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# From the Kali

**Shekóli Swakwe•kú.** This issue of Kalihwisaks is close for me. Not just because I work here, but as an Oneida Nation High School alumnus from the class of 2019 and a lifelong lacrosse player. Both the sport and the school have shaped me in deep lasting ways. That's why I'm proud to spotlight them in this edition.

At the heart of our center spread, we honor lacrosse, not just as a game, but as a medicine, a tradition, and a gift passed down through generations. It's more than competition. It's a spiritual practice that continues to connect us to our ancestors and to each other. From youth teams to seasoned players, it's powerful to see how this tradition lives on and continues to grow across our community.

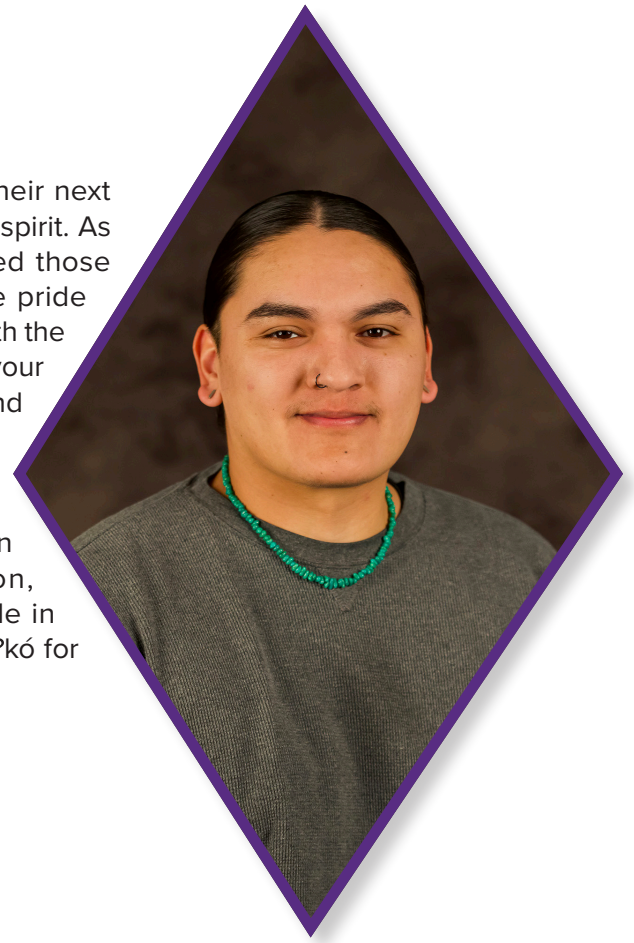
We also celebrate a new group of Oneida Nation High School

graduates, stepping into their next chapters with strength and spirit. As someone who once walked those same hallways, I know the pride and potential that comes with the diploma. To the graduates: your journey is just beginning, and your Nation stands behind you.

I hope this issue inspires you to reflect on how tradition, education, and community plays a role in shaping who we are. Yawλ?kó for reading.



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# Business Committee Forum

By Jennifer Webster

Oneida Nation Councilwoman

Shekóli, in the spirit of gratitude to our community and as a 3rd Generation Council Member, I reflect on the legacy of my family. My grandpa, Lee McLester, served as Vice Chair from 1963-1965, and my father, Lee "Gordon" McLester, served as a Council Member and Tribal Secretary from 1969-1987. I learned early on the importance of community and the reverence we hold for the path laid out by our elders. Our leadership has supported celebrating and honoring our past leaders with Lifetime Achievements. To date, we have honored Lois Powless, Wendell McLester, Julie Barton, Alma Webster, Kathy Hughes, and Sandra Brehmer. We have more planned to recognize those who have laid the foundation for our Nation's success.

Our roots are deeply embedded in this land, and with enrollments at 17,737 plus, we are thankful for the resilience, determination, and perseverance of our community.

On a federal level, Oneida is reviewing various Executive Orders from the White House for their impact on Indian Country. I am involved in several federal committees, including the HHS Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, Administration for Children & Families, and the IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee. We cannot ignore federal policy and issues; we must be present to fight for our rights as Indigenous peoples. We are committed to protecting our sovereignty and supporting our people by influencing federal legislation and actions that impact the Nation and Indian Country.

As a woman, daughter, mother, grandmother, and elected leader, things that touch my heart are combating the violence that affects our Indigenous communities. Thank you to everyone who joined the recent MMIW Walk. I am also very proud of the work Oneida Reads is doing; reading at grade level is crucial for our children's future. *Our children-Our future-Teach Them Well.* (a quote I found years ago).

The BC gets one opportunity per year to write a column updating you on our activities. This isn't campaigning; it's sharing what we've been doing. *Here is a brief list of what I've been working on this past year:*

- Federal Policy-Progress Act
- IHS Funding: Discretionary to Mandatory
- Contract Support Cost
- LOC work in creating laws
- Child Support Regulations
- And more...
- Self-Governance

In closing, I want to congratulate everyone graduating, from Head Start to master's degrees. Remember, you have a purpose on this earth and a responsibility to fulfill. WE ALL have a responsibility, not only to care for this land but to make sure our children and grandchildren know what it is to be Indigenous.

Yawλ'kó,  
Jenny Webster  
Oneida Nation Councilwoman



Lee McLester being sworn in as Oneida Nation Vice Chairman and serving from 1963-1965



Lee "Gordon" McLester, served as a Council Member and Tribal Secretary from 1969-1987



## Chairman's Corner

July 25, 2002

Dear General Tribal Council, It has been a privilege to serve. As I reflect on the past three years, I am overwhelmed by the critical challenges that face the Oneida Nation. Much progress has been made in the services available to the Oneida membership to help raise the quality of life in and around the community. However, there is always more that can be done as we prepare the Nation for the next seven generations.

Through the success of our gaming operations, we have been able to provide jobs to over 3,000 people, assist the membership in obtaining a higher education as well as helping the Oneida families buy new or improved homes. The list could go on and on, from public transportation, snow plowing, home repair/replacement, social- services, emergency services ... We have so much to be thankful for.

The opening of a new health care facility scheduled for October 2002, the recent expansion of the Radisson Inn & Convention Center, and the opening of the Mason Street Casino are proof of the dedication to the next seven generations and our goal of economic self-sufficiency.

While I cannot accept the credit for these benefits, I can say that I am very proud of the hard work by dedicated Oneida people that make our quality of life better.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected Oneida Business Committee members. I have a deep respect and appreciation for these individuals as they take on the challenges of moving the Oneida into the future in a progressive manner.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to have served as Chairman of the Oneida

Nation. To the Oneida people, it has been an honor and a privilege that I will always hold in the highest regard.



Gerald "Jerry" Danforth



*RIP Jerry Danforth*

December 24, 1946 – June 1, 2025



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Statement



Wake Services  
at Turtle School



Governor Tony  
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Congressman  
Tony Wied Statement



# New Beginning for E&EE Oneida One Stop

## Ribbon Cutting Officially Opens New Location to Public

by Garth Webster



On a very warm Tuesday morning, June 17, 2025, the Oneida Retail team invited the community and staff that took the new E&EE Oneida One Stop from a vision to reality for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the convenience store to the public.

Located directly across from the old location, the new location features three fueling stations and a modern floor plan with walk-in cooler. As the team prepared for the ribbon-cutting, Chairman Tehassi Hill was first on the agenda with an opening thanksgiving address, followed shortly by opening remarks from Retail Administration General Manager, Debra Powless as well as presenting Sam Vandenheuvel with a Pendleton blanket for his project coordination.

Along with Powless, new CEO James Petijean acknowledged the effort of the entire team: Michele Doxtator for her vision and idea of a new store in 2019, Patricia Thomas, Taylor Oudenhoven, Phil Wisneski, Raelene Lemieux, Jacob Gerhardt, Lewis Cottrell, Kimberly Schuyler, Brian Smith, frontline staff and store manager, Stacey Buckley.

Oneida Nation Treasurer, Larry Barton, reaffirmed Petijean's words of appreciation, "Congratulations Retail. We appreciate the front line, management, and new leadership. This store is one of several in the future from a strategic planning standpoint. I appreciate all of you attending today and for being a part of our business success."

In the end, Petijean addressed the community, which he says is the primary focus of their endeavors, "This is great. The part I like about all of this is serving the community. This is what this store is all about... Serving the community."



# New Look for Site One Ball Diamonds

By Leon Webster



Tucked away behind Holy Apostles Church, the Mission Park Ball Fields, commonly known as the Site One Ball Diamonds (SOBD), are currently undergoing long awaited renovations. A new scorer's box will overlook the small field. New dugouts will be added to each field for both home and away teams. Finally, each field will also be leveled, providing flat playing surfaces.

The current renovations are a follow up to 2024's noticeable improvements including new asphalt parking, updated fencing, and field drainage.

SOBD was originally built in the early 1960's by Danforth Construction. It has been home to teams of all ages,

including the Oneida Braves men's baseball team and several generations of Oneida Little Leaguers. Teams like the Hawks, Soaring Eagles, Renegades, Commandos, Rangers, Wildcats, Warriors, Vans Valley, and Chicago Corners have all faced off over the years. In addition to baseball, men's, women's, and coed softball teams also called SOBD home. To this day, car horns can still be heard after a homerun hit by one of your local legends.

Estimated time of completion is set for late July in hopes of hosting games later this summer. Expect new memories to be made, along with old traditions kept alive.

**Beep Beep!**



## Thursdays at Oneida Food, Fun, and Freshness

On June 19, 2025, the Oneida Farmers Market (OFM) celebrated its opening day at N7284 County Road J, across from Hwy 54 One Stop. The market will run every Thursday from June 19 through September 25, from noon to 6 PM, offering a vibrant array of fresh produce and engaging activities for the community.

Mark your calendars for the OFM Bashes on July 17 and August 21. These events promise food, fun, music, and fresh produce. Highlights include the REZurrected Ridez car show, horse and wagon rides, face painting, balloon twisting, live music, and a special appearance by Steve Keller, known as the Snake Dude. All activities are free to the public.



## Rejuvenating Tribal Communities Conference Renews Itself

First RTC Conference Held Since 2020



Kathy Tupper, front center with her RTC Team, including directly behind, former Oneida Economic Support Director (ESD), Dalia Smith and front right, Jessica Vandekamp, current Oneida ESD.

**By Garth Webster**

The Rejuvenating Tribal Communities (RTC) conference took place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13-15, 2025 at the Oneida Hotel.

About 350 people attended the conference, historically held in Milwaukee, WI and hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP). The event gained momentum, being held three consecutive years until 2020 when it was sidelined due to the pandemic, which is why Kathy Tupper, FCP member, was so excited to see the RTC restart this year in Oneida.

“We want everyone to come together and learn all the great things that are happening at other tribes so they can bring this news back to their communities. Everyone can feel good and be rejuvenated.”

Tupper goes on to explain that renewal of the RTC was made possible by the collaboration of six Tribes: FCP, Menominee, Sokaogon Chippewa, Lad De Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and Oneida.

Each Tribe’s Economic Support team comes together to evaluate the current situation in their respective territories to theme each event. For instance, 2020’s RTC strived to bring awareness to the opioid epidemic. This year’s conference was themed to improve mental health, which Oneida’s Economic Support Director and RTC Committee Member, Jessica Vandekamp, added her insight after attending one of the many breakout sessions.

“This is my first experience at this event. On the first day, they told their stories, many of which were very traumatic. Hearing their stories gave me a new sense of the power of resiliency. They’re going back to traditional ways to heal and rejuvenate.”

## Transformative Power of Mentorship

Dan Doyen Graduates from Protégé program



**By Garth Webster**

On Wednesday, May 14, 2025, President/CEO of the Green Bay Packers, Mark Murphy, addressed the crowd on the fourth level atrium of historic Lambeau Field to congratulate the participants of the Green Bay Packers Mentor-Protégé Program (GBPMP), including CEO of D&T Construction, LLC, Dan Doyen (Oneida).

Since 2010, the program’s slogan, Coaching Small Business Champions, has been living up to this motto by matching mentors and protégés to build economic development by focusing on small businesses owned by minorities, women, veterans, service-disabled veterans, or disabled persons.

“The Mentorship Protégé program has been a tremendous way for the Packers organization to support the local community in a business development manner and to further the economic development of the whole community,” says Murphy. “Over 14 years, the program has created 430 jobs and \$170 million in revenue for the participants.”

The Packers’ primary partnership in the creation of the GBPMP is AFF Research, LLC (AFFR). AFFR’s President/CEO took the stage after Murphy to express the program’s approach.

“From the beginning, Mark has understood that the history of our team (Packers) has been about the underdog. Success became possible because we all came together. We supported each other. Together, we became something bigger than the sum of our parts. Mark supported the GPPMP because he saw how it reflected those values. He believes the underdog can achieve great things with the right coaching and the right opportunity.”

Doyen proudly accepted his graduation certificate, along with the Come Back Business of the Year recognition from the GBPMP. Doyen strives to hire young Oneida men for his business to mentor, encourage, and uplift them. In this regard, the memo he received from the GBPMP perfectly reflected the impact Doyen and the GBPMP is having on the community, “As a respected business leader, ironman triathlete, and advocate for Native entrepreneurship and workforce development, your graduation from GBPMP marks a continued legacy of empowerment, innovation, and community upliftment.”



## Environmental Stewardship is Everyone's Responsibility Staying Vigilant to Protect our Natural Resources



**By Garth Webster**

Earlier this summer, the Conservation Department and Land Management released the following statement regarding illegal dumping activity:

*We received reports of unlawful activity at the County Rd U. entrance of Oneida Lake. The dedicated staff promptly followed up and alerted the Oneida Police Department, confirming the identities of those responsible for the illegal activity. Corrective measures were swiftly implemented, resulting in the suspected individuals cleaning up and removing all illegally discarded items. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a role in this timely response. Together, let's cherish and*

*protect our beautiful Mother Earth!*

I followed up with Shad Webster, Oneida Conservation Department Director of Natural Resources. He expressed the pride he and his team have of maintaining our environment, "Our Department/Division would like to convey that Oneida Lake was established for the Oneida Members and community to bring back a fishing opportunity that was lost from the pollution & contaminants that deemed Duck Creek unsuitable for fishing and gathering activities. This lake location is not just yours. It's all of ours. It requires our best protection and enhancement efforts to keep it an ideal outdoor rec-

reational area. In an effort to "Invite People Back to the Land," there needs to be a consistent effort to keep the land, water, and grounds clean. Utilize the "Pack It In, Pack It Out" mind set. You are responsible for cleaning up after yourself, it is NOT anyone else's responsibility. Show appreciation for what has been established for the loss of the use of Duck Creek and teach, show, and educate the youth to remind them what this means."

**If you see suspicious activity,  
contact Land and Conservation at  
920.869.6500 or email  
[Conservation\\_Department@OneidaNation.org](mailto:Conservation_Department@OneidaNation.org)**

### Waste Voucher Program

Oneida Members can receive a voucher to dispose of hazardous materials at the Brown County Facility located at 2651 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304.

Each instance requires a new form. Make sure to have the completed form and your Oneida Nation Identification with you when using the facility.

To request a voucher, login to the Oneida Members only page and click on Oneida Member Services, then Electronic & Hazardous Waste Voucher request.





# Decades of Unwavering Commitment

## Years of Service Ceremony Held to Honor Employees



By Garth Webster

During the regular Oneida Business Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 20 Oneida Nation employees were recognized for their dedicated years of service.

Executive Human Resources Director, Laura Laitinen-Warren, introduced each employee, as well as their supervisors, each of whom provided a synopsis of their employee's responsibilities, accomplishments, and expertise. Each employee was

given a certificate and blanket for their achievement.

The Years of Service Recognitions are given each quarter. The next ceremonies will be held Wednesday, July 23 and Wednesday, October 22.


For a complete list of names and more insight into each recognized employee, scan the QR Code in the side bar to listen to the presentation recording.

### YEARS OF SERVICE

Kirby Metoxen	35
Robert C. Brown	35
Ronald Cornelius, Jr.	30
David L. Larsen	30
Heidi J. King	30
Karen K. John	30
Michael Arce	30
Jeri L. Bauman	30
Anne E. Delebreaux	30
Kevin A. Jorgenson	30
Brooke M. Doxtator	25
Suzanne M. Matta	25
Jeffrey C. Passmore	25
Fern D. Danay	25
Katsitsiyo T. Danforth	25
Barbara E. Stueber	25
David R. Mickle	25
Warren W. Stevens	25
Jodi J. Gering	25
Michelle L. Tipple	25



Listen to the Years of Service Presentation



# Isabell Parker Retires with Exceptional Legacy

## A Fond Farewell Provided by the Oneida Business Committee



By Garth Webster

Isabell Parker was honored by the Oneida Business Committee on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 with a Pendleton Blanket to celebrate her distinguished service and retirement.

Parker began her tenure in May 1995. Vice Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens led the acknowledgment of Parker by describing how dedicated she was to the youth, elderly, and her focus on Three Sisters Neighborhood.

She helped to promote countless programs and events from domestic

violence education and prevention to kids craft activities. Perhaps her most notable efforts were the National Night Out events where the community came together the first Tuesday in August to build community and neighborhood camaraderie.

After 30 years of employment, plus several years before that in volunteer roles, Parker will begin the next chapter of her life. Congratulations Isabell! Enjoy your well deserved retirement.



## Insight Announces 2025 Women of Influence

### Debra Danforth Among Eight Women to Recognized

By Insight On Business Magazine



Insight announced the eight Women of Influence honorees who will be recognized Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at the Oneida Casino Hotel in Green Bay and featured in the Women of Influence publication.

"The women selected represent a diverse cross-section of leaders from across Northeast Wisconsin who have influenced and inspired their communities," said Angela O'Kray, Insight general manager. "We are excited to honor them and share their stories. We hope you will join us in celebrating their success."

The honorees are:

- Difference Maker-Community: Dr. Pooja Bambha-Arora-Corporate Trainer, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Gratzia Villarroel-Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies, St. Norbert College

- Business Owner: Lynn Potyen-Owner, The GameBoard
- Education Advocate: Vicki Bayer- Superintendent, Green Bay Area Public Schools
- Mentorship: Vicki Updike, CEO/Founder, New Sage Strategies
- **Healthcare Champion: Debra Danforth-Division Director, Oneida Comprehensive Health Division**
- Visionary: Michelle Schuler-US Program Manager, Microsoft
- Corporate Leadership: Elyse Mollner Stackhouse- Board Chair, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Bay & Lakes Region

Save July 29, 2025 to join presenting sponsor Miron Construction and Insight to join the Women of Influence celebration.



Register for Women of Influence Event



## Prolific Author, Laurence Hauptman, Once Again Honored

### Patricia Bonomi Excellence in New York History Award

Laurence Hauptman is a State University of New York (SUNY) Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at SUNY New Paltz where he taught courses on Native American history, New York history, and Civil War history for forty years. He is the author, co-author, or co-editor of twenty-one books and numerous articles that mostly focus on the Haudenosaunee in New York and on their diaspora to Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Ontario, Canada. He has been honored for his writings by the New York State Board of Regents, the Pennsylvania Historical Association, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the New York Academy of History, the New York State Historical Association, as well as by the Seneca Nation and the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. On October 25, 2011, Dr. John B. King, Jr, then New York State Commissioner of Education and subsequently the United States Secretary of Education, awarded Hauptman the State Archives Lifetime Achievement Award for his research and publications on Native Americans in the Empire State.

Hauptman, who was also honored by the Seneca Nation and given the name Haiwadogësta' (he straightens the words/ the interpreter) has once again been honored this past June 6, 2025 by the

New York History Conference Steering Committee (NYHCSC), who presented Hauptman the Patricia U. Bonomi Excellence in New York History Award.

This award was established in 2024 to acknowledge historians who have dedicated their careers towards the study and teaching of New York State's history. It's given annually to a historian chosen by a select committee formed by the New York State Historian. The first honoree and the namesake of the award was Dr. Patricia U. Bonomi, Professor Emerita of History at New York University.

Hauptman will be releasing a new book soon about the life and times of Cornelius Hill. Along with his other works, it's sure to add to the legacy of Hauptman's impact.



# Community Healing

## Oneida's Ongoing Opioid Settlement Plans



*Gavriella Van Boxtel*

General Manager of Programs, Mark W. Powless, presented on the Opioid Settlement Funds to community members at the Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

**By Gavriella Van Boxtel**

*Communications Specialist Post Graduate · GM Administration*

Oneida Nation has big plans for the utilization of the Opioid Settlement funds. With an estimated \$6.5 million expected by 2037, the Nation has identified uses that will help aid in the healing of the community. The focus for expenditure is recovery.

A team comprised of various members of Oneida Leadership has been meeting since November 2023.

On April 14, 2025, the Oneida Business Committee approved three major initiatives for utilizing these funds: the new construction of a 14-bed transitional living facility, a Healing to Wellness Program within

the Human Services division, and a youth driven multimedia campaign. The communication plan regarding the utilization of these funds, prepared by Communication Specialist Gavriella Van Boxtel, emphasizes community healing through transparency and collaboration. Outreach efforts are to include community meetings, social media updates, and town halls.

The team has highlighted that there is still room for improvement. They will continue to meet to find more ways to address the opioid epidemic to help address the needs of the community.

### Approved Ideas

#### **1. New Construction – 14-Bed Transitional Living Facility**

This new facility will provide a safe place for individuals in recovery. With an estimated cost of \$2.46-3.68M, this facility would offer services such as mental health counseling and employment services.

#### **2. Healing to Wellness Program**

Geared towards individuals not facing incarceration, unlike the existing Healing to Wellness Court. Individuals returning from residential treatment would be enrolled in the 17-month program. The estimated cost is \$1.8M over three years.

#### **3. Youth Driven Multimedia Plan**

Students within the Oneida Nation School System would develop an anti-opioid use campaign geared towards the youth within our community. The estimated cost is \$15,000.

## ONEIDA YOUTH SUMMIT

*Ages 14-24*

July 12-13, 2025 | Oneida Nation Elementary School

Registration & more info coming soon

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From the offices of Councilman Marlon Skenandore & Vice Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens



## Celebrating Memorial Day

### Oneida Veterans Cemetery Tour



On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025, Oneida Nation Veterans honored fallen warriors with their annual Cemetery Tour across the Oneida Reservation. The veterans, along with numerous community members, visited each cemetery to pay respect for the veterans that paid the ultimate price to secure the freedom and liberties we enjoy today.

## Cletus Ninham

SHARES HIS STORY  
\*\*\*\*\*

### ONEIDA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Sunday, July 6 • 10:30am Hwy 54 & Olson Rd

Come listen to the life story of Cletus M. Ninham, a combat wounded Vietnam veteran growing up on the Oneida Reservation. How God spared his life while serving in Vietnam from 1965-1966 with C Company/1st 327 101st Airborne Division.



*"I fought under two flags  
to protect two nations  
that I call home."*





**Anthony Metoxen**  
PREBLE HIGH SCHOOL



**Alivia Koltz**  
WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL



**Jameli Ashlee John**  
GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



**Sarriah Doxtator**  
FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL



**Sophia Phillips**  
BAY PORT HIGH SCHOOL



**Otsdokhui Wheelock-Flores**  
ONEIDA NATION HIGH SCHOOL



**Gabriella Fulwider**  
XAVIER PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL, AZ



**Jonas Johnson**  
ONEIDA NATION HIGH SCHOOL

## GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS!!

Photo by Margo L. Reiter  
Gabrielle Metoxen received an Honorable Mention and Justin Nishimoto received a plaque for his academic achievement in school.

Photo by MaryAnn Hendricks  
Kanani Nunies smiles big as she walks towards accepting her diploma for Head Start graduation, while Tina Torrez introduces her class, Sharon Skomandore hands out the diplomas, Ernie Stevens Jr. congratulates each child with a feather, and Miss Indian Wisconsin Cherokee Greendeer, L'ri Miss Oneida Melinda Bain and Miss Oneida Sayo Kia Kindness offer their best wishes.

Photo by Melinda Oseroth  
Presenting the ONHS class of '99, front row (l-r) Tom Dessart, Reva Danforth, Alicia Danforth, Jesse Blackdeer, Danielle Baumgart, Jasper Barber. Back row, David Stevens, Shawna Sewell, Brandy Sewell, Tahassi Hill and Chris Hartman. The graduation ceremonies were held outside behind the Oneida Nation Elementary School (Turtle School) on Thursday, May 27 at 6pm.

Photo by MaryAnn Hendricks  
The graduating Kindergarten students sang songs for family members and others in attendance during their graduation ceremony.

Photo by MaryAnn Hendricks  
Walking to the Head Start commencement exercise, Geronimo Pocan adjusts his graduation mortarboard in anticipation of looking his very best, as others behind him slowly follow behind.

Photo by MaryAnn Hendricks  
First and second grade students from the Oneida Nation Elementary School performed "The Wizard of O.N.E.S." for parents and staff in the school gymnasium at the Turtle School as their end of the year music program. These students made their own props and costumes suitable to their stories, as well as their own story, which amused those in attendance.

Photo by MaryAnn Hendricks  
Darlene Denny presents Raeanna Sommers a plaque for academic achievement and honorable mentions, Brianna Summers and Kevin Tucker.

Photo by MaryAnn Hendricks  
Oneida Business Committee member, Ernie Stevens Jr. shakes Taylor Oudenhoven's hand and hands him a little eagle feather.

### By Isaiah Powless

The June 3, 1999 edition highlighted a proud moment for the Oneida Nation as the Class of 1999 held their graduation ceremony outdoors behind the Oneida Nation Elementary School on May 27 at 6:00 PM. Among the graduates was Tehassi Hill, who would later become Chairman of the Oneida Nation. Fellow graduates included Tom Dessart, Reva Danforth, Alicia Danforth, Jesse Blackdeer, Danielle Baumgart, Jasper Barber, David Stevens, Shawna Sewell, Brandy Sewell, and Chris Hartman.

A Head Start commencement also took place, where Ernie Stevens Jr. honored each child with a feather. Oneida Royalty and Miss Indian Wisconsin were present to offer their best wishes, making it a day of celebration across generations.



Discover more  
memories in the  
June 3, 1999 edition



# Class of 2025 Walks the Stage in Style

## ONHS Graduation 2025

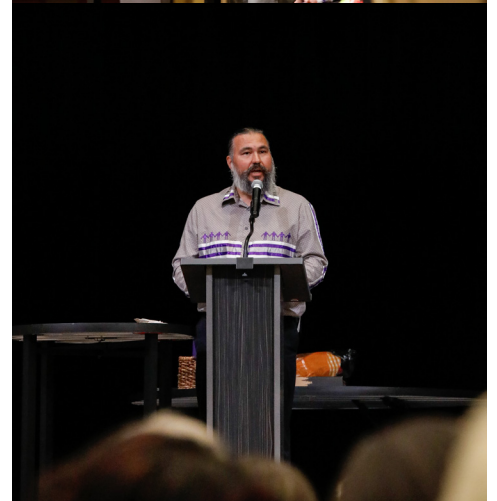
By Mia Charnon

The Oneida Nation High School Class of 2025 proudly walked the stage at the Oneida Casino Hotel on Thursday, June 5, 2025, marking a significant milestone in their academic journey. The ceremony was filled with heartfelt moments, cultural pride, and a strong sense of accomplishment shared by students, families, and community members.

The event featured inspiring remarks from several distinguished speakers, including ONHS Principal Dr. Artley Skenandore, Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Tasi Hill, and Councilman Marlon Skenandore. The ceremony also highlighted the voices of the graduating class, with Co-Valedictorians Jaylyn Caldwell and Jonas Johnson delivering powerful speeches that reflected on their shared experiences and hopes for the future. Other speakers also contributed to the celebration, offering wisdom and well-wishes to the Class of 2025.

Special thanks go to IMoore Collective and Tuscarora Woodworks for their beautiful craftsmanship in creating the graduate stoles. The Class of 2025 stoles, adorned with the Hiawatha Belt, were crafted by Tuscarora Woodworks, while the Valedictorian stoles featuring the Six Nations belt were made by IMoore Collective. These meaningful designs served as a visual reminder of the graduates' cultural heritage and the strength of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

*Congratulations to our 2025 Co-Valedictorians,  
Jaylyn Caldwell and Jonas Johnson, for their outstanding achievements!*





## Oneida Lacrosse

### A Living Tradition for All Generations

For the Oneida Nation, lacrosse is more than a sport. It's a sacred tradition known as the "Creator's Game." Played by people of all ages, it connects us to our ancestors, strengthens our identity, and keeps our cultural teachings alive.

Whether on a youth team, in community games, or at cultural gatherings, lacrosse brings people together. It teaches discipline, respect, and leadership, while also offering a powerful way to stay active and grounded in who we are.

Lacrosse is a celebration of heritage. Every pass, every goal, and every cheer from the sidelines is a reminder of our shared history and the values we carry forward. It is a game that unites generations—youth, adults, and Elders—through movement, spirit, and purpose.

Beyond the field, lacrosse inspires academic success, personal growth, and community pride. Coaches, mentors, and families all play a role in lifting each other up and guiding the next generation.

*Through lacrosse, we honor the past, live our culture,  
and build a stronger future together.*

#### ◆ Haudenosaunee Nationals U19 National Team Competed in the 2025 Heritage Cup

*Jonas Johnson, Jamison Quiver, Chase Bain, Micah Goodeagle*

#### ◆ Oneida Community Youth Lacrosse U14 Team 2025 BVLA Conference Tournament Champions Capped off a historic undefeated season

*Marcus Arnold, Paxston Barnes, Jose Becerril, MaKayla Cantu,  
Levi De Groot, Markane Ellis, Nakota Fuhrmann, Leandar Gutierrez,  
Brody Hill, Xavier House-Wayka, Javion John, Cam Manders,  
Lawisanawase Metoxen, Jaymin Rainey, Damien Skenandore,  
Donavan Smith, Brayden Stevens, Jordan Tisch,  
Braxtion Wisneski, Clay Young.*

#### ◆ Notre Dame Academy Girls Lacrosse Team 2025 Fox River Classic Conference Champions

*Josalyn White, Lucy Phillips, Marley Atkinson,  
Anysa Greendeer, Tinamarie Coronado.*





OUR PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING  
THAT THEY SET BEFORE THEM

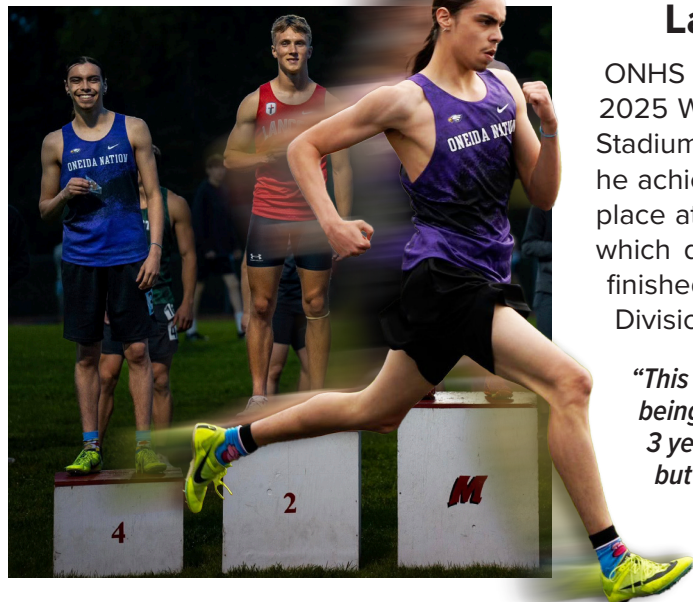
Curt Summers  
Oneida Community Lacrosse President





## From Sectionals to State

### Landon House Qualifies with Personal Best



ONHS Senior Landon House competed in the 400-meter race at the 2025 WIAA Track & Field State Finals, held at the Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex in La Crosse, WI, on Friday, June 6, 2025. This year, he achieved a personal record (PR) of 51.70 seconds and secured 4th place at the D3 Sectional at Marathon High School on May 30, 2025, which qualified him for the state finals. At the State Finals, Landon finished in 15th place in preliminaries for the Boys 400 Meter Dash - Division 3 with a time of 52.51 seconds.

*"This kid's determination is inspiring! Though I don't coach Landon directly, being able to see his growth and his drive to get to this stage over the last 3 years is remarkable. He always has a great attitude, likes to joke around, but is always ready to do the work. Couldn't be happier for this young man!"*

**Anthony Cornelius**  
ONHS Student Advocate

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## Maddy KING

**Oneida Nation High School**

**Jamestown Community College**

**Playing Basketball and  
studying Criminal Justice**

## Balancing Brilliance

### Mayah Skenandore Excels in Soccer and Academics

Racine Park High School sophomore Mayah Skenandore has earned statewide recognition as the Box Out Sports Athlete of the Week for April 28 – May 4, following a public vote on WisSports.net.

A proud member of the Oneida Nation, Skenandore has emerged as one of Wisconsin's top scorers in girls soccer this season. Her performance on the field continues to build on an impressive freshman year, during which she netted 27 goals and tallied 6 assists, earning First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-County honors.

Off the field, Mayah exemplifies academic excellence and leadership. She maintains a 3.86 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society, balancing her athletic achievements with a strong commitment to her education and community.





## Celebrating Indigenous Athletic Excellence

### Annual NAIAHF Banquet Held to Welcome 2025 Inductees

By Garth Webster



The North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame (NAIAHF), presented by Empowered Youth Development Initiatives, held its 3rd annual banquet Saturday, June 7, 2025 at Oneida Casino Hotel to acknowledge existing members and welcome the new 2025 NAIAHF inductees.

The event, developed and coordinated by Dr. Dan and Susan Ninham, as described on their website is to honor and celebrate the empowered journey of these individuals and teams in the hope that their stories may inspire future generations to follow their dreams in athletics.

As customary, the day's activities began with a Sunrise Smudge Burning Ceremony by Dr. Artley Skenandore.

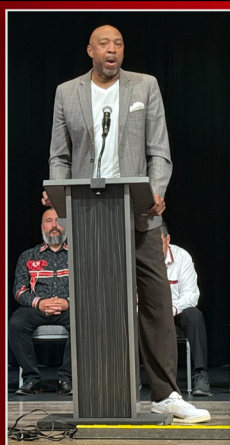
Doors opened to the banquet at 12:30pm for attendees to mingle, followed shortly after with a welcoming honor song by the Buffalo Creek Singers. Before Susan Ninham addressed the audience, a moment of silence ensued to acknowledge a death in the community (See page 6 for more information on the late Gerald "Jerry" Danforth).

As the banquet continued, Anishinaabe singer/songwriter, Keith Secola, provided some soothing musical entertainment as the audience enjoyed a great meal prepared by Oneida Casino Hotel.

During the introduction of the 2025 NAIAHF Inductees (See list below), several dignitary invitees address the athletes and audience including Oneida Nation Chairman, Tehassi Hill,

Indian Gaming Association Chairman, Ernie Steven, Jr., and Vin Baker, former player and current Asst. Coach for the Milwaukee Bucks. Baker, a partner with RiseAbove, is an organization that uses sports to educate and help Native youth learn and grow. Other presenters included Ogimaa Tim Ominika from the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve in Ontario, Canada, Julius Poitra from White Shield School, ND/Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation, as well as an honor song by Chief Philip Whiteman, Jr.

To conclude the day's activities, the Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers dazzled the crowd and got them out of their chairs with song and dance.



Left, Vin Baker of RiseAbove provides inspiration to the audience. Middle, the Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers got the crowd moving while right, some of the athletes showed some of their athletic prowess on stage.



Event Photography  
by D King of Images

#### Oneida Members Class of 2025 Inductees



Gerald L. Kurowski



Haudenosaunee  
National Women's  
Box Lacrosse  
Jada Doxtator,  
Oneida of the Thames



Brothers: Lloyd M. and Ron Powless



Scott Murray



# 2024 2025

## ONEIDA NATION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS BANQUET



### Football (Oneida/N.E.W Lutheran Co-op)

- Osakwalha Cornelius—Sportsmanship Award
- Rocky Rodriguez—Sportsmanship Award

### Volleyball

- Jaylyn Caldwell—Most Valuable Player
- Wileena Big John—Most Improved Player
- Mariah Cloud—Offensive Player of the Year
- Osa Wheelock-Flores—Defensive Player of the Year
- Dusty Boyiddle & Osa Wheelock-Flores—Team Spirit Award

### Cross Country

- Jardina White Eye & Jonas Johnson—Most Valuable Runner
- Javonna Espinoza & Emmit Madrid—Most Improved Runner
- Ruthee Hill & Miko Leroy—Rookie of the Year
- Alaila Denny & Mason Laster—T-Hawk Sportsmanship Award

### Girls Basketball

- Mariah Cloud & Jaylyn Caldwell—Most Valuable Player
- Mariah Cloud—Offensive Player of the Year
- Jaylyn Caldwell—Defensive Player of the Year
- Jianna Danforth—Most Improved Player
- Madalyn King—T-Hawk Sportsmanship Award

### Boys Basketball

- Daniel Gutierrez Jr—Most Valuable Player
- Lanata Summers-Berg & Effrain Ninham—Most Improved Player
- Cory McIntyre—Defensive Player of the Year
- Cory McIntyre & Mason Laster—Offensive Player of the Year
- Daniel Gutierrez Jr & Mason Laster—T-Hawk Sportsmanship Award

### Wrestling

- Osakwalha Cornelius—Most Valuable Player
- Rocky Rodriguez—Most Improved Player
- Raylee Polanco—T-Hawk Sportsmanship Award

### Golf

- Dayton Denny—T-Hawk Award “The Chef” Always Cooking!
- Mason Laster—T-Hawk Award “Always Locked in and Dialed”
- Ethan ‘Frank’ Hil—T-Hawk Award “Good Putter”
- Carter King—T-Hawk Award “Top Potential”
- Cayuga Skenandore—T-Hawk Award “Best Newcomer”
- Jonas Johnson—T-Hawk Award “MVP – 150lbs”

### Track

- Ruthee Hill & Miko Leroy—Most Valuable Athlete
- Alaila Denny & Osakwalha Cornelius—Most Improved Athlete
- Effrain Ninham—‘Heavyweight Champion’
- Joie Gutierrez, Saniya Ninham—Clark, Everette Skenandore & Osakwalha Cornelius—Rookie of the Year
- Mia Leicht & Miko Leroy—T-Hawk Sportsmanship Award

### Lacrosse

- Jonas Johnson—Most Valuable Player
- Phoenix Webster—Most Improved Player
- Mason Laster—Offensive Player of the Year
- Jamison Quiver—Defensive Player of the Year
- Braeden DeJardin—Rookie of the Year
- Damien DeGroot—T-Hawk Award
- Chante RedHail & Jonathan Reed—Sportsmanship Award

### Student Athlete of the Year

- Senior Jaylyn Caldwell (4 yrs of Basketball, Volleyball, Track)
- Senior Jonas Johnson (4 yrs of Lacrosse, Golf, Cross Country)

### ONHS Basketball 1000-Point Recognized Alumni

- Roberto Hill—Accepted on behalf of his daughters and family
- Maria Stevens—Accepted on behalf of her family
- Jessica House
- Yelihwakanyehs Powless
- M’Kenzy Ackley
- Ethan Hill—Received his Commemorative Ball Award last year

### Current 2025 1000-Point Awardees

- Jaylyn Caldwell
- Mariah Cloud







### Jodi Tess, *Director of Oneida Aging and Disability Services*

Jodi Tess, a proud Oneida Tribal Member, Grandmother, Mother, and Daughter and is honored to have the opportunity to serve the community of the Oneida Nation as the Director at Oneida Aging and Disability Services. Having an educational background in gerontology and healthcare she has worked with elders and individuals with disabilities for over 20 years in many different capacities making a lifelong career of advocating for those in need.

Born and raised on the lakeshore in Kewaunee, Jodi started working for the Oneida a year ago jumping right into the role as Elder Abuse Prevention Assistant and then Caregiver and Prevention

Supervisor. In her first year here, she has continuously worked on networking and collaborating on learning about the needs of the community and ways to provide those services.

As Aging and Disability Services Director, she is dedicated to upholding the vision and mission statement of the department and continuing to advocate for those she is serving. With her leadership style she plans on working closely with her team to understand and meet the needs of the community. Jodi firmly believes that caring for our elders is not only honoring our past, but also safeguarding our future.



### Breanna Weber, *Caregiver Prevention Supervisor*

Hello! I bring valuable experience from my time as a CNA in assisted living facilities and hospitals, which I will use to make a positive impact in the Oneida community. I am also a recent graduate from the University Wisconsin Green Bay with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

As a descendent of the Oneida Nation and a lifelong resident of the area, I have a deep passion

for the Oneida community. It is a great honor to serve in this role and support our elders and their families.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my fiancée, Tyler, our dogs, Rocky & Sky, along with other family, and friends. I also enjoy shopping, camping, sporting events, and grilling out.

## Oneida Aging and Disability Presents **IA<sup>2</sup>**

Join us for the International Assoc. for Indigenous Aging (IA<sup>2</sup>). Topics include developing a Tribal safety net to help support community members, public health pros., and leaders in creating community responses to wandering incidents among elders living with Alzheimer's and related dementias.

**Wednesday, July 16 • 11am**  
**Elder Services Conf. Room**  
**2907 S. Overland Rd., Oneida**

For more information, contact  
NAFCG Schuyler Metoxen: 920.869.6830  
smetoxe9@oneidanation.org



## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP SERIES

**Tuesday, July 22 • 1pm • Elder Services Conference Room**  
**2907 S. Overland Rd., Oneida**

Join Dementia Specialist, Debra Miller, as she discusses "Wandering & Safety." Solutions to help caregivers keep their loved ones safe and secure their homes.

For more information, contact NAFCG Schuyler Metoxen: 920.869.6830 smetoxe9@oneidanation.org

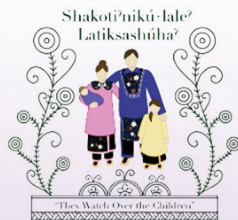


## ELDER STORE IS OPEN!!

**Monday – Friday • 9am-4pm**  
**2907 S. Overland Rd., Oneida**  
**(Inside Oneida Aging and Disability Services)**

Shoppers and vendors call 920.869.6829 for questions.





ONEIDA NATION CHILD  
SUPPORT AGENCY

## CO-PARENTING ESSENTIALS

Strategies for Effective Co-Parenting  
Mon., July 14, 9:30-11:30am • Mon., July 28, 3-5pm  
Virtual workshop available upon request.

Ka'nikuhli-yó Family Center  
2640 West Point Rd, Green Bay  
To Register: 920.490.3700 (option 1)  
kponton@oneidanation.org



Must be Oneida Nation Child Support Agency participant. Attend with co-parent or on your own. Gift and Certificate upon completion



ONEIDA NATION CHILD  
SUPPORT AGENCY

## JULY "50 A MONTH CHALLENGE!"

1. Print/download tally chart to track your points.
2. Spend 50 minutes outdoors (1 tally = 10 minutes)  
Bonus for exploring a trail or park.
3. Share your tally chart on Facebook with hashtag  
ONCSASupports or email to kponton@oneidanation.org
4. Post with the most likes on our page at end of each month wins.

Help us raise  
awareness & celebrate  
50 years of child support!

Join the  
challenge  
on Facebook!



# SAVE THE DATE



Thur., August 7 • 4-6pm  
**Oneida Turtle School**  
Free admission, games,  
and giveaways. More  
info. coming soon.

## 2025 Healthy Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) Education Series

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

### Unlocking the Power of Habits, Routines, and Strategies

June 20  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Guest: Gordon Giles, PhD,  
OTR/L, FAOTA

Join us to discover how habits, routines, and strategies can enhance your life at any stage, backed by compelling evidence that supports these effective and practical approaches. Register to attend the program in person at one of eight locations across Wisconsin. Or, participate from anywhere, live online via Zoom.



Register to attend at the  
Oneida Community  
Health Center  
by contacting  
Shendola Flores at  
920-869-4995.



### About the Series:

Healthy Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) offers attendees guidance and science-backed strategies for living and coping with memory and thinking changes.

Join **Nathaniel Chin, MD**, and **Jennifer McAlister, BA**, from the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and guest speakers, to learn more about Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI). Each program will end with a Q&A session.

### Questions?

Contact the Wisconsin ADRC at 608-265-0407 or [adrc@medicine.wisc.edu](mailto:adrc@medicine.wisc.edu)

### Presented by:



Wisconsin Alzheimer's  
Disease Research Center  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

### Community Partners:



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The ADRCs of Brown, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, La Crosse, and Rock counties and the Oneida Nation are committed to unbiased service and cannot endorse nor recommend any organization, product, or service.

## JUNE Memory Café

JUNE 11, 2025 1:30PM-3:00PM

Main Conference Room at the Oneida Health Center

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

Memory Café happens every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8,  
Nov. 12, Dec. 10

This month's activity is chair yoga!



Memory Café



ONEIDA COMMUNITY  
HEALTH CENTER



525 Airport Drive  
Oneida, WI 54155  
920-869-4995



**BRANDON D. WEBSTER****October 31, 1988 - June 3, 2025**

Brandon Damien Webster, 36, passed away unexpectedly in Oneida, WI on June 3, 2025. He was born in Green Bay, WI on October 31, 1988, to Richard and Tina (Swamp)

Webster.

Brandon had worked at Schroeder's Flowers and Oneida Apple Orchard. He enjoyed guitars and playing loud music. He liked to be with his family and friends, especially his 10-year-old dog, Puppy. Brandon also liked to play video games and watch movies.

Brandon is survived by his parents, Richard W. Webster & Tina (Swamp) Webster; his siblings Tanya (Webster) Hernandez and Vincent W. Webster; his grandfather, Stan Webster; his grandmother Rose (Skenandore)(Swamp) Hopkins; his great uncle James Skenandore; and his great aunt Jan Skenandore. He is further survived by his 7 aunts, 6 uncles, 10 nieces, 9 nephews and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his uncles Joesph N. Swamp, Abraham Swamp, Daniel Webster, and Eli Webster; his aunt Sara Saldana; his grandparents Abraham Swamp Jr, Sylvia Beson, and Loretta (House) Webster; great grandparents Lillian Skenandore, James Skenandore, Peter Webster & Ann (Metoxen) Webster, Abraham Swamp Sr & Ellen Swamp, Lafayette Webster and Jane (Cornelius).

Friends and family may visit at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. Tenth St, De Pere, on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Visitation will begin at 4:00PM with the Oneida Hymn Singers starting at 6:30PM until the time of service at 7:00PM. Burial will be on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds at 2:00PM.

**BRET "ITZ KRICKET" METOXEN****March 7, 1989 - May 10, 2025**

Bret Metoxen, 36, of Oneida, WI passed away peacefully with his sister Toni by his side on May 10, 2025, in Green Bay, WI. He was born on March 7, 1989, to Wayne Metoxen and Elaine

Parker. Bret attended West De Pere Highschool and was a jack of all trades.

Bret had requested not to have a funeral service.

However, the family did have a private Ceremony of Prayer and Drum to send him on his journey home. Bret will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Bret is survived by his parents Wayne Metoxen and Elaine Parker, his children Karina, Narelle, K'leighelle, Ly'delle, and KaiElle; his sisters Toni, Jolene, Shannon, Cree and Jannelle; Nephews Mikael, Marques, Richard, Riley, Charles (chucky), Zadrion, Gage, Sonny, Kaiden and Tru; nieces Rori, Raeden, Sienna, Shadia, Brandi, DeOnna, Janessa, Tamera, Syndee and G'oni; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He is further survived by his Grandparents Florence and Steve Petri.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Lonnie Parker, Randi Walking Eagle, and Waylon Metoxen; grandparents Shirley and Fredmond Hill, Andrew and Betty Parker, and Eugene (Yogi) Metoxen. He was further preceded in death by His aunts Tammy Metoxen and Trina (Metoxen) Villegas; uncles Timothy Metoxen, Daniel Parker, Rory Hill, and Marco Vasquez; as well as Nephews Kordel Metoxen, DJ Walking Eagle, and Alec Rangel.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the team at Bellin as well as Unity Hospice for their wonderful care of Bret.

**HARRY (HENRY) BAIRD****September 14, 1943 - May 29, 2025**

Harry (Henry) Baird, 81, Oneida, passed away peacefully Thursday evening, May 29, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 14, 1943, to the late Harry and Evelyn (Webster) Baird.

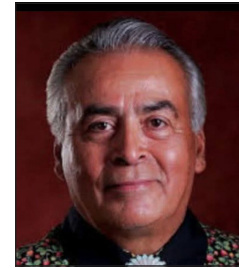
Harry was united in marriage to Patricia Cooper in Green Bay in 1978.

He enjoyed deer hunting, going to flea markets and thrifting, traveling, woodworking, and classic country music. He worked various jobs and retired as a driver for Oneida Transit where he worked for many years. When Harry was younger, he had a 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner, which transitioned into him collecting die-cast cars. His family will remember his great cooking, especially chili.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, and daughter Neva, and his children from his first marriage; Dan (Johnnie) Baird, Julie (Karen) Baird, and Tina Baird. He's also survived by five grandchildren, brother Lee (Kelly) Baird, special niece Brenda, as well as other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Harry was preceded in death by his his parents Harry and Evelyn (Webster) Baird, brother Richard (Eunice John) Baird, nephew Richard Baird, Jr., and niece Crystal Baird.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home from 4-7pm, Thursday, June 5, 2025. Burial will take place on Friday, June 6th at the Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds at 11am.

**GERALD "JERRY" DANFORTH****December 24, 1946 - June 1, 2025**

Gerald "Jerry" Danforth, age 78 passed away the morning of June 1, 2025. Jerry was born in Oneida on December 24, 1946, to Leslie Danforth (father) Eva Schuyler Danforth (mother).

He is survived by wife

Pamela Johns Danforth and children: Paul Jameson (Virna), Steve Jameson (Cathy), Tanya Wood (Steve), Gerald Danforth Jr. (Chitra), and Patrick Danforth. Stepson Keith Bimosae Johns Herman, brother James Danforth (Joanne) and sister Joanne Smith (late Bruce Smith). Jerry's grandchildren Alanna, Erin, Fiona, Ronan, Willem, Isobella, Eilish, Mariah Ciera, John Samantha, William, Gregory, Paul, Kaylah, Analise.

Jerry and Pam spent many winter seasons in South Padre Island and enjoyed fishing most days. Crazy about golf, using his green egg for BBQ entertaining, red wine enthusiast, chocolate lover, pie maker/eater were all some of Jerry's favorite things.

Family, friends and commitments to both were always very important to Jerry. Jerry was a Tribal Leader not only for the Oneida Nation but for Indian Country across the US. Jerry served on the Oneida Business Committee as Chairman for 2 terms in both 1995 and returned as Chairman in 2005. During his administration Jerry pursued strengthening Indian gaming interests and economic development. Priorities set during his term included health care, higher education and Oneida language preservation. Long term planning and building the economy that wasn't reliant on gaming was a vision as well as expanding communication between the government and the General Tribal Council.

Jerry Danforth, 33 years retired from the United States Navy as the Force Master Chief, Naval Surface Force, US Atlantic Fleet in 1994. He was a veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm. The Oneida Judiciary was also enhanced by his service as a judge. Jerry was an exceptional man, a dedicated and honorable man...a man of courage and conviction, a man whose character was evidenced as a Navy Master Chief, as a member of Oneida's judiciary, and as a two term Chairman of the Oneida Nation.

Jerry was a loving husband and father. A caring and compassionate human being. His actions represented the best of Oneida's values; his decisions always

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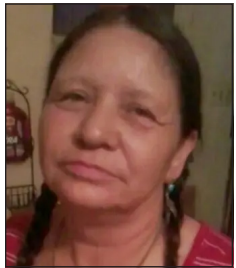
Gerald "Jerry" Danforth



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represented his commitment to the most critical challenges and his decisions were grounded in the best interests of the whole Nation. He will long be remembered and significantly missed. He was preceded in death by son Thomas Danforth and parents Leslie and Eva Danforth

Visitation is on Friday, June 6, 2025, at Ryan Funeral Home 3:00 - 7:00 pm. The Veterans will give a final salute at 5:00 pm followed. Oneida Hymn Singers will sing from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm to bring the evening to a close. Visitation will continue Saturday at the Oneida Turtle School from 8 - 10 am. Service begins at 10:00 am, followed by military taps at Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds in Oneida.

**ROSETTA E. THOMAS****July 18, 1961 - May 28, 2025**

Rosetta Elizabeth Thomas, age 63, passed away surrounded by her loved ones in Green Bay on May 28, 2025. She was born in Oneida on July 18, 1961, to the late Gary Thomas and Theresa Doxtator.

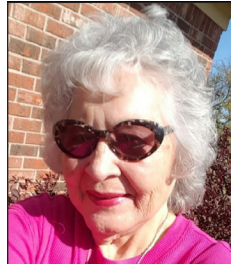
She grew up in Oneida, WI with her dad and brothers. She graduated from Preble High School in 1978, and then moved to Muskogee, OK. It was there that she met her lifelong best friend Lorraine Chuculate and her lifelong partner Michael Metheny. She and Michael started a family together, having three children, Elizabeth, Michael, and Jeffrey.

Rose enjoyed taking care of people, so she became a professional caregiver for many years. She also loved taking care of her family. Family was the most important thing in her life, and no matter what happened, family was always first. She took great pride in her children and grandchildren, and loved spending time with them. Rose also loved Powwow music, and football, especially the Packers. She loved cooking, baking, watching movies, playing bingo, and beading.

Rose is survived by her loving partner Michael Metheny, as well as her children Elizabeth Metheny (Micheal), Michael Metheny (Melissa), and Jeffrey Metheny (Angel). She is further survived by her grandchildren, Serenity, Hailey, Aniya, Azaliah, Emahni, Jakye, Mikey, Chevy, Gary, Nova, Betty, and Angelo, as well as Julie Thomas (Tom), Pete Thomas (Mollie), Charles Natewa, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Tracy Thomas, Jeffrey Thomas, and Charles Cook, and her best friend Lorraine Chuculate.

Friends and family may call on Tuesday, June 3 at Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N Tenth Street, De Pere from 5:00PM - 7:00 PM. The Oneida Hymn Singers song service will begin immediately following the visitation.

**ARLENE S. DAVIS****September 6, 1937 - May 28, 2025**

Arlene Satterlee Davis went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 28, 2025, in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born to Jacob and Angeline (nee Metoxen) Satterlee (later Broucker) on September 6, 1937, in Keshena, Wisconsin. She went to

Texas with her sister, Jo, in 1952 and stayed. She married Wesley (Butch) Davis and they were together until his death in 2019. They had 5 children.

Arlene loved going to garage sales, going fishing with her family and rooting for her Cowboys (the Packers were second!). She was artistic and painted many beautiful canvases. She was a proud member of the Oneida Nation and was also Menominee. But most of all she loved her family and spending time with those in Texas and Wisconsin.

Arlene is survived by her sons, Louis (Bonnie) Davis and Clendon Davis; her daughter Tinetta Davis as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is further survived by her sister, Margaret Schroeder, sisters-in-law Jill Broucker and Nancy Davis; and brothers, Carl (Debbie) Broucker and Mel Broucker; brother-in-law Del (Margie) Davis along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She also leaves behind special niece, Pixie Grace Satterlee Metoxen, who she helped raise and called herself Pixie's "other mama".

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and 2 sons, Rodney Davis and Wesley Davis. She will also be greeted in heaven by her sisters, Jo (Satterlee) Bailey, Donna (Broucker) Prilepp, Barbara (Broucker) VanBoxtel, and brothers Jake Satterlee and John Broucker. She was also preceded by sisters-in-law Kathy (Lord) Satterlee and Barbara (Belfus) Broucker; brothers-in-law Fred Bailey, Carl Prilepp, Bill VanBoxtel, Larry Schroeder and Richard Davis.

Services were held on June 7, 2025 at White's Funeral Home in Springtown, Texas. Arlene was laid to rest next to her husband and son in Springtown Cemetery. We will miss you and love you always, Arlene.

**GENEVIEVE GOLLNICK****May 9, 1950 - June 6, 2025**

Genevieve Kah'tiyo (Good Earth) Webster Gollnick, 75, died peacefully surrounded by family on June 6, 2025. She was born on May 9, 1950, to Levi Parker and Servilla Dell (Skenandore) Webster in Green Bay, WI. Genny graduated from West High

school and started her college career at UWM before returning to complete her undergraduate study at UWGB. She loved to

learn, and she wanted to know as much as she could about her language and culture. She became involved with the Oneida Language Program in its infancy. Genny traveled to New York and Canada for many years to attend ceremonies and learn about her culture and heritage. She attended Harvard University where she earned a master's degree in teaching, Curriculum and Learning Environments. Genny's greatest joy was her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was proud to have never lost touch with her inner child and her ability to connect with children. Her passion drove her to a career in education, working in the roles of teacher, curriculum director and administrator of on\*yo?tea.ka tsi? tsi? thuwatihunyanit, the Oneida Tribal School. While she was a teacher, she was invited to study at the Newberry Library in Chicago where she researched Haudenosaunee genealogy and history. Genny enjoyed Math, Science, Social Studies and Geography. She became involved with AISES (American Indian Science Engineering Society), which led her to participating in numerous science events across Indian Country. She also served on the Oneida Personnel Commission hearing cases and writing decisions for a number of years after leaving the education field.

Genny had deep faith and spent her life as a prayer warrior, praying for family, friends and the world, if she learned of a need she went to prayer. She spent a great deal of her life trying to find the right path for her and those she loved to get to Heaven. She believed she found that in the Catholic Faith. She made many pilgrimages around the U.S. and to Medjugorje.

Genny was a living room cheerleader for the Green Bay Packers. She loved shouting "Go Pack Go" and dressing appropriately for game day. She enjoyed getting in the crowd around Lambeau on game days, too. She loved being in nature and being near the water. Pamperin Park and Door County were dear to her heart because of childhood memories of visiting those places with her parents, whom she lost at a very young age. She loved all things fall and Halloween (but not the blood and gore), and The Peanuts cartoons.

Genny is survived by three sisters Charlotte Walschinski, Mary Prescott, and Catherine Webster, sister-in-law Jackie Webster, and one Brother Kenneth Webster. Her three children Cassandra (Cory) Trepanier, Kowa Gollnick, James (Marie) Gollnick, her grandchildren Nix (Matt), Parker, George and Elton, her great grandchildren Hunter, Isaac, Xavier and Athena. She is further survived by a zillion nieces and nephews.

Genny was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Thomas, Cletus, Lavern, Adam, Gerald and Vincent, Sisters Connie Delgado, Alice Smith, Teyulelu Cornelius along with too many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 4:00PM - 7:00PM Thursday, June 12, 2025. Visitation will continue Friday morning at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2597 Glendale Ave., (The entrance is directly across from BP gas station on Glendale Ave.) from 10:00AM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM.

The family would like to extend big thank you to the County Rescue Squad, St. Vincent's Hospital Staff, Unity Hospice and Ryan Funeral Home for showing so much kindness, compassion and support for our mom and family. We would also like to thank all of those who have taken care of the fire, brought wood, food and supplies, taken time to be with our family and shared beautiful memories of Genny. We know that she continues to smile down on us and sending us all love.



**Notice to Interested Person(s) Setting Hearing on Applications for Probate**

To attend meetings virtually or request a copy of the materials, contact Brooke M. Doxtator at 920.869.4303 or email [land\\_commission@oneidanation.org](mailto:land_commission@oneidanation.org).

Applications for Probate have been filed as follows:

**Estate of Merlin Melchert, Case No. 2025-LCP-002**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 10/2/1941, died on 8/2/2023 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at W670 County Road EE, De Pere, WI 54115
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Tami Melchert
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/21/2025, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Estate of Lillian Lavinia King, Case No. 2024-LCP-005**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 1/30/1927, died on 8/28/2022 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Outagamie County, state of Wisconsin at W1799 Culbertson Road, Seymour, WI 54165
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Estate of Ronald E. King, Sr., Marilyn J. King, Edwin D. King, Jr., Bruce A. King, Arthur M. King, Albert R. King, Linda King, Nevada Webster, Onikwintala Webster, Teri Webster, Orlin Webster, Jr., Jonni Webster, Danielle Webster, Deandra Fowler, Bernard Fowler, Jr., Lisa King
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/14/2025, 3pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Estate of Martha Braeger, Case No. 2025-LCP-005**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 3/29/1950, died on 12/18/2024 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 2700 He Nis Ra Lane, Green Bay, WI 54304
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Michelle Hill, Marsha Skenandore
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/28/2025, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Estate of Elaine Melchert, Case No. 2025-LCP-001**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 8/11/1940, died on 5/21/2023 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at W670 County Road EE, De Pere, WI 54115
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Estate of Merlin Melchert, Tami Melchert
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/21/2025, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Estate of Russell Bernard Metoxen, Case No. 2025-LCP-003**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 7/6/1934, died on 7/5/2023 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 235 Valley Drive, Oneida, WI 54155
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Kirby Metoxen, Kelly Metoxen, Kerry Metoxen, Kristen Metoxen
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/28/2025, 3pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Estate of Karen Kay Nolan, Case No. 2025-LCP-004**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 5/13/1959, died on 12/28/2024 was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 2775 Metoxen Lane, De Pere, WI 54115
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Louis Guerra, Jr., Maria Guerra, Kiley Nolan, Connor Nolan, Lauren Hartman
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/28/2025, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Notice to Interested Person(s) Setting Hearing on Applications 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](mailto:land_commission@oneidanation.org).

**Notice to Creditors: Deadline to file claim is June 25, 2025**

To file a claim, contact Oneida Land Commission, Attn. Government Administrative Office, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or email [land\\_commission@oneidanation.org](mailto:land_commission@oneidanation.org).

Applications for probate have been filed as follows:

**Estate of Julie Ann Hill, Case No. 2024-LCP-0007**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 7/3/1970, died on 10/3/2022, was domiciled within exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 3045 Ferndale Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Estate of Larry R. Hill, Jr., Robert J. L. King, Tre'Lonnie E. King
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/14/2025, 3:30pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Estate of Larry Roscoe Hill, Jr. Case No. 2024-LCP-008**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 9/19/1970, died on 5/1/2024, was domiciled on exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Brown County, state of Wisconsin at 3045 Ferndale Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Kendra L. Henry, Erykah R. Hill
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/14/2025, 4pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Estate of Anna Marie Haven, Case No. 2024-LCP-009  
(Correction from Noticed published in June 2025)**

1. The decedent with a date of birth of 8/4/1965, died on 11/21/2024, was domiciled on exterior boundaries of Oneida Reservation in Outagamie County, state of Wisconsin at N6969 Cornelius Circle, Oneida, WI 54155
2. TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PERSON(S) and any persons not listed herein who may be identified by law as potential interested persons: Kelsey M. Haven, Sydney Haven
3. A Probate hearing has been scheduled for 7/21/2025, 3pm, at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155.

**Updating Tribal Contribution Savings  
Processes and Allocations**

Based on BC Resolution # 05-22-24-A

Amending BC Resolution 03-30-22-A

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee amends the reporting process identified in #BC 03-30-22-A to the following project reporting process.

5. Reporting. The Project Owner shall provide reporting to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as requested by the CFO. The CFO shall provide a report that will include the following:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Obligated TC Savings Amount | • Balance of Obligated     |
| • Approved Purchase Orders    | Funds Remaining            |
| • Actual Expenditures to Date | for Expenditure            |
| • Project Owner               | • Narrative Project Update |

The report will be part of the Chief Financial Officer report to the OBC Executive Session, presented after the Treasurer's monthly report, posted on the Members Only portion of the Oneida Nation website, included in the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to the General Tribal Council, as well as presented in the Kalihwisaks on a quarterly basis.

Scan to access  
Oneida Members Only Page:  
Once logged in, click on:  
ARPA - TC Savings





## 2025 General Welfare Assistance Payments

Important information for the 2025 GWA Payments

- ♦ Oneida Nation Assistance Fund (\$1500.00/ 18+) (\$2000.00/ 62+)
- ♦ Elder Assistance Program (703.54/ 65+)
- ♦ Food Assistance Program (\$500.00)

### Application deadline

**Friday, Sep. 5, 2025 4:30 pm CST**

Payments will be issued by September 30, 2025. Please account for delivery time if requesting a check.

- ♦ Online submission began Tuesday July 1, 2025
- ♦ Applications must be submitted online, in-person, or by mail.
- ♦ Payments will be issued by September 30, 2025.  
*Please account for delivery time if requesting a check*
- ♦ **Please Note: Applications received September 6, 2025, through March 2, 2026, payment will be issued by March 27, 2026, for the following:**  
Oneida Nation Assistance Fund (\$1500.00/ 18+) (\$2000.00/ 62+)  
Elder Assistance Program (703.54/ 65+)
- ♦ **Deadline to submit any changes to contact or banking information to reflect your GWA payment is September 12, 2025**
- ♦ **If you miss the March 2, 2026, deadline. There will be no other chance to claim this payment.**
- ♦ Paper applications were mailed in late June 2025 (if not received by the end of July, please contact Trust Enrollment Department)
- ♦ **You are responsible to update/cancel your direct deposit information with the Trust Enrollment Department. Your direct deposit information will remain in effect INDEFINITELY.**

All GWA checks expire 90 days from the date issued. Any GWA checks not cashed within the 90-day expiration date, will be returned to the GWA Program.

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.

**Oneida Trust Enrollment Department**  
PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155-0365  
(920) 869-6200 ♦ 800-571-9902

No Mailbox. In person or courier delivery only (Fed Ex, UPS)  
210 Elm St, Oneida WI 54155



## 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION

**Saturday, July 12, 2025  
7am-7pm**

**Polling locations:**

**Oneida Community Health Center  
525 Airport Dr. • Oneida, WI 54155**

**SEOTS**

**5233 W. Morgan Avenue • Milwaukee, WI 53220**

Must be 18 or older to vote. Picture identification required for voting. No children allowed in voting area.

### Oneida Nation Special Election Ballot

#### Oneida Election Board

Choose up to three (3)

- Lynette Jordan
- Tina L. Skenandore

#### Oneida Gaming Commission

Choose up to one (1)

- Thurston Denny
- Reynold Tommy Danforth
- Tamar Jean Cornelius

#### Oneida Land Claims Commission

Choose up to one (1)

- Tomas Escamea
- Carmen Escamea
- Donald D. McLester

#### Oneida Land Commission

Choose up to two (2)

- Cristina (Tina) Danforth
- Tomas Escamea
- Carmen Escamea
- Donald D. McLester
- Lori Elm

#### Oneida Nation

#### Commission on Aging

Choose up to three (3)

- Tomas Escamea
- Carmen Escamea
- Mary Loeffler/Cornelius
- Bev Anderson
- Joseph Torres

#### Oneida Nation School Board-Parent/Guardian

Choose up to two (2)

- Cary Waubanasum

#### Oneida Nation School Board-Community at Large

Choose up to two (2)

- Joseph Torres

#### Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee

Choose up to three (3)

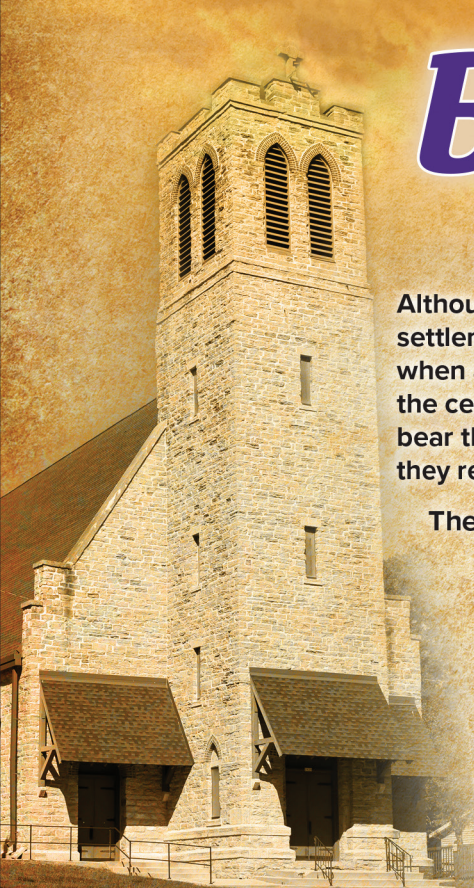
- Norbert S. Hill Jr.
- Carmen Escamea
- Jermaine Delgado
- Lynette Jordan

#### Legal Resource Center Advocate

Choose up to one (1)

- Tsyoslake G. House
- Gina Powless-Buenrostro






**HOLY APOSTLES**

# *Bicentennial*

**1825-2025**


**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

Although many Oneida were practicing Christianity upon settlement, they didn't have a church structure until 1825, when a little log church was built on top of a hill that is now the cemetery. The Oneidas wanted their new church to bear the name of their "Father," Bishop Hobart, and they received permission to call it the Hobart Church.



The Oneida Episcopal Church Vestry invites the community to celebrate 200 years since the church began.

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**  
**4pm • Church Service**  
**5:15pm • Blessing of original location**  
**6pm • Speakers, displays of gratitude**  
 with hors d'oeuvres and beverages in Parish Hall  
**Special Appearance by Bishop Matthew Gunter**  
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For more information or questions contact Hanna:  
 920-490-3927  
[hleisgan@oneidanation.org](mailto:hleisgan@oneidanation.org)  
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## Green Corn Ceremony

### EDUCATION NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JULY 9, 2025**  
**5:30-8 PM**

ONEIDA LONGHOUSE  
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 ONEIDA WI

**ENJOY A LIGHT MEAL**

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 920.490.3796



**TAP**  
tribal action plan

The dates may be subject to change due to funeral ceremonies





# AMERICAN INDIGENOUS COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT



Wisconsin Alzheimer's  
Disease Research Center  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH

The American Indigenous Cognitive Assessment (AMICA) research team and respected traditional knowledge carriers successfully completed a work conference in Phoenix, Arizona in February 2025 as part of the multi-site adaptation of a toolkit of memory screening tools. Moving forward into the second phase of the research project, the AMICA Oneida team has successfully completed neuropsychological testing training with current memory screening tools with community researchers from the Center for Native American Health-University of New Mexico Health Sciences and the First Nations Community HealthSource from Albuquerque, NM; and the Red Lake Nation of Minnesota and the Memory Keepers—Medical Discovery Team at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Duluth Campus hosted in May 2025 in Madison, WI. The AMICA

Oneida team will be guest speakers at the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division Community Meeting in July 2025. Stop by if you would like to ask questions in person. The aim of the AMICA project is to help our communities achieve our long-term goal of improving the diagnosis and care of Native American people with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia.

Learn more at [AmicaToolKit.com](http://AmicaToolKit.com)

Contact the Oneida  
AMICA Community Researcher:  
Cassandra Thomas  
[CLThomas3@wisc.edu](mailto:CLThomas3@wisc.edu)  
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## What's happening at Wise Women Gathering Place

July 16 - 19, 2025 8am - 5pm

## Mending Broken Hearts

Healing unresolved grief & historical trauma.

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July 28 - 31, 2025

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Hybrid

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## Drive Change

### Support Safe Place Parking

#### By Wise Women Gather Place (WWGP)

WWGP's Safe Place Parking Program offers a secure overnight parking location for people sleeping in their vehicles. The lot accommodates up to 46 cars nightly and has hosted up to 41 vehicles in one night, providing shelter for over 65 people. Since local homeless shelters closed on April 30, the number of vehicles has increased by over 10, with more than 20 additional people seeking a safe place to sleep.

#### Program Features

*Safe Place Parking offers more than just a parking space.*

**With community partner support, the site provides:**

- Evening and morning support staff
- Portable sanitation and refuse removal
- Power access and loaned battery packs for devices and medical equipment
- Meal donations, hygiene supplies, and community resource navigation
- Operational Costs

The program costs \$12,500 per month to operate. The Oneida Nation donates the lot, while partners and volunteers provide services and supplies. The \$50,000 fundraiser will cover the remaining costs for the final 7 months of 2025, ensuring the lot remains open through the year and into the coldest months.



#### Fundraiser Launch

WWGP has initiated a \$50,000 community fundraiser to support this essential program. With local shelters at capacity or closed, Safe Place Parking is a crucial lifeline for many community members, including elders, families, and individuals fleeing domestic violence.

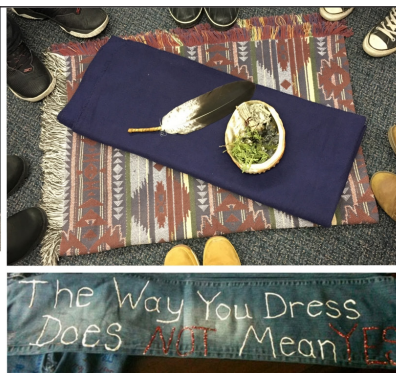
#### How to Help

WWGP invites individuals, organizations, businesses, and congregations to:

- Make a one-time or monthly gift at [wisewomengp.org/give/safe-place-parking-fundraiser](https://wisewomengp.org/give/safe-place-parking-fundraiser)
- Share the fundraiser with their networks
- Host or sponsor fundraising events
- Connect WWGP with employer match programs and grant opportunities



## Wise Women Gathering Place



Learn More  
and Donate





*Congratulations*

Introducing your 2025-2026 Oneida Royalty:

Miss Oneida – Mia Charnon

Jr Miss Oneida – Wileena Bigjohn

Lil Miss Oneida – Marley Fontaine

Watch the 57th Annual  
Miss Oneida Pageant



## BIG BEAR MEDIA WELCOMES STUDENT INTERN



Royce Summers  
New Big Bear Intern

Royce Summers is the new student intern at Big Bear Media, where his role includes learning from and collaborating with his colleagues on projects for the Kalihwisaks, Oneida Printing, and Oneida Tourism. Royce grew up as the youngest of three in Oneida, WI, where he was raised by his parents Cindy Reiter and Curt Summers. He graduated from Oneida Nation High School in 2023 and currently attends Syracuse University in New York after completing two years at SUNY (State University of New York) Cortland where he majors in Illustration with a minor in Photography. In his free time, he likes to draw, play lacrosse and video games, and spend time with family. After college, Royce plans to stay in the graphic design field and find a job close to home.





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## Carter King Once Again Weaves His Magic

**Boarding School Collection to be Revealed Soon**

**By Garth Webster**

In the April 2025 edition, Oneida Tourism Director, Michelle Danforth-Anderson revealed details of her partnership with Carter King to recreate four sets of boarding school uniforms for the Salt Park Avenue Log Home exhibits at the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park.

Since then, King has once again produced outstanding results, delivering the nearly-complete uniforms this past May 2025

Carter is shown here, along with vintage photos of seamstresses in the background, with one piece from this collection, a typical day-to-day uniform worn by young ladies.

The rest of the collection includes a young man, one adult lady, and one adult male.

As King works on final preparations, consider this is a sneak peek. Watch for details coming soon when Danforth-Anderson and King release information to reveal all four pieces.

Read the  
April 2025 Article

