nation

## Oneida's Path Toward Food Sovereignty

By Gavriella Van Boxel



Understanding and honoring our food relatives has always been an essential part of who we are as Oneida people. Funded through a partnership with the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, *Mending the Disconnect with Food: An Oneida Food Sovereignty Initiative* is a five-year community grant focused on restoring food sovereignty as a foundational component of health, wellness, and community resilience.

In 2024, the program conducted a survey that received more than 200 responses. The survey identified barriers to growing and preparing healthy food, including lack of land, resources, time, gardening knowledge, and access to practical food education.

In response to these findings, Program Manager, Belinda McLester, and Arlie Doxtator Jr., Community Outreach Coordinator, expanded the program's reach and impact through education focused on food sovereignty initiatives and practical skill-building opportunities designed to reconnect families to food, culture, health, and the land. Many of the education efforts include hand-on activities through workshops, cultural food programming, preservation classes, youth engagement opportunities, and community partnerships.

In 2025 alone, the program held 56 events, including raising and butchering chickens, deer butchering workshops, *Food is Medicine* education, youth and school partnerships, and annual rice harvest on the Oneida Reservation. Again, *Mending the Disconnect with Food* is about helping the community reconnect, one family at a time, to the foundational food practices that have been lost and return to traditional and nourishing foods, and even the historically commonplace practice of gathering at the dinner table. At the heart of all these efforts, however, is the program's community garden program.

Gardening coach, Melody Linsmeyer provides participants comprehensive, hands-on gardening education from seed saving to harvest, and other

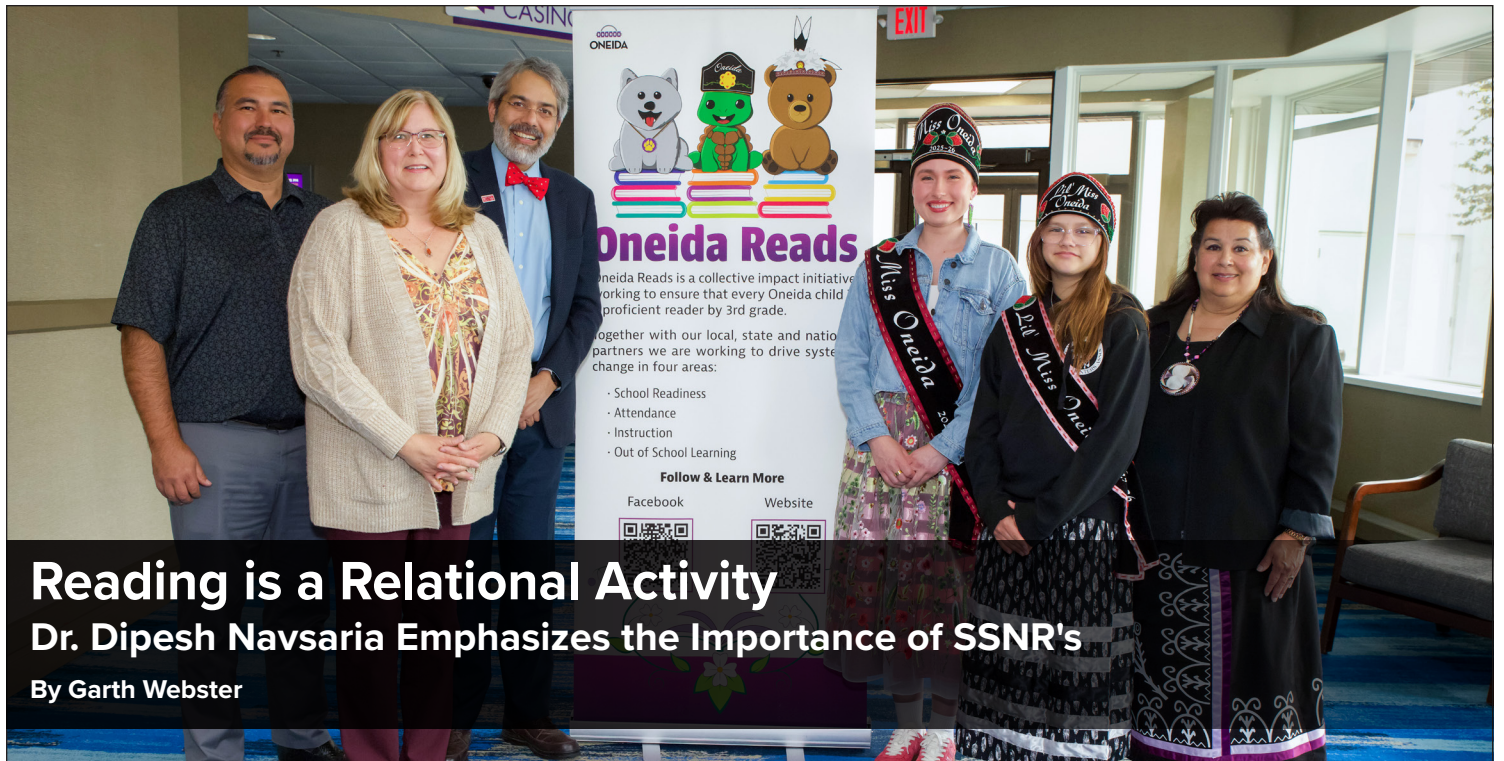
foundational growing skills. The program also provides families with the opportunities to raise chickens at the garden in exchange for eggs. Currently, nine families are actively working together to sustain their families into the winter months. Building on these efforts, the program is also expanding culinary and nutrition education through a series called *Eat to Live*. This series explores the history of the Indigenous diet, the role of food as medicine, and the importance of whole, living foods while increasing awareness of the health impacts associated with modern/ultra-processed foods and the associated chronic health conditions adversely impacting Native communities today.

Although the grant that funds this program ends in December 2026, the need for this work will not end there. The hope is that continued partnerships and future funding opportunities will allow this work to continue growing and reaching more families for years to come.

Oneida was once a thriving farming community, deeply connected to the land and capable of feeding its own people. While there is still work to do, this program is helping rebuild that foundation by equipping community members with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to begin producing and preparing their own food again.

"This work takes commitment, patience, and a willingness to get your hands dirty, but helping families rebuild the skills and confidence to grow and prepare their own food is some of the most meaningful and worthwhile work we can do for future generations," says Mending the Disconnect Program Manager Belinda McLester





## Reading is a Relational Activity

### Dr. Dipesh Navsaria Emphasizes the Importance of SSNR's

By Garth Webster

(L to R): Chairman Tehassi Hill, Dr. Karen Lane, Medical Director at Oneida Comprehensive Health, featured presenter Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, Miss Oneida Mia Charnon, Lil' Miss Oneida Marley Fontaine, and Councilwoman Jennifer Webster, community champion for the Oneida Reads initiative.

The Oneida Reads program held a Family Night event Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the Oneida Hotel that featured Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, a pediatrician, early literacy advocate, and champion for healthy child development.

During the presentation, Dr. Navsaria gave plenty encouraging words to parents and caregivers. Perhaps most notable was that it's clear that all parents love their kids.

In his first slide, it states, "Child development is a foundation for community and economic development, as capable children become the foundation of a prosperous and sustainable society." Shortly after, Dr. Navsaria emphasized this point by citing a quote by abolitionist and orator, Frederick Douglass, which states, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

The statistics Dr. Navsaria shared contrasting children with proper reading and learning opportunities versus those with numerous risk factors influencing their development was alarming. Without going into too much detail, the important takeaway is that these interactive influences of both the child's heredity and their experiences literally shape the architecture of the developing brain, which led to perhaps the key ingredient to the success or failure of the child.

"The serve and return, this back and forth interaction that young children should have with loving, caring adults in their life. This is the only thing that drives development

forward in kids under age three," says Dr. Navsaria. He continues by explaining that with any learning tool, whether a book, a computer app, etc., the key component is the responsible adult(s) in children's lives.

Dr. Navsaria refers to these individuals as Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships (SSNR's), to which he jokingly says, "There is no app to replace your life."

When SSNR's provide relational reading to children, meaning they verbally, physically, and spiritually interact with them, books are, metaphorically speaking, simply a conduit for the love and energy they are providing to the child. By supporting nurturing relationships and reducing external sources of bad and/or toxic stress, the odds of children developing core life skills that continuously gain in strength over time dramatically increases.

Dr. Navsaria explained that when healthcare, early childhood education, home visiting, social, and other factors intersect, you achieve consilience, the "jumping together" of knowledge, where evidence from independent, unrelated sources converges to form a strong, unified conclusion.

Learn more about Dr. Navsaria and his regional and national work with the Reach Out and Read Program



## A Decade of Advocacy

### Native Breastfeeding Coalition 10th Anniversary

By Yewe Cornelius



On Tuesday, April 28, 2026, the Native Breastfeeding Coalition of WI (NBCW) celebrated their 10th anniversary at the Oneida Nation Employee Services building. NBCW was founded by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council in 2016. Many Wisconsin tribes, including Oneida, joined NBCW and began working toward a goal which to reclaim breastfeeding as one of our first sacred foods.

NBCW has spent the last 10 years working towards this goal by gathering Native American specific breastfeeding data, educating people, and promoting breastfeeding within Tribal communities. As part of these efforts, NBCW supports all WI Tribal communities by providing resources such as toolkits for events and promotional items to share with participants.

The Oneida Maternal Child Health Staff consists of Prenatal Coordinator Candi Cornelius and Maternal Child Health worker Makenit Gutierrez. The first step taken to increase breastfeeding awareness and support was to talk with parents, local home visitation programs (Early Headstart, FACE and Early Intervention) for advice on what was needed for parents within the community. This helped identify the need to improve and create lactation spaces at work for Oneida staff and to start offering breastfeeding classes.

Currently, the Oneida Maternal Child Health Services offers not only support and education around having a

healthy pregnancy but also lactation support. Additionally, in 2023, they were able to offer Indigenous Doula services.

Looking forward, Cornelius and Gutierrez hope to keep working with the Native Breastfeeding Coalition of WI, further the mission to reclaim our first sacred food, and to expand Oneida community breastfeeding classes.

"This has been rewarding and healing work, not just for the team at Maternal Child Health Services, but for the women in the community we've assisted, and for the women the coalition has helped in Tribes throughout Wisconsin," says Cornelius.



Breastfeeding Coalition of WI Program Director, Cheri Neme embraces Candi Cornelius after receiving a gift for ten years of dedication.



## Hill Fix It, LLC Seeks to Change your Home's Energy

### Elevating Everyday Living Spaces

By Yewe Cornelius



Learn more by reading  
Hill Fix It, LLC's  
Capabilities Statement

Before 2018, Latsi Hill was working for Oneida's Cultural Heritage Department, a responsibility he thoroughly enjoyed which enabled him to support both his culture and family. Like so many others, however, the ensuing pandemic caused a lot of uncertainty for Latsi and his wife, Landis.

After being downsized from Oneida Cultural Heritage, Latsi knew it was time to take his destiny into his own hands, launching his career and family down a new path.

After several other business ventures, Latsi and Landis observed numerous local handyman businesses and knew there was a great deal of opportunity for them to break into this business sector. With this notion, Hill Fix It, LLC was born, and since 2021, they've been charging ahead as a family-run business rooted in accountability, culture, and community.

Using skills he learned through his automotive degree from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, working construction, and automotive jobs, Latsi started offering his help around his community, fixing what he could wherever possible. With Landis by his side assisting on jobs and overseeing the administrative work, Hill Fix It, LLC quickly began to grow in size, services provided, and perhaps most importantly, their qualifications to perform these services.

Latsi acquired his Dwelling Contractor License, making Hill Fix It, LLC an Indigenous owned, licensed and, insured business focusing on full-home remodeling. To enhance their capabilities, Landis has been furthering her education at Fox Valley Technical College working towards an Interior Design degree, which she'll receive this December 2026.

Drawing on backgrounds in construction and administrative work, and a growing knowledge in design, the couple continues to build their business around a simple promise: show up, do the job right, and stand by their work.

When you boil it down, says Latsi and Landis, "Remodeling isn't just about fixing walls or updating spaces, it's about changing the energy of a home."

When asked what advice they'd give to new business start-ups, Latsi says, "Go all in and take that leap of faith."

He adds that learning to adapt quickly is a necessity because priorities will change throughout the day. He also emphasized that caring for your mental, spiritual, and physical health is vital because running a business will present different challenges and tests. This three-phased approach, coupled with holding firm to their values of hard work and resiliency during challenging times has enabled Landis and Latsi to be successful.

"You can get bitter, or you can get better. Those are the only two choices you have in life. It's hard work," says Latsi, adding that this approach also continues at home.

They work to instill these values in their kids, whether through sports, helping with tasks at different job sites, and encouraging them to prioritize to be the best-possible versions of themselves.

Additionally, Landis discussed the discipline it takes to be a business owner.

"When running a business, you no longer have a corporate job with set hours," says Landis. "It's demanding work that requires you to show up rain or shine, no matter how you feel."

Landis adds her mantra they use to sustain their performance, "[We] get the help [we] need, because we need the best version of [ourselves] to show up at the end of the day." It's a challenge they face each day but also realize, it takes a team to do so.

Hill Fix It, LLC has added recent hires, including a Project Manager. This employee expansion is part of their growth mindset to expand into commercial renovations and compete with other big name commercial renovation businesses. As part of that goal, they also continue networking and sub-contracting with other Indigenous businesses such as master electricians, plumbers, and HVAC technicians.

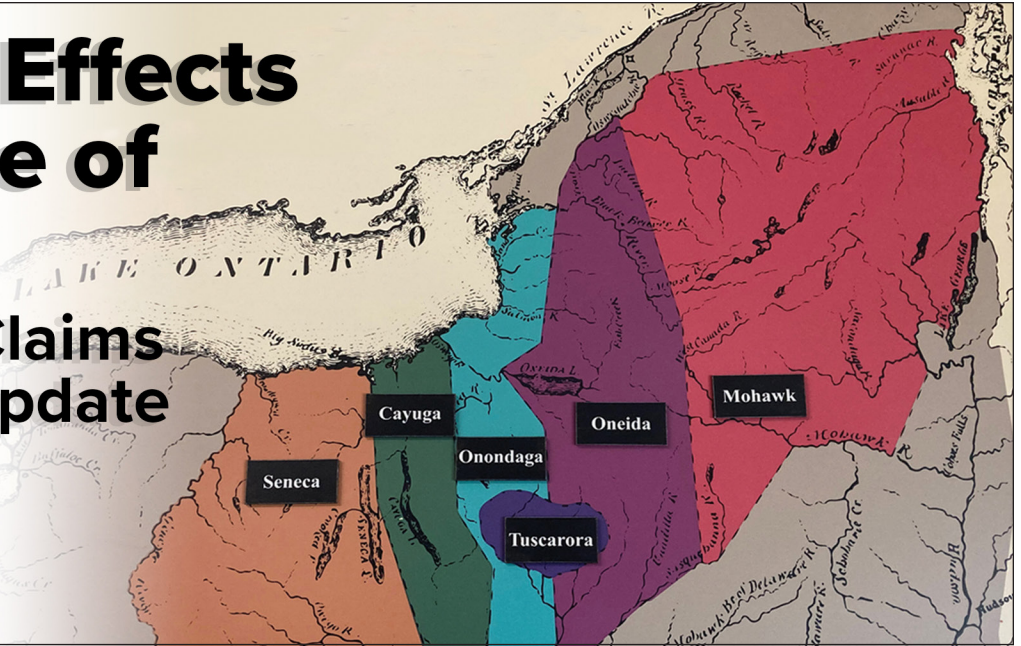
When all is said and done, Landis and Latsi aren't just business owners, they're visionaries who happen to be great role models and parents. It's clear they're doing great work for their community, and they are excited to see how far they can go.

“Remodeling isn't just about fixing walls or updating spaces, it's about changing the energy of a home.”

Latsi Hill

# Historical Effects of Doctrine of Discovery

## Oneida Land Claims Commission Update



What is the Doctrine of Discovery?

This doctrine is a belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a church, political party, or other group. It is also referred to as the “Doctrine of Christian Discovery.” It was a law created and used by the church in the 15th century for world domination. Based on the papal bull decree of Pope Alexander VI, this law led European nations to believe they had the right to take control of lands and resources belonging to non-Christian peoples. It is said to have brought devastation to the natural world while impairing humanities’ ability to live in their proper relationship with mother earth.

A papal bull is an authoritative document issued by the pope, often used as a guide for the church and Christian nations to create legislative acts, make administrative decisions, and guides faith, morals, and disciplines. Anyone who was not Christian was considered inferior and unworthy of land ownership, making the Americas and its resources free to claim from the “savages and heathens.” These Christian laws and policies continued to subdue, oppress, and control indigenous peoples and their land.

The following is an example how the doctrine has impacted our Nation’s land rights and sovereignty: In 1823, a Native Nation sold some land to Thomas Johnson, and the U.S. sold that same land to William McIntosh, Chief

Justice John Marshall in *Johnson v. McIntosh*, utilized the Doctrine of Discovery in a supreme court decision which said the Indians did not have any exclusive right to the land nor could they sell it.

Marshall states, “On the discovery of this immense continent the great nations of Europe were eager to appropriate to themselves so much of it as they could acquire; its vast extent offered an ample field to the ambition and enterprise of all, and the character and religion of its inhabitants afforded an apology for considering them as a people over whom the superior genius of Europe might claim at ascendancy.” Ascendancy means governing power and domination. (Webster’s dictionary)

On March 30, 2023, the Vatican released a statement formally repudiating the concepts of the doctrine of discovery which failed “to recognize the inherent human rights of Indigenous peoples.” (NPR, 2023) Currently, the US Supreme Court and the federal government have yet to follow the church’s lead in repudiating this law.

We hope you enjoyed this article. Yes, the Nation still holds a land claim and is pursuing the return of its land, whether through direct purchase, the courts, or by congressional fix. This important work is a necessity. This article is first of many more to come.



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## Oneida Land Claims Commission Book Club

Tuesday, June 9 & 23 • 5pm

Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria • N7210 Seminary Rd., Oneida, WI 54155

Discuss history, rights, treaties, and Oneida Land Claims.

Food & light refreshments • Books provided (pick up at NHC Office)

# Twahwahtsílaya

## All of us are Family

Submitted by Alebra Metoxen, Oneida Family Services



Oneida Family Services connected with the community throughout the month of April 2026 to highlight, celebrate, and strengthen families.

The month was started with a tobacco burning to give thanks to all of creation, especially to the children in our community, and was capped off by the Family Strengthening Celebration Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at the Oneida Nation Elementary School.

We stood in solidarity every Wednesday by wearing blue to bring awareness to child abuse and neglect prevention.

Families participated in daily activities as a way to promote connection, culture, and community.

269 community members enjoyed the Family Strengthening Celebration, including grandparents, parents, aunts/uncles, and children of all ages to learn about Oneida resources, eat some delicious food, and have fun in the bouncy house. In addition to all the Tribal program attendees, there were also Oneida Business Committee mem-

bers who attended!

As we look back on Family Strengthening month, we would like to re-emphasize the importance of caring for and protecting our children.

Children are our most valuable asset, yet the most vulnerable, of our Nation. How we care for them is how they will care for their future children. This is how we ensure the continuation of the next seven generations. Their safety and wellbeing are of the utmost importance, and it is our responsibility to uphold that.

Our traditional way of life was built on the value of kinship which means that we took care of one another. All children were seen, nurtured, and safe from harm.

Let's keep our value of kinship going for the next seven generations. If you are worried about any child in our community, or suspect child abuse or neglect may be occurring, do the right thing and report it.

Yawa?kó for celebrating strong Oneida families!

**In 2025 there were 465 Oneida children who were provided with safety services. If you are worried about any child in our community, or suspect child abuse / neglect may be occurring, do the right thing and report it.**

**Oneida ICW: 920.490.3700 • Brown Cty CPS: 920.448.6035  
Outagamie Cty CPS: 920.832.5161 • Oneida Police Dept.: 920.869.2239  
Imminent Danger or Emergencies: 911**

Oneida Family Services offers Parenting Programs, Kinship/Foster Care, Indian Child Welfare, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs, and Prevention Programs to Oneida families. Browse our webpage for details at [Oneida-nsn.gov](http://Oneida-nsn.gov).



# 58th Annual Oneida Royalty Pageant

Oneida Hotel  
Grand Council Ballroom  
Tuesday, June 16 • 6pm

Each contestant will present an Oneida traditional skill or talent as well as answer on-stage questions.

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**Yawn?kó**  
(Yaw-wah-Go – Thank You Very Much)

**O·nó ki?wah**  
(Nu-Gee-Wah – Farewell)



Miss Oneida, Jr. Miss Oneida  
and Lil' Miss Oneida  
Farewell Letters





*Jamison Quiver*

**Class of 2026 – Oneida Nation High School**

**Trine University**

**Playing Lacrosse and major is currently undecided**



*Destiny Webster*

**Class of 2026 – Notre Dame Academy**

**Grand Valley State University**

**Playing Basketball and majoring in Biology and Pre-Med**

## 2026 Healthy Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) Education Series

A free quarterly support and education series about brain health and living with MCI

**Navigating Alzheimer's Biomarker Testing and Results**  
**Friday, June 12 • 9:30-11:30am**



This session will explore Alzheimer's biomarker testing, including its benefits and risks, how results guide medical care and planning, and how early diagnosis can expand treatment options and support quality of life. The program will end with a Q&A session. Free and open to all.

**Guest Presenter:** Annalise Rahman-Filipiak, PhD

**Held at:** Oneida Nation Community Resource Center  
 2635 Packerland Dr,  
 Green Bay, WI 54313

Register to attend in person in Oneida Nation by contacting the long term care program at 920.869.4995



About the Series: Healthy Living with MCI offers attendees guidance and science-backed strategies for living and coping with memory and thinking changes.

Join Nathaniel Chin, MD, and Jennifer McAllister, BA, from the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center to learn more about MCI

**Questions?**

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# Oneida Nation High School

## THUNDERHAWK TIMES



### ONEIDA NATION GOLF SEASON

By Mason Laster

The Oneida Nation High school golf team members entered the 2026 Season looking to kickstart its way into competition and dominate any 9 or 18-hole course that stands in front of them. Practice began on April 6, and the first match was April 21 at Sheboygan's Whistling Straits. Golf regionals are May 26-27, sectionals are June 2-3, and State Championships are June 8-9 at University Ridge Golf course in Madison, Wisconsin.

The 2026 golf team includes: Cayuga Skenandore, Mason Laster, Dayton Denny, Roland Madrid, Wesay Metoxen, Markane Ellis, Clay Young, and Rocky Rodriguez. Coaches are Tek Skenandore and Jamison King.

The team had several newcomers and first-time golfers this year making for an interesting season and Coach King weighed in on the team as the month of May began and the end of the season was approaching. "Freshman Roland Madrid is a first-time golfer and has been the most dedicated this year," said Coach King. "We hope he continues to make strides and improve throughout the year."

"Wesay Metoxen, Markane Ellis, and Clay Young showing some great promise as freshman and taking on golf as dual sport athletes," continued Coach King. "All of these freshmen went out April 26th for their first-round practice or match in their lives at Whistling Straits. They all battled throughout the day and finished 18 holes on one of the most pristine courses in the country."

"Recently, Junior Mason Laster made his return from injury," King stated, "shooting a 96 at Little River in Peshtigo on cold blustery even snowy day on Friday, May 1." King continues. "Senior Cayuga Skenadore has also been one of the golfers to have

made an appearance at every match so far this year. In his second-year golfing, he's looking to make improvements throughout the season beginning to end."

Go Oneida Nation Golf Team!

### ONHS ART CLUB FORMING

By Sadie Kurowski

Welcome to The ONHS Art Club.

"What is it?" you may be wondering. The ONHS art club is a vibrant, bold, surreal summer activity that involves everything to do with art. Recently a small group of ONHS students and a few staff members gathered to form an art club for the summer. Our goal as an art club is to get enough students involved to help make murals at the Turtle School and the Oneida Health Center, as well as to make more fun and interesting projects together. Our club encourages the students of ONHS to get involved with the Oneida community, and we hope that joining this club will help students feel inspired, accomplished, and motivated.

We encourage all high schoolers to join the ONHS art club. We are looking for artists of all levels, even if you haven't touched a paint brush since 4th grade. We focus on connecting with others and working together as a club to help incorporate our culture into our art and help get the younger community involved.

If you are interested in joining or want more information anyone is invited to come have lunch together in the library on Fridays or on Wednesday where we have after school meet ups from 3:10pm to 4:30pm. Any student is welcome to come to these meetings to work together and help discuss projects for the club.

Staff members Kirsten Van Dyke, Johnny Danforth, and Cindy Thomas is also available to help with any question involving the art club as well as students Sadie, Samara, and Harmony. We are eager

and hopeful that more students will join the ONHS art club and help make beautiful murals for our community.

### ONHS SPRING SEMESTER PHOTOS



Above: ONHS freshman, Charish King recently created this incredible paper mache bullhead.

Below: Spring brings changing weather to the areas around Oneida's Norbert Hill Center. It's always a busy, but productive time of year as staff and students get outside to tap the trees and interact with the natural world. Photos by Oneida Language and Culture Teacher, Jamison King.



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Thanks for reading, see you in September!

# Commencing with Indigenous Pride

## Tribal Regalia at Graduation Ceremonies Now Protected Under WI Law

Submitted by Oneida Communications Dept.



Governor Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 98 / Senate Bill 85, legislation ensuring that Native students may proudly wear traditional Tribal regalia at graduation ceremonies and other school sponsored events. The bill is now 2025 Wisconsin Act 222.

2025 Wisconsin Act 222 prevents a public or charter school from prohibiting a student who is:

- a Tribal member,
  - a descendant of a Tribal member, or
  - eligible for Tribal membership,
- from wearing traditional Tribal regalia at a graduation ceremony or school sponsored event.

This new law affirms the importance of cultural identity, respect, and inclusion for American Indian students across Wisconsin, recognizing graduation ceremonies as milestones where students and families should be able to honor their heritage without fear of exclusion or misunderstanding.

The need for this legislation is well documented. The Oneida Nation has received one to two calls every year from students and their families seeking guidance and advocacy in hopes of allowing students to wear their Tribal regalia during high school graduation ceremonies. These recurring requests underscored the importance of clear, statewide protections to ensure consistency and fairness for Native students.

The legislation originated within the Tribal Caucus, where representatives from each Tribal Nation in Wisconsin identified the need for clear, statewide protections to ensure Native students could wear traditional Tribal regalia at graduation ceremonies and school sponsored events. The Tribal Caucus, charged with elevating Tribal concerns that can be addressed through state statute, developed the proposal based on recurring issues raised by students and families

across Tribal communities.

Following its development within the Tribal Caucus, the proposal was advanced to the Special Committee on State–Tribal Relations, where it received further review and consideration as part of the committee’s role in strengthening government to government relationships between the State of Wisconsin and Tribal Nations. The committee’s work helped move the legislation forward through the legislative process.

Oneida Tribal Secretary Lisa Liggins serves in a dual role as a member of both the Tribal Caucus and the Special Committee on State–Tribal Relations, providing continuity and collaboration throughout the bill’s development. Her involvement in both bodies reflects the coordinated approach taken to advance Tribal driven policy solutions and ensure Tribal voices were represented at every stage of the process.

The Oneida Nation extends our appreciation to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Superintendent for sending letters of encouragement to public school districts across the state supporting students’ ability to wear their Tribal regalia.

Finally, sincere thanks are extended to the school districts in our surrounding communities that have allowed Oneida and other Native students to wear their traditional regalia without hesitation, demonstrating respect and leadership while supporting students in honoring both their educational achievements and cultural identity.

The enactment of 2025 Wisconsin Act 222 represents an important step forward in strengthening Tribal sovereignty, enhancing state Tribal collaboration, and ensuring Wisconsin’s laws reflect the lived experiences and traditions of its Native communities.

We look forward to sending our graduates forward with “A good mind a good heart and a strong fire.”

# Congratulations High School Class of

# 2026



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Robyn Wallenfang - Oneida Nation HS  
Stevi Ventura - Oneida Nation HS  
Lily Lakehouse Oneida Nation HS



**Karter Cornette**  
Pulaski HS



**Aliyah Alvarado**  
Seymour Community HS



**Gunnar Anthony-Lee Martin**  
Seymour Community HS



**Aniyah Bain**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Bailey Bartlett**  
West De Pere HS



**Logan Becerril**  
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**Cameron Benson**  
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**Naina Bezawada**  
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**Wileena Bigjohn**  
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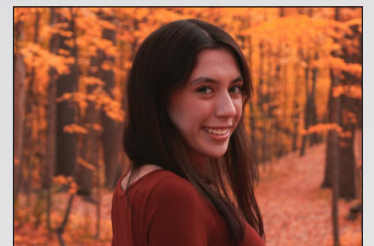
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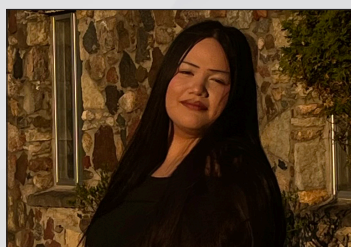
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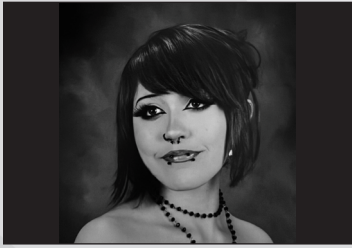
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**Naveen Collins**  
Green Bay Southwest HS



**Audrina Marie Corn**  
First Coast HS (Florida)



**Casey Cornelius**  
Seymour Community HS



**Jadin Coulson**  
Bay Port HS



**Ryan Danforth**  
Seymour Community HS



**Dolores Danielle Skenandore**  
Morton West HS (Illinois)



**Alaila Denny**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Christara Dickenson**  
Green Bay Southwest HS



**Samyah Doxtater-Wills**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Justice Doxtator**  
West De Pere HS



**Karina Doxtator**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Riley Doxtator**  
West De Pere HS



**Nathaniel Doyen**  
West De Pere HS



**Jadiana Elaine Webster**  
Keaau HS (Hawaii)



**DaiSiar Elm**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Victor G. Sotelo**  
Green Bay Southwest



**Micah Goodeagle**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Lokawehati Green**  
West De Pere HS



**Anysa Greendeer**  
Green Bay Southwest HS



**Aryahna Grubbs**  
West De Pere HS



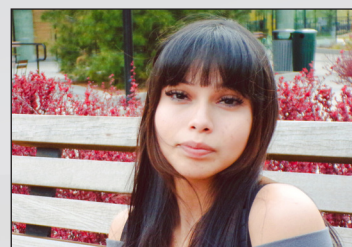
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Dwight Eisenhower HS



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Cuba City HS



**Shane Hill**  
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**Earth Holder**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Jesus Juan Hernandez III**  
Green Bay East HS



**Ramon Kahlhuk-tu ti Jackson**  
Waukesha South HS



**Emma King**  
Green Bay Southwest



**Isaac King**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Benicio Lee**  
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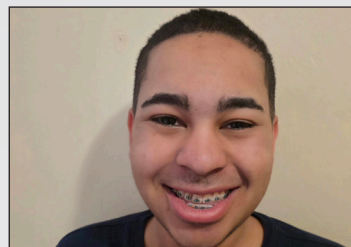
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**Brianna Schoning**  
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**Jaimen Schultz-Davis**  
I Forward Charter HS



**Taleeya Shining Star Reed**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Averyn Silva**  
Green Bay Southwest HS



**Mason Skenandore**  
Oak Creek HS (Milwaukee)



**Hailey Steffen**  
Homestead HS (Mequon, WI)



**Cooper Smith**  
Marinette HS



**Daniel Stevens**  
Green Bay Southwest HS



**Lorraine Taylor**  
New Richmond HS (St. Croix, WI)



**Brandi Thomas**  
Lac Courte Oreilles HS



**Aphrodite Vansteel**  
West De Pere HS



**Zahrya Vermigilo**  
Lyman HS



**Tyron Ware**  
Green Bay Southwest HS



**Alexis Webster**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Destiny Webster**  
Notre Dame Academy



**Kingston Webster**  
Oneida Nation HS



**Josalyn White**  
Notre Dame Academy



**Laliwa William Delgado**  
West De Pere HS



**Nyelli Williams**  
Appleton North HS



**Davian Wilson**  
Seymour Community HS



**Ashlyn Wisneski**  
Freedom HS



**Aaliyana Y. Cerda**  
Milwaukee HS of the Arts



**Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Jr.**  
Green Bay Southwest HS



**Javon Silva**  
Green Bay Southwest HS



**August Ackley-Speights**  
Capital City HS (Washington)



**Violet Blue Bird**  
Green Bay West HS



**Loro McLester**  
Pulaski HS

# Congratulations Headstart Class of 2026

*Once again, our Oneida Littles took to the stage Friday, May 15, 2026, for the Oneida community to recognize them for achieving their first academic milestone.*

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**DENNIS CORNELIUS****May 10, 1958-December 10, 2025**

Dennis Charles Cornelius of the Oneida Nation passed away at home unexpectedly on December 10, 2025, at the age of 67. He was surrounded by his sisters and brothers-

in-law as he took his journey home.

Dennis was cremated and will be buried in Oneida, WI near his mother and father.

Born on May 10, 1958, in Detroit, MI. Dennis' quiet humor could bring laughter to a room with just a few words. Those who knew him best will remember his easy going "no problem" willingness to lend a hand where he could. If you needed something, Dennis was only a call away, ready to show up for his family and friends. A mechanic at heart, Dennis found purpose and peace in the humming of an engine and breathing life back into a car. For him it wasn't just fixing cars, it was pride in offering care to others.

Dennis is survived by siblings: Ronald (Janice) Cornelius, Frederick Cornelius, Barbara McIntyre, Leland Cornelius Jr., Charlene (Tom) Cornelius, Denise (John) Moore, Sharon (John) Collins, Carol (Angel) Colon, and brother-in-law Damian Colon Sr. He is also survived by several generations of nieces and nephews whose lives are brighter for the humor he shared and lessons he taught. They carry his legacy of finding humor in the small things and strength in the hard ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents Leland and Juanita (Powless) Cornelius, siblings Keith Cornelius, Judith Colon, and Cheryl (Richard "Jim") Christensen; brother-in-law Scott McIntyre, and his nephew/godson Erik Wingle.

Special thank you to Denise and John Moore as well as his niece Sandra Sanchez for all their help and support.

Though he will be deeply missed, the memories he leaves behind are a reminder of the gentle spirit he brought to the world.

**ANGELA ROSE SCHUYLER****January 2, 1963-April 9, 2026**

Angela (Angie) Rose Schuyler, age 63, of Lennox, South Dakota passed on the 9th of April, 2026, at the Viborg Hospital, surrounded by love and warmth till her last breath.

Angie was born on the 2nd of January, 1963 in

Flandreau, SD to William and Jessie (King) Schuyler. Graduating from Sioux Valley High School in Volga, Angie pursued further education at the College of Menominee Nation. Later her passion for helping people motivated her to enter the healthcare field. After graduating, she married her one true love, Bart Kjellsen. Together they had two sons. Sioux Falls was home for most of Angie's life before she settled in Lennox in 2015.

Being part Oneida and part Chippewa, Angie was proud of her Native American heritage. She spent many hours dancing at Pow Wows and teaching her granddaughters the traditional dances.

Angie found solace in her faith, in her time of need she turned to God, who gave her comfort no one else could.

Angie is survived by her sons, Justin (Tina) Kjellsen of Humboldt, and Jared (Amber) Kjellsen of Lennox; step-children, Bryant Kjellsen of Centerville and Rochelle Kjellson (Adam) of Centerville; friends who were like parents to her, John & Francella Neuman of Chester; siblings, William "Billy Joe" Schuyler of Georgia, Judith Koob of Madison, Janice Bohling of Aberdeen, and LuAnn Smith of Washington; grandchildren, Echoe, Erika "Pickle", Joslynn, and Wyatt; step-grandchildren, Zane, Tynon and Kyler. Angie became "mom, auntie, sister, grandma" to so many people. She battled cancer for nine years and never complained, she wanted to be here for her family and loved ones. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Donald and sisters Betty and Sharon.

Let us remember the way she lived and live in her light.

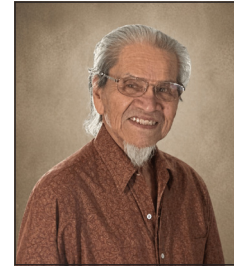
Read Angela's  
full obituary

**PATRICIA A. FRIESE****May 31, 1937-April 19, 2026**

Patricia A. Friese, age 88, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at her home in Sun Prairie. She was born on May 31, 1937, to Ernest and Pauline (King) Friese.

Early on she owned and operated a bakery in Waterloo. Patricia was a Surgical Tech for the University of Wisconsin Hospital for over 23 years, also worked in housekeeping for New Perspectives. She is survived by her son David, and grandchildren Courtney (Jason) McGlynn ..... and Logan Friese; and a grandchild Oliver McGlynn. She was preceded in death by her parents Ernest and Pauline, and her 12 siblings.

No service is being planned as per her wishes. Tuschen-Newcomer Funeral Home Sun Prairie 608-837-5400, [www.newcomerfh.com](http://www.newcomerfh.com).

**WILLIAM "BILL" J. SKENANDORE****November 16, 1932-April 21, 2026**

Surrounded by the comfort of home, Bill passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the age of 93 and was welcomed into the loving embrace of the angels

Beloved husband of the late Thelma "Jeanette" Skenandore. Loving father of the late Andy (Meg, and the late Vicky) Connors, Linda (Chris) Serio, Pamela Skenandore, Laurie (Jeff) Potter, Doug Skenandore (Leann Kozmall), Julie Skenandore, and Sandra Skenandore (John Gerlach). Loving stepfather of Jerry (Pam) Feavel, the late Bobby Feavel, Terry MacDonald, Sherry Prochaska, the late Jim (the late Sandra) Feavel, and Julie Feavel. Dear brother of Ila (the late George) Wenzel and Dorothy (the late Teddy) Polar. Proud grandfather of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bill will also be remembered by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William "Bill" and Florence (nee Metoxen) Skenandore; his brothers, Donald (the late Jane) Skenandore, Hank Skenandore, Joby Skenandore, Vernan (the late Violet) Skenandore; his sister, Lila (the late Robert) Kujac; and his former wife, Barbara Connors.

Bill was a dedicated and hard working machinist who began his career on April 19, 1955, at the Rose Company, retiring on November 26, 1997. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War era and was a recipient of the Bronze Star. He was also a skilled woodworker who crafted beautiful furniture, including beds and dollhouses that will be treasured for years to come. Earlier in life, he enjoyed camping with his family, attending the Wisconsin State Fair, and spending time in Louisiana. He enjoyed watching Green Bay Packers football and golf. He deeply loved his dogs, Johnny and Millie, who were his loyal companions.

**ALICE BLANCHE JORDAN****October 16, 1935-April 24, 2026**

Alice Blanche (Munger) Jordan, 90, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on April 24, 2026, in her hometown. Born on October 16, 1935, in Green Bay, Alice lived a full and vibrant life

rooted in faith, family, and a love for the world around her.

Alice married her late husband, Henry Jordan, and raised 8 children. A woman of deep faith, Alice was a born-again Christian who found immense purpose in sharing her belief in Jesus Christ with those

around her. Her unwavering devotion to her Lord and Savior was a cornerstone of her life, offering comfort to many who knew her. She looked forward with great anticipation to spending eternity in His presence.

Alice had an adventurous spirit that led her to explore the world through travel. She cherished long walks that allowed her to connect with nature and reflect on life's blessings. Her heart for animals was evident in the care she showed them throughout her life. Known for her strong work ethic, Alice approached every task with determination and grace.

Her memory will be cherished by all who were fortunate enough to know her. May the example of her faith-filled life bring comfort to those she leaves behind.

She is preceded in death by her sons Larry Jordan and Scott "C.W." Jordan but leaves behind a legacy of love through her surviving family: Sister—Nathalie Klein; Children—Elaine and Dave Moore, Isaac and Pam Jordan, Suzy and Tim Siebers, Irwin and Debbie Jordan, Gary Jordan, Curtiss and Jenny Jordan, and Daughter-in-law Dawn Jordan; and 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren who brought her great joy.

A special thank you to those who helped care for Alice while she prepared for her journey and to Unity Hospice for their service.

### COLLEEN ANN ALDRICH

April 5, 1954-March 26, 2026



Colleen Ann Aldrich, 71, passed away peacefully in her home on March 26, 2026. She was born on April 5, 1954, in Stevens Point Wisconsin. Colleen was the second of four daughters born

to Don Aldrich and Faith Hope.

Throughout her childhood, Colleen had the distinction of having beautiful black wavy hair that was her signature trait and tribute to her heritage. She was very proud of her Oneida descent.

Colleen graduated from PJ Jacobs High School in Stevens Point in 1971. She became very successful in a long career as an insurance claims adjuster, primarily working for Sentry Insurance in both Stevens Point and Phoenix, Arizona. Colleen traveled extensively in her job which she enjoyed. Based on her success and experience in the insurance industry, she was voted to the Arizona Insurance Board for three years.

Over the years, Colleen had several beloved canine companions and was the essence of a Dog Mom, sharing a unique bond with all of her dogs. In her free time, Colleen enjoyed playing Cribbage and Scrabble and watching old movies.

Colleen is survived by four sisters, Holly Aldrich Colby, Carol Aldrich Vleeshouwers and Cindy

Aldrich Weisbrod. She is also survived by sisters Aubrey Aldrich and Vicky Chojnacki, several nieces and nephews and their families, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Colleen was preceded in death by her grandparents Lyle and Leone (Skenadore) Aldrich and William and Irma (Krembs) Hope, her parents Don Aldrich and Faith Hope, and husbands Howard Kurtzweil, David Miller and James Glodowski.

There will be a private family graveside service this summer.

### YVONNE ELSIE JOURDAN

July 5, 1940-May 12, 2026



Yvonne Elsie Jourdan, age 85 of Oneida, WI, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. She was born in Oneida to the late Henry and Mary (Powless) Jourdan on

July 5, 1940.

Yvonne is survived by her children, Susan (Arlie) Doxtator, Dean Tubby, Michelle (John) Nicholas, and Kristina (Brandon) Metoxen, as well as her grandchildren, Danielle, Dusty, Cheyenne, Deanna, Jeremy, Danielle, Cree, Te'Sia, Stephanie, Akasha, Amber, Brian, Brady, Ariana, Rosalia, Mauricio, and Beckham, as well as 31 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren. She is further survived by her siblings, Judi Jourdan, Henrietta Daly, Diane Jourdan, Henry Jourdan, in-laws, Janice Jourdan, Diana Demaree, Tom Thorstenson, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Jonathan Tubby, ex-husband Dean Tubby Sr., as well siblings, Mildred (Frank) Figueroa, Virgil Jourdan, Ronald (Joannie) Jourdan, Kenneth Jourdan, Patricia (Jackie) Benson, Barbara (James) McKinzie, infant brothers Ephraim and John Jourdan, brother-in-law Thomas Daly, and nieces Linda Figueroa and Yozina Thorstenson.

Family and friends may come to call on Monday, May 18, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Church of the Holy Apostles, 2937 Freedom Rd, Oneida, WI 54155. The Oneida Hymn Singers Song service will begin at 10:30 am. The funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 am with Fr. Biegler officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Apostles Cemetery.

Read Yvonne's full obituary



### DEBRA J. CORNELIUS

November 24, 1964-May 12, 2026



Debra J (Jourdan) Cornelius, age 61 passed away May 12, 2026, after battling Cancer since October 2025.

Debbie was born November 24, 1964 to Rose A. Maes (LovenDurkey) and

Randall E. Jourdan. Debbie was a strong, kind, loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

Debbie worked 32 years for the Oneida Tribe, ending her career as a blackjack dealer/floor supervisor followed by a short time working for Kwik Trip as the "chicken lady" before resigning due to her progressing diagnosis

Debbie loved her family and found joy in bringing everyone together at her house. No one left hungry, especially during the holidays with Thanksgiving and Christmas being her favorite meals to prepare. Debbie also enjoyed thrifting and going "hit the machines" with her best friend Dar. She also loved her coffee time with sister Lisa. Outside of caring for those she loved, Debbie found peace in working in her yard and home doing arts & crafts.

Debbie is survived by her children Justin (Wanonah), Bobbie (Tina), Tyler; step-mother, Mary Metoxen; her siblings, Sonny, Mike (Lisa), Lyle (Tera), Jerry (Tami), Candy and Alicia; her grandchildren Mason, Trinity, Jeffrey, Neegee, Jaxson, Eli, Leila, Gracie, Jossy, Marie and Blake; as well as great-grandchildren, extended family members and close friends Darlene and April.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Ashley, mother Rosie, father Randy, brother Bill, brother Gerrid and husband Joe.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting assistance with the ongoing care of her Grandson Neegee who Debbie has been caring for since the passing of his mom. Donations can be made to the caretaker of her grandson: Bobbie Kazaluckas. The family would like to thank St. Vincent Hospital oncology team, especially Melissa and Megan from oncology and Julia from 6th floor ICU.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals, Receptions at 12PM. A time for friends and family to pay respects will begin at 10AM until the time of the service at the funeral home. Interment will follow the service.

Read Debra's full obituary



The Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk (MMIR) was held Saturday, May 9, 2026. Starting at the Oneida Recreation Center, the participants began marching to the Oneida Nation Elementary School, enjoying camaraderie while building awareness to the ongoing MMIR crisis. At the school, several presentations ensued, including Oneida's Sarah Wunderlich & Sue Doxtator, and Carrie Scott-Haney (Ojibwe), each of whom emotionally shared their story of the loss of their loved one to the MMIR Crisis. Finally, Bill Lameer of the Rapid Search and Rescue group from the Wisconsin Rapids area discussed his team's efforts to answer the call when a relative goes missing.



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## STROKE RESEARCH STUDY



### Open to Native Americans age 7-85

Are you looking for a way to work on your health, your family's health, and the health of the community? I invite you to take part in a study that is open to both multi generational families living together and individuals who live alone. All study activities will be completed on the Oneida Reservation.

#### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Amanda Riesenberg
- 920-490-3984
- ariesenb@oneidanation.org\*

\*Email is not a secure form of communication. You should avoid sending sensitive personal information via email.

#### BENEFITS

- ✓ Impact Your Health
- ✓ Build Connections
- ✓ Develop New Skills
- ✓ Create Meaningful Change

This study is a partnership between the Oneida Nation and UW Madison Stroke Team that is supported by the Oneida Business Committee to help decrease Stroke and Stroke Risk Factors in Native Americans

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

The following is important information for the 2025 General Welfare Assistance Payments  
Oneida Nation Assistance Fund (\$1500.00/ 18+) (\$2000.00/ 62+)  
Elder Assistance Program (703.54/ 65+)

- Paper applications were mailed late May 2026 (if not received by the end of June, please contact Trust Enrollment Department)
- Online submission began Monday June 1st, 2026.
- Timeline
  - The application must be submitted online or by mail by 4:30 pm (CST) on Friday August 7th, 2026.
  - Payments will be issued by August 31st, 2026. Please account for delivery time if requesting a check.
    - **Please Note:** Applications received August 8th, 2026, through March 1st, 2027, payment will be issued by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2027, for the following:
      - Oneida Nation Assistance Fund (\$1500.00/ 18+) (\$2000.00/ 62+)
      - Elder Assistance Program (703.54/ 65+)
  - All GWA checks expire 90 days from the date issued. GWA checks not cashed within the 90-day expiration date will be returned to the GWA Program for other uses.
    - **There will be no other chance to claim this payment if you miss the March 1, 2027, deadline.**
- Members Only Website ([Oneida-nsn.gov](https://oneida-nsn.gov))
  - Online Services
    - Members may view and update their basic Enrollment information online
      - Confirm and update your address
      - Confirm and update contact information
      - Confirm and update banking information.
    - **Deadline to submit any changes to contact or banking information to reflect your GWA payment is August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
- Direct Deposit Information
  - You are responsible to update/cancel your direct deposit information with the Trust Enrollment Department. Your direct deposit information will remain in effect INDEFINITELY.
  - Direct Deposit (ACH) Authorization Forms may be obtained by visiting our website, contacting the Trust Enrollment Department, update
  - Trust Enrollment Department will no longer accept digital banking such as Venmo, Chime, PayPal, GreenDot, GoBank, etc. If any online banking institution is received, you will be notified by mail.

**2026 Minor Trust Payment Information**  
**If you were born between 9/2/2004 – 9/1/2008**  
**There may be a Minor Trust Account available for you to claim or defer.**  
Minor Trust Accounts have been established for enrolled tribal members under the age of 18 for those members eligible to receive their Minor Trust Account or the members who previously deferred.

The Minor Trust Payment Deferral forms were mailed the first week in March 2026  
**If you do not receive a PINK Minor Trust Payment Form packet in the mail by April 1, 2026 contact Trust Enrollment Department or find the Minor Trust Payment Deferral forms available online:**  
<https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/>

**Deadline to submit the PINK Form to Defer or to Claim all is:**

**Wednesday July 1, 2026, 4:30 PM (CST)**  
**(No Exceptions)**

**Receipts:** A receipt will be mailed within 2 weeks of your submission whether you defer or claim all.  
If not received, contact the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department.

**Deadline for Proof of Graduation Document & Direct Deposit Form is:**

**Tuesday September 1, 2026, 4:30 PM (CST)**  
**(No Exceptions)**

If you have not yet claimed your Minor Trust Account and you are 21 contact the Trust Enrollment Department immediately.

**Minor Trust Payment will be issued...**  
**end October 2026**

Please visit our website for additional information: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/>  
Oneida Trust Enrollment Department  
Mail-ins USPS -> PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155-0365  
920-869-6200 • 800-571-9902  
Please deliver in person or by courier delivery only (Fed Ex, UPS) at street address below  
210 Elm St, Oneida WI 54155 (No office mailbox)

#### NOTICE OF

## PUBLIC MEETING

TO BE HELD

June 17, 2026 5:30-7:00PM **at** Norbert Hill Center  
IN THE

Cafeteria

In accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking Law, the Higher Education Office is hosting this Public Meeting to gather feedback from the community regarding the following rule.

### TOPIC: Higher Education Grant Rule #1

This is a proposal to adopt a rule which would:

- ◆ Detail Application Requirements
- ◆ Review Documentation Requirements
- ◆ Clarify Funding Framework
- ◆ Describe Award Calculation
- ◆ Layout Appeal Process

To obtain copies of the Public Meeting documents for this proposal, please visit [www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings](http://www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings).

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

#### OPEN UNTIL June 24, 2026

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

Higher Education Office  
P.O. Box 365  
Oneida, WI 54155  
[Highered@Oneidanation.org](mailto:Highered@Oneidanation.org)  
Fax: 920-869-4039

#### NOTICE OF

## PUBLIC MEETING

TO BE HELD

June 15, 2026 at 1:15 PM

IN THE

Land Management Conference Room  
470 Airport Drive  
Oneida, WI 54155

In accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking Law and, as related to the ARMMP plan, as required by Federal regulations, the Land, Environmental, Agriculture, and Food Division (LEAF) is hosting this Public Meeting to gather feedback from the community regarding the following.

#### TOPICS:

- Real Property Rule No. 3 — Easements
- ARMMP PLAN

**The amendments to the Real Property Law Rule No. 3— Easements would:**

- ◆ Eliminate fees for Oneida driven projects; and
- ◆ Eliminate the obligation to provide an external entity with individual trust land owner(s) name and contact information.

**The ARMMP PLAN**, is an agricultural resource management and monitoring plan that the Nation has created internally working with staff and consultants as part of our BIA compliance requirement.

To obtain copies of the Public Meeting documents for this proposal, please visit [www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings](http://www.oneida-nsn.gov/Register/PublicMeetings).

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

#### OPEN UNTIL Thursday, June 25, 2026

During the Public Comment Period, all interested persons may submit written comments and/or a transcript of any testimony/spoken comments made during the Public Meeting. These may be submitted to Land, Environmental, Agriculture and Food Division (LEAF) by U.S. mail, interoffice mail, or e-mail.

Phone: 920-869-6500  
Oneida Land Management  
470 Airport Drive, Oneida, WI 54155  
[dwilson@oneidanation.org](mailto:dwilson@oneidanation.org)

**ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE****JUNE 11, 2026, 12:15 pm**

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

**Find Public Meeting Materials at**  
[Oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public-meetings](https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public-meetings)

**Send Public Comments to**

[LOC@oneidanation.org](mailto:LOC@oneidanation.org)

**Ask Questions here**

[LOC@oneidanation.org](mailto:LOC@oneidanation.org)

920-869-4417

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS LAW AMENDMENTS**

The purpose of the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law is to govern boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation, including the procedures regarding the appointment and election of individuals to boards, committees, and commissions, creation of bylaws, maintenance of official records, compensation, to establish clear standards of conduct, and other items related to boards, committees, and commissions.

**The Boards, Committees, and Commissions law amendments will:**

- ◆ Clarify it is the purpose of the amendments to establish clear standards of conduct.
- ◆ Clarify it is the policy of the Nation that appointed and elected individuals serving on a board, committee, or commission of the Nation carry themselves in a way that brings honor to the Oneida people and government.
- ◆ Strengthen, clarify, and add definitions for Conflict of Interest, fiscal year, letter, member, political appointee, and Secretary.
- ◆ Clarify the Oneida Business Committee or designee shall be responsible for drafting the initial bylaws and the Oneida Business Committee will approve the initial bylaws.
- ◆ Clarify the responsibilities of the Boards, Committees, Commissions Department, including: responsibilities once managed by the Business Committee Support Office; and managing offboarding procedures for when a member leaves an entity.
- ◆ Clarify when a member's term ends, the member may remain in their position until the successor is sworn in but no longer than sixty (60) business days. This helps prevent discontinuation of services but by setting a sixty-day (60) deadline also reinforces appropriate turnover.
- ◆ Clarify all entities must be in compliance with the Nation's travel policies.
- ◆ Clarify all entities must address conflict resolution and leaves of absence in their bylaws.
- ◆ Clarify all entities must include a procedure for withholding a member's stipend in their bylaws.
- ◆ Clarify that rather than the requirement to submit quarterly reports to the Oneida Business Committee, all entities will be required to submit at least two reports each fiscal year to the Oneida Business Committee.
- ◆ Clarify all entities may hold virtual meetings pursuant to any requirements established by the Oneida Business Committee and pursuant to any additional requirements established by the entity.
- ◆ Clarify that every appointed and elected member will receive an official Oneida Nation email address.
- ◆ Clarify standards of conduct such as: good mind; cultural accountability; several instances of prohibited conduct; attendance and meeting conduct; nepotism; gifts and honorarium; and fair dealing and impartiality.
- ◆ Clarify how the Nation will manage actual or implied conflicts of interest including the creation and maintenance of annual and as-needed disclosure forms.
- ◆ Add a requirement that all members shall submit disclosure forms annually and within a reasonable time after a conflict arises or becomes known.
- ◆ Clarify all entities may develop an internal conflict of interest mitigation plan for eligible conflicts in consultation with the Oneida Law Office, the Nation's Human Resources Department, and other departments of the Nation as needed.
- ◆ Clarify which positions may not be eligible to serve on an appointed or elected board because of the potential for an actual or implied conflict of interest.
- ◆ Clarify that members have an ongoing duty to disclose and shall promptly disclose and comply with the requirements of a conflict of interest mitigation plan.
- ◆ Clarify enforcement provisions.
- ◆ Include appeal rights; if applicable, a member shall have the right to appeal an enforcement action pursuant to the requirements and procedures regarding appeals of the law under which the member received a sanction or penalty.
- ◆ Various grammatical changes and other minor changes throughout the law.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES JUNE 18, 2026.**

Individuals may attend the public meeting for the proposed Boards, Committees, and Commissions 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).

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 Boards, Committees, and Commissions law amendments please review the public meeting packet at [oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public-meetings](https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public-meetings).

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**Ask Questions here**

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**TEN DAY NOTICE POLICY AMENDMENTS**

The purpose of the Ten Day Notice Policy is to provide how, when, and what types of items require notice to General Tribal Council.

**The Ten Day Notice Policy amendments will:**

- ◆ Rename the law from “Ten Day Notice Policy” to “Prior Notice”.
- ◆ Redefine what it means to provide notice to the membership of a scheduled General Tribal Council meeting.
- ◆ Require the Nation to mail to all eligible members notice of every General Tribal Council Meeting; the mailed notice will contain information regarding the upcoming meeting such as the agenda, location, date, and time.
- ◆ Require the Nation’s Trust Enrollments Department to mail to all eligible members, or all members who will be eligible on or after the anticipated dates of the Annual and Semi-annual meetings, an instruction for that member to completed regarding how that member prefers to receive meeting materials.
- ◆ Require all eligible members to select to receive General Tribal Council meeting materials by either online access through the members’ only portal on the Nation’s website or by selecting to receive in the mail a mailed, paper copy.
- ◆ Require the meeting materials to be posted online as soon as they are approved by the Business Committee but no later than thirty days before a General Tribal Council meeting.
- ◆ Require a member who has selected to receive a paper packet in the mail, receive the packet at least fifteen days before a General Tribal Council meeting.
- ◆ Require the Business Committee to post any new information it receives that the General Tribal Council must consider.
- ◆ Require that any presentations can only be based on information included in the meeting materials or any new information that was properly posted.
- ◆ Various grammatical changes and other minor changes throughout the law.

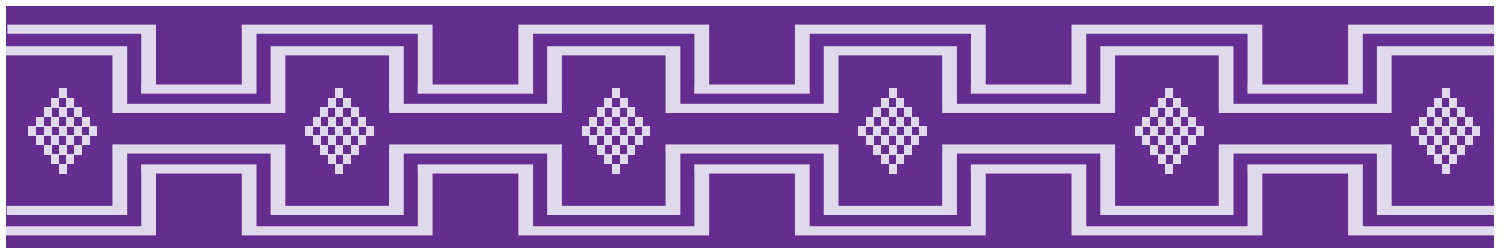
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**✓ RE-ELECT  
LARRY  
BARTON**

**Oneida Nation  
Treasurer**

13 Years Experience CFO  
Oneida Nation

Over 25 Years Demonstrated  
Financial Leadership

Honor, Preserve and Support  
the Oneida Constitution and  
General Tribal Council (GTC)

For more information  
scan or click the QR Code.



**920.610.0724**  
**LarryB122@sbcglobal.net**

**VOTE**



**LOUISE  
CORNELIUS**



**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
TREASURER**

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**REALIGN OUR NATION'S BUDGET  
WITH COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

**ENSURE RESPONSIBLE  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**RESTORE EFFICIENCY**

**DIVERSIFY REVENUE**

*[louisecornelius15@gmail.com](mailto:louisecornelius15@gmail.com)*

**Elect  
Lisa Liggins  
OBC Secretary**



**A Vote for Proven Leadership**

**12+ years experience**

- Secretary, Oneida Business Committee
- Chair, Audit Committee
- Member, Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations
- Member, Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee
- Chair, Oneida Nation School Board

**2023-2026 Major Accomplishments**

- ✓ Passage of Act 222 - tribal regalia allowed at graduation
- ✓ Phase II Onnyote?a-ká nĩ?i Project Plan
- ✓ GTC Community Preparation Meetings


**Focus for the 2026-2029 Term**

- Continue work with State Legislature on Tribal issues
- Complete Onnyote?a-ká nĩ?i Project Plan
- Expand GTC outreach & education opportunities

**25+ years of continuous employment with the Oneida Nation**

 **Liggins4Secretary**  **920-343-6237**

**VOTE**



**GINA  
POWLESS-  
BUENROSTRO**


**For  
Oneida  
Nation  
Secretary**

**Restoring the  
Voice & Accountability  
of G.T.C.**

**Transparency and  
Accountability in reporting  
and actions**

**Travel:  
If it's not  
essential,  
it's not  
happening**

Contact me by emailing  
[Gina.Buenrostro@yahoo.com](mailto:Gina.Buenrostro@yahoo.com)





## Vote Patty Ninham Hoeft

**Chief Judge Court of Appeals**

I am running for Chief Judge because I believe in a judicial system where the rules are clear and accessible, where every person's case is decided on its merits, and where judges are people who live in our community among all the ways this place and Oneida values connects us to each other.

### Education

Juris Doctorate, Michigan State University College of Law, 2018  
 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, St. Norbert's College, 2002  
 UWGB First Nations Education Doctorate program, current 2nd year student

### Experience

Oneida Trial Court Judge, since 2020  
 Secretary/Treasurer, Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association (WTJA), since 2022  
 Oneida Tribal Secretary, 2005-2014



Learn more

## Diane Danforth House

**for Chief Appellate Court Judge**



*Committed to promoting a system of justice that is fair and respectful of each party's rights*

\*Honored to preside in the Oneida Judiciary as an Appellate Court Judge Elected by GTC to two terms: Elected in 2014 as one of the original Appellate Judges for the newly established Oneida Judiciary and elected again in 2020-Present

\*Interned at the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit for the late Honorable John L. Coffey

\*Honored to have presided as a Pro Tempore Judge in Trial, Family, and Appellate Courts in other Tribal jurisdictions: Courts at Forest County Potawatomi, Stockbridge, Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Red Cliff, and St. Croix

\*Endorsed by both Chief Judges of the Oneida Judiciary: Patricia M. Garvey, Attorney, Chief Judge Oneida Court of Appeals and Layatalati Hill, Chief Judge Oneida Trial Court

Will resolve all cases with reason, good spirit, and an open mind

For Endorsements scan here



# JAMESON WILSON

*Candidate for*

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN**

### VISION

Rebuilding our Nation together with compassion, kindness, empathy and optimism.

Jameson embodies a vision rooted in Tsi'nyukwihota (Our Ways) and is committed to compassionate leadership. He mindfully listens to others' experiences and needs with care, understanding, and genuine interest.

Jameson leads with empathy and is guided by his ability to recognize and articulate the emotional state and wellbeing of individuals he engages with which allows him to communicate effectively, navigate and resolve conflicts with a good mind, build and maintain trust through honesty, and foster healthy relationships.

Jameson has demonstrated these leadership qualities in his role as a facilitator presiding over a variety of meetings within our community, organization, and at a national level. Jameson possesses the essential skillset, knowledge, and background needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the Vice Chair position for the Oneida Business Committee and is prepared to serve the Nation and the Oneida people in an executive level capacity.

### INITIATIVES

Civic Education: Tribal Governance  
 Nation Building • Constitutional Review

### EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

- Oneida Nation Business Committee Councilman 2023-2026
- Oneida Nation Legislative Operating Committee Chair 2023-2026
- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Midwest Region Vice President 2025-2027
- NCAI Land and Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair 2025
- Bachelor's in Environmental Policy & Planning
- Associate's in Business Management



Scan QR Code to learn more

**PRIMARY ELECTION:** Saturday, May 9 - 7am-7pm

**GENERAL ELECTION:** Saturday, July 11 - 7am-7pm

**LOCATIONS:** Oneida Health Center - 525 Airport Dr, Oneida, WI 54155  
 Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) - 5233 W. Morgan Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53220

### CONTACT

Jameson4OBC@gmail.com

920.328.7658

LinkedIn - Jameson Wilson

Facebook - Jameson Wilson - Oneida Business Committee Councilman

## DAVID "FLEET" JORDAN

Reliable and Ready to Serve as your (Councilman) for OBC election 2026



Respectfully requesting your vote, I am eager to bring my experience and dedication to the role of Councilman. My commitment to Nation Building is unwavering, and I am ready to work tirelessly to support our community's growth and prosperity. With your support, we can create a brighter future for all our tribal members and their families. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Your voice matters, and together, we can make a significant impact.



**Caucus: April 11, 2026**  
**Primary Election: May 9, 2026**  
**General Election: July 11, 2026**

gaslight2@new.rr.com

920-362-0271

## JENNIFER HILL KELLEY

FOR  
**OBC**

**WITH YOUR VOTE, THE WORK BEGINS ON DAY ONE**

**TRIBAL GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE**

- 3 years as an elected Oneida Appellate Judge
- Elected on the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee for 4 separate terms, served as Chair and Vice Chair
- Legislative Analyst, Oneida Legislative Operating Committee
- Policy Analyst for the General Manager & Environmental
- 17 years of appointed service on Oneida Nation Boards

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Small Business Owner/ Consultant /Coach- **Ripple Consulting**
- Facilitator/Trainer/ Lecturer
- Project Manager - Northeast WI Technical College
- Manager/Director/Supervisor - **17 years with Oneida Nation**

**FAMILY**

Married to Lance Kelley for 30 years with a daughter, Sadie Hill Kelley. Parents: Jerry M. Hill (Oneida) and Mary Quoetone Hill (Kiowa & Comanche). Grandparents: Dennison and Sadie Powless Hill and Bill and Lottie Quoetone.

**EDUCATION**

MS - Environmental Science & Policy, University of WI - Green Bay  
BS- Microbiology, Chemistry Minor, University of Oklahoma

## Reelect JENNIFER WEBSTER

**Respectfully asking for your vote. I promise to bring the same commitment to our Oneida Community as I always have.**

**To Protect our Future Generations my goals are:**

- Preserve our Language & Culture, Resources & Governance
- Protect, Preserve and Exercise our Sovereignty
- Continue to be Financially Responsible & Accountable

**To Protect our Future Generations my Experience includes:**

- Leadership, Management & Promotion Skills
- Experience in Economical Politics
- Successful Business Owner 25+ years
- Leadership in Tribal, State & Federal Advisory Boards

**Feel free to contact me at 920-639-9190.**

## Re-elect Jonas Hill

**“Did you get the notice?  
Vote for Jonas.”**

Shekoli, my name is Jonas Hill. I am a proud Oneida Nation community member, son, grandson, and father, running to serve with a good mind, good heart, a strong fire. With over a decade of frontline and leadership experience, service to the Oneida Nation Business Committee and Gaming Commission, and a strong educational background. I'm committed to transparent leadership and tangible results. I'm asking for your support to strengthen our sovereignty, grow our economy, protect our resources, and create opportunities for the next seven generations.

## ALISKWET ELLIS

FOR ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

**Priorities**

- Good Tribal Governance
- Protect our Tribal Sovereignty
  - Advance Self-Government
  - Maintain Positive Government-to-Government Relationships
  - Preserve our History and Language
- Create/Revise Policy Based on Community Needs

**Education**

- Bachelor of Science - Sociology
- Masters of Public Administration

**Experience**

- Boards, Committees, Commissions
- Recording Clerk
- HR Assistant
- Sr. Information Management Specialist
- Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist

**Contact Information**  
*I'm here to listen*

📞 920-309-2438

✉ aliskwet4obc@gmail.com

**Election Day**

**Saturday, July 11, 2026**  
7AM-7PM

**Oneida Community Health Center**  
SEOTS



**MAUREEN PERKINS**  
Yuntlehahelha  
"She puts lightening on everything"  
ONEIDA NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## VOTE

**EDUCATION**

- PhD (abd) - Public Administration- Policy Analysis
- Masters - Public Policy Analysis
- Bachelors - Psychology

**Oneida Nation Work Experience**

- Legislative Analyst and Assistant
- Records Technician
- Environmental Compliance Specialist
- Student Advocate

**ISSUE PLATFORM**

- Food Sovereignty
- Housing
- Community Legislative Education
- Environmental Protection



Candidate for  
Oneida Business Committee-  
Councilwoman



**Kristal Hill**

Strong Nations rise when decisions honor our past, strengthen our present, and protect our future.

I am here to listen, learn, and work with our community toward a shared future.

<https://www.facebook.com/kristal.e.hill>

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Education: PhD Studies in Applied Leadership (In Progress) • M.S. Sustainable Management • B.S. Business Administration • A.A. Accounting • Certificate in Indigenous Governance • Certificate in Public Relations

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Experience: BC Executive Assistant • Employee Services Executive Assistant • Environmental Contaminant Surveyor • Vault • A Field Guide to Culturally Significant Plants of the Oneida Nation Reservation in Wisconsin

## VOTE

# JERMAINE DELGADO



◆◆◆ FOR ◆◆◆

### ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE COUNCIL MEMBER


◆◆◆◆◆

- ◆ Served as Oneida Tribal Enrollments Committee Chair and Vice-Chair
- ◆ I will strive for meaningful change, while remaining grounded in reality and integrity.
- ◆ Bachelor's degree in International Business from the University of Minnesota

**CONTACT**



Jermaine Delgado



## Vote Pamela Ninham

### Oneida Business Committee

"I learned how our community works at my Grandma Betty's kitchen table. The people gathered around that table taught me leadership means listening, caring & protecting our children. My fire comes from the people who raised me & the families I've spent my life listening to & helping. I ask you to vote for me - I am ready to sit at our kitchen table."

**Education**

- 2021, M.S., Teaching & Leadership, University of Wisconsin -Green Bay
- 2005, B.A., Business & Communications, Concordia University
- 1983, West De Pere High School

**Work Experience**

- Title VI Home School Liaison, West De Pere Public School District, serving Native children & families in 4k through 8th grade, 2023-Present
- My current job puts me in the Civic Center & Oneida Library every week after school to work with our children and families.
- Oneida Head Start, 2022-2021, 2018-2017, 1988-1983
- Family Resource - Early Childhood Coordinator, Indian Community School (ICS), Franklin, WI, 2002 to 2017

**Community Work**

- Current member, Oneida Trust & Enrollment Committee, elected to two terms, 2023 & 2019
- Oneida language, lifelong active learner & teacher
- Member, SEOTS Advisory Board, served various terms during 2000 to 2013, including service as the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
- 1990s, volunteer for 3 seasons coaching Oneida Little League



**Nicholas "Teyohuwakat" Webster**  
Oneida Land Commission



- Integrity, Transparency, and Accountability
- Seven Generational Forward Thinking
- Balanced Approach with Open and Objective mindset
- Patience to listen to people's opinions
- I Strive for fairness by considering diverse perspectives
- Always keeping the people of the Oneida Nation best
- interests in mind when making a decision.

**Any questions please email:**  
[nwebster7464@gmail.com](mailto:nwebster7464@gmail.com)




**LARRY B. SMITH**  
For Personnel Commission

**27 Years Oneida Gaming Experience**

**13 Years of Employee Relations Experience**

For more information, contact me at [ldsmith26ds@tds.net](mailto:ldsmith26ds@tds.net)




**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**  
US ARMY  
National Guard  
Oneida Library Board  
3 years  
Oneida Pardon and Forgiveness Committee  
3 years

**ELECT CARMELITA (CARMEN) ESCAMEA**

**ELECTION BOARD**

**ONEIDA NATION COMMISSION ON AGING**

**LAND COMMISSION**

**EDUCATION Associates Degree**  
SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE

**Elect Dr. Fern Cornelius Diamond**  
Oneida Nation School Board  
Community-at-Large



I have over 27 years of experience in the Education field that I believe I can contribute to the Oneida Nation School System.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Ph. D. 1997	Pennsylvania State University	Special Education Education Administration
M. Ed. 1988	Pennsylvania State University	Special Education
B.S. 1986	Mount Senario College	Elementary/Physical Education and Native American Studies

Feel free to contact me at [Oneida4Ever4@gmail.com](mailto:Oneida4Ever4@gmail.com)





## VOTE Judy Metoxen Sprangers

### ONCOA Commission

Committed to ensuring Oneida Elders thrive with the support they deserve.

With 45 years in nursing, including 15 years dedicated to elder care, and recently providing respite care, I am ready to serve our community's elders!

LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

# COMMUNITY MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**  
 5:30PM - 7:30PM  
 NORBERT HILL CENTER  
 CAFETERIA  
 N7210 Seminary Rd, Oneida, WI 54155

Please join the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) for a community meeting share information and gather input regarding the following:

- ◆ 2023-2026 Legislative Term Accomplishments
- ◆ Issues for Consideration for 2026-2029 Legislative Term
- ◆ Holding Community Meetings

The LOC encourages everyone to come participate in the legislative process by providing comments, suggestions, and questions that the LOC can consider and utilize in the development of new laws for the Nation.

Food will be provided during this community event.

LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kirby Metoxen  
LOC Vice Chairman

Jameson Wilson  
LOC Chairman

Jennifer Webster  
LOC Member

Marlon Skehndore  
LOC Member

Jonas Hill  
LOC Member

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

## AVAILABLE BCC POSITIONS

APPLY NOW

The Oneida Nation is looking for qualified applicants to fill positions for the Pardon and Forgiveness Screening Committee. (PFSC) The purpose of the PFSC is to follow proper procedures and guidelines to provide a fair, efficient and formal process for considering requests for a pardon or forgiveness.

VIEW VACANCIES!

APPLICATION!

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

920.869.4303

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Tribal Action Plan

# THE GREAT LAW EDUCATION NIGHT

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The dates may be subject to change due to funeral ceremonies

JUNE 10,  
2026  
5:30-8PM

ONEIDA LONGHOUSE  
W370 REFORMATORY RD  
ONEIDA WI

ENJOY A LIGHT MEAL

CONTACT: ISIS  
CROSTON 920.490.3796

# GRAND OPENING

*June 20, 2026*



Watch the  
Television  
Commercial



760 Airport Rd  
Oneida, WI 54155  
Sun & Mon—Closed  
Tue-Fri—8 to 4:30pm | Sat—9 to 1 pm





# KALIHWISAKS

She Looks for News

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June 26 – 28, 2026 • Norbert Hill Center N7210 Seminary Rd • Oneida, WI

**Over \$163,000 in Prize Money!**

*Public is Welcome | Food and Craft Vendors*

**Dancing & Drum Contest**

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**Drug & Alcohol Free Event**

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

Grand Entry Times	
Fri., June 26	7pm
Sat., June 27	1 & 7pm
Sun., June 28	Noon

**Just Move It**  
**Pow Wow Walk/Run**  
**Sat., June 27, 8-10am**  
**See page 6 to learn more.**

Advanced tickets available at Oneida One Stops beginning June 1, 2026 for \$12. Refunds must be processed at location of purchase.

Admissions and grounds open 11am on Fri. and 9am on Sat. & Sun. No pets or canopies allowed.

