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Shekóli Swakwe•kú. In last month's April 2026 edition, CEO-Nation Services Mark W. Powless described how he is working with the Nation to formulate a budget for FY27. He also explained how this year's guidance includes a very important strategic initiative that urges an emphasis on improving youth services.

While the budget is developed for Oneida to organizationally-support this endeavor, it's a reminder for me of another factor closer to home. It's critically important to mentor the youth in your life. Whether it be your niece or nephew, granddaughter or grandson, cousin, sibling, no matter the relationship, take that time to remember Twahwahtsíláya (All of us are family) and practice Yukwatsítaya, encourage the fire, spirit within each of us.

This message to focus on the youth comes at a time in my life shortly after my Dad made his journey. The legacy he leaves behind, along with those still here, such as Mom, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and so forth, shaped the person I am today.

Without this leadership and mentorship and love in my life, I don't know where I'd be.

I have a dear friend who speaks of incomplete relationships and the trauma this can cause. Fortunately, I've been blessed to have many complete relationships in my life and for this, I am forever grateful.

I encourage everyone out there, especially parents, not to leave this earth before forming that complete relationship with the children in your care.

Keep these thoughts in mind when reading page 4 about the Safe Neighborhood Law, page 8 regarding the Nation/UWGB partnership or the Mentorship article on page 15.

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Cover Photo: Flash flooding in Oneida

This photo from the Duck Creek bridge in Oneida shows how between April 14 -16, 2026, the Oneida reservation and the Town of Oneida experienced severe flash flooding that led to multiple road and building closures. In response to the flooding Governor Tony Evers also declared a state-wide state of emergency on April 15. Oneida Nation has resources to help with flood damage cleanup and also, financial resources for anyone who had to evacuate their home. To learn more go to:

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Dawn Walschinski, a community member residing on N. Overland Road in Oneida, shares a photo of her bird feeders toppled over. This is convincing evidence and/or confirmation of multiple bear-sighting reports on the reservation. Scan the QR code to learn precautionary measures about bear safety.



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Shekóli Akuwé•ta (Hello my relatives),

Spring is a time of renewal and the transition of seasons is often accompanied by reflection. Looking back on this term, there were many experiences and lessons I am grateful to have had. I am fortunate that my role as Councilman has allowed me to connect with both new and familiar faces in our community while taking on responsibilities that have encouraged personal growth.

Nation Building Update

The Business Committee continues to work purposefully on the Nation Building initiative this term. Nation Building is guided by a set of principles that serve as a framework for decision-making. The five Nation Building principles are Transformational Leadership, Strong Governing Systems, Seventh Generation Thinking, Cultural Match, and Sovereignty.

Currently, the team is working to ensure these principles reflect our ways as Oneida people. One example is the Seventh Generation Thinking principle, which was originally introduced to the Business Committee as Strategic Orientation—intended to emphasize long-term decision-making. For us, this concept is more accurately reflected as Seventh Generation Thinking.

The team continues refining the Nation Building principles so that the language and intent align with our culture here in Oneida. This work reflects the Cultural Match principle, which ensures that community values are built into our systems, projects, and plans. I believe Nation Building will strengthen our governance capacity, which is essential to maintaining our sovereignty as a Nation.

Legislative Operating Committee Updates

On February 25, 2026, the Business Committee acted to protect children and vulnerable community members by approving the emergency adoption of the Safe Neighborhoods Law brought forth by the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC). This emergency legislation was prompted by a notification from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections that a sex offender had requested residence within the reservation—at a time when the Nation had no applicable regulations in place.

The LOC worked collaboratively with the Legislative Reference Office, Oneida Police Department, Geographic Infor-

mation System Department (GIS), and Nation management to develop this law and will continue refining it to ensure our community is protected.

The Safe Neighborhoods Law will:

- Keep sex offenders away from areas where children gather (schools, parks/playgrounds, childcare facilities, athletic fields, library, fitness center/gyms, farmers market and libraries)
- Create a 2,500-foot residency restriction
- Require an official map of restricted zones
- Prevent renting or leasing to offenders in prohibited areas
- Provide a waiver and appeal process
- Establish enforcement measures and penalties

The goal of the law is to protect the community while also supporting safe and lawful reintegration. For more information on this law and others, please visit the Oneida Nation website at <https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/laws/>.

The LOC is also preparing for term transition, with plans focused on maintaining legislative organization and momentum. The goal is to provide a well-supported docket so the incoming LOC can make informed decisions and establish priorities.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the attorneys of the Legislative Reference Office, whose diligent work made it possible for the Legislative Operating Committee to propose and Business Committee to adopt 21 pieces of legislation this term.



I remain committed to serving the Nation with compassion, kindness, empathy, and optimism, and to continuing the work of building a strong and supportive governance capacity. Let us continue to support one another to keep a good mind, a good heart, and a strong fire.

*Yaw?kó ki wah (thank you very much),
Councilman Jameson Wilson*



Chairman Tehassi Hill Captures Vice-Chairman Position at Indian Gaming Association

Photos and article by Oneida Nation Communications

"It's a very important position [Vice-Chairman of Indian Gaming Association (IGA)] to fulfill for the Oneida Nation. We've been in that leadership role at IGA since the inception with Chairman [Purcell] Powless being the first Vice-Chair for at that time, the National Indian Gaming Association, and then Rick Hill, and most recently [the late] Chairman [Ernie] Stevens," says Chairman Hill.

During the Indian Gaming Association's (IGA) annual convention in San Diego, CA, the Oneida Nation announced Thursday, April 2, 2026, that Chairman Tehassi Hill was elected as Vice-Chairman of IGA.

The IGA was established in 1985 as an initiative to represent gaming tribes in the country and to advocate for Tribes to operate and regulate their gaming activities pursuant to federal law and treaties. IGA represents 186 Tribes and associate members.

The Oneida Nation was at the forefront to establish IGA, formerly known as NIGA and has been at the leadership helm for more than 40 years.

Chairman Tehassi Hill was elected Wednesday and begins service immediately. According to Chairman Hill, his platform is to advance Indian gaming succinctly with the advancement of technology and

all the resources available to Tribes.

"It is an honor to continue the legacy of leadership amongst my Indian Gaming peers in the same way Oneida has done for 40 years. Gaming is the catalyst for funding our essential services to our people. My work will be of great value to all tribes in the country and to the Oneida Nation as we move forward in Wisconsin in securing online sport betting and taking advantage of changing technology to advance our gaming operations. I pride Oneida on being leaders in the gaming industry in operation and regulation of gaming and maintaining the integrity of operations," says Chairman Hill.

Chairman Hill retains his full-time role as Chairman of the Oneida Nation.



Above, Tribal leaders from across Turtle Island came together for a group photo in tribute to the late Ernie Stevens, Jr. in honor of his signature fist pose, and for his years of service as IGA Chairman. Top right, Chairman Hill is introduced by National Indigenous Entertainer, Chance Rush, at the San Diego Convention Center. Right, Chairman Hill with Chad Fuss, Assistant General Manager of Executive Finance at Oneida Casino Hotel after receiving the 2026 Danny Saenz Native American Man of the Year Award. See page 7 to learn more.



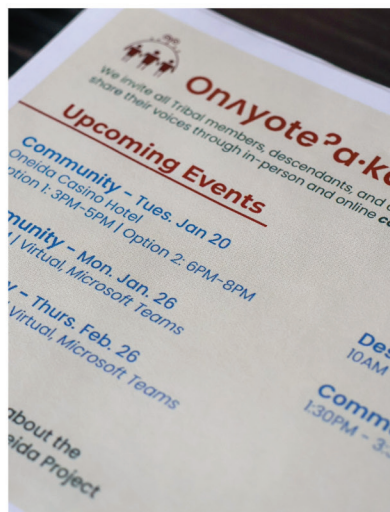


Shaping the Future of the Oneida Nation

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.



Future Generations

Together, we are building a foundation rooted in cultural pride, community connection, and shared responsibility.

Standing Committee

The I Am Oneida Standing Committee guides implementation of the I Am Oneida Project Plan, shares enrollment information with the community, and serves as a link between the community, GTC, and the Oneida Business Committee.



Onnyote'a-ka ni?i Project

Timeline

Phase 1 — Completed

2023

- Semi-Annual GTC Meeting
- Stakeholder Summits
- Community Sessions (Virtual & In-Person)

Early 2024

- Annual GTC Meeting
- Approval to Proceed from GTC

2024

- OPP Standing Committee established
- Committee work begins

Phase 2 — In Progress

Early 2025

- Update at Annual GTC Meeting
- Stakeholder data collection begins
- Assessments begin

2025

- Update at Semi-Annual GTC Meeting
- Continued stakeholder data collection
- Preliminary solutions explored

Early 2026

- Update at Annual GTC Meeting
- Solution development process begins
- Continued stakeholder data collection

Phase 3 — Upcoming

2026

- Update at Semi-Annual GTC Meeting
- Solution(s) presented for approval at GTC Special Meeting

Early 2027

Transition into approved solution(s) begins

2027

Solution(s) implementation

Learn more about the I Am Oneida Project



Your Input Matters!

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



Oneida Nation Applauds Signing of Act 247

Submitted by Oneida Nation Communications

The Oneida Nation welcomed the signing of Act 247 by Governor Tony Evers, calling it a significant milestone that reflects a strong and productive government to government partnership between the State of Wisconsin and Tribal Nations.

All 11 federally recognized Tribes in Wisconsin expressed their support for the legislation, which authorizes statewide online sports betting under amendments to the existing gaming compacts.

Tribal leaders emphasized that Act 247 reinforces shared economic goals while respecting Tribal sovereignty and

regulatory authority.

“Signing Act 247 is an important reflection of the collaborative, government to government relationship we continue to build with the State of Wisconsin,” says Tribal Secretary, Lisa Liggins. “This law keeps sports betting revenue in Wisconsin and ensures economic growth by reinvesting in our communities and our state. By establishing a legal and regulated framework, Act 247 ensures that sports betting remains within the state rather than flowing to illegal or unregulated markets while maintaining strong oversight and consumer protection.”



Honoring Excellence in Tribal Gaming Leadership

Submitted by Oneida Nation Communications

Chad Fuss, Assistant General Manager of Executive Finance of the Oneida Casino Hotel, received the 2026 Danny Saenz Native American Man of the Year Award, presented by Imagine This and the Indian Gaming Association.

The award was presented Wednesday, April 1, 2026, during the Indian Gaming Association Tradeshow & Convention in San Diego, CA. The honor recognizes Native leaders whose leadership, professionalism, and dedication continue to advance the Tribal gaming industry and strengthen their communities.

Chad’s recognition reflects the strength of Oneida leadership and the impact of his work within the gaming industry. Congratulations to Chad on this well-deserved achievement!



Partnering with Purpose

Oneida Nation and UWGB Look Forward to Year 2 of Collaboration

Submitted by Office of Chairman Tehassi Hill

Last year, Oneida Nation celebrated a renewed partnership with University of Wisconsin Green Bay (UWGB) Athletics Department, rooted in mutual respect and shared purpose. UWGB honored the nation during Native American Heritage month, by sporting a new basketball jersey designed by Jossalyn Metoxen, an enrolled member of Oneida Nation, as well as a student at UWGB, majoring in First Nations Studies. UWGB also hosted a men’s basketball exchange game with Haskell Indian Nations - whose mission is to serve Indigenous students from across the United States. For a list of some of the first-year partnership assets, see the callout below:

For year two, UWGB looks forward to elevating and expanding the partnership with Oneida Nation. A major focus will be on their 250 Division 1 student athletes being engaged and involved with Oneida youth in a variety of ways including school visits, reading books, participating in recess and school activities, clinics, and special events. Athletics can open the doors for so many opportunities for growth, development, and engagement for all, with a heavy focus on the youth of Oneida. Chairman Hill stated, “Investing in our youth today, allows them to dream bigger for their future.”



Chairman Hill receives one of three, framed jerseys, from UWGB Director of Athletics, Josh Moon. The jerseys will be displayed throughout Oneida Nation.

2025 PARTNERSHIP FEATURES

- Game Guarantee** – The partnership assisted in bringing Haskel Indian Nations to GB
- Custom Jerseys** – National exposure on ESPN+ and 15,300 in attendance at Allen Fieldhouse
- Oneida One-Stop** – over 50,000 impressions on all social media posts
- Game Day** – Halftime featured Oneida Smoke Dancers, Chaske Jacobs sang the flag song, Ernie Stevens & family was honored
- Oneida Nation Logo** – Courtside LED Board and video board promotion at all 23 games
- Free tickets** – All Oneida Nation members received free tickets to the game against Haskell



Improving Community Health Together

By Amanda Riesenberg,
Oneida Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach



High blood pressure and high cholesterol—two of the most significant risk factors for heart disease—are the focus of the final installment in our series on chronic conditions affecting the Oneida community.

According to the American Heart Association, high blood pressure is the most common modifiable risk factor for heart disease. A normal blood pressure reading is 120/80 mmHg or lower. Stage 1 hypertension readings fall between 130–139/80–89 mmHg, while stage 2 hypertension has readings at or above 140/90 mmHg. Data from the Oneida Health Center’s electronic medical records show that 44% of all blood pressure readings in 2025 were elevated, with rates increasing with age.

High cholesterol can lead to fatty buildup in the blood vessels, raising the risk of heart disease, heart attack, and stroke. Optimal total cholesterol is below 200 mg/dL. Readings between 200 and 239 mg/dL are considered borderline high, and levels of 240 mg/dL or above are classified as high. Ideally, LDL—or “bad”—cholesterol

should remain under 100 mg/dL. In 2025, 31% of Oneida Community Health Center patients tested had cholesterol levels above the optimal range. This is slightly better than the statewide figure, with 35% of Wisconsin residents testing above the recommended limit.

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) aims to reduce the prevalence of chronic health conditions in the Oneida Nation. Adopting healthy lifestyle habits—such as limiting sodium intake, choosing plant-based fats, eating a variety of fruits and vegetables, and engaging in regular physical activity—can significantly lower the risk of developing heart disease.

Residents with questions, or those seeking personalized guidance are encouraged to contact their healthcare provider.



Read the entire Community Health Improvement Plan



ONEIDA
Comprehensive Health Division
STROKE RESEARCH STUDY

School of Medicine and Public Health
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Open to Native Americans age 7-85

This study is open to both multi generational families living together and individuals. All study activities will be completed on the Oneida Reservation.


Develop New Skills Impact Your Health

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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.



JOIN US!
WALK WITH A DOC

Topic: Stroke Prevention
Lead Walker: Amanda Riesenberg

WEDNESDAY
MAY 6

12:10 - 12:45 PM
Oneida Community Health Center
Front Entrance

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

Questions? Contact
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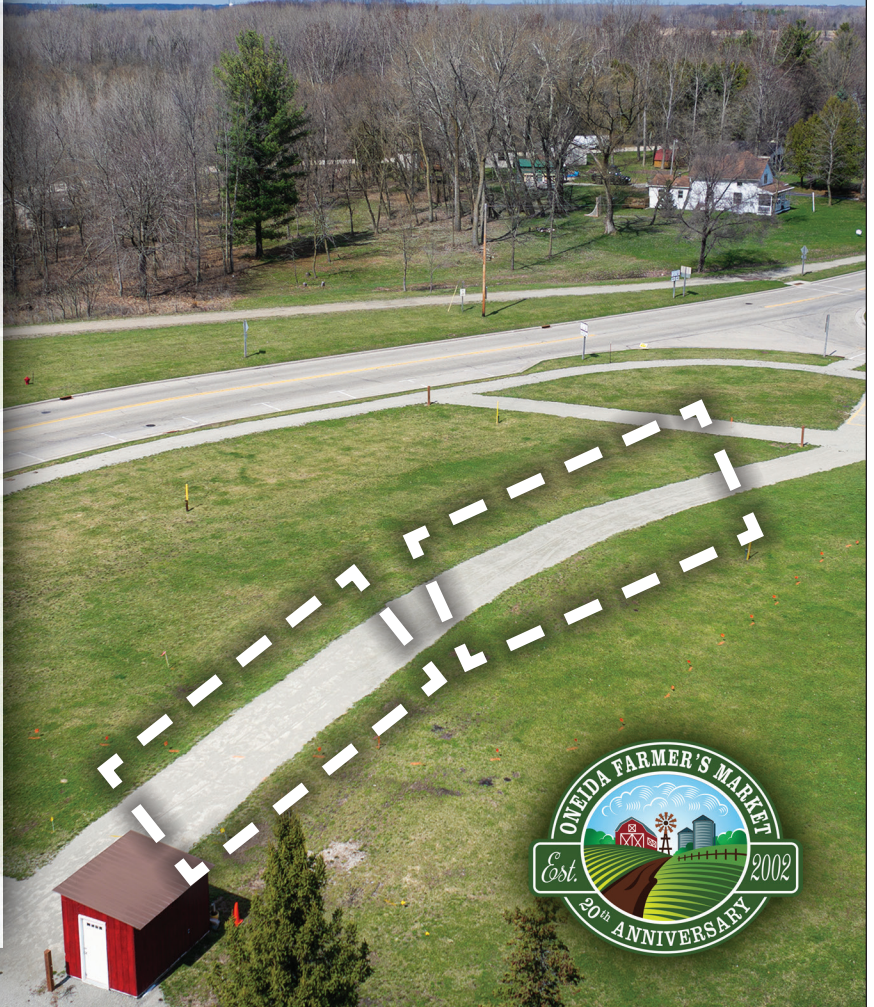
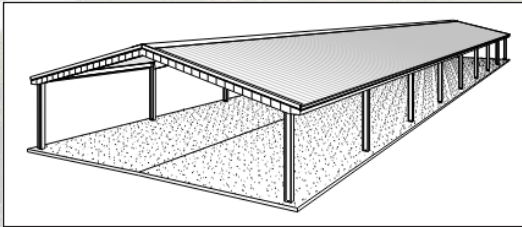
Oneida Farmer's Market (OFM) Set for Upgrade

This summer, two permanent structures, as seen below, will be installed at the OFM site, placed as indicated by the outlines in the photo.

Both coverings will be 35' wide. One will be 80' in length and the other 100'.

This year, opening day for OFM will be Thursday, June 18, 2026 but the canopies won't be ready until about the end of June or early July. When the canopies are constructed, OFM will move across the road to the west end of Highway 54 One Stop.

Bill Vervoort, Farmer's Market Manager says, "The new canopies will be a welcome upgrade to our 45 vendors. It will also alleviate having to take down the temporary canopies after every OFM. We look forward to vendors and patrons enjoying OFM with more shade and protection from hot and sometimes stormy summer days."



ONEIDA LAKE OPENS MAY 1

Rustic Camp Sites

Camping permits are required and available on a first come first served basis. Registration forms are available at the Conservation and Land Management office.

470 Airport Dr., Oneida, WI 54155

Monday – Friday 8am-4pm

Call 920.869.6500 or

email Conservation_Department@OneidaNation.org

Oneida Lake is a **TENT ONLY** campground, RV's, Motor homes, Truck Bed Campers, or Camper Units are not allowed.

Lake Hours – Gates open 6am and close at 9pm.

Caution – Exit before closure to avoid accidentally being gated in.



Caring for the Talu?kó (Ducks)

Submitted by Oneida LEAF Division



Photos: Amber Powless

The Oneida Land, Environmental, Agriculture and Food as Medicine Division (LEAF), formerly known as Environmental, Land & Agriculture, initiated a special project this spring to install mallard nesting tubes (Hen Houses) to support mallards and other ducks nesting success in Oneida's wetlands.

The structures provide elevated nesting sites designed specifically for mallard hens, helping reduce predation on eggs and nesting females.

Nesting tubes will be installed over shallow water in suitable wetland areas prior to the spring nesting season and maintained annually with fresh nesting material. By providing secure nesting habitat the project aims to increase nest success and contribute to improved local duck production.



Two members of the Nesting Tube Team construct one of the tubes that will hopefully become home to a family of ducks.



The entire Nesting Tube Team proudly stands before all the tubes before bringing them out to the wetland areas.



Photos: Eliza Skenandore

Earth Day in Oneida

Submitted by Oneida Community Library

Yawa?kó, to everyone who came out for the Earth Day clean up along Highway H. It meant so much to see our community come together to take care of this space.

"Every bag filled and every piece picked up made a difference. It's not always easy work, but it's important work, and it shows how much we value our land and each other. Days like today remind us how powerful it is when we show up together. We're caring for our environment and setting an example for the next generation," says Eliza Skenandore, Oneida Library Director.



Weather, Bikes, & Kids!

By Garth Webster

Jordan Brennan, the weekday morning meteorologist at NBC 26, was invited by Oneida's Early Education Center Director (OEEC) Joshua Cornelius on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, to talk all-things-weather with the children.

Brennan mentioned she grew up in Atlanta, GA, went to school at Florida State University, and recently began her career at NBC 26. Making the occasion even more fitting, mother nature just happened to be providing a thunderstorm during the visit, which served as the inspiration for Joshua's request to Jordan.

"We've had some exceptionally wild weather recently, so I invited Jordan to come share her expertise with our kids about what is going on outside," says Cornelius.

The children had a great time interacting with Ms. Brennan, asking her many questions. It was great time for the littles, Brennan, and the OEEC staff but as it turns out, the fun didn't stop there.

Cornelius is hoping the weather clears soon so the children can enjoy some more fun on two wheels, or perhaps four.

Joshua explained that recently, they've partnered with Bikes for Kids WI, a program that provides gently used bikes for our kids enabling OEEC to secure 33 bikes for Oneida's families.

Since Bikes for Kids WI began in 2017, they've distributed 14,135 bikes to Oneida and many other communities, helping 256 non-profits and schools along the way.



Jordan Brennan and Joshua Cornelius



Wisconsin Doula Association hold Bi-Annual Conference at the Oneida Hotel in February 2026

By Candi Cornelius, MSN RN, CLC-Oneida Prenatal Care Coordinator

Doulas and supporters from across Wisconsin attended the conference focusing on the theme of Collective Knowledge. Everyone gathered to honor the shared wisdom, lived experience, and collaborative spirit that strengthens doula work across Wisconsin. Participants learned, connected, and celebrated the vital role doulas play in supporting families and improving birth outcomes.

Some of the local Indigenous Doulas were asked to speak about the work being done in Native communities regarding reviving and incorporating traditional birthing practices. The panel of Indigenous Doulas consisted of Candi Cornelius from the Oneida Nation Indigenous Doula program, Amaris Andrews-DePerry from Red Cliff Band and Skye Alloway from Potawatomi/Menominee.

Maternal Child Health Staff from the Oneida Community Health Center present at National Conference in March 2026

By Candi Cornelius, MSN RN, CLC-Oneida Prenatal Care Coordinator

The Maternal Child Health (MCH) Staff presentation titled, *Understanding the Interconnectedness Recognized by Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island* was selected to be one of the breakout sessions at the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) Conference in Washington D.C. on March 10, 2026.

The AMCHP Conference is one of the largest gatherings of maternal and child health (MCH) professionals in the United States. The conference aims to highlight ways MCH programs impact women, children, and families along with providing participants with tools and resources to develop, enhance, and sustain vital MCH programs and services.

The MCH staff that attended and presented were Candi Cornelius, Oneida Prenatal Coordinator and Makenit Gutierrez, Oneida Maternal Child Health Worker along with two Indigenous doulas who serve the Wisconsin Ojibwe communities. The conference theme was, *The Power of Connection*, which was very appropriate for Indigenous Doulas who are often connecting and collaborating to ensure pregnant women receive the best care in all settings. The presentation included how the Indigenous Doula program started, next steps, and how traditional birthing practices can be incorporated into a delivery.

The Oneida Community Health Center started offering Indigenous Doula services in 2023. Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) had grant funding available that focused on learning about and reclaiming traditional birthing practices. Many of these traditional practices were forcibly removed during colonization when women were instructed to deliver at the hospital and often were alone in room with providers. Today, more Indigenous women and the Indigenous Doulas are reclaiming the traditional birthing practices which have been uplifting and empowering!





Premier Lacrosse League
YouTube Channel

Eastman Hill, A Rising Star Lacrosse Player

by Yewe Cornelius

Eastman “Kuunu” Hill (Ho-Chunk/Oneida) from Oneida, WI, the son of Landis and Latsiklanunha Hill, has recently been selected as a U12 midfielder for the Premier Lacrosse League (PLL) Jr. Championships Series.

This league offers youth ages 10-14 a chance to see what pro lacrosse life looks like. Hill will be drafted to one of eight Junior Pro PLL teams during a virtual draft that will be streamed on YouTube, Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 7pm Central Time and shared across PLL and PLL Play social channels. From there, Kuunu will represent his team at the Jr. Championships Series on a national stage, streamed on the ESPN+App in August. These games will be played at Harvard Stadium in Boston, Massachusetts.

Having started as a U8 player, Hill quickly realized his passion for lacrosse. Currently, he plays for Oneida Warriors Lacrosse and Fluid Lacrosse on their National team. His accomplishment in making the PLL Jr. Championship Series makes his parents and communities proud of all his hard work. Way to go Kuunu!

Haudenosaunee Jr. Nationals Tryouts

by Yewe Cornelius

On Saturday, March 28, and Saturday, April 4, 2026, the Haudenosaunee Jr. Nationals Lacrosse teams held tryouts for their boys U13, U15, and U19 teams at the Onondaga Fieldhouse in Syracuse, New York. With only 60 total spots available, around 160 boys showed up and left it all on the field. Among the athletes from across the Haudenosaunee Nations, there were a few from Oneida Nation of WI.

These young men include Clay Young, Wesay Metoxen, Marcus Arnold, Phoenix Webster, Jamison Quiver, and Takoda Sullivan, a Bay Mills Indian Community member who grew up in Oneida with his aunt and uncle, Tania and Terry Cornelius. While some of the boys' families drove, others were not able to. Thankfully, Randy and Kathy Cornelius stepped up with a fundraiser selling bowls of corn soup, 3 sisters chili, and Menominee chili. The event sold out in 90 minutes. They also held a 50/50 raffle which raised \$1,600. The proceeds enabled many boys to get to the tryouts. While an official roster has not yet been released, the boys played hard, making their communities proud. Good luck to all who tried out!



Left to right: Clay Young, Wesay Metoxen, Marcus Arnold, Phoenix Webster, Jamison Quiver, Takoda Sullivan, Coach Freeman Bucktooth, Coach Al Jones, and Darris Jones



Lanik̄htluʔtsli-yó Leadership, Culture, and Community

by Gavriella Van Boxel



On Thursday, March 26, 2026, a group of eight Seymour High School youth convened in the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) room to listen to a presentation given by Mark W. Powless, CEO – Nation Services. This presentation included an explanation of the new recreation complex and leadership from a cultural perspective. Also in attendance were YES Advocate Elizabeth Sauer and Oneida Museum’s Nathaniel Gerhardt.

Since January, a young men’s group has been meeting at Seymour High School. Lanik̄htluʔtsli-yó (roughly translates to Good Young Men), otherwise known as the Seymour Young Men’s Group, was started by YES advocates Elizabeth Sauer and Wendy Summers. They saw the need for the creation of a group such as this and began the process to start it. Part of that process was reaching out to 50 Oneida men in the community to serve as mentors to about 17 youth.

Some of these individuals are currently mentoring, while others have agreed to participate in the coming months. The purpose of these mentors is to teach the youth about what it’s like to be an Oneida man. This involves talks about culture and identity, among other things.

The intention behind starting this program was to create a safe and welcoming space for the Nation’s youth within the Seymour School District. The YES advocates already spend time with the students to ensure good grades and this program takes additional steps towards fostering positive growth through interactions with male Oneida role models.

“The group has made me feel closer to my culture with our involvement in lacrosse and art crafting classes. I like

learning about what’s going on in the community, the culture and the language. I wish this would happen more often.” says Brayden Stevens, one of the youth involved in Lanik̄htluʔtsli-yó.

While this program is in its early stages, there are long-term plans and goals for the future. Some students have requested a Young Women’s Group, which is planned to begin next school year. The team is hoping to build a relationship with Seymour Middle School to take turns hosting these programs for the youth. While specific data hasn’t been collected yet, the YES Advocates have noticed real changes within the youth.

“We are seeing positive outcomes in student engagement, behavior, and academics, in addition to better relationships between the young men and the faculty and staff at Seymour High School,” says Sauer.

◆◆◆ YOUTH MENTORS ◆◆◆

- Peter Skenandore
IT Project Manager
- Luther Laster
Youth Domestic Abuse Advocate
- Nathaniel Gerhardt
Museum Cultural Educator
- John Powless III
Judge
- Eddie Santiago
Male Cultural Apprentice
- Mark W. Powless
CEO-Nation Services
- Nick Metoxen
Turtle Clan Manager

Oneida Nation High School

THUNDERHAWK TIMES



Harmony's Harmonies

Guardian Angel

By Harmony Ferrell

Guardian angel

Everyone always talks about

Angels and ancestors.

And they say they're always with you.

When you sleep.

When you eat.

Even when you're alone.

But the thing is,

Has anyone ever felt like one?

Kinda like a guardian angel?

You know where you protect.

Watch.

Feel.

When you feel them around.

It makes you question.

Do they judge me?

Do they think I'm disgusting for what I do in private?

And the answer is "No."

Simply I could tell you more about yourself than anyone.

But I'm not.

'Cause a guardian angel just watches and protects.

Never judges.

Heading Into Summer

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

It's the homestretch!

Having just returned from Spring Break, ONHS students and staff are focused on the final two months of school while the Wisconsin spring is bursting out all around.

The school calendar is a busy one. Oneida Nation Elementary School holds 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Spring Concerts in the school's small gym on April 17.

May gets busy with Mid-Quarter grades being entered on 4th, morning cultural activities and a half-day for students on the 8th, 22nd and 25th off from school for Oneida

Code Talkers and Memorial Days. ONHS Prom is Saturday, May 16. Spring sports will also be in full swing with seasons approaching their end.

Daylight and temperature between now and then will also be a welcome improvement. By the end of April, average high temperature will be 55-61 degrees. By the end of May that shoots up to 67-71 degrees. Daylight increases from 14 hours and 12 minutes on April 30 to 15 hours and 18 minutes on May 31.



My Scoop – An Editorial Rethinking of the Holocaust

By Millyana King

[Part One of a Two-Part Series]

The Holocaust is also known as "Shoah," a Hebrew word meaning "catastrophe." A Google search will tell you that the Holocaust resulted in the murder of six million European Jews by Nazis and their collaborators between 1933 and 1945.

In addition to Jewish people, the Nazis killed millions of others, including Roma and Sinti, disabled people, Soviet POWs, Polish civilians, Jehovah's Witnesses, and gay men. An estimated 1.5 million Jewish children were murdered or died from starvation and disease. According to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and other sources, by February 1943, approximately 75-80% of the Jewish population that would die had already been killed.

Keep those numbers in mind when you hear that there are people who insist the

Holocaust never happened.

This belief caused this writer to wonder, "Could a holocaust happen today?" and "Is another Holocaust already underway?"

First, "Could a Holocaust happen today?"

Many people in several countries, including the United States and across Europe, believe that a mass genocide similar to the holocaust could happen again today. A 2026 Survey conducted by the Claims Conference indicates that over three-quarters of American adults and significant majorities in the UK, France, Austria, Germany, and Poland share this concern.

One area, close to home, that people might pay attention to is the current activities of ICE, or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. U.S. President Donald Trump's administration ramped up large-scale ICE worksite raids in multiple locations shortly after he took office in 2025, leading to thousands arrested. According to the Prison Police Initiative, "ICE raids and arrests in 2025 reached record highs, with over 328,000 people arrested and nearly 327,000 deported by late December. Daily arrests escalated from 350 in January to over 700 by May/June, marking a 300% increase from the previous year, with a significant rise in "at-large" community arrests."

In July 2025, after months of arrests and deaths, Donald Trump visited a new controversial migrant detention facility in the Florida Everglades called "Alligator Alcatraz"



because of its isolated location surrounded by swamplands, alligators, and pythons. Trump even joked during his visit that the alligators were “unpaid security.”

A federal judge, in August 2025, ordered a partial shutdown of the facility due to environmental concerns. Facilities like “Alligator Alcatraz” are raising concerns that that something similar like the holocaust could happen again.

There have been deaths of even U.S citizens since the ICE raids started like those of Minneapolis residents Renne Good, and Alex Pretti. Both were U.S. citizens; Alex graduating from Green Bay’s own Prebble High School. Reuters reports that “As of April 18, 2026, at least 17 immigrants have died in ICE custody” following “a record-high 31 reported deaths in 2025, which was the deadliest year for ICE detainees in over two decades.”

Is this current concern with detention centers in the U.S. similar to how the Nazi concentration camps of the 1930s began?

According to the Holocaust Encyclopedia, these are some things to consider:

When the Nazis came into power in Germany, they did not immediately start to carryout the mass murder of Jews, however, they soon began using the govern-

ment to target Jews and exclude them from German society.

In Mein Kampf (1925-1927, “My Struggle”), Hitler further developed the idea of the Jews as an “evil race” – not a religious group – struggling for world domination.

“Religious” antisemitism could be resolved by conversion, “political” antisemitism by expulsion. But it was “racial” antisemitism that led to the Holocaust.

It was the gradual introduction and incorporation of the idea that Jews and other groups were “different” and “less” than other Germans that eventually ushered in the holocaust. When listening to what is being said about some people – especially immigrants – in our society today, you will hear similar statements being made.

In Part-Two I will look further at the second question, “Is another Holocaust already underway?”

Why You Shouldn’t Lie

By Mason Laster

[Advisor’s Note: Students in Breck Warren’s Journalism class are studying the importance of factual information in gathering and reporting news stories. Here is one student journalist’s reflection on the topic.]

There are many consequences that come

with lying, as lying is something that you shouldn’t do. A man who goes by the name Stephen Glass had made up phony articles to create thrill and excitement to the audience, even creating made up notes, fake voice-mails, websites, etc.

He worked at the New Republic from 1995 to 1998 until his time was cut after Forbes started looking into his article. Charles Lane, the Editor, eventually caught on and fired him. 6 of the 21 articles that Glass made were completely fabricated. Some of Glass’s biggest hits were “Hack Heaven” and “Spring Breakdown” being completely fake and fictional.

His editor took him to all the places where Glass said Hack Heaven happened, and found out on the spot that his articles were fabricated. Charles read some of his other articles and fired him.

To this day, nobody wants to hire Glass, as his acts of lying and creating fiction in the magazine were wrong and messed up.

Lying is extremely wrong – especially for journalists. Paying the consequences for your actions can be very cruel payback.



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ONEIDA

Vision
A Nation of strong families built on Tsi? Niyukwaliho ᑎᐱ 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.

Ka?nikuhli-yó (Ga-nee-goo hlee yo)
The openness of the good spirit and mind.

Ka?tshatstásla (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.

Twahwahtsílaya (Dwa wah jeeleye)
All of us are family.

Yukwatsístaya (You-gwa-jees-stai)
Our fire, our spirit within each of us.

2026 Meet the Applicants

With the 2026 election season upon us, it brings a responsibility for each Oneida citizen to inform themselves to select the individuals that will serve as our elected leaders over the next three years. Along with the campaign materials posted by each individual, the Oneida Nation is providing this forum to help prepare Oneida citizens before they head to the polls this summer. At this point, only names and the position they are running for are included. Watch future editions, post-primary, for in-depth information about each individual. Also, at this point the individuals listed are APPLICANTS as of the filing deadline, not a list of CANDIDATES who have been approved by the Election Board in accordance with the Election Law and qualifications listed in by-laws and laws of the Nation.

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- Rod Hill • Nicholas Webster
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- Cheryl Metoxen Stevens • Nancy Barton • Wesley Martin Jr. • Joan McLester

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- Denise Beans • Cassie Metoxen
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- John Orié
- Brenda John

Oneida Judiciary Trial Court Chief Judge

- John Powless III

Oneida Judiciary Trial Court Judge

- Peril Huff

The primary election will be held Saturday, May 9, 2026. All campaign ads for the June Kalihwisaks must be submitted by end of day, Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Living, Healing, One Day at a Time

12-Step, NA, and Nar-Anon Hold Open Meeting

By Garth Webster



Front row, left to right: Jan Malcolm, Nar-Anon Co-founder, event presenters Nick Webster and Serena-yakoyatiyosta Dodge Waubanasum, along with Co-Nar-Anon Founder Janice Hirth, take a moment with community members for a group photo after the meeting.

The October 2024 edition featured the story of Jan Malcolm as she journeyed down her road to recovery from alcoholism. It also chronicled her and close friend, Janice Hirth's effort to begin a Nar-Anon chapter in Oneida.

Together, they've since held regular Nar-Anon meetings the past two and half years. The most recent of which occurred from 1-3pm Saturday, April 10, 2026 in the congregate meal area of the Anna John Resident Care Community Center on S. Overland Road in Oneida.

The two-hour event began with a pizza and refreshment social where friends and those in recovery enjoyed each other's company.

After lunch, Malcolm introduced two speakers, Nick Webster and Serena-yakoyatiyosta Dodge Waubanasum, who shared their stories of failure and success to overcome their addictions.

After Webster completed his presentation, Serena shared her thoughts. Later during a personal interview with her, she provided her advice to live sober.

There is help. You can recover from being a co-dependant, alcoholic, or addict. There are many ways but mine was the 12-Step program. It changed my life," says Serena.

Along with the Oneida Behavioral Health Department's staff, social workers, triage, and counseling staff, she added how her faith, family, and culture were key factors in her recovery.

"Now, it's been 4 years. I have peace and harmony. The medicine the Creator's given to us will help us heal. It's also important to thank the Creator. You have to work it but always remember the reason why we're here is the Creator and also Love. Now, I just want healing for myself so I can be the best Mom and Grandma that I can. My connections to my family and the Creator is why I'm still sober today. I also try to be active in a good way, a mindful way, and a cultural way. I try to keep my my mind in that Skana way."

The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, Nar-Anon offers help by sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

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Wisconsin Alzheimer's
Disease Research Center
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PUBLIC HEALTH

Healthy Minds for Seven Generations Event Brings Community Together

By Sacheen Lawrence

The Oneida Alzheimer's Disease Research Center team, in partnership with Debbie Miller, Oneida Tribal Dementia Specialist, recently collaborated and hosted a community event, **Healthy Minds for Seven Generations**. The gathering highlighted the importance of wellness, cultural connection, and shared learning within the Oneida community.

Vendors provided resources on brain health, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, heart health, and other supportive community services. Attendees also enjoyed an engaging presentation by **Dr. Megan Zuelsdorff**, "*Strong Ties, Strong Mind: How Social and Cultural Connections Protect the Body and Brain*," Audience members appeared to enjoy the educational presentation. A lot of great questions were asked and there was a great discussion around the content.

Many attendees were able to take advantage of the free memory screenings that were offered during

the event. These were done by Debbie Miller, the Oneida Tribal Dementia Specialist and Carrie Trojanczyk, an AMICA Project Coordinator with the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

To support local Oneida businesses, the event featured coffee from **Yaweku Coffee** and meals from **Off the Trail**, both owned by Oneida community members.

The Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center looks forward to continued collaboration with tribal partners to share resources, expand education, and strengthen community involvement in research related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

The event received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees and vendors alike, emphasizing the value of bringing these opportunities to the Oneida community.



The Oneida Nation Alzheimer's Disease Community Advisory Board is seeking more members

The Oneida CAB is a growing partnership between the Oneida Nation of WI and the Univ. of WI Alzheimer's disease and related dementia' and optimize dementia care and Indigenous communities. The Oneida CAB guides all research activity.

You are welcome to join our meetings. CAB meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month. All meetings are scheduled over ZOOM from 10-11:30am.

Join the meetings with this link:
<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/92180443057?from=addon>
Meeting ID: 921 8044 3057

Questions signing in? Call Lexi Nelson
Landline: 608.262.2089 • Mobile: 623.302.0455 • Email: lnelson@medicine.wisc.edu

Painting with Gratitude

Burdeena Endhunter Honors Veterans in her Artwork

By Garth Webster



While the United States has been acknowledging the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, artist Burdeena Endhunter has made it her mission to honor the legacy of warriors that have sacrificed to protect the liberty and freedoms promised in the declaration.

Endhunter is reaching out to the community and its veterans urging them to contact her to help expand her montage of oil paintings on display now through July 2026 at the Inward Bound gallery adjacent to Turtle Island Gifts, 1641 Commanche Avenue in Ashwaubenon, WI.

In addition to her invitation, Endhunter has been attending the weekly Friday morning breakfast gatherings at the Oneida Veterans Services office on Riverdale Drive in Oneida. She has observed how the event has become so much more than a great meal.

"To have that warmth and that understanding is such a major token to each one of them to help each other with their struggles and what they've been through," says Endhunter.

When Endhunter is able to engage those willing to participate as a subject of her paintings, she does so in a way to capture the essence of who they are and how important they are to the Oneida community.

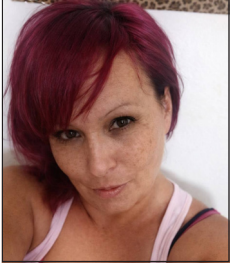
"Let me hear your history. Let me hear what you went through and I pray that I can do justice [to your story] with a painting to embellish all that they've accomplished because our people have accomplished a lot, they've obtained a lot and have so much education and so many of their era is coming to an end that I want to hold onto it as long as I can. If I can do that in a painting, that's even better."

Endhunter continues, We need to honor the women and men not just to say thank you but to embellish and uplift each other."

Learn more by watching
Burdeena describe her work
and inspiration



Left: Burdeena Endhunter proudly shows two of her most recent Veteran paintings of the late Ken Webster and Loretta Metoxen. Right, Endhunter also painted her Grandfather, the late John E. Powless Sr. Burdeena says she doesn't sell her Veteran paintings stating, "How could I put a price on their history or what they accomplished. It's priceless."

AMY LOU POLK**August 7, 1978 - March 13, 2026**

Amy Lou Polk was born on August 7, 1978, in Riverside, California, to Sherry Marie Polk and Donald Rudolph Polk. The second of seven children, she grew

up in Lynwood, California, a place she held close to her heart and spoke of often. From a young age, Amy was full of life, fun-loving, adventurous, and always ready to make others laugh. She loved music, skateboarding, and proudly embraced her Native American heritage. Her vibrant personality and sense of humor brought joy to everyone around her.

Amy's adventurous spirit led her to travel with the carnival alongside her aunts, creating unforgettable memories on the road. She later worked in stadium concessions in San Diego from 2001 to 2009, where her outgoing personality shined. After returning to Los Angeles from 2009 to 2015, she continued working in concessions and earned Employee of the Year three years in a row while with the Dodgers. Amy also worked security at Monster Truck shows, met notable athletes, and enjoyed behind-the-scenes opportunities at major entertainment events. Her love of music brought her even more memorable experiences, including touring with friends and living life to the fullest.

Thirty years ago, Amy met the love of her life, Fernando Reyna. Together they built a life filled with laughter, travel, and deep affection. She lovingly called him "Fern Dog," reflecting their playful bond. They lived in Mexico from 2001 to 2009, returned to Los Angeles, and later settled in San Antonio, Texas, in 2015, where they remained until her passing. Amy fell asleep in death with Fernando by her side, just as he had been for three decades.

Amy had a heart for helping others, especially the elderly, and was known for her kindness, generosity, and loyalty to family. She is preceded in death by her mother, sister, grandparents, and several beloved relatives.

She is survived by her father, siblings, extended family, her beloved Fernando,

and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and loved ones.

Amy's laughter, compassion, and vibrant spirit will live on in every story shared, every song played, and every memory cherished.

Read Amy's full obituary

**SHELLY JEAN STEVENS****August 24, 1966 - March 22, 2026**

Shelly Jean Stevens, Tekawaná·sle?, "Her words are doubled", age 59 of Oneida, passed away on March 22, 2026. She was born on August

24, 1966, to Valerie Groleau and Elden Wheelock.

Shelly was a loving mother, sister, and daughter. She loved cooking and was known for her genuine kindness and had a very forgiving heart. She was a strong woman who survived brain cancer in 2011. She took care of many loved ones throughout her life. Shelly was also famous for her hats and her love of purple.

Shelly is survived by her husband Kelly Stevens Sr., and her children, Shakira, Anastasia (Kasey), Coleman (Demetria), Natasha (Jerrad), Kelly Jr., and Vernon. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Aubrey, Sebastian, and Cante. She is further survived by her mother Valerie (stepfather Marshall) Groleau, her father Elden Wheelock, and her mother-in-law Marjorie Stevens.

She was preceded in death by numerous relatives.

Family and friends may call for visitation on Wednesday, March 25, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere. The Oneida Hymn Singers song service will begin at 5:30pm, with a service to follow. Visitation will continue at the Oneida Nation Longhouse, W370 Reformatory Rd, Seymour, WI, from 12:00am-10:00am on Thursday, March 26. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 26 at the Oneida Nation Longhouse. Burials will follow at Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds.

BARBARA ANN MCKINZIE**July 29, 1935 - March 25, 2026**

Barbara Ann McKinzie, 90, Oneida, passed away peacefully early on Wednesday morning, March 25, 2026.

She was born July 29, 1935, in Seymour to the late Henry and Mary (Powless) Jourdan.

On February 8, 1958, she was united in marriage to James Henson McKenzie in Chicago.

In 1974, James, Barbara, and their children were Sealed for all time and eternity at the Washington DC Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Barbara is survived by her children; Mary, Laurel, James, Daniel, and Gennafer. Fourteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, as well as her siblings; Yvonne, Judith, Henrietta, Henry, Diane, her sisters-in-law Diana and Jan, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband James H. McKinzie, her grandson Steven Douglas Wyatt, and siblings, Mildred, Virgil, Ronald, Patricia, and Kenneth.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 9:00AM Friday, March 27, 2026, with Oneida Hymn Singers at 10:30AM followed by a service at 11:00AM with President Keith Stoddard officiating. Burial will follow at Church of the Holy Apostles Cemetery.

Special thanks to Bellin ICU, 8th floor nursing staff, Unity Hospice, and the helpful general hospital staff.

Please submit obituaries (300 words or less) and a high quality photo to Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org



Pending space, obituaries longer than 300 words will be printed.

If not, the Kalihwisaks requests that submitters provide both a shortened and full version. The full length version will be linked to via QR code.



The Kalihwisaks reserves the right to make exceptions to this guideline.



ONEIDA FAMILY COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

RE: Case #11PA101 ONCSA and
Danielle K. Vidal Rivera v.
Shenandoah P. Goss

A diligent attempt was made to notify the above Petitioner of a Motion for Modification of Legal Custody and/or Physical Placement filed by Respondent. A hearing shall take place on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 1:30 pm** in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court office located at 2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303. Inquiries for additional information may be directed to: Oneida Family Court • PO Box 19 • Oneida, WI 54155 920.496.7200



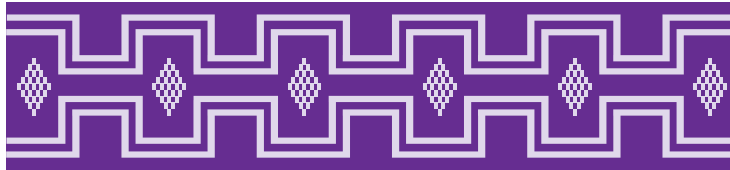
Community Development
Code Compliance & Zoning Department
P.O. Box 365 • N7332 Water Circle Place
Oneida, WI 54155

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Oneida Land Commission • June 8, 2026
Little Bear Development Center
N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida WI 54155
4:30 p.m.

The Land Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on June 8, 2026, for the purpose of gathering community concerns or comment on the following: A variance request for Oneida Judicial, 2630 W Mason St, Green Bay, WI 54311, to construct a fence that exceeds the limits of the Oneida Zoning & Shoreland Protection Law. Ch 605. This notice is being issued in accordance with this law.

Written comments are due prior to June 1, 2026. Please send comments to: Troy D. Parr, AIA, Acting Zoning Administrator via email tparr@oneidanation.org; or, send written comments to: Attn: Zoning Administrator, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155.



Notice to Interested Person(s) Setting Hearing on Application for Probate and Setting Time and Notice to Creditors

To attend meetings virtually or request a copy of the materials, contact Brooke M. Doxtator at 920.869.4303 or email land_commission@oneidanation.org.

To file a claim, contact Oneida Land Commission, Attn. Government Administrative Office, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or email land_commission@oneidanation.org. Applications for probate have been filed as follows

Estate of Gerald B. Diamond • Case No. 2026-LCP-002 The deadline to file a claim is May 7, 2026

- The decedent with a date of birth of 1/10/1938, died on 5/27/2025 was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation, in Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin, at N5970 Lambie Road, De Pere, WI 54115
- TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Deanna Barrett, Gerald B. Diamond, Tessa K. Diamond, Anita G. Diamond, Fern K. Diamond
- A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 5/26/2026, 4:00pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Valerie L. Yazzie • Case No. 2026-LCP-001 The deadline to file a claim is May 7, 2026

- The decedent with a date of birth of 6/1/1957, died on 7/19/2025 was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation, in Brown County, State of Wisconsin, at 4188 W. Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54155.
- TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Joe Yazzie, Jamie Willis, Jerilynn Doud
- A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 5/26/2026, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Kenneth L. Skenandore • Case No. 2026-LCP-004 The deadline to file a claim is May 15, 2026

- The decedent with a date of birth of 12/30/1958, died on 2/26/2026 was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation, in Brown County, State of Wisconsin, at 2967 S. Pine Tree Road, Oneida, WI 54155.

Estate of Fred Ronald Laitinen • Case No. 2026-LCP-003 The deadline to file a claim is May 15, 2026

- The decedent with a date of birth of 8/10/1939, died on 5/4/2024 was domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation, in Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin, at W1351 Ray Road, De Pere, WI 54115.

GTC MEETING DATES

**Sunday,
May 31, 2026
2pm
Special GTC
Meeting**

**Tuesday,
June 30, 2026
6pm
I Am Oneida Project
No Stipend**

**Tuesday,
July 7, 2026
6pm
Semi-Annual**

**Monday,
Aug. 24, 2026
6pm
FY27
Budget**

Grow Solar Program Returns

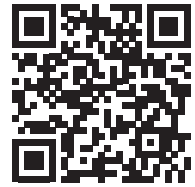
Submitted by Michael Troge,
Oneida Engineering Department Energy Project Manager



In 2025, Oneida Nation, City of Green Bay, and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) introduced the Grow Solar Program (GSP) to Outagamie, Brown, and Winnebago Counties. The Program is opening back up in 2026. This was a volume discount program, which means that the more kilowatts purchased throughout the region, the greater the rebate the installer would apply to the final cost. This can add up to about \$500 to \$1000 of reduced cost to your system. The Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for residential solar is no longer around. For residential installs, the GSP and the increased Focus on Energy incentive still make solar an opportunity.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, AND GOVERNMENTS: The ITC is still available until the end of 2027. This is the best time to act! A meeting is scheduled at the VFW, 2980 East Service Road, Oneida at 5pm Wednesday, May 6, 2026, to describe the program and schedule a site assessment.

Email Mike Troge
mtroge@oneidanation.org
or Scan the QR Code
to learn more



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

Scan the QR code for the
Native American Indigenous
Athletics Hall of Fame
Banquet Webpage





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CULTURAL CENTER

GRAND OPENING

June 20, 2026

760 Airport Rd ♦ Oneida, WI 54155



ONEIDA

MEDICINAL PLANT & FORAGING TEACHINGS WITH RANDY CORNELIUS

EACH SESSION IS LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS
TO REGISTER CONTACT:
Culturalheritage@oneidanation.org

SESSIONS:

- Thursday April 30
1:30pm-4pm
- Tuesday May 5
5pm-7:30pm
- Thursday, May 14
5pm-7:30pm
- Tuesday May 19
1:30-4:00PM
- Wednesday, May 27
5pm - 7:30pm

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



STRAWBERRY CEREMONY

EDUCATION NIGHT

May 13, 2026
5:30 - 8pm

ONEIDA LONGHOUSE
W370 REFORMATORY RD
ONEIDA WI

ENJOY A LIGHT MEAL

Contact: Isis Croston
icroston@oneidanation.org

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The dates may be subject to change due to funeral ceremonies



ELECT

John POWLESS III

Trial Court Chief Judge


**Experienced • Fair
Educated**

I respectfully seek your vote to continue providing fair hearings and just administration of law as the Trial Court Chief Judge for the Oneida Nation.

**Primary Election May 9, 2026
General Election July 11, 2026**

Learn more by scanning the QR code.






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



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.c.hill>

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

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

Mary Loeffler-Cornelius
For Oneida Business Committee
 Community is the heart of the Matter



I see each day as a clean slate, a fresh chance to seize new opportunities.

I welcome conversation by phone at 928-814-2799 OR stop by Wednesdays or Fridays at the Elder meal site located inside Anna John Resident Centered Care Community for a friendly chat.

Learn more by scanning the QR Code



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.

VOTE




GINA POWLESS-BUENROSTRO
For Oneida Nation Secretary

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

Transparency and Accountability in reporting and actions

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Contact me by emailing Gina.Buenrostro@yahoo.com




LOUISE CORNELIUS



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ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE TRESURER

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ADVANCING ONEIDA'S ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY

FOCUSED ON RESULTS

PROVEN LEADERSHIP



SERVING THE ONEIDA NATION WITH INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Re-elect Tehassi tasi Hill for Chairman



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"I humbly seek your support on July 11, 2026, for Oneida Nation Chairman."

Values

Governance • Tribal Sovereignty • Strong Government-to-Government relationships
Upholding Oneida Nation's constitution

Educational Background/Certificates/Board Positions

Leadership Certification-Initiative One • Continuous Leadership Development-Universal Consulting
Chairman of GAO-TIAC • Vice President-MAST
Vice President-IGA • Treasurer and Secretary-GLITC
Member-NRDA Trustee Council

Twahwahtsilaya

My mother is Vickie Cornelius - Father is Oneida Sub-Chief Ron Hill
My grandparents are Dellora & Orville Cornelius and
Hazel Smith and Irvin Hill. My wife and I have a beautiful
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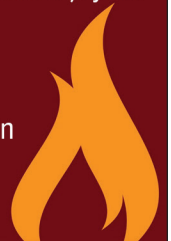
Thur., May 7 • Thur., May 28 • 5:30pm
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A chance to be heard on Oneida's
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Topics: What other Tribes are doing
Speakers: Norbert Hill, Anthony Konkol
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Oni-Akon@OneidaNation.org.

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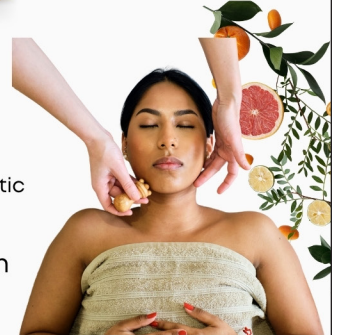


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Mother's Day

Brunch

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Sunday, May 10th, 2026

Serving in the Iroquois Complex

9:30am - 2:00pm

Chef Carved Orange Pork Roast
Beef Pastrami Brisket

Made-to-Order Egg & Omelet Station

Salad Bar
Fresh Fruit & Crudite
Cheese & Sausage
Marinated Vegetable Salad
Scrambled Eggs
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Bacon
Belgian Waffles w/ Strawberry Topping,
Whipped Cream & Syrup
Apricot Glazed Ham
Broasted Chicken
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Assorted Dessert & Pastry Station

\$39 Adults • \$29 Seniors (over 60)
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A gratuity of 23% will be added for
groups of 6 or more

Reservations are Recommended | 920-321-4116
If no answer leave message; name, phone number, and # of guests.

ONEIDA NATION ORCHARD FARM

Seed & Plant Distribution

Saturday, May 16th 2026

Tsyunhehkw[^] Farm

139 Riverdale Drive Oneida, WI

10am - While Supplies Last

COST: 3+ non-perishable food items for Oneida Food Pantry


PLANT VARIETIES:
Peppers
Tomatoes
Marigolds

SEED VARIETIES:
Peas
Beans
Spinach
Cucumber
Squash
Onions
Potatoes


Questions? Call 920-869-2468

All Oneida Seniors
High School class of
2026

EMAIL BY
TUE., MAY 5
 Kalihwisaks@OneidaNation.org

 **Name**
Photo
High School

All photos and names will be published in the June edition.



Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk

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"We're thinking of you."





Saturday, May 9 • 10am Registration
 Oneida Recreation • 2913 Artley St., Oneida, WI 54155
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58th Annual Oneida Royalty Pageant

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 2ND

**Enrolled Member of Oneida Nation*

Miss Oneida *18 - 25 Yrs of Age*

High school graduate
Letter of recommendation

Jr. Miss Oneida *14 - 17 Yrs of Age*

High School student in Good Standing
Letter of recommendation

Lil' Miss Oneida *10-13 Yrs of Age*

Student in Good Standing
Letter of recommendation

Applications are available at Big Bear Media, Oneida Nation High School, and Oneida Library (Elm St.) For more information contact Oneida Royalty Committee.

 OneidaNationRoyaltyofWI
 OneidaRoyalty@OneidaNation.org

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Monday, May 25, 2026 • Annual Cemetery Tour
Members arrive 7:40am • Depart 8am
Oneida VFW Post 7784 • 2980 E. Service Rd., Oneida, WI

1. Lutheran-Riverdale Dr.
 2. Morman-Riverdale Dr.
 3. Assembly of God-Hwy 54
 4. St. Joseph-Seminary Rd.
 5. Holy Apostles-Freedom Rd.
 6. Methodist-Freedom Rd.
 7. White Cemetery Freedom Rd. & EE
 8. Oneida Tribal Cemetery Adams Dr.
 9. Anna John Nursing Home 2901 S. Overland Rd.
 10. Oneida Veteran's Memorial Hwy 54 & Pleasant Lane
- ... Break ...

Approximately Noon or 1pm, lunch will be provided at Oneida Nation Veterans Services (While food lasts) at 131 Riverdale Dr., Oneida, WI 54155

Thank You for your support & service to our community Veterans.
Sincerely, Commander Deke Suri
Mobile: 920.445.1972



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