



Vigue's dedication has inspired countless students

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From activist for Native American rights and equality to the world of academia, there isn't much that Bernadine Vigue hasn't seen or experienced during her time on Turtle Island. The wife of Bernard and mother of Brian and Kimberly went through a lengthy period of personal anger in her younger years at how the United States Government treated Native populations. That anger led her to her involvement in the now infamous Milwaukee Coast Guard Station takeover in 1971 with about 20 other members of the American

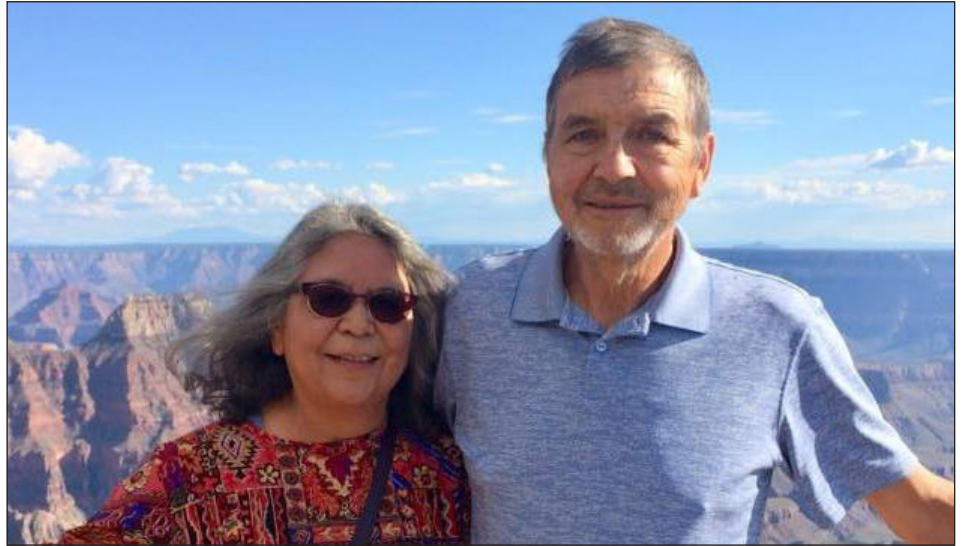


Photo courtesy Bernadine Vigue

Bernadine and Bernard Vigue visiting the Grand Canyon in 2018.

Indian Movement (AIM).

"We lived in Milwaukee at the time and I was working at Schlitz

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Bernadine

On this day in Oneida.....April 13-16, 2018 **Three-day blizzard buries Oneida Reservation**

Kali photo/Christopher Johnson

April Memories: It was three years ago this month that the Oneida Nation was buried in more than 24 inches of snow from April 13-16, 2018. This Kali file photo of the Oneida Nation Elementary School from April 16, 2018, shows the immediate aftermath of the three-day blizzard.



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Brewery and my husband Bernard was working full-time and going to school part-time,” Vigue said. “I was part of the group with Marg Stevens that eventually made the Coast Guard Station into a school. We were also involved with DRUMS, a Menominee Nation group, that worked against the termination of rights of Menominee shareholders. They were no longer considered Indians, but they still had their lumber mill and anybody that was enrolled was considered a shareholder. What really got people going up there was the selling of property to non-Natives.”

In time Vigue, who is part Menominee, Oneida, and Stockbridge-Munsee, was able to refocus her energies and gain a strong passion for helping Native Americans navigate the rigors of college in the hopes of improving their lives. She accomplished this by graduating from St. Norbert College with her bachelor’s degree in Organizational Communication at the young age of 52 before going on to complete her master’s degree in Counseling and Higher Education from UW-Oshkosh. “Before this I had actually flunked out of a few technical colleges and I didn’t receive a lot of academic advising,” Vigue said. “I felt like I was on my own, but while taking courses at Marquette University we were very hands-on with tutors and we saw our advisors once a week.

“During the 1970s Marquette University was one of the top college basketball programs in the country,” Vigue said. “One year the African

American players went on strike because there weren’t many students of color at the school and there weren’t any programs to help recruit students of color. There was simply no support system for them there. This was what sparked my desire to help advise students. I love being an advocate for students, gaining their trust, and even if I got in a little hot water myself I was able to sleep at night knowing I went to bat for my students.”

When Vigue arrived on the campus of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), she was ready to make a difference for minority students. “My job title at NTWC was Multicultural Academic Advisor and I was teaching English as a Second Language,” Vigue said. “The reason I loved working with college students is because they all came to school with hope and believed their lives would be better, and I still keep in touch with many former students.”

The COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent hit to the Oneida Nation’s finances caused a great deal of hardship and worry for students participating in the Higher Education Program. “The Higher Education Grant being lowered was a great disappointment,” Vigue said. “Now that it’s been fully restored, I’d really like to see more Oneida people take advantage of that opportunity. I come from a family of 12, and my dad always told us the best way out of poverty is by getting an education. If you want to go back and help your tribe, you need to be educated so you can stand up for your Nation because

I believe our tribe got taken a few times on business ventures.”

In March 2019 Vigue received news nobody wants to hear. She was diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney cancer. Doctors gave her two years. “I just recently had an MRI and CT scan done to see whether or not my medicine is working,” Vigue said. “The odds for this are not good, but the doctor at Northwestern Medical Center in Chicago said I made it past the two-year mark. He told me he couldn’t make any promises on how many more years I have but they’re doing what they can to maintain it so the tumors don’t grow.”

While Vigue isn’t in any pain and she’s lost some weight, she says the medications she’s taking has affected her sense of taste. “I used to really like sweets and healthy foods but now I don’t,” Vigue said. “Apparently this is actually good because cancer seems to really like sugar, so this was probably a blessing in disguise and I’m just trying to stay positive.”

Being a positive human being and a strong proponent of college leads Vigue to encourage people to continue to improve themselves through education. “Take advantage of that Higher Education Grant,” Vigue said. “Four-year colleges aren’t for everybody but take advantage of it in some capacity because many other tribes don’t offer what Oneida offers and they’re envious. An education benefits everybody. I’ve watched a lot of students come into NWTC with low confidence and I literally got to watch them grow out of that.”



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Valentino joins Air Force

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Nicholas Valentino, son to Karen Valentino, grandson to Kermit and Debra Valentino, proudly entered into the United States Air Force. He departed for boot camp April 20, 2021. His family and friends sent him off with good prayers and words April 17.




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Loretta Metoxen's Life and Legacy

Loretta V. Metoxen, the Flying Squirrel, made her journey to the other side camp on 23 February 2021, at the age of 88. Her obituary recounted the milestones of her life but did not begin to capture the truth of her spirit or scope of her legacy. This tribute cannot be overlooked or ignored. She was one of a kind and became known, locally, regionally and nationally.

It is impossible to measure the breadth and depth of her engagement and involvement. Indeed, she was a rare bird that comes along every 100 years. Loretta never met a meeting that she didn't like. She was a meeting groupie of sorts. Her range of activities for a half a century can be best described as a Crazy Quilt of meetings, history, factoids, relationships and genealogy. It is impossible to include everything in which she was involved—the Business Committee—20 years, Trust Committee—30 years and Land Claims 50 years and included the National Congress of American Indians, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal

Details of her life should be left to a better writer. Others can speak to her considerable career, impact and legacy.

She was unique—a modern day Laura Kellogg—there would have been a meeting of the minds! Loretta had the memory of an elephant and a mind like a sponge. She lived Oneida—by the people, for the people and of the people. Sustain Oneida was in her heart. Sovereignty was her middle name. Her three life priorities were—the tribe, the tribe and the tribe. Loretta had more ideas than money.

Loretta asked the hard questions. She was never afraid to register her discontent—even to the tribe that fired her. She was both elected and rejected. She read stuff that nobody wanted to read. The world was her classroom, and no library was big enough. Her personal library numbered over 1,000 books.

Loretta never lost her sense of home. She connected the dots of leadership, language and land claims. There wasn't anything that she did not know about or at least have an opinion about. She was truly an independent thinker.

Loretta travelled nationally and internationally. Over a million miles registered on her vehicle's odometer and counting. Loretta did not need a last name like—Cher, Dolly,

Madonna and Golda to name a few. She knew many family stories and scandals and those who were related. Nobody will surpass the number of meetings Loretta attended in her lifetime.

She was a storyteller of history—the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, WWI and WWII and Code Talkers. She was a veteran of the United States Air Force. Someone once asked her—What was Abe Lincoln like? She had an instant and glib response.

Loretta put Indian interests and welfare above all else. The culture of integrity cannot be taught but must be demonstrated by example. Loretta was a model of integrity throughout her entire career. The overriding measure of life's success is not how much is earned, spent, or given away. It is the quality of the life one chooses to lead. The Flying Squirrel's legacy lives on and she will be missed more than we can imagine.

Our Oneida world is better because of her. Thank you, Loretta.

Norbert Hill... on behalf of the Trust and Enrollment Committee

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Finkel signs letter of intent to UW-Stout



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Oneida Nation citizen David Finkel, a senior at Reedsburg High School, has signed his letter of intent to play football for the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils. He is the son of Paige and Greg Finkel of Reedsburg, WI.




Sunday 5/2 | Two Spirit People
w/Joseph Torres

Two Spirit is someone who identifies as having both a masculine and a feminine spirit, and is used by Indigenous people to describe their sexual, gender and/or spiritual identity. Come learn the elevated and even sacred roles Two Spirit individuals played in the past. Discussion of the current status and struggles of Two Spirit natives. All are welcome.

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w/Kaaren Thomas

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de la Cruz, Renee Lee
October 28, 1953 - April 15, 2021



Renee Lee de la Cruz, 67, resident of Oneida, WI passed away on Thursday, April 15, 2021. She was born October 28th, 1953 to Carol Jean Lopez-Metoxen and Richard Lopez in Chicago, IL. She graduated from college at NAES College with a Degree in Education. She married Humberto de la Cruz on February 14th in Chicago IL. She was an educator in the Chicago Public School System, Seymour, and Pulaski School District for over 25 years. She worked tirelessly with Native American Youth through her numerous positions. Apart from her work as an educator, she was an activist, community advocate, and served as a mentor to countless people. In her spare time, she enjoyed spending time with family, cooking and hosting dinner parties, Da Bears, books, tv shows, and music (she loved music). She could play the classical bass, accordion, piano, and other instruments. While attending Lakeview High School she was a member of the Chicago Youth Symphony.

Renee is survived by her children Jamie (Dustin) de la Cruz, Cary (Jeffrey) Pidgeon, Jarod (Catherine) Pidgeon, Dylan de la Cruz; Grandchildren Kanikisa Corbin, Hodazha-maniwinga Pidgeon, Keela de la Cruz, Zhaida Wilbanks, Mashu-ska Pidgeon, Jeffrey Morales, Tierza Morales, Xander Christjohn, Colton Pidgeon, Apollo Christjohn; Greatgrandchildren Kylla Santiago, Tehatuhyatenyu Santiago, and expecting grandchild; Mother Carol Lopez (Metoxen), Siblings Sherry King, Rick Lopez, Carla Lopez, and Karin Lopez. Renee is Preceded in death by her husband Humberto de la

Cruz, partner Daniel Pidgeon, her father Richard Lopez, son Quentin and Joey Valez.

A special Yaw^ko, gracias, and thank you to all the fire keepers, faithkeepers, numerous friends and companions of Renee near and far, her students, community friends and family, those that she has known and those that have gone on we will remember you. AHO



Elm, Mildred Mary
February 14, 1941 - April 15, 2021



Mildred Mary Elm, 80, Oneida, passed away on April 15, 2021. The daughter of Guy and Mami (Green) Elm was born in Tomah, Wisconsin on

February 14, 1941.

She loved horses, drawing and black jelly beans. She would walk to Green Bay whenever she could. Above all she loved being with family.

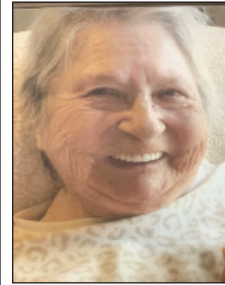
Mildred is survived by her many nieces and nephews and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Mamie; brothers, Emil "Bud" (Florence) Elm, Forrest Elm, Lemuel (Marilyn) Elm, Raymond (Arlene) Elm, Clayton (Carol) Elm; two sisters, Dolores Terrazas, and Shirley M. Elm. She was further preceded in death by many extended family members and one special cat, Zoey

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Lynd, Beverly A.
May 22, 1938 - April 3, 2021



Beverly A. Lynd, 82, currently of Kaukauna, passed away peacefully Sat April 3, 2021 at her home. She was born to Moses and Esther

Johns May 22, 1938 in Wauatosa, WI. Beverly loved to laugh, sing and spend time with her family. She also loved her slot machines and truly enjoyed the time playing slots and greeting old friends. Beverly was loved and respected by all who knew her. She was never afraid to help provide for her family and would try anything in her jobs. They were varied through the years and included; stacking wood at a pallet factory, driving a city bus in Seattle, WA, and planting thousands of trees in the Nicolet National Forest with her kids in tow. This taught her family a strong work ethic from young on. Beverly was the Assistant Director of Marketing at Oneida Bingo and Casino for several years and made many meaningful relationships as she was fair and caring.

Beverly is survived by her five loving children, Catherine (Bruce) Buckingham, Sharon Hansen, Jamie (Tracy) Voet, Karen (Byron) Lynd, Michael (Shelly) Lynd. She was proud grandmother to nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She is further survived by two brothers, Frank Johns Sr., Robert (Joselia) Johns; a sister, Judy (Wayne) Eder; and many lifelong friends who will all miss her dearly.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of one year, Clarence Eder; her husband of 46

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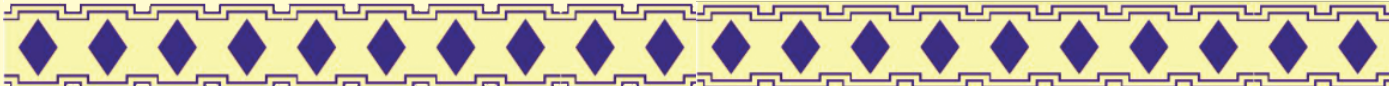
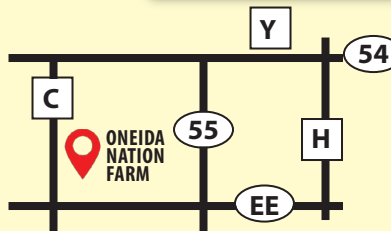
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years, James Lynd; a grandson, Cory M. Jordan; brothers-in-law, Richard and David Lynd, Tom Rosengarten; a sisters-in-law, Valerie Rosengarten and Susie Johns; a niece Jodi; and many, many other friends and family who will be happy to see her especially Sandi Mahn, whom she dearly loved, and was her best friend from her casino working days.

A family gathering will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.rhodescharapata.com.



Mencheski, Leo David December 12, 1956 - April 10, 2021



Leo David Mencheski, 64, Oneida, died peacefully at home on Saturday April 10, 2021. He was born on December 12, 1956 to

the late Leo M. and Winona (Doxtator) Mencheski. On June 9, 1984 he was united in marriage to Sheri Powless at Church of the Holy Apostles, Oneida. He served his country in the U.S. Navy.

Leo worked for over 15 years at the Oneida Nation Farm, before transferring to the Oneida Nation Casino where he retired from.

Spending time with family, especially his grandchildren is what he looked forward too. An avid sports fan of anything Wisconsin, Leo also like playing cards, especially Sheepshead, bowling, and hunting. Leo outgoing, and liked meeting people wherever he went. A lover of singing, he liked singing popular songs, or just making new ones up.

He is survived by his wife Sheri,

their children, Christopher Mencheski, Aaron (Kayla) Mencheski, and Keshia Mencheski. Grandchildren; Myles, Liberty, Nevaeh, and Skye. Leo's siblings, Mitchell Mencheski, Patrick (Loretta) Mencheski, William (Ann) Mencheski, John (Mark Stanislawski) Mencheski, Gloria (John) Ponche, Nancy Mencheski, as well as Sister-in-laws Susan Mencheski, Kim Powless, his uncle Leon Brisk, and numerous nieces, and nephews.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, Edward Mencheski, Theodore Mencheski, his sister-in-law Donna Mencheski, Sheri's parents Benjamin and Lucille (Charles) Powless, and her brother Gary Powless.

Special thanks to his brother Patrick, who was always there to help.



Pelkey, Paul Joseph April 9, 2021



Our family and community has lost a very special man on the morning of Friday April 9th, 2021. Paul Joseph Pelkey passed away

peacefully at Country Villa in Freedom, WI after a long illness.

He was born and raised in Kaukauna and was cherished by his mother Winnifred (Skenandore) Pelky and his late father James Pelky, his loving wife Melody and her children Ashley (Luke) & Mason. His children Joseph, Nicholas, Nathan, Ethan (Courtney) and Mariah (John), his siblings and their entire families, Patrick (Lisa), Patricia (Ray), Paige (Greg), Kurt (Ellen), Kim (Joe), Kevin (Jacqueline), Kristal (Chad) & the late Peter (Kymberley) and Penny. Paul was a grandfather to (Aria & Noah) both children of his wife's daughter. Paul also has amazing

aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and so many caring friends. Paul Pelkey has touched many souls in his lifetime, all who loved him dearly.

For most of Paul's career he worked in the cheese industry. His passion for it grew over 20 years and he worked at many factories doing all aspects of the industry.

Paul was not only a loving family man but loved riding his Harley named Brezze(Breeze). In the woods, he was an avid outdoorsman; a leader of hunting, fishing, camping, & bird watching. Every Sunday he enjoyed watching football, his favorite the Green Bay Packers! At the dinner table, he was the master player of cards, yahtzee player, and inventor of hilarious jokes. Lastly, Paul loved dancing, always being the first to grab the dance floor especially to country music.

The trials and tribulations Paul was able to overcome in his time here spoke volumes to his character. He was a kind, generous man who would help any one person or animal in need. Known as a local hero in St Petersburg, FL, Paul rescued an infant child from a burning home, and was awarded the Carnegie Medal. This was just the type of person he was, willing to fight fire, and endure severe burns over his body just to save the life of another. Paul Joseph Pelkey vowed to protect his family and loved ones.

A special thank you to St. Vincent/ St. Mary's Hospital, the dedicated, caring, and compassionate staff of Country Villa in Freedom, WI and Moments Hospice.

"I am so grateful that I met and married such an amazing and loving family man. Paul brought his entire loving family into mine without hesitation. I love you Big Pauly till eternity and until we meet again my love, ride off into the sunset." ~Melody

LEGAL NOTICE



ONEIDA FAMILY COURT
ORIGINAL HEARING BODY
NOTICE OF HEARING



RE: DOCKET Case Number 10CS564, Oneida Nation Child Support Agency and Petitioner ALYSSA J. SMITH v. Respondent ROBERT C CHARLIER JR.

A diligent attempt is made to notify the above individuals of an action filed by the Oneida Nation Child Support Agency for a Motion for Contempt. A hearing shall take place on Wednesday, June 02, 2021 at 9:20 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. Please call (920) 496-7200 with any questions.

Inquiries for pleadings and/or additional information may be directed to:

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RE: Case #17CU012 Roberta L. Thomas v Brionne O. Elm and Robert H. Cantu

A diligent attempt was made to notify the above Respondent (Mother) of a Motion for Modification of Legal Custody and/or Physical Placement. **A hearing shall take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 9:00 am** in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court office located at 2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303.

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RE: Case #21-CU-008 Lisa N. Smith v Brandi M. Smith & Joshua H. House

A diligent attempt was made to notify the above Respondent/Father of a Petition to Establish Third Party Legal Custody filed by Petitioner. **A hearing shall take place on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 3:00 pm** in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court located at 2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303.

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Notice of Virtual Public Meeting - Monday, May 3, 2021 12 - 1:00PM Topic: Oneida Community Support Law 125 Rules

In accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking Law, Oneida Nation Economic Support Department is hosting this Public Meeting to gather feedback to the following rule(s);

The following proposed changes in the Rule Handbook are:

- Rule 4 - Allowing for fuel/transportation assistance for applicants with local medical appointments;
- Rule 9 - Increasing the amount of assistance for Medical Related Equipment, supplies, or Furniture;
- Rule 13 - Increasing amount allowable for shelter assistance to align with other Rule amounts;
- Rule 14 - Removing the requirement for funerals for out of state only, allowing for funeral assistance for in state as long as the funeral is more than 40 miles from current residence;
- Rule 16 - Eliminate the restriction of Wisconsin being the only state for assistance, opening to any state within the United States. Eliminate repayment of program paid Security Deposit Assistance;
- Rule 17 - Decrease Rent/Mortgage assistance to 12 months from 24 months.

All persons may submit written / verbal comments at the Public Meeting. The deadline for written comments May 10, 2021 by 4:30PM to Director of Economic Support, Delia Smith.

In Person: Social Services Building (outdoor mailbox at door #5)

Mail: P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 Fax: 920-490-6803

Email: Dsmith1@oneidanation.org Phone: 920-490-3776

Via Teams

920-455-8831

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Updates from the Oneida High School office

By Kelly J Johnson

Office Administrator

It has been a great first week and a half of In-Person classes at ONHS!! It feels so good to see everyone in the halls again. I am so grateful we have this opportunity to have kids in the school again.

As everyone is getting used to returning to school, please remember to continue to login for your virtual classes. Attendance is counted for both in-person days and virtual days. If you don't login or are marked ab-

sent for 10 consecutive days you will be dropped from enrollment and have to follow a process of re-enrolling.

We are doing our very best to continue to follow social distancing and sanitizing guidelines. We have extra hand sanitizer, masks, alcohol wipes, and gloves in the office for students and staff as needed. We also have simple school supplies for students. If you are in need of pens, pencils, paper, folders, or other supplies for class, please stop in the office...I will help get you what you may need.

Spring Sports Season is Here!!! At the moment we are have Lacrosse, Golf and Track practices starting. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining please let Principal Artley know. You can email him or call his office: askenan7@oneidanation.org / 920-869-4433

Stay tuned to the Oneida Nation High School Facebook page for all Sports and School information and updates.

First day of school all over again

By Denis Gullickson

Journalism Advisor

4:45 am; Wednesday, April 7.

I looked at the clock with one eye open.

A bit early to be awake on a school day. But, then, this wasn't just any school day. It was the "first day of school."

What?

The first day of school? On April 7?

Yup.

Sure, we've been in school since early last September — but the entire time we've been in virtual classes on a computer screen in Google Classroom.

Today, students were getting off buses and walking into the front door of school! Maybe it was just 20-some students, but it was surreal enough to wake up at 4:45 in the morning.

After more than thirty years in education, you'd think this wasn't such a big deal. But we haven't had students at school in-person for well over a year because of the Covid19 pandemic.

As staff prepared for students to walk in the door that morning, the excitement was palpable.

"It's the first day of school!" I said to one of my veteran colleagues. "Sure, feels like it."

"Feels more like the first day of school my first year of teaching," she replied with a smile.

The first day was amazing and every student I spoke with told me how pleased they were to be back in school in-person. Then, we had three more "first days" as other students came the next day and, then the following Monday and Tuesday.

Spring sports are ahead

By Johnny Ponfil

With the weather slowly turning to spring and summer, ONHS athletes are looking forward to the spring sports seasons.

While most of March saw the T-Hawks playing football and vol-

leyball in alternative fall seasons, spring athletes are excited for their warmer weather seasons.

Interested athletes should contact principal and athletic director, Art Skenandore. Practices are either underway or starting very soon.

Academic refocusing

By THT Staff

So, you're a student returning to in-person classes or trying to figure out how to get a passing grade in your classes as the school year ends.

There are some practical tips to help you get accomplish those goals. First off, you're not going to get there all at once. It is going to take several sessions.

Job one: communicate with your teachers. Find out from them what is important, which assignments will get you the best grades the fastest, key tests to take, and so on.

Then, when you are sitting down to work, understand it's going to take concentration.

According to at least one online source, there are 8 Tips to Improve Your Academic and Work Focus.

Prepare Your Brain. Before a task, calm your brain, says Venezky. ...

Understand Where Your Focus Needs To Be. ...

Unplug Your Email/Social Media For 30 Minutes. ...

Coffee! Water! Juice!

Set the Right Temperature. ...

Music Can Help. ...

Take Short Breaks. ...

Doodling and Scribbling.

25 percent of ONHS students in the school at a time

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

The very first ONHS students returned to in-person classes on Wednesday, April 7 after 385 calendar days out of school.

But that was just 25% or ¼ of the entire student body. Another 25% each day started on Thursday, April 8 and Monday and Tuesday, April 12

and 13.

District staff worked hard to develop a schedule based on families attending the same day and buses going to different geographic areas within the Oneida School System’s boundaries each day.

The most students attend on Thursdays and the least on Mondays. Fri-

days remain virtual with all students attending guided study halls in the core subject areas.

About 24 students and their families decided to remain 100% virtual through the end of the school year. They attend the same classes as the in-person students, only they join class via Google Classroom.

ACT tests are on the way

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

While colleges have made changes to admission requirements because of the Covid19 pandemic, standardized testing is still something high school students should be thinking about.

Under the direction of Guidance Counselor, Tom Kenote, ONHS juniors will be registering for the ACT Test on Tuesday, April 20.

Tom sent out a “Preparing for the ACT Test” booklet earlier in the school year.

“It is now time to begin to start the study process for the test, if you have not started already.” Tom told ONHS juniors via an email in late-March.

The test date is Wednesday, May 5 and will be administered at ONHS.

There will be a registration session

on Tuesday, April 20 from 12:15 – 2:00 pm for all ONHS juniors.

Juniors not scheduled for in-person attendance on Thursdays, will have to make arrangements for a ride to and from school on April 20.

Students with questions are encouraged to contact Tom at 869-4308 or at tkenote@oneidanation.org.

ONHS Seniors looking forward

By Sadie Danforth

The Class of 2021 has experienced more than most senior classes in the last year. A global pandemic. Virtual classes. Making plans with a lot of questions out there. It hasn’t always been easy.

36 ONHS seniors are now looking toward graduation.

As the fourth quarter of their last year in high school gets underway, class members are at different points in their journey.

6 seniors finished at the semester. Some are taking classes at local colleges, at least one has joined the military and others are working.

The rest are working at finishing their graduation requirements either in-person or through virtual classes.

Several seniors said they were excited to be back in school in-person and that it would help them finish up the school year strong and get started on future plans.

Weather is going to get better

By Margaret Cornelius

According to the old saying, “April showers bring May flowers.” And with the rain we’ve had over the last week, there should be plenty of flowers coming soon.

April is a time of change in the weather. Temperatures start out averaging 50.2 degrees on April 1 and end up running around 76 degrees for April 30.

Speaking of rain, our area sees 2.47 inches of rain during a typical April.

Now that most ONHS students have returned to school, there will be lots of time in the evening for spring sports or just taking a walk.

Daylight hours increase from 12.47 hours – sunrise at 6:32 am, sunset at 7:19 pm – on the first of the month to 14:12 hours – sunrise at 5:43 am, sunset at 7:55 – at the end of the month.

It's time to
BBQ

See Page 8 B & B Market

**Ulrich, Pat**

November 6, 1938 - January 25, 2021



Pat Ulrich of the Oneida Nation passed away peacefully in the arms of her son Robert Paul. Her loving husband Bob and daughter Rebecca,

Kristelle and other family members sent her on her way to see other family members that have passed.

We lost a Wife, Mom, Auntie, Sister, Kahse and Friend to many. We will forever remember this lady. Her smile, laughter, stories, open arms, hugs and time she always gave to us all. She was always happy to see you and gave anyone her un-devoted attention. Leaning forward as in the picture seen, this was Pat. No phone, no TV or radio, but total uninterrupted attention to whatever was on your mind, good, bad, happy or sad, you knew this lady was here for you. If you brought a friend over, they became family.

Coffee on and food was served anytime. A place where all ages were welcomed. A safe place for anyone and but rules were to be followed. She pulled no punches if

you were wrong! Gramma stuck by those rules and you were expected to be respectful, forgiving and caring. She was a big Sister, a Confidant, honest, by giving you an honest opinion if asked. Appreciated what she had to say, even if you may not had wanted to hear it. If you wanted to know right from wrong, Ask Pat.

Pat and her Sister Priscilla were connected at the hip! Wherever Pat was, there was twin sister Pris. They attended many GTC meetings and sometimes she would speak up. She made her voice heard and made sense in her comments. Pat and Pris attended Boarding School. The pain left a scar on them emotionally, even at the age of 80. Talking about it they would cry at the treatment they received while attending school there.

Pat read many books about our culture, and was knowledgeable about Oneida history, Native American history and world history. She was an avid reader about many subjects and her knowledge about classic movies and current movies was unreal!

Trips to Oneida were fun, with laughter, singing and counting hawks. Trips and vacations with family to their cabin was a highlight. Family was everything from dinners, birthdays, gatherings and lots

of hugs were plentiful, even in her sickness.

Pat will be missed by many. She said she was ready to see her Mom, Aunties and Gramma. She was not afraid to move on...

Pat was preceded in death by her Mother Alvina Roberts/Skenandore, her Grandmother Lillian Skenandore, Grandfather Watson Skenandore, sister Rhea Skenandore, brother Jim Zakhar, Aunties and Uncles. Surviving is her husband Robert Ulrich, her twin sister Priscilla Zakhar (Carol) and older brother Paul (Arlene) Zakhar, Surviving children Rebecca (Tim) Nycz, Kristelle and Robert Paul Ulrich. Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, Kathryn Ann, Kristopher, Haley, Alexandria, Lillian, Lucius and Lawrence. Kahse's Ron (Elaine) Metoxen, Don Metoxen, Kahse, and Best Friend Deb (Gary) Ushakow, and many close Friends.

A thank you to Vitas Home Hospice, Dimitri Mills, Care Staff, Nurses and Family for all the help in her passing.

We will celebrate her life sometime this summer, and it will be a celebration for being blessed by a loving, kind and lovely Lady.

Kunolunkwah our Dear Pat.....

2021 SUMMER STUDENT INTERNSHIP

10 weeks paid internship experience! • June 13th - Aug 20th

Deadline to apply: May 14th

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Enrolled Oneida Nation Member • Currently attending a post-secondary institution

For further information: www.oneida-nsn.gov or Nicole Hill 920.490.3637

WATCH FOR POSTCARD WITH MORE INFORMATION



2021 Minor Trust Payment Information
If you were born between 9/1/1999 – 9/1/2003
There may be a Minor Trust Account available for you to claim or defer.

Minor Trust Accounts have been established for enrolled tribal members under the age of 18. For those members eligible to receive their Minor Trust Account, the Minor Trust Payment Deferral forms were mailed the first week in March 2021

If you do not receive a PINK Minor Trust Payment Form packet in the mail by April 1, 2021, Minor Trust Payment Deferral forms are available online:

<https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/>

Options to Claim a Minor Trust Account:

- Claim All – You will receive 100% of your Account
- Deferral – All or a portion of your account will remain invested if you elect any of the following options:
 - You elect to defer 100% - don't receive any
 - You elect to choose your own percentage (Please write whole numbers only. Decimals will be rounded to the nearest whole number) You won't receive the remaining percent this year

If you choose to defer your funds you will not be able to request your trust funds for 1 full year.
 If you have questions regarding deferrals contact Trust Enrollment Department.

Benefits of Deferring:

- Safeguarding from the IRS
- Monies will remain invested
- Help save for your future

**Deadline to Submit the Pink form to
Defer or to Claim all is:**

Thursday July 1, 2021, 4:30 PM (CST)
(No Exceptions)

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

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

Wednesday September 1, 2021, 4:30 PM (CST)
(No Exceptions)

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

**Minor Trust Payment will be issued...
end October 2021**

**Please visit our website for additional information: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/enrollments/>
Oneida Trust Enrollment Department**

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Oneida Nation Employment Opportunities

The following positions are open to: All Applicants:

Position Title	Department	Job #	Closing Date
Community Advocate (Child/Teen)	Family Services	01713	Until Filled
Community Advocate (Prevention)	Family Services	01608	Until Filled
Community Advocate (Women's Sexual Abuse)	Family Services	03085	Until Filled
Custodian – Stationary	Custodial	01588	Until Filled
Director of Nursing	Administration	02855	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
Lay Advocate	Family Services	02757	Until Filled
License Practical Nurse	Nursing	01099	Until Filled
Nurse Practitioner	Medical	03036	Until Filled
Radiology/Mammography Supervisor	Radiology	02401	Until Filled
Social Worker	Community Health	02501	Until Filled
Social Worker/Case Manager	Family Services	02541	Until Filled
Special Education Teacher	Oneida Nation School	07103	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
Archivist	Cultural Heritage	02946	4/21/2021
Compensation and Hiring (Post Grad)	Human Resources	05211	4/30/2021
Elder Abuse Prevention Supervisor	Aging & Disability Services	02095	Until Filled
Intake Supervisor	Behavioral Health	02767	4/21/2021
Medical Records Technician	Medical Records	02756	4/21/2021

The following positions are Open to Current Employees/ Return to work Protection:

Position Title	Department	Job #	Closing Date
Assistant Dental Director	Dental	09087	4/23/2021
Dentist	Dental	09003	4/23/2021

The following positions are Open to All Applicants (Pool Positions):

Position Title	Department	Job #	Closing Date
Certified Nursing Assistant	Nursing AJRCCC	00333	Ongoing Recruitment
Dietary Aide Cook	Dietary	00145	Ongoing Recruitment
Registered Nurse	Nursing AJRCCC	00406	Ongoing Recruitment
Retail Associate	Operations	00448	Ongoing Recruitment
Security Officer	Internal Security	02798	Ongoing Recruitment