Hit-and-run driver accused of killing Oneida Nation man headed to trial

By Christopher Johnson
Senior Reporter/Photographer

It’s been more than a year since Oneida citizen Elliot Cooper was struck and killed on Highway 172 by a hit-and-run driver near the Oneida Casino, and the excruciating wait for justice for the victim’s family continues as the case finally heads to a three-day jury trial in Brown County Court this July.

Cooper, 42 and father of six children ranging in age from 1-year old to 20, left the casino property in the late evening hours of October 5, 2020, and is believed to have been walking home when he was struck by a Toyota Rav4 driven by Brookfield resident John M. Parnon, 64. Parnon, who had just left the casino before the incident, did not stop and render aid, choosing instead to continue his drive home despite significant damage to his vehicle.

Parnon was arrested days later in Brookfield (just west of Milwaukee) after a tipster notified law enforcement about a conversation he had with Parnon regarding damage to his Rav4. The tipster said Parnon told him he “heard a loud boom, like a log flew at him, but didn’t know what had happened to the vehicle.” The damage to Parnon’s vehicle included a hole in the windshield, the middle of the hood was dented, and there was glass on the front passenger seat. His attorney, Shane Brabazon, later said Parnon thought somebody threw something at his vehicle, which is why he didn’t stop and investigate.

Parnon initially denied being at the casino, denied talking to anybody about his vehicle, and claimed he “hit something between Oshkosh and New London.” Once detectives confronted him with surveillance video from that night...
Dates for Pow Wow set July 1 – 3, 2022

By Pow Wow Advisory Council

The Pow Wow Advisory Council is excited to announce that the 4th of July Pow Wow will be returning this year. Tonya Webster, Chair stated “We are planning on a 3 day contest pow wow while putting in Covid safety protocols.”

With this new normal the food and vendor booths will be reduced to 25 booths from 41 booths. During Grand Entry the dancers will not circle the arena but will dance in one side and dance out the other. Bleachers will be added to the south side of the arena to help spectators spread out. More information to come soon.

“Our theme is community healing and we hope this event will bring people together, while standing 6 feet apart.” Tonya chuckled. “We hope everyone will mark their calendars and come home.”
Shekoli,

I hope my message finds you and your family in good health and spirits.

We are almost at the two-year mark for our Public Health Emergency due to COVID. My condolences to the families who have been affected by this pandemic, and prayers to those who continue to be affected. Our nation has seen some hard times and that cannot go without being acknowledged.

Our membership and employees continue to work together to help the nation operate and flourish during this pandemic and that also needs to be recognized and gratitude expressed. Yawáko to you all.

I’d like to briefly address how we, the government, have been handling communications, adapting to change daily, and the health of our nation and community.

The Oneida Business Committee has a few different outlets to communicate out to our membership. FB Live, which is held weekly, along with submissions to the Kalihwisaks. The creation of the FB Live segments twice a week has become our main communication outlet. This has allowed not only the Business Committee to report out what our offices are doing, but for different areas of the organization to communicate very important updates and information to you. If there are topics not covered, or that you would like to see covered on FB Live, please feel free to reach out to our communication department with any questions, or topics of interest.

Adapting to sometimes, daily change, has also become the “new norm” for all of us. Throughout the pandemic we have been fortunate to have a team of professionals who managed to create emergency policy and procedures around everything imaginable. We have had to implement new ways to address employment and operations while keeping everyone safe at work.

This all ties into what is most important, the health of our nation. The greatest challenge overall was to create a team that would be able to collaborate with local public health officials to keep us included in the implementation of healthcare changes, vaccinations, testing and development of new and preferred practices, as defined by the Center for Disease Control. Our healthcare professionals have done an amazing job of keeping our community informed and providing services non-stop. They were quick to establish protocols and procedures for everything from vaccination, to testing, to treatment. The enormous scope of their responsibilities changes every day.

So, as you can see, the past two years have been a learning curve for us all. Virtual has been the “new norm” as we handle our day-to-day business. General Tribal Council (GTC) meetings have been on hold, but rest assured, we are actively working towards holding a virtual meeting, hopefully come this Spring. Please continue to have patience, as we work with our technical experts to iron out all of the challenges that holding a virtual GTC meeting could pose. Due to the confidentiality of matters that are discussed during these meeting, we must also ensure that all safeguards and processes are worked out and clearly defined before moving forward. We will keep you updated as planning progresses.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy. Yawáko for following the recommended guidelines to prevent the spread as we hopefully are nearing the end of this pandemic. Let us continue to call upon our spirituality and offer our prayers for one another. We are all affected by this pandemic, we will get through this together.

Yawáko- Be well and treat one another well.
Sa’nikuhlatsa-niht (You have a strong mind)
Chairman Tehassi tasi Hill
Oneida Nation Museum Selects Planner

By Stacy Coon
Oneida Nation Museum Director

The Oneida Nation Museum is in the preliminary stages of relocating the museum to the former Woodland Worship Center. Lord Cultural Resources was awarded the contract in January to begin the assessment. Lord’s plan and develop implementable solutions, help create new visitor experiences and craft visionary strategies for museums, universities, mixed-use developments, cultural centers, art galleries, science centers, world expositions, visitor centers, heritage sites, festivals, theaters, archives, libraries, gardens, conservatories, and arboreta in 57 countries around the world.

Lord’s most recent accomplishment was providing a master plan and business plan for the new First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City which opened in September 2021.

The new Oneida museum is intended to house a growing collection, enable implementation of larger permanent and temporary/traveling exhibitions and provide more space for public and educational programming to the community. Architects will provide concept level design services and assess the capabilities of the former church facility, to prepare a functional program to meet the various needs of the relocated, expanded and enhanced Oneida Nation Museum. Stay tuned for future project updates!
Wáhta? Kayu’kwá̱tho – Maple Tree Tobacco Burning

“Khale sákahehwe ΛtwákalótΛ
And again it returns for us to tap trees”

As told to Randy Cornelius
Edited by Judith Jourdan
Oneida Cultural Heritage Department

This ceremony is held at the end of February or first part of March, after the first thunder which wakes up the trees. It all depends on the weather. When the warm winds once again begin to circulate, a day is set aside to give thanks.

A tobacco burning is done to honor the maple tree. Each camp in the community will have their own tobacco burning. A small fire is built near a maple tree. The words in the tobacco burning ask all of creation for a safe time while the people are in the woods working, thus calling on the Creator to assure that no great harm comes to those harvesting the sap. All of creation is acknowledged. Then the people can go our and set up their sugar camps.

Otsyi’khé-ta Twanehelatú
(Maple Tree Thanksgiving - Closing)

Once the camps are all done harvesting the sap, and everything is cleaned up, a day is picked by the faithkeepers to give thanks for what people have been able to harvest. At this time, the sap is used as medicine for everyone to drink and give thanks. Two Great Feather Dances are done as a way to honor the maple tree and for Creation’s cooperation during the harvesting of the sap.

To find out more information about the Oneida Culture contact Cultural Heritage 920-496-5380.
March forth to Earth Day

Indigenous-led resistance group Our Wisconsin Revolution has a series of weekly demonstrations slated to protest Enbridge, Inc.’s, planned expansion of its Line 5 in Wisconsin. Enbridge has already defied easement rulings on the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa’s reservation regarding pipeline operations, and continues to blatantly disregard all warnings from multiple sources despite experiencing numerous spills. The demonstrations will take place each Friday from March 4 – April 22 (Earth Day) from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the corner of E. Walnut St. and N. Washington St. in downtown Green Bay.

This March 4th
March for a Livable Future!

Stop Oil Pipeline Expansion in Wisconsin

Water is Life - Stop Line 5

Fri 04 Mar 5PM Every Friday Until Earth Day

Green Bay Corner of E. Walnut & N. Washington

Why do you donate blood to the American Red Cross?

A friend of mine, Warren House, who I had worked with for many years at the Casino, died at the age of 52 from colon cancer in the Spring of 2011. That fall, my mom invited me to go to a blood drive with her. She had been donating for a few years already and I agreed to go. As I read over the materials at the blood drive, the full impact made by blood donations really hit me.

Blood donations of all types (whole blood, platelets, plasma) help people, of all ages, who have been in accidents or suffered trauma, who are burn victims, who are having surgery, who are managing chronic diseases, and who are battling cancer. I decided that donating blood would be a way I could help others and honor Warren’s memory. After that first donation on November 4, 2011, I’ve donated at least twice every year and 32 units total.

The American Red Cross is currently experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The earliest I can donate again is March 4th and I have my appointment all set. Please consider donating or volunteering. https://www.redcrossblood.org/ • 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
The late Gordon McLester, a respected Oneida Nation elder and historian, conducted a vast number of tribal community elder video interviews between 1994-2007.

The Story of Your Name
By Trista Cornelius Hendrickson

I have a unique name. I’m told my mother heard it on a soap opera and immediately kicked the original name she had for me to the middle. My Mom liked it because it was different. She couldn’t know that since making that choice, I’ve had to correct people regularly on how to pronounce and spell it. I wonder if Trishas and Kristins are called my name as often as I’m called theirs. It’s never really bothered me. In fact, this life quirk has made me interested in names and the meanings and stories behind them. When I started helping with the elder project, one of the first things that struck me was the interesting stories that surrounded many elders and their names.

One of the first that I came across was Carol Dixon, who when asked by the interviewer to give her name and spell it, she hesitated after saying Carol and with a smile says “This is going to seem funny” which caught my attention immediately. Carol explains she was originally named Eileen but that “somewhere along the line they dropped Eileen” and throughout her childhood and schooling, everyone called Carol. She never knew Eileen was on her birth certificate until she went to get her ID after turning eighteen. Eileen was eventually removed from her birth certificate. With a chuckle, she says, “The woman just crossed it off” and from then on, she was just Carol.

Other videos shared people’s nicknames that were used so frequently their birth name became unknown to those around them. While asking Eugene Metoxen a question, the interviewer caught herself calling him “Yogi” and after a shared laugh, she corrected herself to his legal name of Eugene. We learn the story of both his names in his interview, Eugene being after the doctor who delivered him. With a hardy laugh he says “I guess my ma ran out of names when I was in the hospital, that was her doctor when I was born, so I was named after the Dr.” The story of his nickname, he got in grade school for his tackling skills, he was called Yogi after the cartoon character Yogi the Bear.

Nicknames or name changes are a recurrence through the elder videos, such as Benjamin Jahn who changed the spelling of his last name from John to Jahn because of legal reasons, or Kathleen Elm whose nickname “Linky” was given to her by her uncle, but does not know why, despite having it all her life. Even in my family, I remember being surprised as a kid when I learned my Aunt Nori’s birth name was Joyce, but no one called her that.

The stories of our elders’ names are worth hearing. Your name is the first thing you’re given when you come into the world and the last thing you leave behind. We pass our names on to our children, or give them in honor of someone before them, and grieve the loss for elders whose name were taken. I look forward to hearing more stories about our elders’ names and encourage people in our community to do the same. Ask the elders in your life about their names and see what story they share.
John Archiquette — Happenings in Oneida

Journal Entry

Source: John Archiquette Collection; Yale University WA MSS S-2662

Letter to the Indian Agent:

Oneida, Brown County Wisconsin
Feb. 22, 1883

E. Stephens Esq.
U.S. Indian Agent
Keshena, WI

Sir,

Two young colts, ponies, one a yearling, the other a two year old, wandered away from Thomas Denny, an Oneida, sometime last fall—Timothy Sullivan Sr. who lives in the Town of Howard, shut them up in his enclosure sometime in the month of Dec. last unbeknown to Denny, and he kept them since. Riding them on hay only, without advertising them, as Denny verily believes, and now he refuses to let Denny have the ponies unless he pays him $40. For their keep, which is much more than Denny can afford to pay.

Denny wishes the Agent to help get his ponies.

Will you therefore give me instructions in this matter as soon as you possibly can do so.

Yours Respectfully
John Archiquette
Lueit. Of U.S. Indian Police

On the 15th John Silas I went to T. Sullivan's to help Thomas Denny get his ponies; Denny offered him ten dollars to pay for their keeping bug Sullivan refused to take it. So we had to take the ponies by force - When we got there Sullivan was not at home; they said he was over in the woods on the Reserve, John Silas and Elijah Smith went for him and found him; he appeared to have been cutting green oak saw logs on the Reserve. There was down timber lying by the side of the green that he had cut down on which he was there working.

$40 in 1883 would be worth $1,103 today.
Register for MTERA’s 2021 Virtual Annual Conference on March 29-31

The Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA), with support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), will be hosting a three-day virtual conference on March 29th - 31st, 2022. The theme for the event is Building Resilient Communities.

Day 1 - National Tribal Energy Topics - March 29th, 2022
Day One will spotlight policies, programs, and federal funding opportunities across the nation. Several appointed agency leaders will describe their agency’s energy vision and what Tribes can expect in the coming years.

Day 2 - Midwest Energy Topics - March 30th, 2022
Day Two will focus on the Midwest! Attendees will hear from State leaders and stakeholders in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin as they discuss their current energy initiatives, Tribal partnerships, and state-specific funding opportunities.

Day 3 - Midwest Tribal Energy Topics - March 31st, 2022
MTERA brings together Tribes to create a strong Tribal energy network, provide energy assistance to Member Tribes, and pursue collective action energy projects. Day Three highlights these key areas.

Hear from Tribal leaders, federal and state agencies, educators, and energy industry experts as they discuss successful Tribal energy projects, state and federal energy policy, and strategic energy planning to help Tribes advance beneficial energy initiatives. Registration is FREE!

Learn more and register at https://events.mtera.org/mteraconference/home

MARCH 2022
VIRTUAL Childbirth & Breastfeeding Classes

TO REGISTER CALL: 920-869-4940
- For due dates in April 2022 through July 2022
- Support person encouraged to participate
- Participants encouraged to attend all three classes
- Need a cell phone, laptop or computer with internet

Instructors are lactation counselors: Oneida Prenatal Nurse Candi and Oneida WIC Dietitian Kelly

Class 1: TUE., MARCH 15, 2022 • 5-7pm
Topics: 3rd Trimester, Nutrition and Childbirth History; Normal Labor and Delivery (COVID precautions; Labor Positions and Coping Methods; & Labor Pain Medications and Procedures

Class 2: TUE., MARCH 22, 2022 • 5-7pm
Topics: Postpartum Care & Infant Care (COVID precautions)

Class 3: TUE., MARCH 29, 2022 • 5-7pm
Topics: Breastfeeding Basics (COVID precautions)

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO AID OTHERS IN THEIR PERSONAL GROWTH

ARE YOU A MAN WHO HAS EXPERIENCED ADVERSITY OR LOSS?

Learn more skills for personal development

This project is supported by Victims of Crime Act Subgrant No. 2016-VO-01-13973 awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services under a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime.
The American Indian Quitline offers free medications and culturally tailored support to help you quit commercial tobacco. Connect with a dedicated quit coach today, and get back to a healthy, sacred relationship with tobacco.

CALL 1-888-7AI-QUIT (724-7848)
OR TEXT READY TO 200-400
Oneida Aging & Disability Resource Specialist
Carolyn Skenandore
Hours: 8 am-4:30 pm
920-869-6830
cskena15@oneidanation.org

As the Tribal Aging & Disability Resources Specialist, I provide information and assistance on a wide variety of topics relating to the needs of elders and people with disabilities, including but not limited to:

• Information and assistance regarding private and/or government programs such as Medicaid, Social Security and Senior Care.

• Disability and long-term care related services (e.g. in-home support, care management, respite, equipment, transition planning, independent living skills.)

• Assist in applying for Long-Term Care services such as: Family Care, Iris, and Family Care Partnership (only available in Outagamie County).

• Paying for long-term care related services (e.g. public programs, long-term care through Medicaid).

• I can go to your home or meet in a comfortable setting for you. (At this time due to Covid I am unable to meet in the office.)

If you would like to learn more about Long-Term Care for yourself or your loved ones, please feel free to contact Carolyn Skenandore, Tribal Aging & Disability Resource Specialist.

FY-2021 Late 65+ Payment Per Capita Reminder!
The deadline to submit Late FY-21 Per Capita Payment forms is:
Tues., March 1st, 2022 4:30pm
Payments for all acceptable forms will be deposited/mailed on:
Thurs., March 31st, 2022
Please visit our website for more information: https://oneidansn.gov/resources/enrollments
Oneida Trust Enrollment Department
• PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155-0365
• (920) 869-6200 • 800-571-9902

APPLY TODAY
Oneida Nation Boards, Committees, or Commissions
Vacancies and applications are posted on our website here: https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/boards-committees-and-commissions/vacancies/
You can also contact the Government Administrative Office (GAO) at (920) 869-4364 for more information.

Oneida Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Funded by the US Department of Treasury
Rent and Home Energy Utility Payment Assistance Program
Applications accepted until September 17, 2022
Eligible households may receive assistance with arrears up to 12 months and/or up to 3 months of current or future rent costs. Mortgage payments and home owner utility payments are not eligible.

Apply online:
https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support/special-programs/oneida-emergency-rental-assistance-program/
Contact Oneida Economic Support to apply by phone or email
920-490-3884 • Economic_support@oneidanation.org

A good mind.
A good heart.
A strong fire.
LEGAL NOTICE

ONEIDA FAMILY COURT ORIGINAL HEARING BODY

NOTICE OF HEARING

Inquiries for pleadings and/or additional information may be directed to:
Clerk of Court • Oneida Family Court • P.O. Box 19 • Oneida, WI 54155 • (920) 496-7200

Case #21CS018, Oneida Nation Child Support Agency v. Co-Respondent
ANGELEA A VANDERLOOP and Co-Respondent ANTHONY A HUFF

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, March 30, 2022 at 11am 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.

Oneida Nation Member Vaccine Incentive

The Oneida Nation $500 cash incentive to encourage Oneida Nation members, ages 5 and up, to receive the full COVID-19 vaccine has been extended! The new deadline is March 31, 2022 and includes ages 5–11. Payments to eligible applicants will be processed on April 22, 2022. Questions? Please call the COVID-19 Hotline: 920-869-4481

Stay Safe! Vaccinate!

Community Drug Awareness Presentation

VIRTUAL • MARCH 10 2022 • 5 pm to 7 pm

One way to promote a drug free community is to create more awareness of the issue within the community. During this presentation, you will learn about opiates and methamphetamine which have gained in popularity and negatively impacted our community. You will learn how drug abuse is affecting youth, to recognize behaviors that are associated with abuse and what medical responses are necessary.

For more information or to register please contact the Oneida Tribal Action Plan staff at TAP@oneidanation.org Renita Hernandez, TAP Manager 920.490.3796
ONEIDA TANF PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TANF eligible families are defined as enrolled members of the Oneida Nation residing within Brown or Outagamie counties, or other income-eligible families consisting of enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe residing within the Oneida Nation reservation boundaries with minor child(ren) in the household. The household income must be at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) with a 30% deduction off earned income. The purpose of this assistance is to provide a onetime assistance to TANF eligible families with the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund who have been impacted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic.

If approved, applicants will be able to choose two of the five options:

1. Assistance w/household cleaning/ppe supplies ($250.00)
2. A onetime payment of $250.00 Towards Internet Service (assistance cannot be duplicated if received by any other program)
3. Laptop reimbursement assistance up to a maximum of $250.00. Receipts back dated from march 2020 will be accepted (assistance cannot be duplicated if received by any other program)
4. Oneida nation farm assorted buffalo/beef package (packages won’t be available to applicants until march 2022)
5. Assistance for winter clothing needs ($250.00)

Applications will be available in our pickup box located at door #5 and our website: https://oneida-nsn.Gov/resources/economic-support/ you can return applications by placing them in our black drop box, fax to 920-490-6803, or email to: economic_support@oneidanation.org

**This program is subject to funding availability. Applications will not be accepted after august 1st, 2022**

Gross Income Chart:

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Each additional person $757.00
**NORMAN F. AUSTIN SR.**  
February 7, 2022

Norman F. Austin, Sr., age 102 years and 10 months, passed away peacefully during the early morning hours of February 7, 2022. He was born on March 27, 1919, at Park Falls, Wisconsin, to Franklin and Florence (Craw) Austin. At Bethel Academy he met Ethel Chapman, and they were united in marriage on July 15, 1939. They were married for 67 years when Ethel passed away in 2006.

Throughout his life, Norman was a dairy farmer, a vegetable farmer, a beekeeper, an employee at Geenen’s store where did a multitude of tasks including hauling and setting off dynamite, and worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. He was a strong believer in working hard, and was additionally a strong believer in making a difference in your community. He served as Town of Oneida Town Chairman 1961-1971 and 1982-2017, and served on the Outagamie County Board 1961-1973 and 1982-2016. Norman was passionate about making people smile and giving to others – he always had a candy bar, pen, or pocket calendar to give to whoever he came in contact with.

Norman is survived by his children: Florence, WI; Jim (Carolyn), TN; Onna (Willis), NE; Wanda, WI; Glenda, FL; Nora, WI; and Norman Jr. (Sharon), WI; 20 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. He is further survived by his brother Joseph (Otilia), CA; daughter-in-law Lea, MI; and sister-in-law Ruth Walker, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Ethel, son John, son-in-law Bob, and siblings Richard, Henrietta, Donald and Evangeline.

Burial will be at the United Methodist Cemetery, in Oneida, Wisconsin.

**SHIRLEY ANN GREEN**  
March 27, 1919 - February 5, 2022

Shirley Ann Green, 82, Green Bay, passed away in the early hours on February 5, 2022. The daughter of Lawrence and Minerva (Haines) Howell was born in New Jersey on February 25, 1939.

On June 2, 1957, Shirley married David E. Green Sr. in New Jersey. They met on a blind date and together they had six children.

Shirley worked for years as a laborer and most recently in janitorial services at the Oneida Casino. She loved being “Grandma Sassy,” playing on her iPad and ending all of her Facebook comments with “Love, Grammy.”

Shirley is survived by her children, Sharon, Cheryl (Jose) Nolasco, Bradley Green, Shelly (Joseph) Ninham and Lisa (Theodore) Ninham; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She is further survived by the entire Greene family (the military changed Dad’s name to Green) and her dog Sassy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Sr.; son, David Jr.; her parents, Lawrence and Minerva; step-father Elmer Duffield; one sister-in-law, Inez; three grandchildren, Angela, Donovan and Katalayah; and other extended family members.

**STEVEN GREGOR**  
January 31, 2022

Steven Gregor, age 54, of Bonduel passed away unexpectedly on January 31, 2022. Steven or “T” as he was known, was born in Milwaukee, WI on January 5, 1968, son of Rosemary (Wilber) Gregor and the late Gary P. Gregor. In 1982 T moved to Bonduel and attended Bonduel High School. He was a talented artist and enjoyed many facets of art including drawing, sculpting, and metal/wood works as well as music. He owned and operated his own wood floor installation business, Master Sanders. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, golfing, and cheering for the Green Bay Packers. He loved to spend time with his family at cookouts and bonfires. One of his favorite pastimes was playing the drums for Friday night jam sessions with his buddies.

Steven is survived by: his mother, Rosemary Gregor; sisters, Loriann (Patrick) Young and Cheryl (Todd) Wohlfeil; nephews, Jason (Tana) Aguirre, Jeremy (Jessica) Aguirre, Joshua and Jason Lacey, and Brian Gregor; nieces, Rosemary (Ryan) Rosenthal, Gina (Justin) Shatters, and Shawna Gregor. He is further survived by great nieces and great nephews, godchildren, Tala Rosenthal and Charlie Strickland, and his best friend, Charles “Chaz” Strickland.

Preceding Steven in death are his father, Gary and a brother, Brian.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Shawano in the spring.

**RACHEL D. JOHNSON**  
April 16, 1946 - February 5, 2022

Rachel D. Johnson, age 75 of Green Bay, WI passed away Saturday, February 5, 2022 at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, February 10, 2022 at Feldner/Ritchay Funeral Home in Nekoosa. Rev. Josh Pegram will officiate, burial will be in Dexterville Cemetery with military rites provided by the Joseph J. White American Legion Post #442 of Wisconsin Rapids. Visitation will be held at Feldner/Ritchay Funeral Home in Nekoosa on Wednesday from 4:00 – 7:00 PM and again on Thursday from 10:00 – 11:00 AM.
Rachel was born April 16, 1946 in Clintonville, WI to Peter and Daisy (Denny) Sickles Sr. She graduated from John Edwards High School in Port Edwards, WI in 1964 and then served in the U.S. Army Women’s Corps from July 1964 to March 1966. Rachel was employed as an Environmental Services Supervisor at Ho-Chunk Gaming in Nekoosa for several years, retiring in 2001. Rachel enjoyed watching sports, she was an avid Denver Broncos, Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers fan. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and friends, shopping and traveling throughout the United States to visit her children. Christmas was Rachel’s favorite holiday of the year.

Rachel is survived by her children: Ivory Kelly, Sabrina Peyketewa, Miranda (Moosheh) Peyketewa-young, Autumn Kelly, Eugene Kelly, Peter (Christina) Johnson, Paul Johnson, grandchildren: Kevin, Zack, Brenden, Breanna, Natasha, Cantrell, Taquan, Devanis, Devarious, Dyonna, Jackson, Angelina, Jaedyn, Lucas, Isaiah, Tka Pejuta Was’te Win (Sally), Waubsconco Murdock (Bubby), Joe, Matthew, Rickey, great-grandchildren: Tristan, Isabella, Matthew, Charlotte, Richard, sister Kay Thompson, brothers: Larry Cornelius, Gerald Cornelius and is further survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Janice Kedrowski, brothers: Peter Sickles Jr., Alexander (Stub) Sickles, Thomas Sickles, Dean Sickles, sister-in-law Vivian Cornelius and brother-in-law Lindley Thompson.

A memorial will be established in Rachel’s name at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staffs at St. Vincent’s and St. Mary’s Hospitals in Green Bay for the excellent care given to Rachel.
Valerie is survived by her husband Shannon Powless and her three children, Wauneka, Mason (Karina), and Grace (Lilia). She is also survived by her mother Grace Wilson, her sisters, Caroline, Beverly (Andrew), Cheryl (David), Karen, Tracey, Carlene (Andy), and her brother Larry. She is further survived by her mother and father in law Nancy and Greg Powless, brother in law Arron Powless (Jenny), sister in law Ann Stingle (Jason), and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins.

In honoring Valerie’s wishes, there will be no service.

Ryan Funeral Home is assisting the family.

KEITH ROLAND SKENANDORE
August 30, 1960 - February 15, 2022

Keith Roland Skenandore, 61, Oneida, passed away Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

He was born August 30, 1960 to Loretta Jane Summers and Kenneth Lew Skenandore Sr. in Green Bay.

Keith attended West De Pere High School. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1978 – 1982. He did construction and roofing for several years. Keith loved to play the guitar, go camping and fishing. He especially liked to play games with his grandkids, and time spent with family.

He is survived by his significant other of 37 years Jacqueline Skenandore, his two boys; Bradley and Brandon Skenandore, as well as his grandchildren; Jesse Garcia, Joziah Garcia, Orion Garcia, and Victoria Skenandore. Keith’s siblings; Kenneth (Lorna) Skenandore Jr., Kim Skenandore, Kyle (Mona Dunn) Skenandore, Pamela (Jerry) Skenandore, Kelly Skenandore, Keyna (Earl Elm “Nuck”) Skenandore.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents; Kenneth Sr., and Loretta Skenandore, his sister Karey Skenandore, and his daughter Julie Ann Skenandore.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere on Tuesday, February 22nd after 9:00AM, until time of service at 11:00AM with Deacon Deborah Heckel officiating. Military honors as well as a drum service will follow.

ROBERT K. SMITH
August 1, 1955 - February 4, 2022

Robert K. Smith 66 was received into the arms of his loving Savior, Friday Feb. 4th, 2022. Bob was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on Aug. 1st, 1955 to the late Robert K. Smith Sr. and Lillie Mae (Peters) Smith. Most of Bob’s life was growing up in Abrams Wi. He counted himself and his siblings so blessed to have such loving and nurturing parents. They made their life happy and filled with laughter and so many wonderful memories. Bob inherited their fun-loving nature and kindness to others.

In his youth, Bob was fortunate to play baseball with his brother Gary and having his dad as their coach. Bob continued playing baseball for Oconto Falls High School. He was blessed with an amazing pitching arm, leading his team to become State Champions. Following High School, Bob pitched for the Oneida Dairyland League. Later, Bob went on to coach his son Jared’s little league baseball team.

Bob enjoyed many things in life such as teaching Sunday School, leading youth groups and retreats.

In the nineties, Bob, his former wife Annette, along with their two children Jared and Alyssa, started their own small business (Bay Port Lube/Quick Fix) a welcomed asset to the community. Bob was a proud father working with his son in the shop along with a small team of young men. Bob was not just a boss; he was a friend and mentor. If an employee
couldn’t get to work, Bob would pick him up and take him home, and he made the time to help another young man practice over and over to get his license. It meant a lot to Bob to see young people succeed.

Bob felt very privileged to volunteer as an EMT for the Howard/Suamico Rescue Squad for several years.

Bob especially loved and appreciated his job this past summer serving meals to the elderly. His compassion for the elderly led him to assist with other needs besides just dropping off the meals. Bob took pleasure in helping elders with paperwork, getting their mail, and just taking an extra few minutes to sit and get to know them.

His longest employment was working at the Oneida Casino where he made many good friends. Bob had an amazing sense of humor and an infectious laugh, especially when telling jokes and stories to co-workers and at family gatherings.

Bob was very proud of his children, grandchildren, and was so thankful to live to meet his first great-grandchild Hannah. He loved spending time with all of them by taking them fishing, golfing, and going for rides on the golf cart in his backyard.

Bob loved spending time with his family and extended family members, and the feeling was mutual. Favorite pass times were playing golf, horseshoes and swearing while watching the Packer’s play.

This past year, Bob purchased his last motorcycle. He enjoyed riding with his native brothers and participated in a few cancer fundraising events dear to his heart.

Bob and Terri’s marriage was filled with so much love, friendship, and laughter. They were soulmates. Bob loved cooking for Terri and making her special flower gardens to attract her favorites, hummingbirds, and butterflies.

Bob is survived by his wife Terri (Kurowski) Smith of 21 years, his children Jared (Becky) Alyssa, his wife’s Terri’s children, Robby Pryes (Courtney) Annie Ullmer (Luke) Dawn VandeHei (Jeremy) Laura Pryes and siblings Gary Smith (Corrina) Kenney Smith, Darlene Longcore and Diane Brunnette. Terri’s side; Pastor Peter Kurowski (Janice) Stanley Kurowski (Vicky) Vicky Kurowski Deer, Eddie Kurowski (Linda) Andy Kurowski (Lori) Paul Kurowski (Sandy) George Kurowski (Cindy) Robert Reetz, 28 grandchildren, one great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents Robert and Lillie Smith, Mother-in-law Anna Kurowski, Brother-in-laws Rick Longcore, Alex Kurowski, Joseph Deer, and his best friend, Lab T-bone, his Chocolate Lab.

To describe Bob was kind, generous, strong, and empathetic. He was a man of strong conviction particularly when it came to his faith in God. It was his faith that sustained him through his complicated end of life struggles with Congestive Heart Failure.

The family would like to thank all that were there for Bob and Terri during Bob’s illness.

**ALFONSO JOSEPH STARR**

July 31, 1990 - February 15, 2022

Alfonso Joseph Starr, 31, Oneida, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2022. He was born July 31, 1990 to Michelle Powless and Phillip Starr III.

He attended Oneida Nation High School and Chemawa Indian School.

Alfonso worked at O.W. Logistics for over 5 years as a machinist and forklift driver.

He enjoyed spending time with his many children, his nieces, nephews, and extended family. Alfonso prided himself in providing many adventures and opportunities for his children. He was a hardworking man, sometimes working two jobs. Above all he was a loving father.

He enjoyed the outdoors, whether hiking, fishing, or taking his family on adventures throughout the country. Always active, he played football, basketball, and lacrosse. He liked to hand drum for his family and friends and would often sing to them. Alfonso also enjoyed working on cars and was very proud of his accomplishments. Always a fun person, he kept everyone laughing with his jokes.

He is survived by his children; Priscela, Adriana, Trevor, Jordon, Araylius, Willow, Sequoia, Dakota, Hazel, Cypress, and grandson Romeo. He is further survived by his parents, Phillip and Michelle, his siblings; Ellie, Lesley, Russell, Virginia, Cheyenne (Derek), Phillip IV, and Vance.

Alfonso was preceded in death by his little sister Veronica, nephew Samuel Jr., uncles; Edward, Elmore, Alfonso, and aunts; Danielle, Veronia, and Georgia.

### In Appreciation

Thank you for all whom donated time and support In Harvey Skenandore’s Passing.

Harvey and Mary Lisa’s home for the Community Praise.
Rose. Pallbearers. Floyd the drummer, and people who donated food and extras.


To all whom I forgot to mention.

Thank you,
Patricia Skenandore and Family
School Calendar
By Thunderhawk Times Staff

The winter grind is on as February drifts into March which melts into April which blooms into May which ...

The school calendar has some full weeks of school ahead before we get to Spring Break.

While ONHS students were in virtual instruction for much of January due to the Omicron Variant of the coronavirus, they did return to in-person classes on Monday, January 31 which kicked off the unofficial start of the second semester.

Class schedules were distributed.

Many students and staff said they were glad to be back in-person. Days to mark ahead are Mid-Quarter is Wednesday, February 16. Friday, February 18 is a 12:30 dismissal with a staff Inservice that afternoon. February 23 is a Virtual Flipped Education Day with students working on home-based projects in language and culture.

Looking ahead to March, includes 12:30 dismissal on Thursday, March 3 for Parent-Teacher Conferences. March 8 will find ONHS students taking the ACT test at school.

The 3rd Quarter ends on Friday, March 18.

Finally, Spring Break runs from Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1st. No fooling.

Semester Grades are Permanent Grades
By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Grades can sometimes be confusing. There’s Progress Report Grades, Quarter Grades and Semester Grades.

Progress Report Grades and Quarter Grades do factor into the Semester Grade and they are good “snapshots” of a student’s grade in a particular class at a particular point in time.

So, while all grades matter, it’s the Semester Grade assigned in mid-January and, again, at the end of the School Year that become part of a student’s permanent record on their high school transcripts.

Semester Grades are the ones sent as part of a student’s cumulative record if they transfer to another school before graduating or apply for extra-curricular opportunities such as pre-college programs.

As they near or pass graduation, that transcript is also what is sent to colleges where they apply.

So, students, keep an eye on all your grades, but make sure your Semester Grades – your permanent grades – reflect the best of you.

ACT Test March 8
By Thunderhawk Times Staff

ACT Tests have been around since 1959. Administered by Act Inc., the test is offered in the U.S. and Canada 7 times a year and in other countries 5 times a year. The test is administered in-person either on paper or online.

Over 1.29 million students took the test in 2021.

The test measures skills in English, math, reading, and science. A writing portion is optional.

There are no prerequisites or eligibility requirements, but the test is intended for high school students. Fluency in English assumed for those who take the test.

Scores from the ACT can be used by students for such things as college admission, scholarships, course placement, and NCAA eligibility.

Several changes have been made for the test in 2022, especially for districts administering the test.

More information for Wisconsin test takers and others can be found at https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act

Under ONHS math instructor, Jessica Kachur, and English teacher, Breck Warren, the test will be administered to juniors at the school on Tuesday, March 8.

Future test dates are March 22 and April 12.

For the best in Native American music, listen to Kalihwiyo’sse

WPNE 89.3 FM

Thursday evenings from 10:00p.m.-Midnight
NWTC Engineering Open House February 22, 2022

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

It’s a Twos-Day and it’s also the day for NWTC’s annual Engineering Open House.

That’s Tuesday, February 22.

ONHS students with an interest in engineering are encouraged to attend as are all such students.

According to NWTC, the event “has grown into a great opportunity to encourage interest in STEM-based careers in our community.”

Other goals are to “spark an interest or fan a flame for the students in your classes who may not have thought about a career in STEM before.”

Featured will be demos for attendees to watch or participate in and a chance to network with local businesses that employee graduates of the “TC” program.

The event is family-friendly and open to the public.

Tobacco Burning Commences Maple Season

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Monday, February 14 saw ONHS students and staff gather at the Sugar Shack to burn tobacco in honor of the start of maple sap gathering.

The tradition of the ONHS learning family working together to tap trees, collect sap and boil it down dates back to the first year of the high school in the spring of 1995. It also goes back to the earliest days of the Oneida Elementary School reflecting an ancient tradition for Haudenosaunee people.

Watch for upcoming issues of “Thunderhawk Times” for a look back at the Maple Season 2022.

March Madness Not So Far Away

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

ONHS basketball players are “feeling it” as their seasons progress.

According to Max Preps, the Guy Thunderhawks varsity team is 6-11 with 0.35 Win %. They are 4th in the M&O Conference with a 6-6 record.

The Lady T-Hawks are 4-14 with a .22 Win % and 3-9 in the M&O – good for 7th place.

Per the WIAA Calendar, Girls Regional Tournament play begins on February 22 leading up to the State Tournament March 10-12.

Boys Regional Play starts March 1 with the State Tournament slated for March 17-19.

Also, watch for a recap of this year’s wrestling season.

Thunderhawk Times Staff – Second Semester 2021-2022

Ever Acosta
Shoshonee Adams
Evander Alavez-Danforth
Kyle Denny
Quincy Granquist
Kosa Kaquatosh
Hudson King
Alyssa Ortega-Stevens
Johnny Ponfil
Loren Sanapaw
Aiden Skenandore
Mariana Skenandore
Tyson Webster
Co-Advisor: Jeff Marten
Advisor: Denis Gullickson

Sophia King Artist-Graphic Post Graduate

It is with great pleasure we introduce Sophia Jean Hawk King as the newly hired graduate Intern at Big Bear Media. Sophia received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design from St. Norbert College in 2021. In college she redesigned a Green Knight mascot for the athletic department that can be seen on t-shirts and sweatshirts for the college’s D3 week. She also created and designed a logo for a local chapter of Army Reserves. Sophia’s bold and creative mind and her passion for art will be a great addition to our team. Sophia has expressed her willingness to learn from others and was excited to share her talents with Oneida and the surrounding communities. We are excited to work with Sophia and support her endeavors. Please welcome her to our team.

“I am excited to begin this new adventure with my Big Bear Media colleagues and learn from all their knowledge in this wonderful field. I am thankful for this experience and the support of my family. Jason and Heidi King are my parents and biggest fans, along with my grandparents, Ted and Gloria Hawk and Bev King.”
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showing him in the casino, Parnon finally admitted it was him. He was taken into custody and charged with one count of Hit and Run - Involving Death. Alcohol is not believed to have played a role in the incident.

Parnon's plea hearing in Brown County Court has been rescheduled multiple times. Coupled with the fact that he was permitted to continue driving while on bond has left Cooper's family devastated as the long wait for justice continues.

“I simply don’t understand why this has taken so long,” Beverly Allen, Cooper’s mother, said. “(Parnon) lied through the whole thing about what he did to Elliot by trying to say he didn’t do anything. He even took his vehicle to a shop and tried to get it fixed.

“Furthermore, I don’t understand why the judge let him out to drive all over for work,” Allen said. “If he can go to work, that’s fine, my son has six children. He should go to work and provide for Elliott’s six kids. We want justice for those kids, and we want this guy to take care of those six grandkids.”

The long wait for justice has been a very trying ordeal for Allen. “This whole thing has been almost unbearable,” she said. “I told my niece I don’t know if I can go through this again, Elliott is the second child I’ve lost now and my health hasn’t been good. And there just isn’t much support or help out there for anything like this.”

The loss of Cooper has had a profound effect on his mother. “I miss my son so much,” Allen said. “He used to bring his kids over to see me all the time. He was always there for me. If I needed to shopping he was there. We’d go fishing sometimes and he even got me into beading. He would make and sell Packer medallions at Pow wows, and I still have a lot of his stuff, but along the way since this happened I’ve pretty much lost interest in everything. I miss him so much.”

Appearing via phone in Brown County Circuit Court February 11 while driving for work, Parnon was bound over for a three-day jury trial from July 12-14 by Judge Marc Hammer. If convicted of the single count of Hit and Run - Involving Death, Parnon faces a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison.

There are at least two other well-known unsolved hit and run cases from Oneida in recent memory. Erwin Cottrell, 20, was struck and killed August 29, 2005, along Highway 172. Joshua Christjohn, 23, was hit and killed as he walked along Highway 29 October 10, 2010. Both cases remain open. If anybody has any information regarding these incidents, please contact law enforcement.
**Ash Wednesday service**  
March 2, 6:00 pm  
with Fr. Rodger Patience, Vicar  
Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent, 6:00 pm

**LENTEN 'FISH FRY' FRIDAYS**  
March 4       March 25  
March 11      April 1  
March 18      April 8  
At Parish Hall - 3:00 pm until gone  
Drive-thru only  

$10 per Plate  
Meal includes: Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Bread, Pickle, Tartar Sauce, Dessert  
Please wear a mask, stay in your vehicle.  
Do not pick up food if you/ anyone in your family are ill.
The following positions are for Gaming:

**Positions: 82234**
- Gaming Security

**Positions: 82320**
- Cage Cashier
- Slot Representative

**Positions: 84202**
- Accounting - Central Accounting
- Community Advocate (Women’s Domestic Abuse) – Family Services

**Positions: 84703**
- Retail Associate – Operations

**Positions: 84706**
- Cook
- Food & Beverage Worker

**Positions: 84705**
- Food & Beverage Worker

**Positions: 84706**
- Casino Server

**Positions: 82701/84703**
- Food & Beverage Worker

**Positions: 82234**
- Casino Server

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**Pool Positions – Ongoing Recruitment**

**Positions:**
- Bartender
- Food & Beverage Worker
- Bingo
- Cage Cashier
- Accounting
- Casino Server
- Food & Beverage Worker
- Cook
- Food & Beverage Worker
- Custodian
- Custodial
- Drop Count Team Member
- Accounting

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**Scan the code below with your smart phone to apply for any of these positions.**
By Bill Vervoort

This spring/summer, we will be hosting 6 hands-on trainings for up to 15 youth, ages 10 to 17, who are interested in learning about farming, gardening, agriculture, and the environment. This program will teach community youth about sustainable farming practices including, watering sources, soil remediations, traditional growing practices, planting, harvesting and food storage. The crops to be produce as a part of this project will be farmed indigenously (“organic”) and with only natural soil remediation methods, such as compost and animal waste techniques used. The crops will be grown with limited irrigation using only rain runoff and pond water. The pond on the site will be rejuvenated, supplied by local rains, and renewed through the reintroduction of natural plant life. All food produced by project participants will be shared by them and their families.

Each participant will be given a $200 Internet Tablet to use for the workshops and can keep upon completion of the project. We can only accommodate 15 youth, so it will be on a first come first served basis.

Please be aware that if Public Health guidance does not recommend proceeding with an in person format based on the pandemic and community health markers at the time of the meeting, we will adjust to a virtual format to ensure the safety of the community is a priority.

*Masks are required for any in-person meetings
*Please do not attend any in-person events if you are feeling ill or have directed to quarantine

An informational meeting to further explain the project will be held at

**Little Bear Development Center**

_Sat., March 26, 2022_

_from 11am-12pm_

(lunch will be provided).

Only one youth and one parent from each interested family may attend to ensure social distancing in the conference room.

To register for this meeting please contact Bill at wveroor@oneidanation.org or 920-869-4595. Please leave name, number of people attending and contact information in case we need to cancel due to weather or change to virtual due to COVID. If we must go to virtual, a Zoom link will be emailed to you so you can click on it and attend.
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