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## Exercising your right to vote

It is getting down to the wire for the much anticipated general election in Oneida.

The polls will be open from 7AM to 7PM on Saturday, July 16, 2005 at the Oneida Health Center in Oneida and at the SEOTS building, 2778 South 35th St. in Milwaukee, WI.

The Business Committee took action on June 1, 2005 to approve the transition for the newly elected candidates. Timelines were created—one based on no recounts (Schedule I), and Schedule II, an optional timeline for any requests for recounts. The last date for candidates to request a recount is July 22, 2005.

The Election Board will submit certification results to OBC on 07/25/05 provided there is no recount. Should there be a recount request, certification will be submitted to OBC by 08/01/05.

OBC may accept the final certification by 07/27/05 with no recount or by 08/03/05 (Special BC Mtg required).

The oath of office/ceremony will be held on August 5 (with no recounts) or by August 12 at the latest.

## Oneida makes \$20 million payment

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin paid their annual compact payment to the state of Wisconsin in the amount of \$20 million. In exchange, the Oneidas are able to operate class III gaming that includes bingo, slots, black jack, poker, roulette, craps and off track betting.

The \$20 million payment is the final set amount that the Nation will be paying. Starting next year, Oneida

will pay 6% of casino revenues in 2006, followed by 5% in 2007, then 4% in 2008. The payment will then revert back to 5%, then 6%, then 4% and follow that cycle until the ninth year when it will be locked in at 4.5% for the remainder of the perpetual agreement.

Chairwoman Tina Danforth said the payment was done to honor the agreement that was signed with the state in 2003.

Danforth however had some harsh words for the

state legislature concerning poor communication.

"The legislators should be setting the example for responsible communications but they choose to issue statements disregarding the facts," Danforth said. "The allegations that we are not paying our fair share are deceitful and irresponsible and should be retracted,"

Danforth cited a Department of Tourism report that stated that spending at tribal facilities was the high-

est expenditure in tourism for the state.

"Oneida is making a tremendous contribution to the state of Wisconsin and it's time to strengthen government to government relations and broaden the lines of communication," Danforth said.

Oneida employs nearly 3,000 people. They also generate \$4.3 million in state income and unemployment taxes. Fifty percent of the employees are non-Oneida.

## Land claim set back

By William Kates

Associated Press Writer

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A federal court ruling has caused historic upheaval in the legal landscape regarding Indian land claims in New York, and has sent all sides scrambling to figure out what's next.

Last week, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City not only overturned a \$248 million land claim judgment awarded to the Cayuga Indians by a lower court, but it dismissed the Oklahoma tribe's entire 25-year-old claim.

In reaching its decision, the circuit court relied heavily on the U.S. Supreme Court's March ruling in the Oneida Indian-Sherrill tax case in which the high court said too much time had passed for the Oneidas to claim sovereignty over land they lost 200 years ago and then reacquired.

Municipalities and local elected leaders hailed the circuit court decision as a historic ruling that restores balance to Indian land claims in New York.

However, tribal leaders and some scholars questioned the circuit court's interpretation of the Supreme Court ruling in Sherrill, and were confident it would be overturned.

If not, the circuit court decision - as is - would be a "death knell" to all Indian land claims in New York, said Martin Gold, the attorney for the Cayuga Indian Nation of New York.

"I don't know how the circuit court could come to its conclusion. It's clearly an erroneous interpretation," said Robert Odawi Porter, director of Syracuse University's Center for Indigenous Law. "Even the circuit court said there was no question New York ... took tribal lands illegally. The courts have to provide for some type of remedy."

Porter and tribal attorneys

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**Land Claim**

## Oneida Pow-wow 2005



Photos by Phil Wisneski



*The 33rd annual Oneida Pow-wow attracted thousands of spectators to the newly renovated Oneida pow-wow grounds. Gone, is the center arbor and personal canopies. In, is bleacher seating and improved sight lines. Dancers and spectators enjoyed the warm, comfortable weather as well as the many craft and food vendor booths set up around the arena. To see more sights of the pow-wow, turn to page 2A and to see the winners list, turn to page 3A.*

## Tribal member Dan Tabor honored with sacred eagle feather

By Ed Williams

Special to the Kalihwisaks

Dan Tabor, Oneida Nation tribal member and 21 year veteran of the U.S. Navy was honored during the Friday night grand entry with the presentation of an eagle feather.

Tabor was a Navy SEAL for most of his hitch in the Navy.

He has most recently served in the Middle East, including Afghanistan and Iraq and also as a Navy SEAL instructor he has trained many soldiers to be efficient in specialized covert operations.

Veteran Jim Overman, likened the presentation of the eagle feather to a Native veteran to that of someone in the U.S. Armed forces receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest of honors

for bravery, and commitment to freedom and democracy.

"The presentation of this eagle feather to Dan Tabor is the same honor of recognition that United States Armed Forces gives soldiers when they are presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor," Overman told the crowd.

Kenny Metoxen, Oneida Nation Veteran, presented the feather to Tabor and told the crowd that it was a great honor to present this "highest of all honors" among native veterans.

Dan King, Oneida Nation Vietnam Veteran, said he was proud to be a part of the event because Tabor has shown what it takes to be a Native warrior and committed to the efforts of the U. S. Armed Forces around the world.



Photo by Ed Williams

Navy SEAL Dan Tabor dances with Oneida veterans Jim Overman, Kenny Metoxen and Dan King at the 33rd annual Oneida Pow wow. Tabor was honored with an eagle feather for his excellence in the United States Navy.



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# Sights and sounds of Oneida Pow-wow



Photos by Phil Wisneski



## From Page 1/Land claim suffers set back

noted the Supreme Court made special mention in the Sherrill decision that it was not intended to undermine the previous 20 years of land claim rulings. It was the Supreme Court's 1985 landmark decision that the Oneida Indian Nation had a valid claim for compensation over the wrongful possession of its land that opened the door for New York's other tribes to bring land claims.

The New York Cayugas were to share the \$248 million land claim award with the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma.

The Cayugas sued the state in 1980 and won a 1994 ruling that New York illegally acquired 64,015 acres of tribal land in Seneca and Cayuga counties without receiving required congressional ratification. The Cayugas' lawyers have said they will appeal the circuit court decision.

Joseph Heath, the Onondaga's tribal counsel, also was critical of the circuit court, and feared what could come next.

The Onondagas in March became the last of upstate New York's tribes to file a land claim. The Onondagas claimed 4,000 square miles in central New York, including the cities of Syracuse, Binghamton and Watertown.

"It's troublesome. This is such a broad-brush application, it certainly could tar our case ... They just blew off and ignored three decades of evidence, legal precedents and Supreme Court rulings," Heath said. "This says New York can take your land illegally but you have no

recourse in the courts."

In the wake of the Supreme Court's Sherrill ruling, local governments immediately pressed forward with tax challenges against the Oneidas in federal and state courts. Elected officials have been emboldened further by the circuit court decision.

The village of Union Springs, for example, is renewing its efforts to close the New York Cayuga's video gaming and high-stakes bingo hall, said Mayor Ed Trufant. The village will go to federal court Aug. 10 to ask a judge to lift his 2004 injunction, which has barred local and state officials from interfering with operation of the hall. The Cayugas opened their bingo hall a year ago, claiming they had sovereign rights to do so because the business lies within the land-claim area.

The Cayugas also face similar legal trouble in the town of Seneca Falls, where they also operate a video-gaming hall. Seneca County Attorney Steven Getman said the county will be looking "at a full range of civil and other legal remedies" regarding the bingo hall and the Cayugas' other properties in the town.

The Supreme Court's decision caused Gov. George Pataki to suspend land-claim settlements reached late last year with the two Cayuga tribes, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. The deals would have given the tribes casinos in the Catskills region.

The Indian tribes had used the land claim settlements as leverage for the casino deals. But Scott Wood, a member of the Seneca-Cayugas business council, said he believes the circuit court ruling has now stripped away that leverage.

"The state has absolutely no motivation to talk about anything," Wood said.

Still, Wood believes the ruling will galvanize New York's tribes.

Meanwhile, the circuit court ruling also left a cloud over the land-claim settlement reached in February with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.

"The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling is unjust and represents a severe blow to land claims in the state," St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Chief James W. Ransom said in a press release.

The governor's office said it was reviewing the circuit court decision.

Richard Rifkin, a deputy state attorney general overseeing the state's land claim defenses, said the ruling has "significantly strengthened" the state's position and New York will likely ask the courts to apply the 2nd Circuit's legal reasoning to dismiss the other land claims against it.

## Correction

In the June 24 issue, on Page 8A, Leanne Laes' business was incorrectly identified as Auto Body. The correct name of her business is About Body.

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## Local

# Passing On

## John, Kelly L.

Kelly L. John, 28, of Green Bay, died unexpectedly early Saturday morning, June 25, 2005. The daughter of Randy Tucker, Sr., and Michelle John was born January 24, 1977 in Milwaukee.

Survivors include her children, Steven Bowie, Jr., Nathan Irving John, Luciano Adon Xavier John, Corina Michelle Lee John, and Mariah Elizabeth John, her father, Randy Tucker, Sr., her siblings, Danielle John, Leah John, Crystal Edwards, Ronald Edwards, Shawn Edwards, Eric Edwards, Victoria Connors, Nina Edwards, Bambi Tucker, Gina Tucker, Randy Tucker, Jr., and Steven Tucker, her grandmother, Leona John, great-aunts, Reka Smith and Helema Watters and additional uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother and one brother, Kyle Edwards.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Oneida with the Rev. Dewey Silas and Deacon Edmund Powless, officiating with burial in the Oneida Nation Cemetery.

Ryan Funeral Home, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements.

## Kolitsch, Juanita

Juanita Kolitsch, age 70, of Little Suamico, died at her residence Sunday, June 19, 2005, following a lengthy illness.

Juanita was born Sept. 8, 1934, the daughter of Francis King and Esther Skenandore. On Sept. 15, 1962, she was united in marriage to Paul T. Kolitsch. He preceded her in death on Feb., 21, 1993. Juanita enjoyed spending time with her family especially her grandchildren. She worked at the Appleton YMCA as a swimming instructor for many years. Juanita was active with the Special Olympics and was instrumental in the continued success of the swimming program. She was also a member of the Brown County Citizens Advocacy for fifteen years.

Survivors include: her children, Toni Kolitsch of Appleton, Barb Kolitsch of Howard, Dave Kolitsch of Shawano and Ken Kolitsch of Little Suamico; three grandchildren, Andrea, Alex and Daniel; brothers, Anthony (Marguerite) Kolitsch, Mike and Peter King; sisters, Myra Baylor and Faye King; best friend, Pam Hedtke; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Juanita was preceded in death by: her parents; husband; brother, David 'Sonny' King and sister, Catherine Kolitsch.

Father Conrad Kratz O.Praem officiated with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery,

Appleton.

The family is grateful to Unity Hospice, especially Barb, Patty and coworkers for their graciously given attention and services.

Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N. 10th St. De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements.

## Freeman, Debra

Debra Freeman, 48, of Oneida, died early Thursday morning, June 30, 2005, at home. The daughter of the late Thomas Hernden and Samantha Farmer (Metoxen) was born June 7, 1957, in Chicago, IL. She attended Clintonville High School and attended school in Flandreau, SD. Sandra was a graduate of Fox Valley Tech, majoring in Human Resource Management. On September 10, 1995, she married Darrell Freeman in Green Bay. Debra had been employed at the Oneida Tribe for many years, and more recently, was working at the Radisson Inn. She enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening, reading, sewing and embroidery.

Survivors include her husband, Darrell; four sons, Matthew Lehman, Jason Lehman, Darrell Freeman, Benjamin Freeman; four daughters, Naomi Lehman, Celeste Freeman, Danielle Freeman, and Leurice Freeman; five grandchildren, Taylor Matthew Lehman, Katie Schmoldt, Avry James Lehman, Griffen Jason Lehman, Trace Elliot Collins; four sisters, Trish and Harlan King, Nancy and Ruie Osborne, Karla and Robert Sunn, Essemee Stevens; four brothers, Joseph and Shirley Stevens, Simon and Bernice Stevens, Dexter and Margaret Stevens, James Paul Hebb. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Frederick Stevens, Edward Stevens; one sister, Shirley Osbourne; and one nephew, Richard Stevens.

# 2005 Oneida Pow wow results

## Senior Women 50 & Over – Traditional

1<sup>st</sup> Iris TC Cleveland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elena J. Greendeer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Debbie A. Klein  
4<sup>th</sup> Myrtle F. Long  
5<sup>th</sup> Linda J. Nockideneh

## Senior Men 50 & Over– Traditional

1<sup>st</sup> Gerald L. Cleveland Sr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Herman L. Logan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Spottedwolf  
4<sup>th</sup> Royce Kingbird  
5<sup>th</sup> Ivan R. Lonechild

## Adult Women 18–49

### Traditional

1<sup>st</sup> Vanny D. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Verna Marie Blackdeer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tosha A. Goodwill  
4<sup>th</sup> Denise L. Logan  
5<sup>th</sup> Anne M. Zhuckkahosee

## Adult Men 18–49

### Traditional

1<sup>st</sup> Charles D. Hindsley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Adrian G. Klein  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lee Gordan Goodman  
4<sup>th</sup> Ed Blackthunder  
5<sup>th</sup> Wendall L. Powless

## Adult Women 18–49

### Jingle

1<sup>st</sup> Candice M. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Pushetonegua  
3<sup>rd</sup> Connie Danforth  
4<sup>th</sup> Amber Primeaux  
5<sup>th</sup> Becky Taylor

## Adult Men 18–49

### Grass

1<sup>st</sup> Ronnie Preston  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wanbli ChargingEagle  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Y. Snowball  
4<sup>th</sup> Matthew Pheasant  
5<sup>th</sup> Alwin T. Honadick

## Adult Women 18–49

### Shawl

1<sup>st</sup> Crystal J. Cleveland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Josette D. Wahwasuck  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jocy R. Bird  
4<sup>th</sup> Kahnnya Cornelius  
5<sup>th</sup> Michelle Lonechild

## Adult Men 18–49

### Feather

1<sup>st</sup> Darrell Hill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas A. Scholfield  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joey Summers  
4<sup>th</sup> Albert R. King Sr.  
5<sup>th</sup> Mick Dagov Escamea

## Teen Girls 13 – 17

### Traditional

1<sup>st</sup> Yvonne L. Snake  
2<sup>nd</sup> Verlina Blackkettle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor M. Funmaker  
4<sup>th</sup> Anna Helen Spottedwolf  
5<sup>th</sup> Kayla C. Cleveland

## Teen Boys 13 – 17

### Traditional

1<sup>st</sup> Austin "Powers" Benton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Albert Brooks Hindsley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Leon B. White  
4<sup>th</sup> Kino Pyawasit  
5<sup>th</sup> James William Morris

## Teen Girls 13 – 17

### Jingle

1<sup>st</sup> Cheyenne Petoskey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shayz Primeaux  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yasiman M. Metoxen  
4<sup>th</sup> Felicia M. Ortiz  
5<sup>th</sup> Keanna Rae King

## Teen Boys 13 – 17

### Grass

1<sup>st</sup> Tohee Bear Funmaker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jesse Lyle Samuel  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Ray Thunder  
4<sup>th</sup> Austin Frank Summers  
5<sup>th</sup> Mesaen W. Wheelock

## Teen Girls 13 – 17

### Shawl

1<sup>st</sup> Shibabe Hodge  
2<sup>nd</sup> LaDonna Margaret King  
3<sup>rd</sup> Landis B. Cleveland  
4<sup>th</sup> Ramona A. Benton  
5<sup>th</sup> Shanice Sharae Peters

## Teen Boys 13 – 17

### Feather

1<sup>st</sup> Garrick D. Cleveland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dontay Cleveland  
3<sup>rd</sup> Donavan Lee  
4<sup>th</sup> Waupoose  
5<sup>th</sup>

## Junior Youth Girls 7 – 12

### Traditional

1<sup>st</sup> Rochelle F. Mann  
2<sup>nd</sup> Renee B. Cleveland  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gaby L. Brinegar  
4<sup>th</sup> Aliyah J. Cloud  
5<sup>th</sup> Kassandra Louise Powless

## Junior Youth Boys 7 – 12

### Traditional

1<sup>st</sup> Michael S. Fish Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Parrish Brazelton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alex J. Frechette

4<sup>th</sup> Floyd A. King

5<sup>th</sup> Doug M. Long

## Junior Youth Girls 7 – 12 Jingle

1<sup>st</sup> Miki L. Brinegar  
2<sup>nd</sup> Waskwane W. Stonefish  
3<sup>rd</sup> Casandra R. Cleveland  
4<sup>th</sup> Wynona L. Deon  
5<sup>th</sup> Sage Anna O'Kimosh

## Junior Youth Boys 7 – 12

### Grass

1<sup>st</sup> Jaycob Lou Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Whiteeagle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Terrill R. Gutierrez  
4<sup>th</sup> Julian Larson Prado  
5<sup>th</sup> Ian James Waubanasum

## Junior Youth Girls 7 – 12 Shawl

1<sup>st</sup> Sierra C. Cleveland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Ann Webster  
3<sup>rd</sup> Skyleesha Blackkettle  
4<sup>th</sup> Neola Rain Walker  
5<sup>th</sup> Alicia L. Scholfield

## Junior Youth Boys 7 – 12

### Feather

1<sup>st</sup> Terrance Gene Cleveland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Albert R. King Jr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tony J. Klein  
4<sup>th</sup> Delano Floyd Cleveland  
5<sup>th</sup> Quentin Cleveland

## Smoke Dance

### –Adult Women

1<sup>st</sup> Toni M. House  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chantel T. Doxtator  
3<sup>rd</sup> Christine M. Cottrell  
4<sup>th</sup> Michelle B. Hill  
5<sup>th</sup> Cassie Rae Thomas

## Smoke Dance

### –Adult Men

1<sup>st</sup> Kayukwaliyo J. Danforth  
2<sup>nd</sup> Luwasanabawi J. Danforth  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brian A. Doxtator  
4<sup>th</sup> Latsoklanunh Hill  
5<sup>th</sup>

## Smoke Dance

### –Girls 17 & Under

1<sup>st</sup> Jasmine R. House  
2<sup>nd</sup> LaDonna M. King  
3<sup>rd</sup> Melynda Kachina-Sue Huntington  
4<sup>th</sup> Beedokah S. Stonefish  
5<sup>th</sup> Margaret B. Danforth

## Smoke Dance

### –Boys 17 & Under

1<sup>st</sup> William Henry Belisle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jaycob Lou Johnson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander George Andrew Hill  
4<sup>th</sup> Coleman Erwin Stevens  
5<sup>th</sup> Elijah A. Ninham

## Drum Contest

1<sup>st</sup> Smokeytown Singers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Meskwaki Nation  
3<sup>rd</sup> Battle River  
4<sup>th</sup> Eagle Feather  
5<sup>th</sup> Kingbird Singers

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*Cannot help remembering your kind loving way.*

*We still recall your laughter and that smile upon your face,*

*Those things about you, that we can never replace.*

*Though your smile is gone forever and your hand we cannot touch*

*We shall never lose these memories of the one we love so much.*

Missed by Christine, Russel, Debra, Sandra Eleanora

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Stella W. (Jacobs) Omar  
May 24, 1926–June 21, 2004

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July 16, 1947–June 4, 1967

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To others, a part of the past  
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Bring comfort to all our tomorrows.  
~ Cheryl

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# Oneida wants to put land into trust

*Hobart stands to lose millions of dollars in revenue*

By Patti Zarling

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HOBART — Homes, a clinic, some businesses and a great deal of undeveloped farmland within Hobart soon may no longer be subject to property taxes.

That’s because the Oneida Tribe of Indians is applying to have more than 550 acres of land it owns within the village put into federal trust, which would take at least \$13 million in land value off the village’s property tax rolls.

The moves suggest the tribe is becoming more aggressive in its quest for trust lands.

If the feds agree to take the land, this would be the first time since 1995 that Oneida lands within Hobart have been put into trust. It also breaks the tribe’s typical pattern of placing a parcel or two here and there into trust status and, in fact, would take much of the land the tribe owns within the village off local tax rolls.

“They’re doing what they have the right to do,” said village President Richard Heidel. “But we have a village we have to secure here, too. If that means at times we come to loggerheads, then so be it. We’re not in any way criticizing the tribe. They’re

doing what the federal government and law allows them to do.”

The tribe made an original application for just more than 550 acres, valued at \$13 million, a few weeks ago. It recently made a second application, according to village officials. But the tribe hasn’t yet completed the request, so the village isn’t sure of the exact number of parcels or their value.

The tribe also is seeking to have some parcels within the city of Green Bay and village of Ashwaubenon put into trust, but Hobart would be most affected by the move.

The tribe has made no bones about its quest to reacquire nearly all former tribal lands.

Kathy Hughes, vice chairman of the tribe, said in April that the tribe’s 2020 plan calls for acquiring 20,000 acres of reservation lands, which include parts of the village of Howard, Outagamie County, Green Bay, Ashwaubenon, the town of Oneida and all of Hobart.

“I think we’re going to reach it,” Hughes said of the goal. “The reality is there are certain properties we don’t want to take into trust, or we can’t see any reason to put into trust. But otherwise I can’t see any reason why we wouldn’t apply.”

The former reservation is about 64,000 acres. The

Oneidas currently have about 6,000 acres in federal trust, and own 10,000 acres of fee land, or property still subject to local property taxes and jurisdiction.

The village of Hobart is about 21,000 acres, and the tribe now has about 1,300 to 1,500 of that in trust. The total property value of Hobart is about \$450 million. Because some of the land the Oneidas want to put into trust is undeveloped, village leaders say its true value likely is much more than estimated.

Village officials don’t blame the tribe’s actions and say they have a good working relationship with Oneida leaders. But some officials expressed surprise at the Oneidas’ move.

“We knew they were going to put it into trust, we just didn’t expect them to do it almost all at once,” said Village Administrator Joe Helfenberger.

However, Kevin Cornelius, director of legislative affairs for the tribe, said it isn’t unusual for the tribe to apply to have such a chunk of land into trust.

The applications go in cycles, he said. “Usually it’s what the (Bureau of Indian Affairs) can handle. That’s usually what it boils down to.”

The tribe sends its applications to a regional office before it goes to the federal level and ultimately the U.S. Congress.

“The regional office can only handle so much,” Cornelius said. “They probably only handle one or two applications a year for all the tribes in the Midwest.”

Cornelius said it just makes financial sense for the tribe to apply for a large slice at once.

“The cost of getting the packet together is pretty expensive,” he said. “From a cost standpoint, it’s best to do it at once.”

As part of the application process, the tribe must complete two lengthy environmental assessments, Cornelius said.

“Once you do all that, you

send it in,” he said. “After the assessment is done, it’s good for a year. If it sits on their desk for a year, they say the assessment is too old and you have to do it again.”

Carl Artman, chief counselor for the tribe, said he isn’t surprised the tribe hasn’t had any land placed into trust in the village within the past decade.

“With the bureaucracy at the BIA, it can take years,” he said. “We’ve had an application for about 80 parcels in another area that’s been waiting four or five years for approval.”

The process could take just four or six months if things ran smoothly, he said. “But we wouldn’t try to put a timetable on things.”

He also said property was placed into trust more slowly in the past because tribes couldn’t afford to buy larger plots of land.

Although the application is happening at the same time the Oneidas are piecing together plans for a casino in New York and hammering out a land-claims suit with that state, Cornelius said the tribe’s actions in Hobart aren’t related.

“Absolutely not,” Cornelius said. “The land-in-trust process goes back 30 or 40 years, and we’ve been applying regularly every year. We’re just following the process. There are no ties to what’s happening in New York.”

Meanwhile, village leaders must figure out how to keep the village running on less tax revenue. Officials say working out a strong service agreement with the Oneidas is top on the list.

In November 2004, the tribe and village signed a three-year agreement outlining payments the Oneidas would make to the village in lieu of property taxes on trust lands. Because trust lands are, in fact, being held by the federal government for the tribes, they are not subject to local property taxation. Ashwaubenon also has such an agreement.

The current Hobart agreement says the tribe will pay a certain percentage, based on property values, for primary services and none for secondary services. Primary services include such things as fire protection and roads, while secondary items would be services such as the village attorney or administration. In 2004, the tribe paid 63 percent of what the total tax would be on lands held in trust. The number will vary from year to year, and there’s no guarantee the village would get any money after November 2007.

The agreement also allows the village to contest at the local level any lands that are requested to go into trust that were purchased by the tribe after the agreement was signed. This includes one parcel from the first application; officials weren’t sure about the second.

“We consider it a huge bonus to be able to talk about it at the local level first,” Helfenberger said.

Officials say they’d feel more comfortable with a long-term service agreement.

“If the state can negotiate with the tribe for an agreement of that magnitude (99 years) the village should be able to come to similar terms,” said village Trustee David Dillenburg, referring to the gaming compact the tribe signed with Gov. Jim Doyle.

Taking the Hobart land off the tax rolls also affects the Pulaski and West De Pere school districts, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and Brown County.

And while the schools should get help through state equalization payments, the county is left in the cold.

It hasn’t had a service agreement with the tribe since 2002. Before that, the tribe paid the county \$500,000 for local services. The tribe says it did pay the county \$106,975 in 2004, but county Executive Carol Kelso said that was for a variety of fees, such as landfill fees, that would be paid even if the tribe had a payment-in-lieu-of-

taxes agreement with the county.

“We haven’t had any payment at all,” said Kelso. “Meanwhile they’ve been using our libraries, we’ve been plowing their roads. We’re still required to provide them with the services.”

County officials have met with the Oneidas several times and plan to meet again next week, she said. A dollar amount has yet to be discussed, she said, and the county would like payments to be retroactive.

“We’re trying to be fair,” Kelso said.

Right now there really is no motive for the Oneidas to work out an agreement with the county, but they say they are willing and want to negotiate. Under former Gov. Tommy Thompson, local service agreements were required before a gaming compact was signed. That hasn’t been the case with Doyle.

There is a clause in the new compact that says after 2008 the tribe would receive credit for any service agreement it makes with local governments. It would mean redirecting some state payments to local communities if agreements are signed.

“I guess the governor thought we could live without payments till then,” Kelso said.

Area state officials differ on how concerned the state should be.

While state Sen. Rob Cowles, R-Allouez, sympathizes with the village and county, he said he sees no reason for the state to share gaming funds.

“The state isn’t the one putting the land into trust,” he said. “I sympathize with the plight of the village shifting services to smaller and smaller pieces of land, but to go after our level of government when the federal government is doing it doesn’t make sense. It’s like putting one

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Oneida land

## Incidents from June 20–July 4, 2005

# OPD Report

Submitted by the Oneida Casino Police Department.

The following is a list of Oneida Police Activity from June 20 through July 4.

June 20

– Medical Call at N7000 Bodart Ct. Town of Oneida.

June 21

– Structure Fire, unattached garage started on fire, at N6000 Moore Rd, Town of Oneida.

– Traffic stop leads to arrest of Green Bay women with a warrant on hwy 54, Village of Hobart.

– Damage to Property at 2000 Overland, Village of Hobart. Resident stored various property in camper he was storing for his nephew, nephew came and took camper and left property outside which were damaged.

June 22

– Warrant arrest on Green Bay man at Quarry Park, Overland Dr & CTH J

June 24

– Medical call at 2000 Airport Dr, Village of Ashwaubenon.

June 26

– Traffic stop lead to arrest of Greenleaf man, driver, for underage drinking, probation violation. Passenger cited for possession of Marijuana and underage drinking.

– Criminal damage to a pool at N6000 Cornelius Cir, Town of Oneida

– Damage to vehicle, paint scratched at 100 Riverdale Dr, Town of Oneida

– Medical Call at 2000 Airport Dr, Village of Ashwaubenon.

June 27

– Theft of money at 300 Walnut St, City of Green Bay. Town of Oneida man had a deposit from someone who made a mistake which deposited \$45,000 into his account. The mistake was found, but not before the Town of Oneida man noticed the extra money and had already wrote several checks and made numerous with-

drawals from his account. The man was arrested and transported to Outagamie County Jail.

– Phone Harassment to Green Bay woman from ex-boyfriend trying to get her fired from job

June 28

– Traffic stop at W Mason lead to arrest of Green Bay man with warrants.

– Threatening to kill phone call leads to arrest of Town of Oneida woman.

June 29

– Disturbance at N7000 Seminary Rd, Town of Oneida. Three teenage males yelling and swearing at lifeguard.

June 30

– Disorderly conduct at 2000 Airport Dr, Village of Ashwaubenon. Intoxicated male possibly soliciting money from patrons, yelling and swearing at officer, was arrested and transported to Brown County Jail.

July 1

– Medical call at N5000 CTH H, Town of Oneida.

– Traffic stop at CTH GE & 172 lead to arrest of two males for disorderly conduct.

– Theft of vehicle at W1500 Town Rd, Town of Oneida. Vehicle was taken by owners stepson without permission.

July 2

– Damage to property at N7000 Seminary Rd, Town of Oneida Garage entrance door had a foot print on it the door frame was split in half.

July 3

– Traffic stop at 54 & Service Rd, Town of Oneida lead to arrest of Green Bay man for OWI 3rd offense, disorderly conduct & 2 warrants.

July 4

– Traffic stop at 54 & Haven Rd, Village of Hobart lead to arrest of Green Bay man with warrants.

Re-Elect  
Councilman Paul Ninham


*Greetings, Oneida Nation Tribal Members.* I am respectfully seeking the support from the electorate of the Oneida Nation to serve a third term on the Oneida Business Committee in the capacity of councilman. Over the past six years, I have gained the experience, knowledge and skills that are imperative for an individual to possess while helping lead this great nation down the path to prosperity and well-being. As a current Committee member, the only promise that I can offer is to practice decision-making based on facts and to continue lending integrity at the table.

Education  
Arizona State University–BS degree in Physical Education – 1984  
University of New Mexico – 12 credits – Masters Program in parks and Recreation Administration – 1991

Work Experience  
Oneida Tribe – Recreation Director  
Oneida Tribe – Youth Care Worker –Oneida Group Homes  
Oneida Tribe – Student Advocates –Youth Educational Services  
Oneida Housing Authority –Youth Sports Director  
City of Durango, Colorado –Recreation Specialist  
Inter-mountain Youth Center in Durango, CO and Santa Fe, NM–Licensed Foster Parent  
Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM–Recreation/Physical Education Director  
Indian Community School in Milwaukee, WI–Recreation/Physical Education Director

Current Organizations  
Lower Fox River Natural Resource Damages Trustee Council–Oneida Representative  
Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council – Vice-President  
Regional Tribal Operations Committee – Wisconsin Representative  
National Tribal Operations Committee – Midwest Region Representative  
Haskell Indian Nations University – Executive Member on the Board of Regents  
Native American Rights Fund – Executive Member on the Board of Directors

Family  
Wife: Jill  
Daughter: Jamie  
Parents: Vernon and the late Joycelynn (Moon) Ninham  
Grandparents: All deceased  
Nelson and Rebecca (Schuyler) Ninham  
Delbert and Elanore (Wheelock) Moon



VOTE FOR... *Experience, Commitment, and Dedication*  
VOTE PAUL NINHAM ON JULY 16

Authorized and paid for by Paul Ninham



# Candidate Profiles

## Yvonne Metivier

**Current Occupation:** Publisher of the Oneida Times and G.O.D. (Grandma on Duty)  
**Education:** Trout Creek One Rooms Schoolhouse, Local Schools, and St. Norbert College for 94 hours in Mass Media and Communication, University of Albuquerque for B.S. in Sociology, and Fellowship Winner for Double Masters in Social Work and Programming, Planning, and Administration, M.S.W./P.P.A. at University of New Mexico at Highlands.  
**Family:** My mother is Bede House Clark, my grandmother is Cora Morrison House, my great-grandmother is Celecia Wheelock House, my great-great grandmother is Sophia Denny Wheelock, and on and on back to Sarah Martin and Captain Honyere Doxtator. Four daughters and four grandchildren. Privileged to spend formative years at my Grandma’s farm, which is now the Cora House Park, and now to live in Oneida.  
**Work:** First job at 14 years old sanding woodwork for my dad, then, of course Larsen’s Canning Factory and the Pickle Factory; Director of Minority Affairs at College of Santa Fe and Program on Alcoholism for the College of which the Governor’s Spouse served; Executive Director of Arts Organization in New Mexico, Award Winning Corrections Planner. Hosted TV talk show on Minority Affairs in New Mexico; University of New Mexico department of Native American Affairs. Three contracts with All Indian Pueblo Council in Higher Education Retention Programming; Created youth, Counseling and Corrections for the City of Albuquerque; California Institute of Technology CAL-TECH Office of Public Events.  
**Political Experience:** Award winning opinion columnist on socio-economic issues regarding Oneida nation and Great Green Bay area; Policy Analyst in Commission on Indian Affairs for Governor Tony Anaya; Planer for five year plan for Bernallilo County Detention Center in New Mexico; Hand selected to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs by Executive Branch of State of Colorado; Special Assistant to the First Lady in the Governor Roy Romer Administration in Colorado, Fulltime Staffer for New Mexico Secretary of State Campaign; Fulltime Staffer for Jimmy Carter’s Campaign Chair for State of New Mexico, and thirty years of community service.  
**Community Involvement:** For ten years have advocated and assisted those Oneida people who were in need and worked with Oneida men, women, and children to get information to the Oneida people from the Leadership that was withheld because of freedom of speech and press restrictions. Regent of the Jean Nicolet Group of the DAR; Treasurer of the



Yvonne Metivier (Bonnie)

Pasadena Symphony Women’s Group; Created Handbooks on Civil Rights Issues for State Agencies, Lobbied and volunteered regarding Drug and Alcohol Issues and collateral legal, domestic, and social issues for 27 years.  
**Important ssue/Platform:** My salary will be directed to a Veteran’s Memorial. Honest and courageous leadership plus the facts equal an empowered Oneida people. The distance between the leadership and the people is too great and the people must increase their participation in the responsibilities of benefits of the Oneida Nation. We all agree on the big issues facing us externally as we confront the preservation of our nation, however, the area of disagreement is with the relationship between the few people who have the money and power and the 99% of the Oneida people who do not. This nation belongs to the people and this is what I intend to do: enforce existing laws and stop the selective enforcement of laws, policies and procedures; call monthly GTC meetings and protect the vote of the people; support an increase per capita (75% of our people live off the reservation and this is the only fair way to share benefits); publish a true Treasurer’s report in the semi-annual and annual reports so that the people know all the facts about their money; use the Tribal paper to publish issues and the votes of the Business Committee members; talk openly about the 210 million made annually in gaming and let the people know that the BC are the Area Managers for Gaming. I, alone, will tell you what I plan to do the next three years. I plan to improve the quality of life for all Oneidas by telling them the facts about their land, their business, their government, their education, health care, jobs, small business, law enforcement, and cultural and art programming. I believe in the collective wisdom of the Oneida people to make wise decisions when they know the truth. You have had to trust you leaders to tell you the truth; you can trust me to show you the facts. Yes, I have been lucky to have education and great political and work opportunities, but that is not what is most important to be a good, strong leader. There are many Oneida men and women who can do this job by being honest with people. You know I will level with you.

## Gerald L. Danforth

Age: 58  
**Current Occupation:** Consultant, National Indian Gaming Association  
**Education:** 1976-1977, Southern Illinois University (Occupational Education) 1976, Lake County College (Student Instructor- Adult Education) 1989, Central Texas College (American History) 1995, Mount Scenario College (audited Iroquois History) 1995-1997, National Judicial College (Judicial Courses) 1996, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (Project Management) 1999, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, (General Studies, Advanced Leadership/Management) 1965-1994, US Navy Schools (Engineering, Leadership, Management, Counseling)  
**Family:** Parents, Leslie and Eva (Schuyler) Danforth. Grandparents, James and Hattie (Moore) Schuyler and John and Amy (Skenandore) Danforth. Wife, Pamela Johns-Danforth Political



Gerald L. Danforth

**Experience:** 1995-1999, Oneida Appeals Commission. As the Oneida Representative to the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, I had the opportunity to work on judicial issues with judges from each Wisconsin Tribal Court. Additionally, as a representative to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, I served on a steering committee with Tribal, State and Federal Judges, and Wisconsin Supreme Court Justices on developing a

Tribal/State/Federal judicial forum that promoted a better understanding of each judicial system within Wisconsin. 1999-2002, Chairman, Oneida Business Committee. My duties in this capacity included working with officials from local, state, federal and tribal governments. I, with the Oneida Business Committee and staff developed strategies designed to achieve our Nation’s objectives, and carried them to the appropriate town, village, state, or federal government offices - Interior Department, Department of Justice, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service offices, to name a few. Most often we were successful, even if not to the fullest extent. Community Involvement: Oneida Veterans of Foreign Wars, Oneida Am Vets Association, 2002-2004, Volunteer, Get-Out-The-Vote initiatives at the local, Wisconsin State, and Presidential Elections. 2002-2004, UW Green Bay, Chancellor’s Community Council on Diversity, 2005,

performed jury duty in Outagamie County. Important Issues: While the Oneida Nation’s priorities are not set by any one individual, there are three that are most important to me, those are; healthcare-our wealth is our health, education system-our future depends on it, and culture/language-the roots of our sovereignty. Our inherent sovereign status as an Indian Nation is what makes us who we are. It is important to be aware that there are officials from other governments that would just as soon see tribal sovereignty diminished or eliminated. There have been actions and attempts, some unwittingly, some subtle, and some strategically planned to erode or attack our sovereignty. I will remain vigilant to those actions and do everything within my authority to protect

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Danforth

# ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN JULY 16, 2005 SAMPLE

## 2005 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

To vote, darken the oval at the left of your choice. Darken the oval completely, like this ●

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#### CHAIRMAN

##### CHOOSE ONE (1)

- ☐ GARY JORDAN
- ☐ GERALD L. DANFORTH
- ☐ YVONNE METIVIER (BONNIE)

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#### VICE-CHAIRMAN

##### CHOOSE ONE (1)

- ☐ KATHY HUGHES
- ☐ HUGH DANFORTH

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#### TREASURER

##### CHOOSE ONE (1)

- ☐ RICHARD MOSS
- ☐ MERCIE DANFORTH
- ☐ BEVERLY SKENANDORE
- ☐ LEE THOMAS

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#### SECRETARY

##### CHOOSE ONE (1)

- ☐ JULIE BARTON
- ☐ PATTY NINHAM HOEFT
- ☐ JOHN ORIE

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#### COUNCIL MEMBER

##### CHOOSE FIVE (5)

- ☐ BEN VIEAU
- ☐ NADINE ESCAMEA
- ☐ STANLEY WEBSTER
- ☐ LOUISE CORNELIUS
- ☐ RON HILL JR. (TEHASSI)
- ☐ VINCE DELA ROSA
- ☐ GENEVIEVE GOLLNICK
- ☐ JIM VAN STIPPEN
- ☐ GINA (POWLESS) BUENROSTRO
- ☐ RON SOMMERS
- ☐ SHIRLEY HILL
- ☐ TRISH KING
- ☐ ED DELGADO
- ☐ RALPH L. POWLESS
- ☐ BRIAN A. DOXTATOR
- ☐ ANTON WILLIAMS
- ☐ LARRY B. SMITH
- ☐ MELINDA J. DANFORTH
- ☐ EUGENE (YOGI) METOXEN
- ☐ PAUL NINHAM
- ☐ THEODORE A. (TED) SKENANDORE
- ☐ LOU WILLIAMS
- ☐ RONDA L. SKENANDORE
- ☐ LINDA (BUFFY) DALLAS
- ☐ SIMON DECOTEAU
- ☐ KELLY D. STEVENS
- ☐ DALE P. WHEELOCK

#### BART M. CORNELIUS

### GAMING COMMISSION

##### CHOOSE FIVE (5)

- ☐ LOUISE CORNELIUS
- ☐ SHANNON HILL
- ☐ GINA (POWLESS) BUENROSTRO
- ☐ CHARLENE ELSIE CORNELIUS
- ☐ SHIRLEY HILL
- ☐ OSCAR S. SCHUYLER
- ☐ AMELIA CORNELIUS
- ☐ CHRIS J. CORNELIUS
- ☐ TIMOTHY D. NINHAM
- ☐ EUGENE (YOGI) METOXEN
- ☐ CRISTINA (TINA) DANFORTH
- ☐ RONDA L. SKENANDORE
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- ☐ ROCHELLE A. POWLESS

### TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD

#### PARENT POSITION

##### CHOOSE TWO (2)

- ☐ DEBRA J. DANFORTH
- ☐ LEEANN SKENANDORE

### LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION

##### CHOOSE ONE (1)

- ☐ NADINE ESCAMEA
- ☐ OAKLEY ARNOLD

### TRUST COMMITTEE

##### CHOOSE TWO (2)

- ☐ CAROL (CAROLINE) SMITH
- ☐ RICHARD MOSS
- ☐ LOIS METOXEN STRONG
- ☐ DELLORA CORNELIUS
- ☐ DOROTHY J. SKENANDORE
- ☐ GENE DANFORTH
- ☐ PEARL MARIE MCLESTER
- ☐ LAURA MANTHE
- ☐ LELAND (PUTSKI) DANFORTH
- ☐ PATRICIA A. FRIEDRICH

### ONEIDA COMMISSION ON AGING

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##### CHOOSE THREE (3)

- ☐ NADINE ESCAMEA
- ☐ NOREEN SMITH
- ☐ ROSELLA MOSS
- ☐ DOROTHY J. SKENANDORE
- ☐ JIM VAN STIPPEN
- ☐ VALDER W. JOHN
- ☐ ROCHELLE A. POWLESS
- ☐ PEARL MARIE MCLESTER
- ☐ HUGH DANFORTH

Get out and Vote!!

July 16, 2005

Oneida Health Center or  
SEOTS Building  
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# Governor Doyle signs state-tribal consultation

*Policies make Wisconsin a National Leader in State/Tribal Relations*

On June 28, 2005, Governor Jim Doyle signed the state-tribal consultation policies of 12 Cabinet agencies. These policies will improve government-to-government communications between the State of Wisconsin, Cabinet agencies, and the 11 sovereign tribal nations of Wisconsin. A significant step forward, the policies will work to improve communication, avoid duplicitous programs and services, and save money for state and tribal governments.

“The creation of these policies marks an end to the day when state government acted without talking to its tribal governments,” Governor Doyle said. “Having these procedures in place to guide state-tribal interactions will benefit all of Wisconsin’s citizens by eliminating the delays and miscommunications that can occur whenever two governments are not working with one another.”

The consultation policies are unique because of the status the tribes retain with the State of Wisconsin. Recognized as separate, sov-

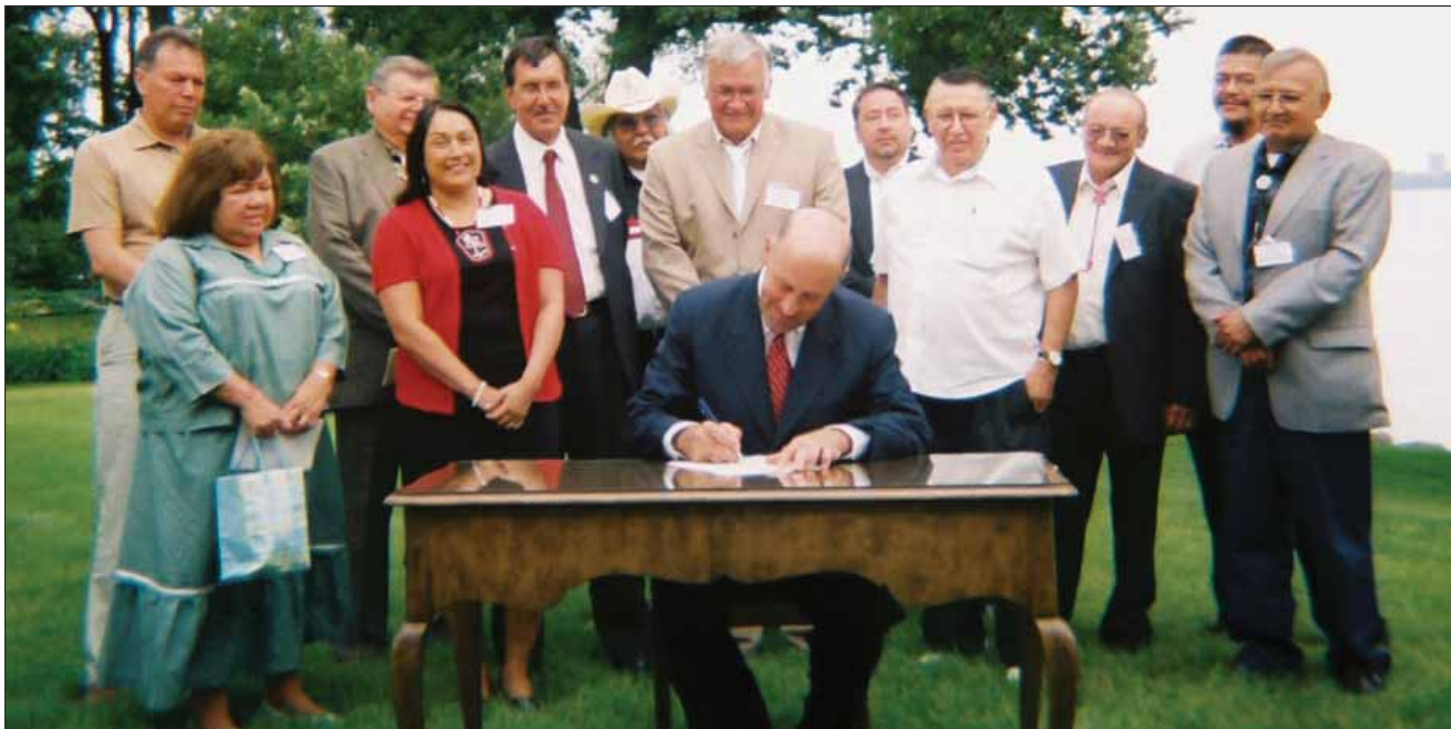


Photo courtesy of Tana Aguirre

Governor Jim Doyle signs the tribal consultation policy into law on June 23 in Madison.

ereign nations by the United States Constitution, the 11 tribes of Wisconsin retain their right to self-government. As a result, tribal citizens hold dual citizenship with their tribe and the State of Wisconsin. It is because of this unique legal relationship that Governor Doyle launched his State-Tribal Consultation Initiative to improve the state’s interaction with the tribal nations and their citizens.

The creation of the state-tribal consultation policies is necessary because tribal governments are increasingly providing services to their members, residents, and non-tribal members living on tribal lands. The consultation policies recognize this trend,

and the efficiencies both governments could realize simply by establishing a healthy and open dialogue, placing the State of Wisconsin at the forefront of state-tribal relations.

Though the Cabinet agency policies differ from one another, all of the consultation policies follow a common framework that promotes communication between governments. The consultation policies provide that whenever a state agency is considering implementing a policy or program that will affect the tribes, they will consult with the appropriate tribal government or governments. Likewise, whenever the tribes have an issue with the state, the policies provide them with a process by which

they can share their concerns.

While the procedure may sound like common sense, it unfortunately was not always the way state government operated.

“When I came into office, I reached out to the tribes and asked them what their interactions with the state were like,” Governor Doyle said. “What I found out was that in the past, state government did a terrible job interacting with the tribes and understanding their most basic functions. The State-Tribal Consultation Initiative is part of my Administration’s effort to correct the situation and improve our relationship with the state’s tribes.”

The development of the state-tribal consultation policies resulted from Executive Order #39. Signed by Governor Doyle in February, 2004, the order recognized

the government-to-government relationship between the state and tribes, and required a strengthening of the working relationship between the governments. To that end, each cabinet agency drafted a consultation policy and met with tribal leaders to get their input in the development of each plan.

“The tribes were great partners in the development of these policies,” Governor Doyle said. “Their input was invaluable, and my agencies appreciated their work to ensure we ended up with policies that work for all involved. I thank everyone for their efforts and look forward to an ever-improving working relationship with all of our tribes.”

Governor Doyle was joined at the signing ceremony by representatives from each of Wisconsin’s 11 tribes.

## Potawatomi don’t make compact payment

By Todd Richmond

Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Forest County Potawatomi didn't pay the state for the right to offer gambling by Thursday, leaving officials more than \$100 million short of what they expected to generate through gaming compacts in the 2003-05 budget. The governor's office said the state still ended the budget in the black, however.

The tribes' decisions illustrate the impact of last year's state Supreme Court decision that struck down sections of the Potawatomi's compact allowing Las Vegas-style games.

The latest round of payments were due Thursday, the last day of the state's fiscal year and the 2003-05 budget. Nine tribes have agreed to make their payments, said Sean Dilweg, executive assistant for the state Department of Administration.

The Potawatomi paid the state \$40.5 million last year as a gesture of good faith. But Potawatomi Attorney General Jeff Crawford said the tribe won't make its payment this year until it gets a new compact.

“The Potawatomi will pay. It is only a question of time,” Crawford said in a written statement. “The Potawatomi are committed to Wisconsin and its taxpayers.”

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tribal sovereignty.

As a thirty-year Navy veteran with service in two wars, I am keenly aware of the physical, emotional, and psychological affects that many of our Oneida Veterans endure as a result of their service in defense of our country. I feel compelled to do all that I can to ensure that our veterans receive every benefit and priv-

ilege that is available to them.

I extend my appreciation to the incumbent Oneida Business Committee for a job-well-done in accomplishing many of the Nation’s priorities and goals. It is clear that the committee members have worked hard to improve lines of communication with the GTC. I will work equally as hard to build upon those

accomplishments. Furthermore, I will do my very best to build a working environment that underscores respect and fairness. I believe that how we do things is just as important as what we do.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chairman from 1999-2002, and I respectfully request your vote on July 16, 2005.

## NOTICE OF 2005 GENERAL ELECTION

### SATURDAY JULY 16, 2005

### 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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**OR**

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**PICTURE IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR VOTING  
CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE VOTING AREA**

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The Historic Preservation Office would like to send a HUGE thank you to all the people who donated to the Gathering of Minds Picnic that was held on Saturday, June 18. The following people that contributed and donated their time shows dedication and support of the preservation for the nation. Thank you to: Cultural Heritage Staff, Loretta Metoxen, Judi Jordan, Dr Carol Cornelius, for donating hours to help cook and helping out with serving food, and donating door prizes, the Language house for the tape recorders, Governmental Services Barb Reynolds for helping to coordinate the event, Museum Lydia Tall Chief for also helping me to coordinate the event, Casino, DPW, Conservation, Oneida Nation Farms, Cannery, Coca-Cola Company, Tsyuhehkwa, Trust Department, Arts program, Bob Neimlea, Boxing (Lou Askenette), Communications (Chris Powless) for video taping the event, Recyclable department (Diane Jourdan), To all my family members, Carla Williams, Paula Wilson, Laura & Randy Lane, Robert Jr. LaGest, Jack Burke, Nicole Nicholas, AND to the Community members that showed for this event to give such valuable information. Without all of you it would not have been possible!! If I have left any one out, again accept my apologies for this.

~ Corina Williams  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

## LAND AND HOMES Vote John G. Orie for Secretary on July 16<sup>th</sup>



### How I'm Helping You

- Business owner specializing in obtaining small business grant money for tribal members, and helping them with all aspects of their business dreams
- Strong public advocate for General Tribal Council, including better administration, if not suspension of, Roberts Rules of Order, and long overdue payment for tribal member attendance.
- Law school and graduate school training to empower our nation in the best ways possible, which begins with not wasting your money.
- Dedicated to improving the quality of life for ALL tribal members and their families.

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# Lawmakers seek more complete picture of Cherokee Trail of Tears

**By Jeffrey McMurray**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The tale is true. The trail is sometimes false.

History has documented the plight of American Indians evicted from Southern communities in the 1830s and forced on a deadly journey

toward Oklahoma. However, official recognition of the path of some 15,000 Cherokees was often based more on guesswork than evidence.

Now the records are starting to catch up with the story. Several lawmakers demanded on Wednesday that the Interior Department do a bet-

ter job retracing the Cherokees' route along the Trail of Tears.

"The Trail of Tears is a tragic story, but it is very much an integral part of American history," said Rep. Zach Wamp, a Tennessee Republican who introduced legislation late Tuesday seek-

ing a comprehensive review of the trail. "We need to document it better. We need to interpret it better."

When Congress made the pathway a national historical trail in 1987, research was limited. Historians have since uncovered glaring omissions: There were no routes in North Carolina or Georgia, even though up to three-quarters of the Cherokees likely started from those states.

The official trail markers also leave out two major arteries in Arkansas and water routes in eastern Tennessee.

"It is unacceptable that such a critical part of our history remains a patchwork of missing pieces," said Rep. Marion Berry, D-Ark., a cosponsor.

The Trail of Tears Documentation Act would direct the Interior Department to review the new evidence and complete the historical picture through markers and other forms of recognition.

In 1830 when President Andrew Jackson sought to remove the tribes, most lawmakers were mum. Davy Crockett was the lone Tennessee congressman to

oppose the plans and lost reelection as a result.

Many white settlers who replaced the Cherokees were motivated by the search for gold.

But "the gold was the Cherokee people," said Jack Baker, president of the Trail of Tears Association. Removal of the culturally advanced Cherokees was a huge loss to the region, Baker said.

Current Cherokee leaders brought a modern scroll to Wednesday's news conference. Stretching across a committee room, it listed the names of Indians who petitioned the government in vain in 1830s to stop the removal.

Chadwick Smith, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, said one-quarter of the Cherokees died before reaching Oklahoma and called their plight a "travesty of justice, sham of public policy, and disdain for human dignity." He said he hoped the bill would prevent such actions in the future.

Duane King, executive director of the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, said a more complete picture of the story has

emerged from studying eyewitness accounts, military journals, payment vouchers and newspaper stories and it's time to incorporate that into public recognition.

"We are still struggling to understand why it happened, how it affected the people involved and its importance on American political thought and justice," King said.

## Judge withholds ruling of foreclosure against New York Oneidas

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — A federal judge has reserved decision on whether to allow Madison County to proceed with foreclosure proceedings on 98 parcels of land owned by the Oneida Indian Nation.

A lawyer for the county told U.S. District Judge David Hurd that the tribe had no one to blame but itself if it loses the properties for failing to pay back taxes.

"The tribe itself, by refusing to pay taxes, is now putting itself at risk," lawyer Robert Witmer said during arguments Wednesday. "You can refuse to obey a law, but there are consequences. That's precisely what the tribe is doing here: They are refusing to obey what the Supreme Court said is due and payable."

The county says the Oneidas owe nearly \$3 million in back taxes, penalties and interest.

Nation lawyer Michael Smith argued that the Supreme Court ruling and an appeals court ruling on Tuesday in the Cayuga Indian land claim do not give the county a right to foreclose.

In March, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that former reservation lands reacquired by the tribe in the city of Sherrill are taxable and not sovereign territory.

Madison County Attorney John Campanie said he expects a decision from Hurd before July 14, when the county and the Oneidas are scheduled to be in state Supreme Court on the foreclosure proceedings.

The county first started foreclosure proceedings in 1999, but the Oneidas filed a federal lawsuit a year later to halt the foreclosures. The case was put on hold until the Sherrill case was decided.

Neighboring Oneida County also has told the tribe it will auction off 59 parcels of Indian-owned land if the tribe does not pay the \$5 million it owes in back taxes there.

The Oneidas argue that the foreclosure is premature, saying there are still outstanding issues. One of those, Smith argued Wednesday, is the nation's application to place its 17,000 acres in Madison and Oneida counties in trust with the federal government.

The Department of the Interior sent a letter to the nation earlier this month, saying the land would not be taken into trust unless back taxes were paid.



AP Photo/Lauren Victoria Burke

Zach Wamp, R-Tenn., center, looks on as Chad Smith, principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill, June 29, to talk about the Cherokee Trail of Tears Documentation Act. C. Larry Blythe, vice chief of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation, is at left.

### Elderly Service Honors... Grover C. Smith

- WWII Combat Veteran
- Entered the U.S. Navy - 03-24-1944 at the age of 17 years old.
- While in the Pacific he participated in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign where he received his campaign medal with 4 Bronze Stars.

- Also while in the Pacific he received the Philippine Liberation Medal with 1 more Bronze Star.
- Did all this before he was 20 years old.
- Discharged from the Navy - 05-05-1946
- Member of Oneida VFW Post 7784



## Investigation targets reservation crime

HAYWARD, Wis. (AP) — A three-year investigation into crime on the Lac Courte Oreilles Indian reservation resulted in more than 50 prosecutions meant to rid the area of a street gang with significant presence in Milwaukee.

While gang violence in Milwaukee barely makes the news, the presence of the Latin Kings gang hundreds of miles from southeastern Wisconsin was treated as a threat to peace on the reservation.

The prosecutions around the reservation brought long

prison terms for dozens of people, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Sunday.

Robert G. "Bobby" Smith, an avowed member of the Latin Kings, was sentenced to 13 years in prison in the murder of 23-year-old Cody Badbear Wade on the reservation in 2002.

Smith, the son of a former Sawyer County sheriff's deputy, told investigators an admitted gang leader on the reservation, Charles Gokey, ordered members to "light up" on Wade. This year,

Gokey was sentenced to almost 20 years for crack cocaine distribution.

The judge said the punishment was meant "to assist the government's mission to substantially reduce the impact of drug and drug-related crime on the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation."

After Wade's killing and other gang-related violence on the reservation, the tribal council declared a state of emergency in September 2002, and Sawyer County, federal and state agencies formed a task force.

Investigators say the federal probe continues and more arrests are on the way.

According to the Journal Sentinel, court documents and interviews show how tribal members spending time in Milwaukee brought crime back to the reservation.

Gang members would get drugs and sometimes guns in Milwaukee or the Twin Cities and sell them on the reservation, court records show.

"The influences come from cities like Milwaukee. We have a lot of tribal members all over. When they come back from the city, they bring a lot of the negative things with them," said Brian Bisonette, a member of the council that governs the tribe.

Several residents said the investigation resulted in a decrease in the amount of drugs, illegal guns and gang graffiti on the reservation.

"You can just feel it. The tension has gone down quite a bit," said Paul DeMain, managing editor and CEO publisher of News from Indian Country, a national publication he runs from the reservation.

Some, though, are still worried.

"You still have the ingredients here," said Bill Cadotte, a tribal program specialist. "There is a lack of jobs, there is a lack of programming here for young people. It's a total problem here."

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# Appeals Commission

## Trial Court Decisions

Metoxen vs. Oneida Housing Authority, 05-TC-019. March 17, 2005. Judicial Officers M. Adams, J. McLester, and W. Thomas presiding. On February 11, 2005 the Petitioner, Tracy L. Metoxen, filed for a Temporary Restraining Order against the Respondent, Oneida Housing Authority. A hearing was held on February 24, 2005 to decide if Ms. Metoxen would proceed with the application for a preliminary injunction. The Oneida Housing Authority alleged that Ms. Metoxen breached her rental agreement twice, first when the monthly rent was not paid and secondly when her utilities bill was not paid. The Oneida Housing Authority’s documentation titled Tenant History supports that Ms. Metoxen has been in arrears several times within her time as a tenant. In addition the Oneida Housing Authority provided documentation that Ms. Metoxen was in arrears for utilities for the Oneida Utilities and Wisconsin Public Service. The Oneida Housing Authority provided sufficient documentation to show cause to evict Ms. Metoxen. The Oneida Housing Authority provided notice, documentation and opportunity for appeal to the OHA Board of Commissioners and then to the Appeals Commission. Ms. Metoxen’s request for an Injunction is denied in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 31(B) 3b, the trial court may dissolve the order. The Respondent’s decision is affirmed. Petitioner’s request for an Injunction is denied. Skenadore vs. Oneida HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co., 05-TC-016. March 24, 2005. Judicial Officers M. Adams, J. McLester, and L. Powless presiding. On January 20, 2005 the Petitioner, Chantell Skenadore, filed for a hearing against the Respondent, HRD-Benefits and Crawford & Co., for denying her Worker’s Compensation claim. Ms. Skenadore asserts that while at work on December 9, 2004 she stepped off a step and injured her knee. Ms. Skenadore contends that surgery was the result of the injury she suffered. HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co. argues the medical documentation diagnosed Ms. Skenadore with degenerative joint disease, or arthritis. Furthermore, Oneida HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co. claims that Ms. Skenadore failed to give reason that her injury was “predominantly work related”, adding that because an employee trips and falls does not always make it work related. Oneida HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co. contends that Ms. Skenadore’s injury was not a result of the course of her duties according to Oneida Worker’s Compensation Law §13.3-12, states that the injury must be caused by an accident arising out of and in the course of employment. Ms. Skenadore failed to persuade the Court that her injury happened during the course of employment. Ms. Skenadore may have been acting out of her scope of work and her testimony is inconsistent. The Worker’s Compensation Law is specific in that the injury must be caused in the course of employment. The Court rules in favor of the Respondent. Petitioner is not entitled to Worker’s Compensation.

Bain vs. Oneida Personnel Commission, 04-TC-096. March 22, 2005. Judicial Officers L. Wigg-Ninham, J. Webster, and L. Cornelius presiding. Petitioner, Arlouine Bain, filed a claim against the Respondent, Oneida Personnel Commission. Ms. Bain claims four grievances against the Oneida Personnel Commission including Disclosure of Protected Material, Failure to Follow Own Rules, Tampering with Sworn Testimony, and Inappropriate Treatment of Witnesses. Ms. Bain is asking for monetary compensation for the alleged damages: defamation of character, harassment and humiliation, a retraction of the false and misleading statements made in the Powless vs. Bain case, and an apology letter to Ms. Bain, Mr. Rick Cornelius, and Mr. Pat Pelky. The Court rules the Oneida Personnel Commission enjoys both sovereign immunity and judicial immunity while acting in the scope of their authority and immunity was not waived; no claim against them may be initiated through the hearing body. Although the hearing body cannot address the issues there are other avenues the Petitioner can pursue such as the Removal Law, Code of Ethics, and APA which all Elected

and Appointed officials are subject to. In the Matter of the Estate of Louis F. Danforth a.k.a. Flynn Danforth, deceased, 98-OHB-0008. March 25, 2005. Judicial Officers M. Adams, A. Barber, and L. Wigg-Ninham presiding. On July 10, 1998 a hearing regarding the Louis F. Danforth estate was held. The hearing was adjourned until October 9, 1998. At the October 9, 1998 hearing the parties agreed to the following stipulations: Samuel Danforth and Mary Lou LaRock are the legal heirs to the estate of Louis F. Danforth, Samuel Danforth and Mary Lou LaRock agree to equally divide the SAFECO 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity account and any interest accumulated, Samuel Danforth will also be entitled to the following items: a) photographs of their father, grandfather, and himself; b) an eagle clock with glass flutes; c) a round glass and wooden curio cabinet and knick-knacks; d) an air conditioner; e) a gun cabinet, Mary Lou LaRock agrees to safely store the listed items for Samuel Danforth for a period of 45 days, Samuel Danforth agrees to pay for one half of the closing costs and one half of the appraisal cost associated with the estate’s real property, the property is a three bedroom home located at N6251 Onondaga, Oneida, Wisconsin. On February 10, 2005 Samuel Danforth petitioned the court to re-open the case. The Court found that Samuel Danforth and Mary Lou Danforth are the legal heirs to the Louis F. Danforth estate as stipulated. Mary Lou Danforth is to comply with the terms of the original agreement by May 25, 2005. Mary Lou Danforth is hereby ordered to pay Samuel Danforth the rightful share of Louis F. Danforth’s estate and give him the listed items. The Court requests Samuel Danforth to provide a status report in 30 days and a final report by June 3, 2005.

Krueger vs. Oneida HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co., 05-TC-022. April 20, 2005. Judicial Officers W. Thomas, A. Barber, and L. Powless presiding. Petitioner, Roberta L. Kreuser, filed a claim under Rule 6 of the Oneida Appeals Commission Rules of Civil Procedure. Ms. Kreuser was injured while on duty as a Fun Club supervisor at the Oneida Bingo and Casino. On January 17, 2005 Ms. Kreuser broke her ankle on a doorstopper located in her office. On February 2, 2005 Ms. Kreuser received a letter from Respondent, Crawford & Co., stating, “Please be advised that under the Oneida Tribe of Indians Worker’s Compensation Law we must respectfully deny your claim for further benefits for the following reason; This injury does not appear to be incidental to your employment or an injury as a result of your employment.” On March 15, 2005 Ms. Kreuser received a second letter from Crawford Claims Management Services. The letter stated, “After further review of your claim please be advised that your Worker’s Compensation claim is now being accepted as compensable under the Oneida Tribe Worker’s Compensation Law.” Ms. Kreuser argues she used 28 hours of vacation time to supplement her income due to the initial denial of the claim. Ms. Kreuser also argues that due to the injury she needed to learn how to use crutches and was an inconvenience to others for needing assistance. The

Court can only grant what the Oneida Worker’s Compensation Law 13.6-10(c) states, “Compensation will be allowed for the first three calendar days only if the disability continues for longer than 14 days after the date of the injury and results in 21 consecutive days off work or employment.” Based on current Oneida Worker’s Compensation Law the Court finds in favor of HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co.

Gerald L. Hill, Contempt Hearing 04-TC-096. May 16, 2005. Judicial Officers L. Wigg-Ninham, L. Cornelius, and J. Webster presiding. On February 28, 2005 a pre-trial hearing was scheduled between Arlouine Bain and the Oneida Personnel Commission. Neither the Oneida Personnel Commission nor it’s attorney, Gerald L. Hill appeared. The Court held the attorney, Gerald L. Hill, in contempt and fined him \$550.00. Mr. Hill is requesting the matter of contempt issued to him by the Court for failing to appear at the pre-trial to be reconsidered. The Contemptor proved to the Court that his non-appearance was not intentional or deliberate. The decision of the Court was to lower the contempt fine to \$50.00. The contempt charge is quashed.

## Appellate Court Decisions

Wheelock vs. Oneida Recreation Department, 04-AC-019. March 25, 2005. Judicial Officers J. McLester, A. Barber, L. Powless, W. Thomas, and L. Wigg-Ninham presiding. Appellant, Lillian Wheelock, was a Recreational Specialist for the Oneida Recreation Department and was terminated October 8, 2003 for violation of the Tribal Rules, Polices or Procedures §V.D.2.III Use of Property (b) and (e). The Respondent, the Oneida Recreation Department, successfully proved, through witnesses and testimony, that Ms. Wheelock was in violation of the Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures in regard to Use of Property. The Court rules the decision of the Oneida Personnel Commission is affirmed. The termination of Appellant is upheld.

Oneida Recreation Department, Bain vs. Powless, 04-AC-030. April 26, 2005. Judicial Officers W. Thomas, A. Barber, J. McLester, J. Webster, and L. Wigg-Ninham presiding. This is an appeal of an Oneida Personnel Commission decision dated December 29, 2004. In that decision the Oneida Personnel Commission overturned the termination of Respondent, John Powless. Mr. Powless was employed as an Assistant Recreation Director for the Oneida Recreation Department and was terminated on October 24, 2003 for violation of the Oneida Tribal Personnel Policy and Procedure §V.D.2.III Use of Property (b) Unauthorized Possession. Based on the Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures the Court affirms the decision of the Oneida Personnel Commission to overturn the decision to terminate. The Respondent is to be reinstated to the same position as

Assistant Recreation Director and awarded all lost wages, fringe benefits, including vacation and personal time, holiday pay, and 401K plan.

Timothy Lang vs. Oneida Community Health Center, Bauman, 04-AC-032. April 26, 2005. Judicial Officers W. Thomas, M. Adams, A. Barber, J. McLester, and L. Powless presiding. The Appellant, Timothy Lang, was a Registered Nurse for the Respondent, the Oneida Community Health Center. Mr. Lang was terminated on October 24, 2004 for §V.D.2.IV Personal Actions and Appearance Sub. Sec. A. Threatening, attempting, or doing bodily harm to another person, Sub. Sec. B. Failure to be courteous in dealing with fellow employees or the general public, and Sub. Sec. D. Intimidating, interfering with or using abusive language towards customers, clients, co-workers or others. The Court upholds the decision of the Personnel Commission. Appellant failed to meet the basic requirements for a proper appeal, as he did not file an appeal with the Human Resource Manager. Therefore, Appellant’s appeal is denied.

Harms vs. Oneida MIS Department, Oneida General Manager, Oneida Human Resource Department, 04-AC-028. April 26, 2005. Judicial Officers L. Wigg-Ninham, A. Barber, L. Powless, M. Stevens, and W. Thomas presiding. This is an appeal of the Oneida Appeals Commission Trial Court’s decision of October 25, 2005 Docket #03-TC-330. The Court affirms the decision of the Trial Court. The case is dismissed based on Sovereign Immunity, however, the Court instructs the Compliance Department to investigate the Oneida MIS Department to determine if there have been any violations of Indian Preference and the Directive of the Oneida General Tribal Council of July 1990. The Compliance Department will work with the General Manager of the Oneida Tribe, the Oneida MIS Department, and the Oneida Human Resource Department to develop and implement a plan in which an Oneida Tribe member will be hired for the MIS Management Trainee Position.

Oneida Police Department, Antone vs. Cornelius, 05-AC-001. April 26, 2005. Judicial Officers J. McLester, M. Adams, A. Barber, L. Powless, and L. Wigg-Ninham presiding. On or about August 5 and 6, 2004 the Respondent, Chris Cornelius, was involved in an incident in Green Bay. After an investigation by Appellant, Sgt. Martin Antone, Ms. Cornelius was terminated from employment on September 9, 2004. On December 13, 2004 Sgt. Antone did not appear in court as he was on medical leave and his attorney, Ms. Brzezinski, was 25 minutes late for the hearing. The matter was dismissed pursuant to the Oneida Law Enforcement Ordinance, §37.9-5(b)(4) and Ms. Cornelius was reinstated to her position as an Oneida Police Officer. The decision of the Court is to uphold the

Oneida Police Commission decision to reinstate Respondent. Skenadore vs. Oneida Police Commission, 04-AC-033. May 9, 2005. Judicial Officers J. McLester, A. Barber, M. Stevens, W. Thomas, and L. Wigg-Ninham presiding. On December 10, 2004 Appellant, Ronda Skenadore, submitted to the Oneida Appeals Commission an appeal of Oneida Police Commission’s decision of December 3, 2004 dismissing Ms. Skenadore’s Citizens Complaint against Rick Cornelius, Chief of Police and David Webster, Oneida Police Commission President for possible misconduct. The Court is remanding the issue to the Police Commission to conduct an investigation of the Citizens Complaint Appellant filed. Police Commission President David Webster shall recuse himself from the investigation because there is an appearance of a conflict of interest. Denny vs. Oneida Housing Authority, 05-AC-002. May 26, 2005. Judicial Officers J. McLester, M. Adams, A. Barber, M. Stevens, and W. Thomas presiding. On January 12, 2005 the Appellant, Angela Denny, was mailed by certified mail a 14-day Notice to Terminate her tenancy for breach of the Rental Agreement for rental arrears of \$1,952.00. The Oneida Housing Authority has provided documentation indicating that Ms. Denny was in violation of the Rental Agreement for non-payment of rent and utilities on numerous occasions. The decision of the Oneida Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to uphold termination of Rental Agreement with the Appellant is affirmed by the Court. Motion to Dismiss is granted.

Harms vs. Oneida Police Department, Stanchik, 04-AC-022. June 1, 2005. Judicial Officers W. Thomas, M. Adams, A. Barber, L. Powless, and Linda Cornelius presiding. On October 10, 2004 the Appellant, Lester Harms III, filed an appeal of the Motion of Declaratory Judgment in the matter of Lester Harms III Vs. Oneida Police Department, Sgt Mark Stanchik 04-TC-059. Mr. Harms is an Oneida Police Officer and is covered under the Oneida Law Enforcement Ordinance. On February 20, 2004 Mr. Harms was terminated for violations of the Oneida Personnel Polices and Procedures §V.D.2.I.a,c,e,g and §V.D.2.III.a,b and §V.D.2.IV.j along with Departmental SOP violations. It is the decision of the Court to uphold the Trial Court decision of October 4, 2004 to deny the Motion for Injunctive Relief and the Stay on the Police Commission from hearing the case. The case will be heard before the Police Commission.

Governmental Services Division, Pelky vs. Murray, 04-AC-024. June

1, 2005. Judicial Officers L. Wigg-Ninham, A. Barber, J. McLester, J. Webster, and W. Thomas presiding. This is an appeal of an Oneida Personnel Commission decision on September 29, 2004, which overturned the termination of the Respondent, Scott Murray. The Appellant, Ms. Pelky, is requesting that the Oneida Appeals Commission overturn the decision. The Court ruled Mr. Murray was to be reinstated to his position as the Fitness and Recreation Manager for the Oneida Health Fitness Department immediately with all back pay and benefits to make him whole. Due to the mishandling of the situation by the Oneida Chief of Police the matter shall be expunged from Mr. Murray’s record. However, because Mr. Murray’s position as the Fitness and Recreation Manager, and his culpability in the matter, the Court will not award him attorney’s fees and costs as requested. The decision of the Oneida Personnel Commission is affirmed. Judgment for the Respondent. HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co. vs. Skenadore, 05-AC-003. June 9, 2005. Judicial Officers M. Adams, A. Barber, J. McLester, M. Stevens, and J. Webster presiding. On May 3, 2005 Appellant, HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co., appealed the decision of Trial Court in the case of Wendy Skenadore vs. HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co. 04-TC-094 asserting that the Trial Court’s decision is clearly erroneous and against the weight of the evidence presented and contrary to Oneida law. HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co. contends that Ms. Skenadore failed to provide any evidence of work-related injury at the original hearing and therefore the case should have been dismissed. Ms. Skenadore claims she was misdiagnosed, was unaware of the 180-day time limit for benefits, and has been suffering for 30 months before undergoing corrective surgery. Ms. Skenadore argues that she had never been treated for any pain or injury prior to the March 2002 injury. Ms. Skenadore contends her knee was misdiagnosed as a sprain, then as patellogemoral syndrome, both proven incorrect by an orthopedic specialist who finally diagnosed and surgically repaired the injury. HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co. claims Ms. Skenadore’s denial for benefits was based on two laws 1) the 180-day time limit for claims expired and 2) the denial of her December 2002 claim was based on a non-work related injury. HRD-Benefits, Crawford & Co. asserts the Oneida Tribe is not responsible for any missed diagnoses by the physicians that treated Ms. Skenadore. Based on the arguments presented the Motion to Dismiss is denied. Judgment in favor of Appellant.

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BC Secretary

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE...

My top priority is to make Oneida tribal government more open, responsive and accountable. That means knocking down the barriers that make it so hard for us to participate in our own political affairs. Good government in Oneida comes when all Oneida people, regardless of where they live, can participate. Why are we having trouble getting a quorum at GTC meetings? The lack of getting a quorum at GTC meetings is NOT because we are satisfied with the decisions by our elected leaders or because we don't care. The problem may be that more and more of us are starting to believe that we won't make a difference if we attend a GTC meeting. I am running to be the Oneida Business Committee Secretary because I want to make a difference. I will work hard to find ways that will help each and every one of us to participate.

Education and Experience...

– St. Norbert College, De Pere, 2002, BA in Political Science

– West De Pere High School, 1980

– Appointed in 2003 by Gov. Jim Doyle as a division administrator at the Department of Regulation and Licensing that served more than 40 occupational regulatory boards with more than 300 appointed board members.

– Worked more than 8 years with the Oneida Business Committee as an assistant to Chairman Rick Hill, Vice Chairwoman Loretta V. Metoxen, Vice Chairman Gary Jordan.

– Other work experience included Oneida Gaming Commissioner, Oneida Land Claims Coordinator, St. Norbert College assistant alumni director, Green Bay Press-Gazette reporter.

Family...


– Married 16 years to Mike Hoeft with daughters Lauren and Olivia.

– Daughter of Sandra Ninham and Leland Wigg-Ninham.

– Siblings are Tim, Steve, Pamela and Matthew Ninham.

– Grandparents are Betty and the late Leo "Chicken" Doxtator, and the late Rebecca and Nelson Ninham.

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*Letter/Opinion*

# Vice-chairwoman's Corner...

The time spent in Albany, New York all last week did not result in a bill being approved by the NY Legislature. The Assembly approved a bill to settle the St. Regis Mohawk Land Claim but the Senate insisted that three Tribes be named in one bill. Because agreement on the merging of the two bills could not take place in the time left before their desire to recess, we left New York with the understanding that a special session will be called in July to deal with the necessary legislation to settle land claims.

Perhaps the most discouraging part of this process was

the treatment from the Governor's Office. We received an e-mailed message, sent to our attorney, Arlinda Locklear, directing us to leave or their would be no further negotiations. I felt like we were being unnecessarily threatened and the Governor could have spoken to us directly with his concerns instead of choosing to ask us to leave through a third party. This offensive approach was noted, however, by the Legislature and may actually been in our favor.

While all this was going on in New York, we were informed of the actions by New York Oneida to send rep-

resentatives here to Wisconsin to meet with our local municipalities for the purpose of telling the Village of Ashwaubenon and Brown County of what bad neighbors we are going to be. They also met with John Gard to tell him how the State will be losing with this settlement agreement.

Despite the many fronts working against this settlement agreement adoption, the parties to making the decision



**Vice-chairwoman  
Kathy Hughes**

are actually on a course to get the job done. For quite some time we have been stressing the importance of doing this now. Part of that is made even more apparent because of the impact of the City of Sherrill decision and how it is being interpreted to our detriment at this time. But it is a clear example of the changes that can occur to take away what we have agreed to (ie. Educational benefits, hunting and fishing, land base for cer-

emonial purposes and damages awarded from the proceeds of a casino in the Catskills).

The Committee continues with the work needed to get this job done. Creation of environmental codes, building codes, and plumbing codes is almost completed and the Power Plant Board is proceeding with the work on design and development. Of course no contracts will be committed to until the approval is received but we will be ready to move forward when that occurs.

On another level, I attended the Tribal Advisory Board meeting in Bemidji, MN this

week. We reviewed FY2006 budgets, established goals for Indian Health Services for the next year and completed negotiations on our compact for next year.

Election day will soon be here and I want to encourage everyone to get to the poll and vote for the candidates who you believe will best represent you. Due to my hectic schedule I was not able to attend any of the candidate forums. I apologize to you and the organizers of the various forums for my lack of attendance.

# Legislative Update

Sweku Akweku Ukwehuku (Greetings To You All)  
**Legislative Operating Committee**

There are a few pieces of draft legislation that are currently being worked on. The draft Education Code and the draft Judiciary Act are still being dialogued in a subcommittee. These two pieces of legislation will be provided to the incoming Oneida Business Committee for review and next steps. The Legislative Reference Office is reviewing the public hearing comments regarding amendments to the draft Law Enforcement Ordinance. The public hearing comments, legislative review and amendment proposals will be shared with the incoming Oneida Business Committee for consideration. I have been the chair of the Legislative Operating Committee for the past two years. I extend my appreciation to the constituency for feedback and input on how to make the public hearing process more user friendly. Drafting sessions, research, review and documentation of public hearing comments have all been enhanced because of your input, ideas and opinions. I believe the LOC and LRO can expand public hearing attendance by expanding drafting sessions to include the organization and the community. This will be a great initiative for the next LOC. Yawa'ko.

## Labor Code

The Oneida General Tribal Council has directed on numerous occasions, most recently on January 17, 1998, to revamp the Tribal Personnel Policy and Procedures (Blue Book). The LOC have coordinated the re-drafting of the Blue Book for public hearing comments, ideas, criticisms

and concerns. All draft documents relative to replacing the Blue Book, including a transition plan, shall be forwarded to a special General Tribal Council meeting for consideration. The public hearing process was established to provide time for elected officials to listen to the public's concerns and comments regarding any draft legislation. Six (6) public hearings were held on the Labor Code. The LOC received 614 comments from 93 individuals. All comments received have been compiled into a document that has been made available to the LOC and O.B.C. for review and consideration. For example, section 91.4-1 (Indian Preference) and 91.6-2. (Holidays) were overwhelmingly NOT supported. The comments we received during the public hearing process will be used to re-draft these sections. A draft which includes all comments is available to the public at

The Labor Code core team consists of the Gaming General Manager, General Manager, Chief of Staff, Chief Financial Officer, Law Office, HR Manager, LRO Office, Councilwoman King and myself. We have recommended that LOC forward the draft Labor Code, which includes the draft Personnel Management Chapter and draft Rule Making Authority, to the Management Steering Team (MST) so that Project Teams can provide recommendations. Project Teams include Management, Non-Management Personnel, and members of boards, commit-



**Councilman  
Brian Doxtator**

tees and commissions. The Project Team shall be responsible for recommended revisions to the draft Personnel Management Chapter and Rule Making Authority.

Lastly, the LOC and the OBC appreciate the more than 600 comments we had received. We also extend sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in the public hearing process. Your input will assist the Oneida Tribe in drafting a Labor Code that provides legal and professional guidance for Oneida Employees while maintaining the importance of family.

Yawa'ko Ki Wah

I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Oneida Nation for the past three years. This is truly a humbling experience and I have learned more than I had ever imagined. Please vote on Saturday, July 16, 2005. The Sovereignty of the Oneida Nation must be protected and your elected officials must always be mindful of the needs of Oneida people, no matter where you live.

Lastly, please join me on Election Day at 112 Riverdale Dr/Oneida WI., for corn soup and strawberry shortcake.

Wah i'lu ne'n  
Yawat'ko'kiwa ne'n  
Akweku Ukwehuko.

(I say thank you to all of the People)

Teylueayate (He's Always on the Go/He's Always Doing Something)

Brian A. Doxtator  
Councilman - Oneida Tribe.

## Editorial cartoon



# Community Meeting

## FY2006

### Budget Review Presentation

### July 19, 2005 – 6 P.M.

### Business Committee Conference

### Room, NHC and

### July 20, 2005 6 P.M.

### SEOTS Office

### 2778 South 35th, Milwaukee, WI

## From Page 4/Oneida wants to put land into trust, Hobart could lose millions of dollars

cousin in jail when the other cousin is causing the trouble."

But he does support the concept of local service agreements.

State Rep. Thomas Nelson, D-Kaukauna, meanwhile, proposed an amendment to the state budget that would have diverted funds from a building project in Milwaukee to reimburse local governments for funds lost through tribal trust.

"I think it's fair to bring

back the dollars to the local communities," he said. "I think some of the money should come back."

"Our message to the state would be to make it a little more fair," Helfenberger agreed. "Bring back more of the gaming revenue where it was raised."

Village officials also realize they can't rely on state dollars or service agreements to survive.

"As elected officials, I think the whole land-into-

trust thing reinforces the fact we need to constantly consider the merits of commercial and residential development to create a future tax base for us," Heidel said.

To that end, the Village Board contemplated two proposed tax-increment finance district plans in April that could have built a base of \$10 million to \$100 million, according to local developer Thomas Juza. While the plans failed, Heidel thinks they pointed the village in the right

direction.

"Although we don't have a TIF, we educated ourselves about TIFs," he said. "Secondly, we've sensitized the village to the need for growth and central development. I think we are in a position to go forward with a TIF. If you create \$10 million in development, it offsets the \$13 million or more the tribe is taking."

He remains confident a developer will come forward with new plans to develop

near Wisconsin 29, where the TIF was proposed. In the meantime, the village will continue talks with the tribe.

"We're always in negotiations with the tribe," Heidel said. "I think the whole interest of a sovereignty inside a sovereignty is still a work in progress."

Artman said the village shouldn't worry that the tribe wants to take over the village.

"The fear of us is akin to the fear of Brown County or Outagamie County taking

land," he said. "There's an awful lot of land in the area we can't buy — there's several golf courses and lot of individual homes. We can't kick anyone out of their homes."

"The truth is they're our neighbors and we want to have good relations. We've tried to open up communications. Communication is the only way we'll be able to achieve harmony. Unless the myths and paranoia are brought up, we can't discuss them."



July 7, 2005

# Lifestyles

Section Two

## Lil' Miss crowned at Oneida Pow-wow

*Olivia Webster is latest royalty crowned in Oneida*  
By Ed Williams

Special to the Kalihwisaks

Olivia Ashley Webster was chosen as this year's Little Miss Oneida on the opening

evening of the Annual Oneida Nation Powwow.

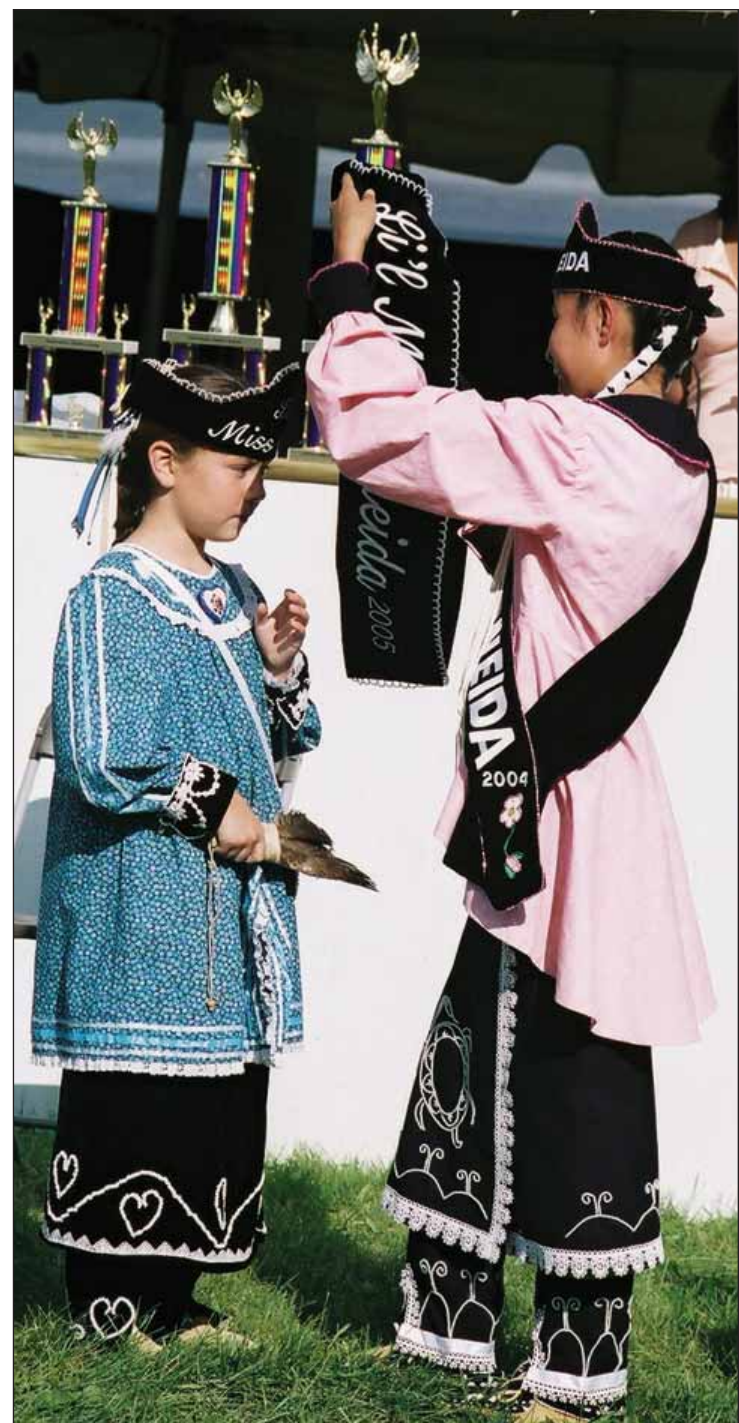
Webster was chosen out of three candidates, KeVonna Neal, 8 and Paige Elizabeth Ninham, 10 were the runner-ups. Neal and Ninham are third and fifth grade students, respectively, at the Oneida Nation Turtle School.

After addressing the crowd with their talents, all three stood together anticipating the judges' decision. After Webster was named and crowned by the outgoing Little Miss, Cassandra Powless, the two runner-ups promptly congratulated her.

Webster is nine-years-old

and the daughter of Don and Jennifer Webster and is a fourth grader at Pulaski Hillcrest Elementary School.

Paige Ninham is the daughter of Theodore Ninham and Lisa Martinez. Chastity Ninham is the proud parent of KeVonna Neal.



Photos courtesy of Ed Williams



Above right, Cassandra Powless, Lil' Miss 2004, prepares to place a banner on Olivia Ashley Webster, the newly crowned 2005 Lil' Miss Oneida. At right, the 9 yr. old reigning Lil' Miss displays the numerous gifts she received for her efforts.

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- WIC/Nutrition office



Scholarship Available

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The Jeanette Elmer Scholarship was to financially assist American Indian students from Wisconsin, New Mexico or Arizona tribes pursuing post secondary education.

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  - Must currently maintain a 2.5 minimum cumulative grade point average
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- Required Documents:**
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  - Complete Statement of Educational Goals
  - Provide copy of tribal enrollment card or tribal certification
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  - Academic Transcript
  - Proof of full time enrollment

FAX complete documents to (715) 799-5102 or mail to:

**Virginia Nuske, Chair  
WIEA Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 910 Keshena, WI 54135 or call 715-799-5110**

There are fourteen (14) scholarships available for Wisconsin students.

**Deadline is August 1, 2005.**

Opportunity Knocks

Opportunity Knocks is an on-campus multi cultural student campus visit day serving approximately 150 multi cultural high school juniors and seniors from High schools and pre-college preparatory programs. Opportunity Knocks is an interactive day-long adventure filled with valuable college prep information sessions, student-to-student discussions, campus tour, entertainment, games and a keynote speaker. Guests are divided into small groups and each group rotates through each of the information sessions.

**The date for Opportunity Knocks is October 20, 2005.**

For more information please contact **Ronald Morris at 920-465-2111 or MORRISR@UWGB.EDU**

Microsoft Word and Excel classes offered

The College of Menominee Nation (CMN), Education/ Outreach/Extension department will be offering MS Word and Excel classes in **August 2005**. The overall goal of the workshop is to increase the knowledge and ability to utilize computers and work efficiently with MS Word and Excel.

The cost for each class is \$45.00 and space is limited.

An informational flyer can be viewed on the Community Calendar:

[www.menominee.edu/communitycalendar](http://www.menominee.edu/communitycalendar)

If you would like to attend either Word or Excel, **call the E/O/E department at 799-6226 ext. 3097.**

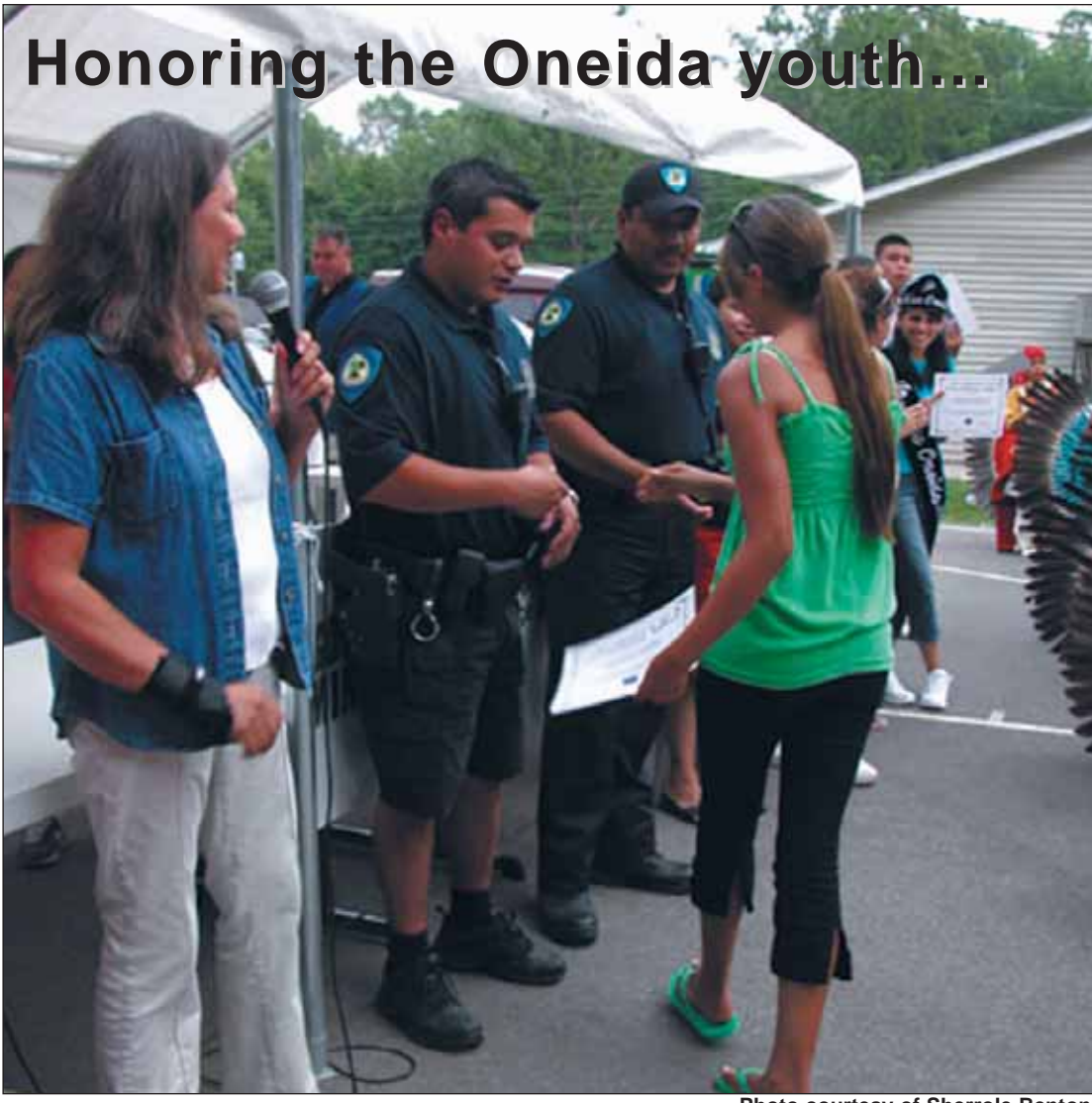


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Many youth in the Oneida community were recognized at the "Honoring the Youth," awards, June 28, 2005, hosted by the Oneida Housing Authority in Community Site II on the reservation. The four groups of youth honored are: OHA's Outfit Makers, Oneida Nation Arts Program's Creative Teens, Oneida Nation's Pow-wow Royalty, Oneida Nation's On'yote?a.ka Youth Group. In all, 52 youth received recognition awards at the honoring event. The honoring event was sponsored by the C.A.P.P.S. program and the Oneida Housing Authority.

American Indian students attend precollege at Harvard

**By Michael Kunzelman**  
Associated Press Writer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) – Few of Leroy Swamp's friends on a Mohawk Indian reservation in upstate New York are thinking about college as they enter their senior year of high school.

Swamp, however, isn't content to become an ironworker like his father and grandfather. He wants to follow the example set by his mother, who just graduated from nearby St. Lawrence University with a master's degree in education.

“Ironworking is pretty high paying, but it's unskilled. I want to make a better life for me,” said the 16-year-old, who lives on the Akwesasne reservation in Hogansburg, N.Y.

Swamp's college search began in earnest this week at Harvard University, where 59 American Indian students from 40 different tribal nations have gathered for a five-day crash course in the college admissions process.

The College Horizons summer program, founded in 1998, is designed to chip away at some of the cultural, financial and educational barriers that keep many

American Indian students from applying to college.

“Most people see Indians as wearing headdresses and dancing around,” said Desiree Deschenie, 16, of Farmington, N.M. “I want to go somewhere where there is a ton of diversity.”

American Indians and Alaska Natives account for roughly 1 percent of the United States population, but they represent well under 1 percent of the nation's college undergraduates, said Carmen Lopez, executive director of the Harvard University Native American Program.

“We're doing OK, but we need to do better,” Lopez said.

American Indians also drop out at higher rates than other students. While nearly half of all students entering college will earn a degree within five years, only about 4 percent of the American Indians who enter college end up graduating with a bachelor's degree, studies show.

At Harvard, college counselors and admissions officials from Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, Yale and 18 other schools helped students polish their applications, explore their financial aid options and whittle down the list of colleges.

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# Health

## Avoid eating out...

Choose healthy food choices even when on the run. Fast food is too often an easy breakfast, lunch or dinner for many Americans. On average Americans eat out four times a week or 200 meals per year. Consistent fast food consumption is proven to lead to many chronic diseases such as heart disease and obesity. Even though the convenience of the fast food industry is tempting, choose the healthiest option when dining out. Many fast food restaurants are offering healthier menu items so do not feel you can't eat fast food. If you do have a craving eat your favorite meal but don't make it routine, have it be a reward for an accomplishment.

Be careful when choosing your meal. Order single burgers without cheese and mayo. Lose the breading on fish and chicken. Steer clear from deep fried! Choose lean sandwich meats like turkey or chicken breast and add fresh vegetable toppings. Instead of french fries try a baked potato topped with 1/4 cup cottage cheese or one to two tablespoons of Parmesan.

**Prioritize** your hectic life and make a list of the chores you

need to accomplish. Put the highest priorities on the top of the list and be sure to complete them first. Make health foods a priority at the top of your list.

**Don't starve** yourself keep some healthy snacks (carrots, peanuts, popcorn, pretzels) near so you are not buying half the menu at the restaurant.

**Save Money** Eating at home is less expensive than eating out. By buying your groceries and preparing your own meals you'll know what your food is made with.

**Choose low fat** options, ask for nutritional facts from the restaurant and find your favorite low-fat foods. At the grocery store look for the American Heart Association labels and claims such as "low cholesterol" and "fat free" these labels can only be used if the food meets regulatory standards set by the government.

**Beverages** can be tricky, some specialty coffees can contain as many calories as an entire meal! Choose diet, low or non fat milk, fruit juice or water.

**For dessert** try low or nonfat frozen yogurt, or fruit ice.

**Clean Plate Club?** Forget it! Break the habit. Avoid overeating by splitting your meal in half when it arrives. Instead of wasting the other half take it home for dinner or lunch the next day. Remember bigger is not always better. Many meals served at restaurants are almost always two to three times larger than a recommended serving.

**Schedule.** eat your meals and snacks around the same time each day.

**Supersize?** Of course not!!! **Snack** on trail mix. You can make your own healthy snack with peanuts, almonds, cereal, raisins, and pretzels!

Hectic lifestyles can account for poor food choices. Many people feel busy at work and come home to a list of never ending chores. Menu planning and food choices can be difficult but don't get discouraged. The Oneida Community Health Center and the Diabetic Clinic have many programs to get you started. You can also search the websites provided below for more information.

To contact the Oneida Community Health Center call (920) 869-2711

## Secondary success

Environmental Health and Safety

June 28, 2005

The Oneida Police Department joined forces with the national Click It or Ticket May 2005 Seat Belt Mobilization. The goal of the effort was to boost the Oneida Community's 54% safety belt usage rate and reduce fatalities. In the two weeks leading up to the week of May 23-28, 2005, officers checked passenger vehicle drivers and their occupants, and issued warnings to those who were not buckled-up.

OPD took the lead in the local mobilization efforts and enjoyed three days of northeastern Wisconsin television news coverage. Sgt Mark Stanchik conveyed to newscasters that he had witnessed the severe injury and death that often results from not wearing a safety belt.

He stated, "OPD would show zero tolerance for anyone not buckled-up" and encouraged everyone to spend three seconds to buckle-up for their life and the lives of their families. In his May 24 press conference, Chief Rick Cornelius discussed the growing problem of underage drinking and how the intervention can help our teens make the right choices. Five area municipalities announced their partnership with OPD to combat underage drinking in the Oneida Community.

The week of May 23-28, 2005, officers aggressively ticketed unbelted drivers and passengers, and rewarded those who obeyed the law. Citizens were cited for prima-

ry violations and those who failed to properly wear their safety belt were issued a citation that carries a \$10 forfeiture. When compliance with the seatbelt law was observed, \$5.00 Gas Cards were distributed to drivers.

During that time period, 222 people were observed for seatbelt compliance. Approximately 86% or 191 people were wearing their seatbelt while 14% or 33 were not. More than 70 Oneida One-Stop Convenience Station Gas Cards were distributed among those who were observed wearing their safety belt.

The O-Town Youth Group also participated. A handful of conscientious youths involved in 'Project Road Warrior', volunteered two day's time to distribute highway safety material to the community. On May 19 and May 23, patrons of the Oneida One-Stop received give-away items such as; Clan Saver Stickers, Buckle-Up Window Clings, "The Tribe Needs You" Pens, Seat Belt Sign Buttons, and WI Child Passenger Protection fact sheets.

The youths extended their high-spirited outreach to school peers. Distribution materials included BAC Wheels, Over the Limit Wheels, and brochures and fact sheets on Underage Alcohol, WI Drunk Driving Laws, and Aggressive Driving.

An eventful week – on May 25, the nationally recognized medical investigator from Gallup, New Mexico, Richard

Malone was a special guest. When Richard addressed the Oneida Turtle Elementary School and the Oneida Nation High School, the students showed exemplary behavior. That evening, Richard was a special guest at the CAPPS (Community Analysis Planning Process) dinner/community meeting hosted by OPD.

This event was attended by 119 community members. Tribal/non-tribal, adult/child/youth, parent/grandparent, and professionals/non-professionals witnessed Richard's compassion for saving lives. Post survey results indicated that his audience valued his facts on "Choosing to Live". Of the 62 surveys completed, results indicated that approximately 85% or 53 individuals rated the topic as very important and his presentation was voted as 'excellent' by 72% or 45 people.

**New Friends in Oneida, WI**  
*Richard Malone with & Larry*

On June 28, the Oneida Safe Community Coalition, in a collaborative effort with the Oneida Police Department, presented certificates in 'Recognition of Outstanding Effort' to seven shining 'Project Road Warrior' volunteers for their unique service. Their highly visible service enforced seatbelt use in the Oneida Community and supported OPD in their goals of Click-It or Ticket 2005 Campaign.

## Re-Elect Rochelle A. Powless ONEIDA Gaming Commission on July 16, 2005



### What does an Oneida Gaming Commissioner do?

The Oneida Gaming Commission serves as the first point of contact with the Oneida Tribe for Gaming Regulation for tribal, state, and federal gaming regulatory agencies. The Oneida Gaming Commission provides the highest ethical requirements for gaming regulation.

### Due Process for Employees

Is provided by the OGC Licensing Policies and Procedures and the OGC Hearing Procedures. The integrity of the Oneida Gaming Commission relies on its policies and procedures for due process.

### Experience...

Includes eleven (11) years with the Oneida Gaming Commission. I maintain a highly ethical responsibility keeping confidential information to myself. That is paramount to maintaining the integrity of the Oneida Gaming Commission.

### Education...

- 1991-1993 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Business Administration, Graduate Candidate
- 1991-1992 Office of Indian Education Fellow
- 1989 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Bachelor of Arts Degree, Graphics Major, Communications Minor

*I look forward to serving the Oneida People again!*

The election is on **Saturday, July 16, 2005, Oneida Health Center, off of Highway 172, 7:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

*Authorized and paid for by Rochelle A. Powless*

GOOD MIND ...

"a C.A.P.P.S. approach to address underage drinking"

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## CAPPS program tackles underage drinking

Often when acronyms are used, it becomes an alphabet soup of the unknown. It is even more frustrating when those acronyms are spelled out and it still doesn't make sense.

C.A.P.P.S. Community Analysis Process for Planning Strategies. A clever acronym made from every day words that when put together leaves the reader thinking, "What does that mean?"

C.A.P.P.S. Community Analysis Process for Planning Strategies. A clever acronym made from every day words that when put together leaves the reader thinking, "What does that mean?" C.A.P.P.S. is a process or an approach or a method or a way to do something. It is about working together - leaders, businesses, organizations, departments, community members - everyone getting together, determining what can be improved in the community and each person contributing to that improvement. A community could use CAPPS approach to address the economy, environment, health, education, cultural or other community issues.

CAPPS isn't about under-

age drinking - but Good Mind...Great Future is about problems with underage drinking. It is about the fact that underage drinking remains prevalent in our society, both Native and Non Native. It is that many adults drank when they were underage and still think of it as a part of growing up, thus sending mixed signals to our youth. It is about the fact that underage drinking leads to many at-risk behaviors, such as teen pregnancy, dropping out of school, car accidents, and a variety of disorderly conducts.

And if you think about it, Good Mind ... Great Future, a CAPPS approach to address underage drinking, is about the fact that as an adult, one rarely looks back and thinks "ya know, it was a real waste of time being on the basketball team...playing an instrument...reading all those books...dancing at the pow wow...learning to sew...going fishing...studying at school." And one never hears, "ya

know, I wished I drank and parted more."

Good Mind...Great Future, a CAPPS approach to address underage drinking, is about getting all departments, all community members, tribal leaders, and our neighbors in surrounding areas to work together, to address the problems and attitude of underage drinking.

Leading this approach is the Social Services department. The SS department wrote and received a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice to work collectively, across areas and departments, to make significant changes in attitude about and the problems of underage drinking.

There are committees, made of up of people from different departments, charged with specific focuses such as advocacy, media awareness, law enforcement, statistics and evaluation, and youth activities.

And, using a C.A.P.P.S.

CAPPS (Community Analysis Process for Planning Strategies) is the national model used to mobilize the community to share resources, ideas, and information surrounding an issue. This project is supported by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Dept. of Justice.



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Culture

# Oneida Peacemaking System

**Dr. Carol Cornelius**  
Area Manager, Cultural Heritage

As a follow-up to the Oneida Peacemaking conference, we have been printed a series of cultural articles. The

first in this series was the "Iroquois Clan System" which is both a peace making and decision making process that has existed among our people since the beginning of time. Part 1 was the Origin of Clans story, followed by part

2, Clans of the Oneida, Part 3, Clan Relationships, and Part 4, Clan Meetings. The final in the series is Part 5, The confederacy and the Great Law. This will conclude the series. We will schedule a discussion session. All of this informa-

tion has been published in a brochure by the Oneida Cultural Heritage Department. To get a copy, please call 496-5395 or e-mail Judith Jourdan at [jjournal@oneidanation.org](mailto:jjournal@oneidanation.org).

# Clans of the Oneida People

**Bob Brown**  
Cultural Advisor

become of one mind. That's where that understanding of consensus comes in. All have to agree. If anyone has any feelings that the issue on the floor is no good, a reason has to be given why they disagree. If the majority is in agreement with a decision and it is passed, they can't come back later saying that they don't agree with it because they didn't give their input. So whatever is passed is passed. Also, if there are people not present at a meeting, whatever is passed, that's it. If they can't make the time to be there for a meeting, then it's not very important to them. No one can come around the back door and say that they don't agree with the majority rule decision. And we'll leave it like that.

**The Great Law**

The Great Law talks about the lives of Hayenwatha and Tekanawita, and the events that lead to its formation. Originally the tribes that made up the League of the Iroquois were like any other

tribes. They each were independent bodies with similar languages and customs, but no political commonality. Often individual tribes waged war against each other. The Mohawks were the first to accept Tekanawita's plan for peace among the tribes. They had suffered much from the warring and readily welcomed the Great Peace, as it is sometimes called. Tekanawita was then joined by Hayenwatha to spread the message of peace beyond the Mohawk villages. Together they proposed the confederation, or family of nations. As each tribe accepted the Great Law they would become a part of the confederation, also known as the League of the Iroquois. They drew on a structure that was already familiar with them, the extended family or clans. It was this clanship-type government that they would apply to the whole confederacy. The next to accept the plan was the Oneida, the People of the Standing Stone. A treaty

was made between the Oneidas and the Mohawks, which laid the foundation of the League of Peace. The Cayugas readily and with great relief accepted the proposal for they had suffered greatly at the hands of the powerful Onondagas. Eventually, and with much persuasion, Tekanawita and Hayenwatha convinced the Senecas and the Onondagas to join the rest in the movement for unity. The date of when the Confederacy of the Five Nations is still unknown except that when the first Europeans met the Iroquois, the confederacy was very old. The history has been handed down orally for hundreds of years. As each person told the story, it changed slightly, so there are many versions. No two accounts agree totally on details or order of events. Fact became mixed with legend. But the exact details are not as important as the significance of what our ancestors had accomplished in establishing unity and purpose in life.

## Program highlights cultures importance in health care

GERING, Neb. (AP) – Better health care for American Indians will come if their providers understand their culture more, speakers said at a conference on cultural awareness training.

For instance, many American Indians in the Panhandle are not asked questions regarding their heritage, said Marji Dickson, who works for Regional West Medical Center and was formerly a supervisor with Health and Human Services.

As an example, she said the culture believes that the first person to hold a newborn may transfer some personality to the baby. Therefore new mothers may want someone from their family to hold the baby rather than a nurse, Dickson said.

Even signing forms may be different for American Indians, she said.

“In Native culture, it is an honor to sign a form,” Dickson said. “Some Native Americans want an elder to review the document first before signing.”

Dickson told the 275 people in attendance, among them doctors and social workers, that they must understand that inherent trust and anger issues may arise with American Indian patients.

“As health care providers, we need to be aware of this when filling out forms,” Dickson said.

The Native American Cultural Awareness Training was held at the Gering Civic Center over several days last week.

Regional West is hoping to serve the American Indian population better by allowing traditional practices to take place alongside modern medicine, if appropriate, Dickson said.

Darlene Iron Rope Grass, a registered nurse at Rosebud Indian Health Service Hospital in South Dakota, said she had been the only American Indian on staff when she worked at Cherry County Hospital in Valentine. Grass said that while she was there she trained many doctors and nurses in the ways of American Indian birthing practices. Now, she said, many women from Rosebud Reservation have their babies at Valentine.

Carol Iron Rope Herrera, Grass' sister, is a family educator for Casey Family Programs at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The woman said symbols hold importance for American Indians, which is why when they go into a hospital they may want traditional symbols, such as a medicine wheel, with them. This is misunderstood in hospitals not used to caring for American Indians, they said.

“By educating professionals, we can dispel the myths, dispel the fear,” Herrera said.

## Maintaining the Sacred: The Future of Native American Languages

**by George Ann Gregory**  
Choctaw/Cherokee

**Sacred**

*Worthy of reverence or respect, venerable; dedicated or devoted exclusively to a single use, purpose, or person.*

**Common**

*General, ordinary; without special designation, status, or rank; of mediocre or inferior quality.*

This shift heralds, I believe a kind of interiorization-the cultural equivalent of contemplating our navels. This represents an inability to reach for and embrace life around us. It coincides with being “stuck” to a certain piece of land, with our identities being defined by others, and with our lives ordered by outside influences seemingly beyond our control.

**The restoration of Native Languages can come only with the restoration of control of our own lives and futures.**

What linguistic sphere? It seems to me that the learning of any Native Language must be in the context of learning the traditions of our own peoples. That's the sphere. I have seen numerous examples of this. Pueblos in the Southwest are one. Ceremonies are conducted in the native Language only. I understand from one of my students, a member of the Seneca-Cayuga tribe, that during their ceremonies even conversations outside of the ceremony must be done in Seneca. Prayers done for opening and closing Aztec ceremonies are done in Nahuatl. Dine ceremonies are conducted in the language of the Dine. While understanding, and speaking Dine is not required for participation, it certainly helps.

Native Languages are not world languages-that is, they are not common.

**Native Languages are sacred, in all senses of the word.**

They are the languages our ancestors used to pray, to tell stories, to speak to their ancestors.

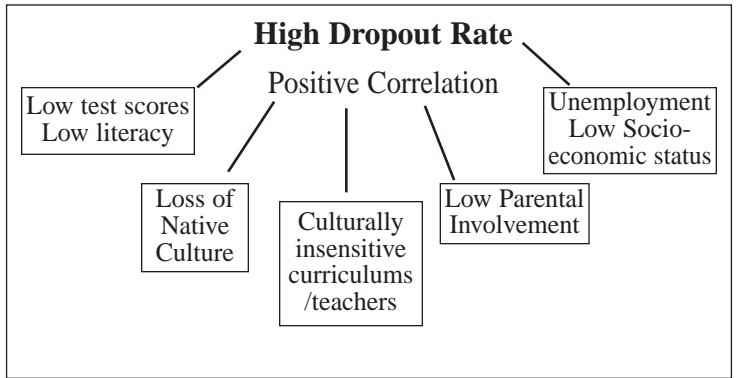
Sacred languages have

their own sphere. They do not belong in schools. Schools are dominated by common languages-English, Spanish, and French. Like the Jews, and the Chinese, we need to open our own “schools,” Saturday schools, schools just to teach our children, our mothers and fathers too, the ways of their own peoples. This grounding in our own traditions and languages allows us to move freely in the world of others.

Revitalization of Native Languages must be accompa-

nied by revitalization of all aspects of our lives. The world out there has a language already. We use that language for that world, but our worlds must be preserved with our own languages.

I recently returned from Mexico, where I danced in a two day ceremony honoring Cuahatemoc, the last Mexica (Aztec) tlatoani, or chief, who was born 500 years ago. I was reminded that all peoples of the Americas are struggling to maintain their languages and cultures.



## Oneida Long House News – July 2005

The strawberries were a little late this year and the Strawberry Thanksgiving Ceremony was held on July 2, 2005.

**Schedule of events:**

July 10, 2005 Turtle Clan Breakfast

July 17, 2005 Wolf Clan Breakfast

July 24, 2005 Bear Clan Breakfast

July 31, 2005 Turtle Clan Breakfast

Wednesday night cultural classes (6:00–8:00) at the Cookhouse with Oakley Arnold

Thursday sewing classes (2:00–6:00) with Linda Nockideneh at the Cookhouse

The Long House is doing fundraising to go to Tonawanda, New York in September to receive the Katsiste or spiritual fire from the Seneca Nation Long House. The Katsiste (fire) are strings of wampum or Oniko.lha, usually four spans in length and in bunches of five to eight strands. The Katsiste is the Faithkeepers' Fire and it's purpose is to strengthen our connection that we are to have with Sukwa a tisu, the Creator. A Faithkeeper from the Wolf Clan and one from the other side of the house are chosen to take care of this fire. The responsibility of these two Faithkeepers is to be available when asked to assist the people when the need arises. In the August issue look for the complete story behind the Katsiste.

Yaw^ko to all of you out there that are buying our raffle tickets, coming to our breakfasts, and allowing us to hold social dances for your events.

## Vote...July 16<sup>th</sup> Patty Ninham Hoeft BC Secretary

**IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE...**

My top priority is to make Oneida tribal government more open, responsive and accountable. That means knocking down the barriers that make it so hard for us to participate in our own political affairs. Good government in Oneida comes when all Oneida people, regardless of where they live, can participate. Why are we having trouble getting a quorum at GTC meetings? The lack of getting a quorum at GTC meetings is NOT because we are satisfied with the decisions by our elected leaders or because we don't care. The problem may be that more and more of us are starting to believe that we won't make a difference if we attend a GTC meeting. I am running to be the Oneida Business Committee Secretary because I want to make a difference. I will work hard to find ways that will help each and every one of us to participate.

**Education and Experience...**

- St. Norbert College, De Pere, 2002, BA in Political Science
- West De Pere High School, 1980
- Appointed in 2003 by Gov. Jim Doyle as a division administrator at the Department of Regulation and Licensing that served more than 40 occupational regulatory boards with more than 300 appointed board members.
- Worked more than 8 years with the Oneida Business Committee as an assistant to Chairman Rick Hill, Vice Chairwoman Loretta V. Metoxen, Vice Chairman Gary Jordan.
- Other work experience included Oneida Gaming Commissioner, Oneida Land Claims Coordinator, St. Norbert College assistant alumni director, Green Bay Press-Gazette reporter.

**Family...**

- Married 16 years to Mike Hoeft with daughters Lauren and Olivia.
- Daughter of Sandra Ninham and Leland Wigg-Ninham.
- Siblings are Tim, Steve, Pamela and Matthew Ninham.
- Grandparents are Betty and the late Leo "Chicken" Duxtator, and the late Rebecca and Nelson Ninham.

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# VOTE...GARY JORDAN

## *for Chairman*

I am asking the General Tribal Council for your vote on July 16, 2005. I have not had the opportunity to serve as your Chairman. If I am elected I promise not to bail out on you after three years in office. I have been committed to this community for 45 years and I am committed and passionate to remaining here for another 45 with your help and support.

There is a movement afoot to dissolve General Tribal Councils oversight and true ability to be actively involved in your government. This is being done through present laws, codes, ordinances, as well as the proposed constitution.

When I am elected Chairman, by your vote, you are telling the bureaucrats that you are in charge and you want, need, and have the constitutional right to know and vote on how your gaming money is being spent to enhance your well-being, as well as your extended families.



### Vote Gary Jordan for Chairman

#### Physical Residency:

Why did our ancestors of 1934 put this in the present constitution?

Because they wanted someone to serve as their leader that knew the community. They wanted someone who is connected and has experienced the same deprivations.

They wanted someone who is proud of our accomplishments through hundreds of years of continued assimilation and termination strategies: I have been a "physical resident" of the Oneida reservation for 45 years.

#### Sovereignty:

Our sovereignty has been under attack since 1492. Sovereignty is the right of an aboriginal people to regulate the activities of it's fellow citizens. Yet, governments must protect the due process rights and "equal opportunity" of all members. Otherwise, the federal government will step in and regulate as they see fit. I agree, we need to establish a court system of competent jurisdiction. One that is free from political influence. This is part of a major governmental function to be sovereign. We must hold sovereignty tight to our hearts. It is being carved away with every new gaming compact or agreement with the non-Oneidas'.

#### Elders:

Presently our elders are being overlooked and under utilized. They must be kept abreast of our decisions. They retain the wisdom, history, and common sense ethics to implement the Tribal philosophy of "equal opportunity" which is afforded to all Oneidas' in our Constitution. We need to have their voices heard in every forum.

#### Children:

Our children are our future and our past. They are the next generation to carry forward the obligations written into treaties set forth by the federal government. Hopefully, parents are providing an environment of reciprocity while raising their children. Our children are the ones who shall be caring for us as we move closer to the creator. Generally, how we treat and care for them is what we will receive in return. Our children deserve better basic needs, food, clothing, and shelter than each of us had as children. I remember as a child, searching for shoes, socks, and clothing from the town of Oneida landfill. Today, our children do not have to do that, we have money from gaming to go to stores.

#### Marriage:

The women that have given birth to your children do not expect to be traded in for the latest greatest model. They have sacrificed their own personal care and attention to ensure your children are well fed, clothed and housed. I understand that relationships are tough and take a lot of patience and work. Oneida Social Services offers a lot of support for the families and children to solidify relationships. "The grass might appear a little greener on the other side of the fence, but it still needs to be maintained." Fathers, take on your responsibilities to your wives and children and be involved. If they don't like the hobbies you have, make some adjustments. That's what life is all about; change!

### Vote Gary Jordan for Chairman

#### Mother Earth:

Recently, I have experienced a pimping of Mother Earth for personal gain. The market for land purchases on the Oneida reservation will be inflating to double or higher than what the market allowed one year ago. Certain people, through employment have allowed the Tribe to be financially spiritually, and ethically compromised. If we have to pay more than double for everything, how long can our budget sustain us? The competing interests don't have to pay double. I do not see private non-Oneida developers paying double the market price for Mother Earth, then doubling the price and getting paid hands down. Culturally, Indians don't pimp or pillage Mother Earth or their own Tribe.

If elected. I promise to bring these deals before the General Tribal Council. The real estate companies in town are laughing at us over some of our latest purchases. If elected I will investigate this questionable purchasing activity and make recommendations to the GTC.

#### Reservation Development First:

What would happen if congress passed a law today to close all Indian Casinos'?

How many of you could go and get a job, over a thousand miles away, on either coast, at one of our Hotel investments? Would you make the same income? Would you be treated as one of the owners? I would bet-not a chance! I am not saying these are bad investments. I am appealing to the notion that we need to provide alternate sources of employment options through economic development to sustain the population of Oneidas that are graduating from high school and college, returning Oneidas', and those that would be out of a job if the casino would dissolve. Presently, we do not have adequate alternate sources of employment-if the casino were to close for what ever reason. Lets get on the ball and think about Oneida and the immediate community first!

#### Health Care:

Presently, our children and elders are scrambling to find new Doctors to look after their physical care. What is going on at the health center? Someone did not have a transition plan in place to ensure a fluid process so the care of our Members would not be interrupted. Representing Oneida, I gave the very first speech to Congress almost 10 years ago to Strom Thurmond's Committee to seek funding for our planned Health Center. At the time, I recognized the critical need for improved health care on the reservation. I was willing to sacrifice my time and other initiatives to get a facility built.

#### Entrepreneurship:

I recognized the need for Oneida Member Businesses in the early 1990s'. I was the first person to rent a conference room out of my own pocket and start the ball rolling.

Meet & Greet Picnic at Pamperin Park  
Sunday, July 10, 2005 from 3 P.M. – 6 P.M.  
Bring a dish to pass


*Authorized and paid for by Gary Jordan*




# Good News

## New Arrivals

If you have a birth announcement, please send it to the Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920) 869-4280 for more information. There is **NO CHARGE** for birth announcements. Please include baby's full (first, middle & last) name, parents (first & last), d.o.b., weight (lbs. & oz.), length, grandparents (maternal/paternal), siblings (names only). Also, if the baby was given an Indian name, please include the correct spelling and meaning. Please include phone number where you can be reached during the day!

 Arianne Lynn-Jolie Humphries

Arianne Lynn-Jolie Humphries, daughter to Brittany "Britta" Cornelius and Michael Humphries, was born on November 18, 2004 in Michigan. She weighed 7lbs and 15 oz. Maternal Grandmother is Lynn Cornelius. Maternal Great-Grandmother is June Cornelius. Paternal Grandmother is Kim Humphries. She is affectionately called, "Fat Baby" by her maternal Auntie.

 Skylar Shining Star Stevens

Skylar Shining Star Stevens Nechipor was born to Kim Marie Stevens and Paul Nechipor on May 27, 2005 at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago IL. Paternal Grandparents are Peter and Gloria Nechipor of Chicago, Both deceased. Maternal grandparents are Herb and Bea Daniels of Crandon, WI. Maternal great-grandparents are Clarence "Buck" and Geraldine "Geri" Stevens of Oneida, both deceased. Skylar has two sisters Sha'knei and Haley, and one brother Kohlton, all of Chicago, at home.

 Summer & Seneth Powless! Congratulations

Summer National Deans List!



Love from...Mom, Chaske and Jan

*Congratulations*

Margaret Rose Stevens

On your recent graduation from United Tribes Technical College with an Associates Degree in Tribal Management & Wishing you a very Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday!



We Love You and are Very Proud of You!

Mom, Dad, Brandon & TeAta, Ernie III, & Stephanie, Maria, Lois, Nyah, Pittyrose, Ernie IV, and little MarjaRia & Denver and Anthony!

*Happy Birthday*

Ernie Big Cat Stevens, Jr. on July 5<sup>th</sup>



Love...Cher and the gang!

*Happy Birthday*

Jarrette Sloe



Love from...Mom, Chaske, Summer & Seneth Powless

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is...**Monday**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 @ 4:30**

with a **PUBLISH**

**DATE** of...

**Monday**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Questions, please call: **920-869-4280 or 869-4279**

*Congratulations*

Graduate of 2005 Hilo High School, Hawaii Sterling J. Webster



Parents: Rudy Webster and Diane Moore

*Happy Birthday*

Best Wishes & Happy Birthday Chaske Primeau!



Love from...Mom, Summer, Jan and Seneth Powless

*Happy 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday*

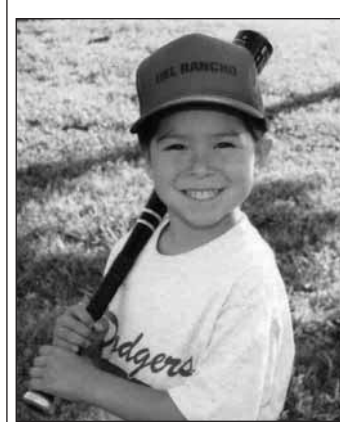
Emma White on June 29<sup>th</sup>



From Sid, Elise, Grandma Sandi and Jim, Fawn and Deja, and Nana and "Old Grandpa"

*Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Gavin White on June 29<sup>th</sup>



From Dad, Mom, Elise, Grandma Sandi and Jim, Fawn and Deja and Nana and "Old Grandpa"

ELECT...

## RON "TEHASSI" HILL, JR. ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

*Sakoli,*

I would like to introduce myself to the people who don't know me. My name is Ron Hill Jr., better known as, Tehassi. I was born and raised here, on our Oneida Nation Reservation. My parents are Vickie Cornelius and Ron Hill. I have four younger brothers.

My partner Michelle and I have been together for nearly ten years. Together we have two boys ages 7 and 3, that we are very proud of. My 7 year old attends the Oneida Nation Elementary School. I attended Oneida Tribal schools beginning with the head start program through high school, graduating in 1999. I started my own small business – a painting company – in the fall of 2000. I have worked all over the state but, primarily in the Green Bay area.

**If elected to the Oneida BC, there are four main issues I will strive toward:**

- 1) Educating our members and our government on sovereignty and treaties
- 2) Creating an Oneida Nation Court System.
- 3) Developing a Diverse Economy, and
- 4) Creating opportunities to support and nurture our youth.

**Our Oneida Nation is a Sovereign Nation.** We are not always treated like one and we don't always assert our rights as a Sovereign Nation. Sovereign is defined as one that is:

- 1) Independent of all others; 2) Above all others; chief; supreme; and 3) Supreme in power and rank.

Sovereignty is a supreme and independent political authority. Does our Oneida Nation assert their sovereign status? I don't think so and, perhaps, it is time to start.

A treaty is a contract between sovereign nations. The U.S. and Great Britain established treaties with our Oneida Nation and, in doing so, recognized our Sovereignty. There are a great number of rights that come along with sovereignty. The only rights our Nation gave up are the ones distinctly stated in our Treaties with the U.S. All we gave up was land and the right to prosecute U.S. citizens on criminal offenses they committed on our citizens in their boundaries. There is a lot of interesting information regarding our Nation in those six federally recognized treaties. I encourage everyone to read them. They are available at the Oneida Library.

There also are guarantees that we are supposed to receive from the Federal Government. Some of these include: the Federal Government will protect us, aid us in our education and in our welfare, and offer perpetual friendship. It is also stated that our Nation's Reservation boundaries are our and the United States boundaries. The United States government and state governments will never claim this land as theirs or interfere with our Nation, its people, or our Indian friends living among us. I think it is past the time to hold the United States and state governments accountable to these "Contracts."

**Our Nation needs to have its own sovereign judiciary process.** All Nations, no matter how big or small, have their own court systems. We are the only tribe in the state without a tribal court. There is a judiciary in the works, but it needs planning and support. Rather than shooting it down again, we need to examine it closely and work to remedy any problems. The more people that work on it the better it will serve our people and our Nation. We need to incorporate our sovereignty into the process, so the people in our Nation can be protected from outside influences that have no jurisdiction in our Nation.

**Economic Development is another major issue facing our people.** Our Tribal members, and the community could benefit greatly if the Tribe established a tribal wide distribution center with a grocery store. That way the tribe could purchase all the food, office material (paper products), cleaning supplies, and what ever else tribal departments use at bulk prices. Products at the store could be sold at reasonable prices to the community. Include a butcher shop and bakery. The butcher shop could certify beef from our Oneida Nation Farm for processing to sell at the store. Jobs will be created with a grocery store and distribution center in our community. We would be training and hiring tribal people to manage and operate the store and distribution center. This would include: cashiers, shelf stockers, loading, unloading, processing orders, delivering orders, and management. There is more than just a casino for our people to benefit from. We need more Oneida member owned small businesses on our reservation to offer more services to our community to create jobs and to keep the money circulating here as long as possible.

**The youth are our future.** We need to encourage our youth to grow as respectful people and responsible members of the Oneida Nation. But how can we expect them to grow when we offer them so little. We all need to do more as individuals, to lead by example, to communicate, interact with each other, respect all opinions, and respect each other.

Our youth need structure in our families and in community. One way to create structure is through employment. Such opportunities provide structure, responsibility, and give them something constructive to do with their time. Our youth don't want everything handed to them on a silver platter. But, if they have to work for something, they get two rewards. One – the accomplishment and two – the self confidence needed to lead a happy life.

Identity also is a major influence on how our youth behave. If our youth don't know our history as Oneida people, they won't know how to move forward as Oneida people. That also makes it hard for our Nation to regain its former strength as a sovereign nation. Our youth need to know who we were, who we are now, and how we got here physically and philosophically. If we don't know our past how can we learn from it and not make the same mistakes?

We also need to show our youth the love and compassion they deserve. It is time to break the chain of alcoholism and violence in our families. The chain won't break itself, we as individuals need to make the choice to do it. Our youth need the support of their families. Negative reinforcement alone does not work. We need to tell our youth "Good job," "I'm proud of you," "Congratulations," give them hugs when they accomplish a task or get good grades in school. A negative and a negative don't make a positive person. Encourage our youth; its a better start to a new beginning! In turn, they will respect their families and elders.

***I want to thank you for the time you took to read my thoughts and feelings. If elected to the B.C. I will always work hard with my fellow B.C. members and community members to rebuild a Stronger Community and Nation.***

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QUALIFICATIONS

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- Legislative Analyst for Oneida Tribe: 3 years
- Teacher: 17 years
- Education and Job Training: 4 years

**EDUCATION:**

- Master of Arts Degree in Political Science and Public Policy
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education

**MILITARY:**

- U.S. Army Vietnam Era Veteran

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

- Oneida Land Commission
- Constitutional Review Committee
- Oneida School Board

ISSUES

GAMING RESOURCES

As Oneidas, we are equal owners of a very profitable gaming operation. To date, profits from OUR gaming operations have significantly improved the quality of life for many of our people by providing employment opportunities, educational & health services, homes and cash payments. But the work is not done. We must strive to ensure that the benefits derived from our gaming industry:

- Put more of OUR people to work.
- Provide more comprehensive health services.
- Provide more homes for Tribal families and Tribal elders to live in.
- Provide opportunities to help Oneidas establish and expand small businesses.
- And if additional resources become available, provide higher cash dividends to the membership.

LAND CLAIMS

Knowing that New York State legislation regarding settlement of the New York Land Claims legislation has been delayed until their next legislative session, I remain whole heartedly supportive of General Tribal Council’s decision to settle the New York Land Claims by accepting a tentative agreement calling for 1,000 acres in New York and the right to build and operate an anticipated extremely profitable casino in the Catskills of New York. If elected, I’ll work hard to make General Tribal Council’s decision a success.

PROFITS FROM A NEW YORK CASINO

According to Oneida Tribal leadership, New York casino profits are anticipated to be more than \$100 million annually. *As Tribal members, all of us have an enormous economic interest on how those anticipated profits will be allocated to the membership. The next Business Committee will play a vital role in determining how much of those profits from a New York Casino will go*

*directly to the Tribal membership in the form of cash dividends.* To those Oneida voters who feel a high percentage of anticipated profits coming out of New York should be allocated directly to the membership, I suggest you express your wishes to the candidates running for Oneida Business Committee and Trust Committee positions, because a majority of the current members of those committees are preparing a plan which would grant Tribal members only about 12% of any N.Y. casino profits.

If elected, I’ll promote distributing at least 51% of those profits directly to the Tribal membership. With the remaining 49 %, I’ll work to establish an educational endowment, the creation of additional employment and small business development opportunities for Oneidas, as well as more comprehensive health services and educational benefits for Tribal membership.

INDIAN PREFERENCE

Providing jobs for Oneidas is supposed to be a Tribal priority. In 1995, nearly 7 of 10 employees for the Tribe were Oneida. Today, less than half of the Tribe’s employees are Oneida and that number may be getting lower.

The current Business Committee, *except for Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Secretary Julie Barton and Councilman Vince DeLaRosa*, is now proposing to change the law to give non-Indians more of an advantage in the hiring and promotion process.

I do **not** support the Committee’s proposal and will **never** support diminishing Oneida’s Indian Preference hiring and promotion policies here on our own Reservation.

VENTURE FUND

As General Tribal Council, we annually budget approximately \$7 million to the Venture Fund for investing in businesses throughout the country. In May of this year, the GTC was called to review a \$4 million investment. However, at that meeting, GTC was told that important information regarding the investment was confidential. Those Tribal dollars used in the Venture Fund belong to the Oneida Tribe and all of us as Tribal members. If elected, I’ll prepare legislation ensuring our right to know about our investments and the companies and people we invest in.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Tribe is currently \$51 million debt. Most of that debt is the result of poor business investments. If elected, I’ll promote more diligence when investing YOUR money.

VETERANS WAR MEMORIAL

Oneida recently honored six Oneida veterans. Their stories are stories of heroism as are the stories of all veterans who have sacrificed themselves for their people. All nations honor those who have sacrificed for their people in the time of war. The time has come for the Oneida Nation to do the same. If elected, I will **not** support any future budgets being submitted to the General Tribal Council unless those budgets include funding for a Veterans War Memorial.

ELDERS AND YOUTH

As an Oneida steadily approaching the retirement age, I face many of the fears that many of us feel as we contemplate the future. Will the Oneida Tribe still consider employing me? How long will I be able to work? What kind of housing will I be able to afford? What quality of health care will be available? Will I be respected? Yet, it seems like only yesterday that my children were younger and I contemplated many of the very same things. If elected, I’ll promote equal employment opportunities for all Oneidas, funding for more housing and

increased services to improve the quality of life for Oneida elders, Oneida families, Oneida children and Oneidas who are single.

HALF FAIR RENTAL POLICY

Traditionally, the right to choose a non-Oneida spouse was accepted and respected by the community. For most Oneidas, that tradition is still intact and our laws should reflect that tradition. Unfortunately, many Oneida home owners are currently penalized for having a non-Oneida spouse by having to pay additional \$400 to \$600 on their annual mortgage payments. That policy is wrong and contrary to our traditions. If elected, I’ll initiate legislation to eliminate the “Half Fair Rental Policy.”

COMMUNICATION

With the modern technology available today, there’s no reason for the Oneida Business Committee to not effectively communicate with Tribal membership. Many Indian tribes with much less resources than Oneida, are able to telecommunicate their meetings to their membership. If elected, I’ll have all Business Committee meetings video recorded and made available at the Tribal libraries and to the Tribal membership, and if not funded by the Committee, I’ll pay for the process of recording those meetings myself. Ideally, live broadcasts of Business Committee meetings should be available on cable or closed circuit T.V. In addition, to improve communication between the Business Committee and the membership, I’ll support the hiring of additional staff for the *Kalihwisaks* to **independently** cover the news of the Oneida Tribe, including every vote on every issue that each member of Oneida Business Committee makes.

SOVEREIGNTY

Today, the sovereignty of Indian tribes is again being threatened. The states continuously strive to exercise more jurisdiction over Indian people and the Federal government and their courts steadily diminish Indian tribal rights as they challenge our capability to govern ourselves.

Tribes need to protect their sovereignty and their people by establishing strong and accountable governments. Fundamental components of strong government are its leadership, its laws, and its courts.

If elected, I’ll provide the knowledgeable and hard working leadership needed to maintain the sovereignty of the Oneida Tribe. I’ll ensure that our laws are strong and fair. And I’ll prepare legislation, for General Tribal Council consideration, establishing Tribal judicial jurisdiction needed to protect our people, our employees, and our sovereignty.

PLEASE VOTE ON

JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

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