



One year post-COVID: Skenandore back to his passions despite long-term effects

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One full year after nearly losing his life to COVID-19, Shawn Skenandore is beyond grateful to the Creator for granting him more time with his family and friends. The deadly virus landed Skenandore in the St. Mary's Hospital Intensive Care Unit hooked up to a ventilator with such a bleak prognosis that Last Rites were administered. But despite lingering effects from the virus he hasn't wasted any time in getting out and enjoying his new lease on life.

"I was in the hospital (fighting COVID-19) for a little more than a month until June 2020," Skenandore said. "But this past year has been amazing for me. The Creator has blessed me with a new grandchild, and I was able to return to work late last year before my appendix ruptured and I ended up back on short-term disability. So this has been one heck of a journey, and while the fatigue is still there I'm very blessed to be back to work again."

While he fought the good fight and survived the harrowing experience, Skenandore lives daily with the knowledge that he may not make it if he contracts the deadly virus again. "The main fear is not knowing if I'll catch this again," Skenandore said. "I'm not comfortable getting the shot right now because I'm aware of people who received the vaccination who are contracting COVID again.



Photo courtesy D. King of Images

One year after surviving his battle with COVID-19, Shawn Skenandore is back on the waters and has qualified for the 2021 16th Annual Black Bass World Championship.

I was told if I contract it again like I did before I will not survive it. My lungs are only at about 70 percent of what they were before, and they'll probably never fully recover due to all the tissue damage that occurred.

"I'm still going through therapy and rehabilitation so here we are a year later and I'm still dealing with it," Skenandore said. "Fatigue is the biggest thing right now because I'm always tired so I call them my grandpa naps because now that I'm a grandpa I'm always napping. My sleep schedule hasn't been quite the same either as I'm up with the birds now. At this point I'm only able to get five hours of deep sleep at the most coupled with my grandpa naps."

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, has also made its way

into Skenandore's life. He works at Green Bay Packaging, where he is currently required to wear a mask. "I have to wear that mask which I struggle with daily," Skenandore said. "I have such a hard time with anything covering my face because I had that CPAP mask on my face for 30 days so that gets a little emotional."

But, the way the Oneida community rallied behind his family and himself when he was down still has Skenandore in awe. "I'll tell you what, I am so blessed to have the community that I have," Skenandore said. "They took care of my family from day one. My aunt had posted something on social media about helping

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Shawn Skenandore

The Oneida Farmer's Market Starting Soon

The Oneida Farmers Market will open up on Thursday, June 17. We will open as a drive thru market with Raw Food and Prepared Food vendors only. On July 11 the Oneida Nation will review their COVID protocols. We may change back to normal at that time. Please stay tuned.

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out and the community, family, and friends all stepped up and brought food over every day. Necessities were dropped off for my family all the time while I was in the hospital.

“It’s so amazing to see our people come together when we truly need each other,” Skenandore said. “Our people support each other. We sort of got away from those ways and we’ve needed to celebrate bringing people back together again with the ‘what’s mine is yours and what’s yours is ours’ way of thinking. When we got to that point in my life you all really showed me just how much I’m cared for. It meant so much that I’m getting emotional just thinking about how much my community helped my family and I. Yaw^ko to everybody that went above and beyond in our time of need. I can’t ever thank you all enough for everything you did for

my family. That will always truly mean something special to me.”

With the exception of being with his family, Skenandore is most at peace when he is with nature. “I’ve been trying to enjoy the Creator’s gifts that he blessed me with and one of the best of all is the great outdoors,” Skenandore said. “I’ve got a 25-foot boat and 90 percent of the time it’s just me in my boat where I don’t have to deal with anybody or any concerns and I’m in my own space.

“Fishing, or me being outdoors in the Creator’s world, has truly been a mind and soul feeling,” Skenandore said. “Enjoying the birds singing, hearing the thunders roar, and the other simple things in life that were almost taken away from me are the most amazing things that I get to hear, see, and enjoy.”

His love for fishing led Skenandore to qualify for the 2021 16th Annual Black Bass World Championship on Lake Murray in Columbia, South Carolina, which will take place November 1-7. Skenandore was chosen to represent the First Nations communities and Midwest region in the tournament that will feature teams from at least 18 other countries. Having just returned to work full-time, a Go Fund Me page has been created to help Skenandore offset some of the \$5,000 it will cost to participate in this opportunity. Anybody that is able to assist is asked to please visit: Fundraiser by Shawn King-Skenandore : Help Shawn reach the World Bass Championship (gofundme.com).



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Bay Bank opens new branch office in Keshena

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RE: DOCKET Case Number 09PA111 & 20PA067, Oneida Nation Child Support Agency and Petitioner ASHLEY M. BLAKER v. Respondent JESSE J. MARTIN

A diligent attempt is made to notify the above individuals of an action filed by the Oneida Nation Child Support Agency for a Petition for Child Support. **A hearing shall take place on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.** in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court; located at 2630 W. Mason St. Green Bay, WI 54303. Failure to appear may result in a default judgment. For paternity only: If you fail to appear at any stage of the proceedings, including a scheduled genetic test, the Judge may enter a default judgment finding you to be the father of the child(ren). Please call (920) 496-7200 with any questions.



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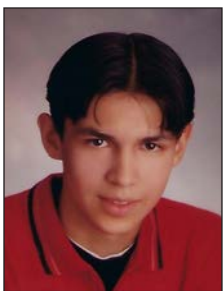


Denny, Russell Sterling
January 22, 1939 - April 28, 2021

Russell Sterling Denny, age 84, of Buckhannon, WV, died Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at his home. He was born January 22, 1937, in Wauwatosa, WI, a son of the late Robert and Evelyn Webster Denny. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Metro Denny and one brother, Bob Denny. He is survived by two sons, Russell Denny, Jr., and Jay Denny; two daughters, Darlene Denny and Doreen Irwin; two stepdaughters, Debra L. Crites and husband Allen and Carol Guillen; one stepson, Michael Dahl and wife Hope; numerous grandchildren and his beloved dog, Buster. Mr. Denny was a Native American and part of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. He was a member of the Eagles. He was a big fan of the Green Bay Packers and loved classic cars. In honoring Mr. Denny's wishes he will be cremated. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.polingstclair.com.



Jourdan, Chad Edward
May 5, 1980 - May 14, 2021



Chad Edward Jourdan, age 41, went to be with the Lord for some much needed peace on Friday, May 14, 2021, at his home in Sun Prairie. He was born on May 5, 1980, in Madison and was the son of Hubert "Herb" and Elaine (Aldrich) Jourdan. When Chad was born, he was named after Elvis Presley's character Chad in the movie Blue Hawaii, and Eddie Van Halen. In his younger years he played little league as a pitcher and made the all-star team. He played baseball in high school and was on

the track team. He played racquetball and was in many tournaments and won several. He would go to Green Bay and golf in tournaments with his Dad. Chad was an avid sports fan with the Brewers being his favorite. He was also in dart league and loved playing trivia. Chad loved children and dogs, they seemed to gravitate to him. He was also a little league coach for his son Wesley. Chad was Music, his true passion. He could "hear" and feel music differently than most. Music became part of his soul and who he was. Mötley Crüe, Van Halen, Queen and The Doors were his favorites.

He received a degree in welding and worked at Stoughton Trailers. He was presently working at G.E. Healthcare and was a proud brother of the IAM Union.

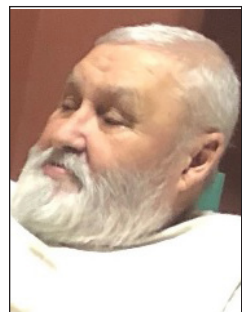
Chad was very proud of his Oneida Nation Native American heritage. After he passed, he was given his native name; Latlih wattókha' Meaning; He is Smart. Pronunciation; lud lee what doke.

Chad had a very strong faith in the Lord.

He is survived by his 3 children Hayley, Wesley, and Antonio; his mother Elaine; brother Todd (Linda); sisters Melanie, Sheila (Sherri Wirth); nephews Christopher, Taran and Coady; and a niece Shianne; his best friends Brian "Whitey" Whitebird and his son Wesley. He was preceded in death by his father.



Kulow, Kenneth T.
October 27, 1949 - May 9, 2021



Kenneth T. Kulow, 71, passed away on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was born October 27, 1949

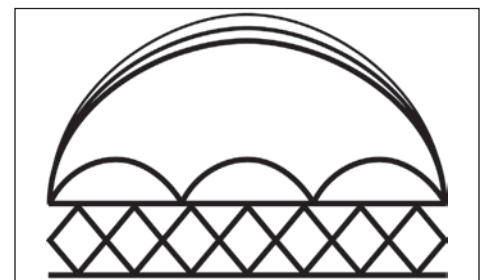
to Theodore and Bernice Kulow in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. Ken graduated from Goodrich High School, Fond du lac, class of 1967. Ken was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Vietnam War. Ken was united in marriage to Ruth M. (Peters) Kulow in Fond du lac, Wisconsin.

Ken was an avid hunter and fisherman; he enjoyed motorcycle riding, reading, crossword puzzles, card games, baking unique and delectable desserts, engaging in family-oriented events and basking in the sun while bird watching and smoking cigars. Ken will be missed for his uncanny and witty sense of humor, quick and clever retorts, but mostly for his versatility and adeptness at many things.

Ken is survived by his three children: Tod Kulow (Sheila), Travis Kulow (Sherry) and Dawn Lara (Dan); five grandchildren: Nefretiri Hovell (Nathan), Miranda Kulow (Vincent), Brittany Kulow (Matthew), Aaron Lara (Melanie), and Corina Lara (Roger); eight great grandchildren: Jameson Cornelius, Saryn and Rowen Hovell, Priscilla and Gianna Flores, Alesa Lopez, and Leerah and Huxley Lara; five siblings: Cathi Lewis, Joan Mitchell (Tom), David Kulow (Molly), John Kulow (Liz) and Peggy Kulow; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ruth M. Kulow; parents Theodore and Bernice Kulow, and siblings: Bill, Dick and Barbara Kulow.

To leave an online condolence for the family please visit www.ryanfh.com





Luttrell, Allan D.
May 8, 2021



New Berlin. Passed to Eternal Life Saturday, May 8, 2021, age 88 years. Beloved husband of the late Rosemary (nee Baniel). Dear father of Cheryl (Scott) Brooks, Chris (Ruth) Luttrell, and Kay (Gregory) Panno. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Interment Highland Memorial Park. Retired employee of Harnischfeger Co. Member of West Allis Masonic Lodge #291, Scottish Rite Valley of Milwaukee, Tripoli Shrine and Tripoli Legion of Honor. Lifetime member of Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Shriners Hospital for Children appreciated.



Miller, Michael "Mike"
May 13, 1951 - May 5, 2021



Michael "Mike" Miller, 69, of Green Bay, beloved husband of Debbie (Jacquot) Miller and loving father, departed this life peacefully on May 5, 2021 at Odd Fellows.

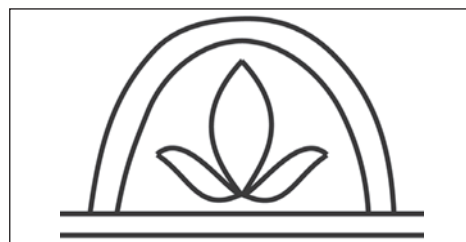
Mike was born on May 13, 1951 in Green Bay, son of the late Penbroke and Florence (Johnson) Miller. He graduated the class of 1970 from Green Bay East High School. Mike worked for over 20 years at Packerland Packing. He then changed careers going to NWTC to obtain his CNA credentials. He worked for 14 years at Brown County Mental Health until his retirement. Mike

belonged to several area Breakfast Clubs and enjoyed trips to the Casino. He loved having gatherings with his family and friends. He truly knew how to enjoy life, overcoming so many odds, but always had a wonderful attitude and smile to share. Mike truly loved people and the relationships in his life were the most important thing to him. He will truly be missed by so many, the world has lost a very special man.

Mike will be sadly missed by his wife of 24 years Debbie and two daughters: Meredith (Mark) Capelle and Molly Miller. He also leaves four brothers: Donald Miller, David (Debbie) Miller, Daniel Miller, and Jeff (Stacy) Budzban, along with sister-in-law, Diane Miller. Mike leaves his beloved grandchildren: Hannah (Josh) Novak, Emily (Max) Andrade, Rickey Bearup, Kennedy Miller, and Terajai Steward, and one great granddaughter, Ruby Andrade, and Baby Novak on her way in June in addition to mother-in-law Deloris Jacquot and sister-in-law, Brenda (Jeff) Parker. Mike also leaves numerous extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by a daughter Rebecca Miller, son-in-law, Kent Wilson and two brothers: Jerome and Douglas Miller, sister, Donna Miller, father-in-law Earl Jacquot.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. To leave a message of remembrance or for directions please visit www.NewcomerGreenBay.com.

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."



Nicholson, Paul J. "Bub"
April 10, 1967 - May 2, 2021



Wausaukee - Paul J. "Bub" Nicholson, 54 passed away May 2, 2021. He was born April 10, 1967 to the late Paul L. Nicholson and Carmellia E. (Smith) Nicholson. Paul attended Seymour/Pembine High school. He was a high society member of the Chippewa Establishment (LOL).

In addition to his parents, Paul is preceded in death by his sisters Kim and Debbie, brother Paul Edward and great nephew Michael (Mane Mane).

Paul is survived by his three brothers; Joe (Trish) Nicholson; Wausaukee, Donny Nicholson and Dennis Nicholson of Indiana, three sisters; Cassandra (Rodney) Nicholson-Werner; Crivitz, Kristina Nicholson; Oconto, and Jolene Nicholson "Babygirl" of Oneida. Paul is also survived by his significant other Stacy Morgan, and her children Brenda, Alyssa, and Cody as well as her grandson Jaden, and special friend Uncle Dan Grosso.

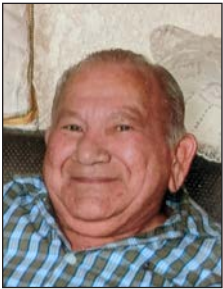
Paul enjoyed spending time with family and friends as well as working on cars. He was also an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Paul had many nieces and nephews. Stewart (Sayje, Jaylen, Aaliyah) Nikita (Kaniya, Nakiya) Alyssa, Big Guy (Rodney Jr.) Joshua, Bradley, Justine, Jessi, Joey, Jozelyn (Baby Kristopher), Aaron, Jadon, Masen, Tyler, Krysten, and Jenna.

At Paul's request he will not be having any services and wanted everyone to remember him as he was. A special thank you to Cassandra and Stacy for their effort and time helping Paul (Bub).



Wilber, Parnell J.
May 13, 1938 - May 13, 2021



Parnell John Wilber walked on suddenly on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Fieldstone Memory Care Community in Puyallup, Wash-

ington. His later years were plagued by the medical conditions COPD and dementia. He was born to Jed C. Wilber (Stockbridge-Munsee) and Ethel M. (Hill) Wilber (Oneida) on May 13, 1938 in Tomah, Wisconsin. He was an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. As a young man Parnell relocated to Seattle, Washington where he met his wife of 53 years Adeline (Rice) Wilber who was a Nanaimo Band Native from Canada and preceded her husband in death. His is survived by his youngest sibling Robin C. Emmerton of Oneida, Wisconsin and many nieces and nephews.

Parnell was a born tinkerer and enjoyed experimenting with, repairing, and improving machine parts. His knack for tinkering and rural upbringing led to his fishing career on a 164-foot retired flat-bottom Navy vessel converted into a floating cannery named The Kayak where he accompanied the vessel annually and fished off the coast of Alaska for many seasons keeping that vessel and its myriad of machines, conveyors, assembly lines, and processors in working order. Simultaneously and during the off-season he pursued a career as a stevedore with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union-Local 19 in Seattle where he retired in 1989.

Parnell loved expressing his opinion which was founded on common-sense, conservative, and Christian values and he never let an

opportunity go by when he saw an opening to throw-in his two-cents worth and express his beliefs. He enjoyed playing slots at Native casinos, was an avid boxing enthusiast, loved antique automobiles, and never missed an opportunity to play cards with his niece Kathy (Wilbur) Witters. He will be missed by all those who crossed his path.

In lieu of remembrances his family requests donations be made in his memory to the Dementia Society of America or the COPD Foundation.

A family memorial will be held on September 4th at the Stockbridge Wilderness Cemetery where Parnell and Adeline's ashes will be laid to rest in the family plot.



Zayas, Ruben Oscar
April 30, 1951 - May 30, 2021



Rubén Oscar Zayas, 70, De Pere, passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2021 following a long battle with kidney failure and a short battle with

Covid-19. He was born to Jesusa Rivera and Ramón Zayas on April 30, 1951 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Rubén met the love of his life, Doreen Skenandore, on July 4, 2000. They were united in marriage on February 21, 2009.

When Rubén arrived in the area, he worked at the Oneida Casino,

The Radisson and for the Green Bay Packers. He loved working security for the Packers for the last sixteen years.

He enjoyed spending time with Doreen and his grandchildren, hunting, fishing and traveling. Rubén always had a huge smile and loved hugs by all.

Rubén is survived by his wife, Doreen; daughter, Teresa (Bryant Troville) Vansteel of Greenwood, SC; brother, José (Genevieve) Zayas; mother-in-law, Gwenevere Skenandore; siblings-in-law Joyce (Richard) Hoes, Wanda Skenandore, James (Kelly) Skenandore, Douglas (Sharon) Skenandore and Jeffrey (Nora) Skenandore, all of Oneida.

He is further survived by his grandchildren, Anthony (Kiarra Vigil) and Alexander Vansteel of Oneida, Aphrodite Vansteel and Aaliyah Cornelius of Greenwood, SC. He will be missed by many nieces and nephews, friends and Green Bay Packers family.

Rubén was preceded in death by his son, Lawrence Vansteel Jr. of Oneida; parents, Jesusa and Ramón; siblings, Francisco, Rosa, Hector, Magoli and infant brother Orlando, all from Puerto Rico; and father-in-law James Skenandore Sr. of Oneida.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the 4th floor nurses at Aurora, and Doctors Asha and Qazi.

Renita Hernandez and Kah[^]nta Cornelius would like to thank the following people for their help with making sure the MMIW walk that was held on May 5 was a success:

Vic Wozniak, Joey Powless, Bryant Waupoose, Jennifer Webster, The Torres Family, Yunuhsanunha (Michelle) Hill, Rosa Laster, Oneida Veterans, Firekeepers, OPD, Tony Hernandez, Leah Miller, Jacqueline Ninham, Leslie Doxtater, Tera Smith, Chris Jordan, Mike Smith, Veronica Powless, Cathy L. Metoxen, Paula Ninham, Bobbie Webster and Debra Valentino.

2021 Oneida Nation High School graduation is here

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

After a school year that saw ONHS students 100% in virtual learning mode until April 7, graduation time is here.

Graduation ceremonies take place in the Three Clans Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center at 6 pm on Thursday, June 3.

Graduates should already have picked up their caps and gowns and official invitation cards at the high school office. Senior pictures were due in the high school office by May

14.

Best health and safety practices will be in place for graduation. Each graduate can invite up to 4 guests who must present one of their senior's 4 invitation cards at the door. Seating during graduation ceremonies will be socially distanced with families sitting together.

A Graduation Parade will take place on Tuesday, June 1 at 6 pm. Cars will gather at the Turtle School, exit the parking lot there via Old Seymour Road and proceed to Nor-

bert Hill Center where graduates will be standing along the driveway.

A Graduation Parade for Kindergarten through 5th Grade will follow the same route at 1:30, also on Tuesday, June 1.

Keynote Speaker at Graduation will be Jasiah "Yelih" Lee who graduated on May 21 from Washington University with her Master's Degree in Social Work.

Graduation Practice will be the morning of June 3 at the Radisson.

Indigenous Expression - 25 years of ONHS art

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

The Premier, 520 N Broadway, Green Bay, will host a celebration of Oneida Nation High School art and culture on Saturday, June 26.

Built around a display of the art produced by ONHS students over the years, the event will also feature a traditional opening and closing prayer, social dancing and singing, Indigenous art for sale, talks by Oneida artists, and a brief history of the high school which opened its doors in 1994.

Guests and speakers include Oneida Schools Administrator, Sharon Mousseau; Tribal Chairperson, Tehassi Hill, an ONHS graduate; ONHS Principal, Art Skenandore. Green Bay government and business dignitaries will also be present to celebrate the relationship between the communities.

The event runs from 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission cost is a voluntary donation to The Premier with part of the proceeds going to future events with the Oneida Tribe.

In February 2020, the Red Banks Indigenous Art show was held at The Premier.

The Premier is an incubator for arts and performance entrepreneurs operated by the Green Bay Theatre Company a 501c3. Its core values include diversity, inclusion, affordability, compassion, and collaboration.

More information can be found at PremierGreenBay.org or by calling 920-617-4282.



Last days of school

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

ONHS students returned to in-person classes on April 7 after more than a year out of school because of the Covid19 pandemic.

Masking, social distancing and best practices of cleanliness have been strictly in place the entire time. Those practices will continue in Summer School.

Students and staff have focused on catching up on work, especially for students who had struggled with virtual learning. Seniors worked hard to pass classes they needed for graduation.

The week of May 21 was a busy one. Annual Language and Culture Days were held at Tsyunhekwa on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22 and 23. Friday, May 24 was off to honor the Native Code Talkers who served the United States in previous wars and Monday, May 31 was Memorial Day.

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1 and 2 are regular school days and Thursday, June 3, is a virtual day with graduation practice that morning and graduation ceremonies that evening.

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What an experience! Thirty-five years in education!

By Denis Gullickson

Spend more than thirty-five years in education and you think you've seen everything. Well, until a global pandemic rolls around!

I can probably safely say on behalf of all my colleagues at ONHS and in the Oneida Nation School System, that the past 15 months have been challenging to say the least. Managing Google Classroom and other social media platforms, teaching to students on a computer screen, communicating with families almost entirely via email and phone, and a few hundred other new tricks have been an experience.

The "playbook" for handling teaching in a pandemic was pretty outdated, last "published" in 1918! It really wasn't very useful at all.

Seeing students get off the buses the morning of April 7 couldn't have been more encouraging. I never thought I'd hear so many students say how great it was to be back in school.

After that, classes were a combination of in-person and virtual as some students remained at home by their family's choice.

Of course, last school year was a challenge, too. The entire school system went to remote learning in mid-March. However, we did have about 75% of a normal school year in.

This year, it was almost the opposite, with about three-fourths of the school year virtual and the last quarter or so in-person for most students.

We are about to wrap up this wild

and crazy school year and indications are that next school year will be a more typical one.

Here's a shoutout to the ONSS teaching staff, administrators, support staff and school board for constantly "monitoring and adjusting" (to use Madeline Hunter's phrase) and getting through this pandemic and the related challenges together. And a heart-felt "Yaw^ko" to parents, families, the community, and students for hanging in there.

We really have made it through this together and the bond of our learning family is stronger than ever.

Stay safe and stay vigilant. We sure don't want to go through this again for at least another hundred years.

Summer school - time to finish strong

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

ONHS Summer School 2021 starts on Tuesday, June 8 and runs through Wednesday, June 30. Summer School will run Monday through Friday within those dates.

The approach to summer school according to ONHS Principal, Art Skenandore, will be "the 5th quarter." That means a time to pass all classes that a student can in preparation for the 2021-2022 School Year. While conditions of the current

pandemic will be closely monitored before a final decision is made, it is anticipated that next school year will be a traditional, five-day-a-week, in-person schedule.

Many ONHS students have said they were glad to be back in-person since April 7 to get extra help from their teachers.

ONHS students have been encouraged by staff members to finish the 4th quarter strong. Each student's academic advisor has also looked

at their current classes and grades and prioritized them for completion during summer school or in determining their schedule for next school year.

All students are encouraged to attend summer school where they will be working closely with staff in their classes. Students can enroll in summer school with their academic advisor or homeroom teacher or by contacting the high school office at 869-4308.



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Sustain: The ultimate conundrum.....

Norbert Hill

Over the past 10+ years, my thinking has evolved concerning sustainability and the Oneida Nation. I don't know how many ways I can say that using blood quantum to determine Oneida citizenship is not sustainable over time. This is not a debate about good versus evil; it is about a mathematical certainty. We do not have generations to figure this out. Mortality is increasing and birth rates are decreasing. We must come together as a Nation for an enlightened understanding and a new beginning. Our future sovereignty depends on it.

The Trust and Enrollment Committee has taken a leadership role initiating this conversation. Community education efforts has been made to enable the Oneida Nation to deal with this difficult and complicated situation. Generally, we avoid conflict unless there is a crisis, many times driven by emotions. The crisis is here, and we have an opportunity to redefine our citizen requirements. We owe it to our children and future generations.

The primary debate continues regarding the long-term survival of the Nation and tribal benefits. Reconciling these two issues seems impossible. The test is the ability to hold two opposing ideas in our head simulta-

neously and still retain the ability to function. We must understand what we are fighting about. Will Oneida endure both the traditional reasoning and the urgent pressure for benefits? Can self-interest trump the Great Law—a values disconnect.

The root cause of this mess is the IRA Oneida Constitution. The document was written by federal government lawyers in 1936 and was a clever scheme devised by the U.S. government to terminate tribes. While the Wisconsin Oneidas approved the Constitution in 1936, it is not based on our Haudenosaunee principles and does not serve our best interests. Unfortunately, we have internalized the foreign values it espouses. Today, this document threatens our very survival as a nation—and now we need to save ourselves from ourselves.

Blood quantum is the equivalent of cancel culture and is perpetuated by half-truths “shared” and “liked” on social media platforms. These platforms are effective at spreading sound bites. But, they prevent us from working together to grapple with our long-term survival as a Nation and deter us from mindfulness and consensus.

What would we do if we had a blank slate on which to define citi-

zenship? What is the universal bond that connects all of us? History, language, and culture? Which of our values and social norms would be driving factors? What are our priorities—the individual or the group? What are the advantages of monetary benefits? How important is community engagement? How do we include voices who live off the reservation? What is the role of Oneida descendants? What is the blueprint of identity for the future?

Money, blood, and politics are volatile issues. Do we have the skills individually or collectively to get to an agreeable solution? Will Oneida be a footnote in history? Or, can we create a new future that celebrates and honors our kinship as Oneida people? Our differences of opinion may be our strength. They can be a force that pushes us to be better people—to be a better Nation. We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Let us not betray our forebears. We are tomorrow's ancestors. History will be the ultimate judge of our future survival.

For more information contact—Jdanfor7@oneidanation.org for his weekly Sustain Oneida Virtual Meetings.



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ONEIDA GENERAL WELFARE LAW

Garnishment or Attachment of General Welfare Assistance

The purpose of the Oneida General Welfare law is to set forth a framework and provide guidelines for the Nation to establish and operate approved programs to provide assistance on a non-taxable basis to eligible members of the Nation which promote the general welfare of the Nation, including programs designed to enhance the promotion of health, education, self-sufficiency, self-determination, and the maintenance of culture and tradition, entrepreneurship, and employment.

Approved programs must be adopted by the Oneida Business Committee through either law or resolution of the Nation, and provide the specific eligibility rules and limitations applied to that program. Examples of approved programs adopted by the Nation include the Pandemic Relief Assistance Program, Oneida Higher Education Pandemic Relief Fund, and the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund. Any assistance received from an approved program under the Oneida General Welfare law is required to be used only for the purpose stated in the approved program description. Currently, the Oneida General Welfare law provides that assistance received by a person from an approved program is not subject to attachment or garnishment by creditors. Assistance received by a person from an approved program is not a per capita payment or income. Assistance provided through approved programs is not attached or garnished for debt or child support owed due to the fact that any assistance provided through an approved program is provided on a needs based basis for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the individual and the Nation.

The Legislative Operating Committee is looking for input from the community as to the following question:

Should assistance provided by an approved program under the Oneida General Welfare law be subject to attachment or garnishment?

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY INPUT CLOSING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

The Legislative Operating Committee encourages individuals to participate in the legislative process by submitting written comments, questions, or other input via e-mail to LOC@oneidanation.org by the close of business on June 9, 2021. A copy of the Oneida General Welfare law can be found on the Oneida Code of Laws at <https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/laws/#TITLE-10-GENERAL-WELFARE-EXCLUSION>

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PUBLIC PEACE LAW

The purpose of this law is to set forth community standards and expectations which preserve the peace, harmony, safety, health, and general welfare of individuals who live within the boundaries of the Reservation.

The Public Peace law will:

1. Prohibit a person from committing a civil infraction under this law. Civil infractions include violations against property, the peace, government, the person, as well as civil infractions involving alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, and civil infractions affecting health and safety;
2. Delegate authority to the Oneida Police Department to investigate complaints involving civil infraction under this law and issue citations for violations of this law;
3. Provide that citation for a violation of this law shall be processed in accordance with the procedure contained in the Nation's Citations law;
4. Delegate jurisdiction to the Trial Court for any action brought under this law; and
5. Provide various penalties to be utilized by the Trial Court upon a finding that a violation of this law has occurred, including fines, community service, counseling and/or other programs, restitution, and any other penalty as deemed appropriate by the Trial Court.

For more information on the Public Peace law please review the public comment packet at [oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public meetings](http://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public%20meetings).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSSES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

The Nation's COVID-19 Team issued a declaration on March 27, 2020, titled "*Suspension of Public Meetings under the Legislative Procedures Act.*" This declaration provides that the Legislative Procedures Act's requirement to hold a public meeting during the public comment period is suspended due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Although there will be no public meeting, the public comment period will still occur, and individuals can participate in the legislative process by submitting written comments, questions, or other input via e-mail to LOC@oneidanation.org.

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Setting Time and Notice to Interested Parties.

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for:

June 28th, 2021 beginning at 4:00 p.m. (via Microsoft Teams platform)

In the Matter of the Estate of Evy Dearest Brown, Case No. 2021 LCP 0001

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 10/05/2017 and date of death 10/06/2019, was an Oneida Nation member and domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 1252 Chief Hill Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313.
3. The deadline to submit claims was 4/17/2021.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

In the Matter of the Estate of Bernice Joan Elm, Case No. 2021 LCP 0002

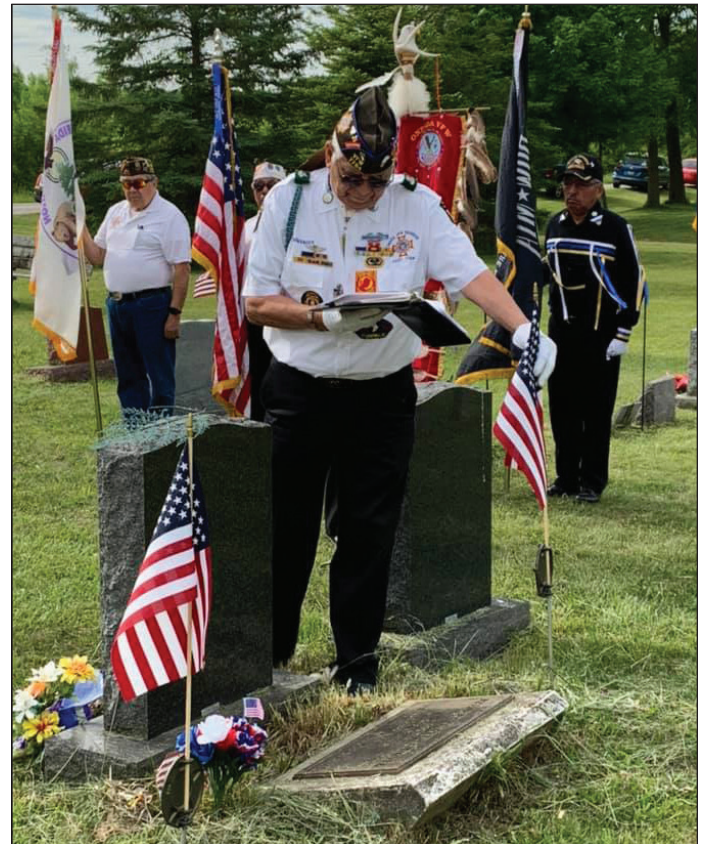
1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 9/30/1945 and date of death 11/14/2019, was an Oneida Nation member and domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 3034 Cactus Court, Green Bay, WI 54313.
3. The deadline to submit claims was 4/17/2021.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Bennett Elm, Case No. 2021 LCP 0003

1. An application for probate was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth of 6/24/1970 and date of death 6/25/2020, was an Oneida Nation member and domiciled on the Oneida Reservation at 3034 Cactus Court, Green Bay, WI 54313.
3. The deadline to submit claims was 4/17/2021.
4. All interested persons are hereby noticed.

To attend a scheduled hearing virtually contact:
Diane M. Wilson, Probate, Oneida Nation, Land Management, PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155,
920-869-6614 or dwilson@oneidanation.org
Dated: 5/14/2021

Oneida Community, Veterans Honor Those Who Gave All



Kali photo/Michelle Danforth-Anderson

The Oneida Nation Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7784 Color Guard spent Memorial Day morning honoring those Oneida Warriors who fought and gave all for our Nations. Flags were placed at the grave sites of those selfless warriors across the Oneida Reservation. Right: VFW Post 7784 Vice Commander Cletus Ninham honors a fallen Oneida Warrior on Memorial Day.



Purple Heart Memorial dedicated in Oneida



Kali photo/Michelle Danforth-Anderson

The Oneida Nation, along with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, held a dedication ceremony May 22 at the Veterans Memorial Wall for a new Purple Heart Memorial. Located in the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park, the memorial is dedicated to Purple Heart recipients across Turtle Island who did not waver when their nation called. A special recognition was held for the late George Greendeer, a Purple Heart recipient himself and former Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Oneida Nation remembers Eldred Nicholas

Kali photo/Christopher Johnson

Hundreds of family members and friends turned up as the Oneida Nation remembered the late Eldred Nicholas with a full military honors service Friday, May 21, at the Oneida Methodist Church Cemetery. Nicholas, who passed away in December 2020, was a former Marine and Korean War Veteran and longtime member of the Oneida Nation VFW Post 7784.



COMMUNITY CLEAN - UP

**Oneida Tribal Action Plan &
Oneida Comprehensive Housing Division**

**INITIATIVE TO KEEP OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS CLEAN!**



**June 10th 2021
3:30 pm**

Cornelius Circle

NO LARGE BULK ITEMS

Adults register

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**Contact Renita Hernandez to sign up
(920) 490-3796 rhernan1@oneidanation.org**

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Community Composting Workshop

Tyunhehkwa Farm, 139 Riverdale Drive, Oneida, WI

Date/Time: Saturday, June 19, 2021 9:00am

Registration: Contact Bill at 920-869-4595

or email: wvervoor@oneidanation.org

Include Name, Number Attending & Contact Information

Masks Required/Social Distancing Required

The introductory workshop will be on Saturday, June 19th starting at 9:00am. Tsyunhehkwa (139 Riverdale Drive, Oneida) and will last approximately 1 hour.

To reserve a spot at the workshops please contact Bill at 869-4595 or email him at wvervoor@oneidanation.org. Please include your name, number of people attending and **contact information**.

This monthly workshop series will be limited to the first 20 people who sign up.

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Virtual Event

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Where: Woodland Church - 760 Airport Dr.
When: 6.15.21 ◆ 11-12:30pm & 3:30-5:15pm



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- ◆ oneida-nsn.gov/resources/health/health-promotions/jmio/ (click on activity minute submission).
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- ◆ E-mail or call Hanna Leisgang.

For More Information or Questions Contact Hanna Leisgang
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Oneida Nation Employment Opportunities

The following positions are open to: All Applicants:

Position Title	Department	Job #	Closing Date
Community Advocate (Prevention)	Family Services	01608	Until Filled
Community Advocate (Women's Domestic Abuse)	Family Services	01772/03145	Until Filled
Community Advocate (Women's Sexual Abuse)	Family Services	3085	Until Filled
Dentist	Dental	09003	Until Filled
Dental Hygienist	Dental	00171	Until Filled
Driver II	Transit	02790	Until Filled
Dual Diagnosis Therapist	Behavioral Health	02186	Until Filled
Certified Medical Assistant (Employee)	Employee Health	02398	Until Filled
Certified Medical Assistant (Nursing)	Nursing	01101	Until Filled
Elementary Teacher	Oneida Nation School	07014	Until Filled
Family Court Judge	Oneida Judiciary	09085	Until Filled
Food Processing Operator	Oneida Cannery	03148	Until Filled
Intake Supervisor	Behavior Health	02767	Until Filled
Lay Advocate	Family Services	02757	Until Filled
Legislative Analyst	Legislative Reference Office	00182	Until Filled
License Practical Nurse	Nursing	01099	Until Filled
Nurse Practitioner	Medical	03036	Until Filled
Physician – Internal Medicine	Medical	09015	Until Filled
Physician – Family Medicine	Medical	09079	Until Filled
Physician – Pediatrician	Medical	09048	Until Filled
Radiology/Mammography Supervisor	Radiology	02401	Until Filled
Special Education Teacher	Oneida Nation School	07103	Until Filled
Stroke Prevention Wellness Coach	Community Health	03133	Until Filled
Teacher	Community Education Center	00231/00462	Until Filled
Transportation Dispatch	Transit	00782	Until Filled
Y.E.S Specialist (Middle/High School)	Youth Enrichment Services	00968	Until Filled
Youth/Adolescent Social Worker	Behavioral Health	02092	Until Filled

The following positions are Open to Oneida Enrolled Tribal Members:

Position Title	Department	Job #	Closing Date
Business Committee Area Manager	Records Management	02974	6/7/2021
Compensation and Hiring (Post Grad)	Human Resources	05211	Until Filled
Executive Human Resources Director	Human Resources	09097	6/26/2021
General Manager	Retail Administration	09096	6/11/2021
Produce Assistant	Apple Orchard	01685	6/7/2021
Recreation Specialist	Recreation	01739	Until Filled