



Supreme Court: Oneidas cannot expand tax-exempt holdings outside reservation

By Devlin Barrett

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - An Indian tribe cannot expand its tax-exempt holdings by buying up property that has been outside its reservation for generations, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

In a near-unanimous deci-

sion, eight justices found the New York Oneidas cannot upend 190 years of local development and regulation. The decision reverses a lower appeals court ruling that the property in question could revert to Indian land.

The majority opinion written by Supreme Court Justice

Ruth Bader Ginsberg sided with the small city of Sherrill, N.Y., which has been locked in a long-running fight with the Oneidas over unpaid taxes on a gas station, convenience store, and defunct T-shirt fac

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SC Ruling



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Oneida Nation of Wisconsin tribal officials say the City of Sherrill ruling doesn't overturn the 1985 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Letting go

By Keith Skenandore

Not so long ago I was having a discussion with a relative of mine who asked me what it is that I do for the Oneida Tribe. I told him I was the managing editor of the *Kalihwisaks*. I said, "That's my baby!"

Well, as most parents know, there is a time when one has to let their baby go, whether it be a child moving on to college, moving out of the house, or getting married.

Well, as for my baby, it's also time to let go, however the circumstances are different. The baby, *Kalihwisaks*, will still be here, but it is time for me to move on. My official last day as managing editor is April 1.

Beginning April 11 I will start my new job with the Appleton Post-Crescent. I have accepted the position of assistant metro editor/news bureau chief of the Fox Valley. I look forward to working in the mainstream media and the new challenges a daily publication will bring.

Leaving, or letting go, is never easy. There is always the fear of the unknown that one has to deal with. What I do know is that it has been a pleasure to serve the readers and subscribers of *Kalihwisaks*, and the over 9,000 tribal members who received the paper.

I began working with the Oneida Communications Department in June of 1986. For those of you who may recall, at that time the *Kalihwisaks* was a 8" x 11" booklet of approximately 64 pages.

In 1989 I was handed the task of changing the format to a newspaper. That October Oneida's first official monthly newspaper was printed by Brown County Publishing in tabloid form.

It was time to move on and approximately in 1995 we took our newspaper to the Appleton Post-Crescent. From there we began printing bi-monthly (every other week) and eventually changed our format to it's current broadsheet size.

Whether it was broadsheet or tabloid, the *Kalihwisaks* has won awards in general excellence from the Native American Journalist Assoc. These awards are reflective of the dedicated journalists I had the pleasure of working with from day one. It is because of these dedicated journalists that *Kalihwisaks* will live on.

I thank the readership for their support and hope that same support is given to the staff following my departure. At times this paper comes under attack from some of our readers to that even of the tribal government. That's good. I always felt it was good to get both sides of the story, although at times tribal publications are limited when it comes to freedom of the press.

I won't have to worry about that freedom anymore. The freedom of letting my "baby" go has provided me a new freedom. And for that I am thankful. Yaw'ko!

Kenosha City, county and Menominee Nation sign casino agreement

The Associated Press

KENOSHA, Wis.

Officials from the city, Kenosha County and the Menominee Nation have signed an agreement outlining how the Indian tribe would reimburse the local governments for services and lost tax revenues if land is held in tribal trust for a casino.

The Menominee are seeking to develop an \$808 million casino complex at Dairyland Greyhound Park. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs must first endorse putting the land into tribal trust, and the gover

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Casino Agreement

Red Lake tragedy

Gunman kills nine, himself at Red Lake schools reservation

By Joshua Freed

Associated Press Writer

RED LAKE, Minn. - After Jeff Weise killed his grandfather, he donned the man's police-issue belt and bulletproof vest and drove his marked squad car to his high school, where he began a killing spree that appeared to have been planned in advance, the FBI said on Tuesday.

The teenager killed nine people, wounded seven, and the rampage stopped only when Weise apparently shot himself to death after exchanging gunfire with a police officer. His motive still wasn't clear on Tuesday. But the FBI explained what they knew about Weise's actions:

The killings began on this northern Minnesota Indian reservation at the home of Weise's grandfather, Daryl Lussier, 58, who was shot to death with a .22-caliber gun, according to Michael Tabman, the FBI's special agent in charge for Minneapolis. Also killed was Tabman's companion, Michelle Sigana.

Lussier had worked for decades as a tribal police officer. After he was dead, Weise strapped on his grandfather's police belt, pulled on his bulletproof vest, and drove his marked squad car right up to the door of the high school, Tabman said. He got there around 3 p.m.

Security guard Derrick Brun confronted him at the



AP Photo/Bemidji Pioneer, Molly Miron

Red Lake High School students, from left, Sondra Hegstrom, Marla Hegstrom and Ashley Morrison weep together following a deadly shooting rampage, March 21, 2005, at their school in Red Lake, Minn. Prior to fatally shooting himself, high school student Jeff Weise went on a shooting rampage killing his grandparents at their home, and then seven people at his school on the Red Lake Indian reservation.



AP Photo/Ann Heisenfelt

Chongai'la Morris, left and Alex Roy place ritual tobacco at a makeshift memorial outside the Red Lake Senior High School in Red Lake, Minn., Friday, March 25, 2005. Chase Lussier, one of the five students killed by Jeff Weise, was fourteen-year-old Alex Roy's boyfriend and father to their baby Ayden. Chongai'la claimed that Chase died in his lap after being shot at Red Lake High School on March 21.

Lives intertwine between Native and Black people

Submitted by Sherrole Benton

Oneida Nation Arts Program

When a young African American woman escapes her life, she finds herself on an Indian reservation. After spending a few days with Native people, she makes some surprising changes in her own life. See what all happens in this new stage play, "Reservations," playing

this weekend. "Sandra can't take her life anymore. She gets in the car and drives away from her shallow friends, her thankless job and her lukewarm boyfriend hoping to find a place where she can recreate herself and fill her life with people and activities that bring her happiness. She wan

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"Reservations"



Artist rendering courtesy of the Oneida Nation Arts Program

The play "Reservations" will be performed on April 2 at the Norbert Hill Center Auditorium.

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Local

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tory.

Todd Alhart, a spokesman for Gov. George Pataki said lawyers for the state were reviewing the decision to see how it might impact ongoing efforts to build five Indian-run casinos in the Catskills.

"We're very pleased by the court's decision," said Alhart.

The Oneida Indian Nation suggested the decision could hurt employment among its businesses, particularly the Turning Stone Casino.

"Certainly the nation wishes the court had ruled differently, but the nation will do everything it can to protect the over 4,200 jobs it has created," the tribe said in a statement.

The Oneidas had claimed that because the Sherrill properties were once part of a sweeping 300,000-acre stretch of their land, those properties were no longer taxable by state and local officials after the tribe purchased the properties in 1997.

The Supreme Court disagreed, saying too much time had passed for the Oneidas to now claim tribal sovereignty on individual properties within the city, and that the Oneidas' move would create a "disruptive" patchwork of local and Indian jurisdiction.

The justices also noted the "long-standing, distinctly non-Indian character of the area and its inhabitants," and that most of the Oneidas left the area in the mid-1800's.

"The tribe cannot unilaterally revive its ancient sovereignty, in whole or in part, over the parcels at issue. The Oneidas long ago relinquished the reins of government and cannot regain them through open-market purchases from current titleholders," Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg wrote for the majority.

The federal government sided with the Oneidas, but New York state stood with Sherrill, arguing a victory for the Oneidas would lead to a surge of expanding reservations and jurisdictional headaches.

Justice John Paul Stevens was the lone dissenting vote, arguing the decision "is at war with at least two bedrock principles of Indian law," that only Congress can reduce a tribe's reservation, and that only Congress can change a reservation's tax status.

He also chided fellow jurists for worrying too much about the possible implications of allowing tribes like the Oneidas to expand reservations by re-acquiring historic land.

"The majority's fear of opening a Pandora's box of tribal powers is greatly exaggerated," Stevens wrote.

Ironically, New York's five land claim settlement Tribes convened in Albany to discuss settling the oldest and largest Indian land claims in the country. More than 40 Tribal leaders and representatives

from the Oneida of Wisconsin, Cayuga Nation of New York, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican, and Seneca-Cayuga of Oklahoma assembled to unify their efforts to secure passage of Governor Pataki's Program Bill that would settle land claims within the State.

The Five Tribes also discussed the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the City of Sherrill v. Oneida Indian Nation of New York. Acknowledging the severe damage of the decision on the Oneida Nation of New York, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Chief James W. Ransom stated, "the Court's decision overturns fundamental bedrock principles of Indian law and unfairly subjects the Oneida to bear the brunt of this decision after the Court had earlier found that their lands were wrongly taken from them."

While recognizing the injustice of the Sherrill ruling, Tribal leaders noted it does not overturn or otherwise disturb the Oneida Indian Nation of New York's landmark 1985 Supreme Court ruling.

"In our opinion, and that of the United States Supreme Courts, it does not overturn or otherwise disturb the Oneidas land mark 1985 Supreme Court ruling which recognized the legal basis for upholding the Indian land claims in New York," said Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes. "In fact, the decision confirms the Indian land claims will continue to be litigated in the courts. We will continue to review the ruling and analyze all potential impacts of this ruling."

Ira Sacks, the lawyer who argued on Sherrill's behalf, said the decision "has real consequences across all of upstate New York." He also argued the case could have ramifications for the other 12 states that began as colonies, some of whom struck their own deals with Indian tribes before Congress asserted control over Indian issues.

Officials in nearby Madison County, where the Oneidas have also refused to pay property taxes on recently

Mural mural off the wall: Three Sisters Library and Community Center hosted an art workshop with Oneida artist Scott Hill. The workshop was held during spring break to keep the youth busy and off the streets. The mural will be hung outside on the building and depicts the Three Sisters. The mural will be hung on the wall sometime in early May.

Photos by Phil Wisneski



purchased property, were pleased by the court's decision. John Campanie, a lawyer for the county, said while the ruling revolves around questions of property taxes and local authority, the court's finding that there are limits to Indian sovereignty may have consequences for future disputes over sales tax or casinos.

Charles Curtis, a Wisconsin-based lawyer who filed a brief in the case on behalf of three upstate towns that supported Sherrill, said the decision puts new limits on the negotiating position of Indian tribes in disputes with local, state, and federal governments, and may eventually force more Indian-owned businesses to collect sales tax.

"The opinion seems very sweeping to me," said Curtis.

"It shifts the balance of power significantly, and signals that a tribe cannot act unilaterally. The Oneida are going to have to look to Congress for a good part of any remedy, and state and county government have a right to be heard."

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said the decision released taxpayers from a possible "stranglehold" that would have resulted from the court granting tax immunity.

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ders from Georgia to just south of Canada before her car quits, stranding her at a Native American reservation one-stop convenience store. Exhausted, she decides to rest on the reservation.

.... " said producer/director April Turner, Life As Art Productions.

Turner was inspired to write this while from her previous visits to the Oneida and Menominee reservations. She presented the play, "Chocolate on the Outside," four years, and conducted several artist res-

idency program in the local area since then.

The Oneida Nation Arts Program presents, "Reservations," on Sat. April 2, in the Norbert Hill Auditorium, N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida, WI. Chef Arlie Doxtator will prepare coffee and desserts to be served at 6:30 p.m. General seating in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m., and the play starts at 7:30 p.m.

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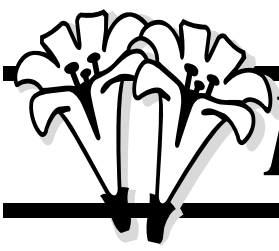
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Local



Passing On

Summers, Lillian S.

Lillian S. Summers, 71, Falls Church, Va., passed away peacefully in Falls Church, Va., on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, following a courageous battle with cancer. The daughter of the late Anderson and Nancy Eunice (Hill) Summers, Sr. was born Oct. 17, 1933, in West De Pere. She graduated from East High School in Green Bay and attended Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kan. In April of 1955, Lil moved to Aberdeen, S.D., and began her federal career with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen Area Office. She stayed in Aberdeen until 1968, when she transferred to the Bureau's Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. She held various positions of increasing importance with the Bureau of Indian Affairs with both the Central Office and the Eastern Area Office, retiring as an Executive Assistant to the Eastern Area Office Director in June of

1989. After a few years of retirement, she joined Avis Rental Car Corporation in Washington, DC and worked there until 2002. She loved to travel, enjoyed golf, bowling, cooking, showing her golden retrievers, driving cars, and hunting pheasants.

Survivors include her brother, Orville Summers; two sisters, Margaret (Gary) Fermanich, Nadine (Milton) Dallas; one sister-in-law, Becky Summers; and a special friend, Janice Bengel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Edith Yealey; three brothers, Anderson Summers, Jr., Edwin Summers, and Roger Summers.

Funeral services were held at the Oneida United Methodist Church, Oneida with the Rev. Im Jung, officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements.

Stevens honored by BC, receives unanimous support for NIGA Chair



Kalihwisaks photo by Yvonne Kaquatosh Vice-Chairwoman Kathy Hughes presented Ernie Stevens Jr. with an award of distinction on behalf of fellow Business Committee Members last week.

Oneida, WI — The Oneida Business Committee honored Ernie Stevens Jr recently for his outstanding leadership and commitment to promote and support national Native issues. Surrounded by his family Stevens accepted the award and in turn presented the Oneida Tribe with the American Indian Tribal Leadership Award he received from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development at their annual summit in Las Vegas.

Chairman Stevens said in accepting the award, "It's a

great honor to receive this award and I want to thank and commend all of you who sit in this circle of energy where I have learned from the very best how to move our initiatives forward to serve our Tribal communities." Stevens then proceeded to honor his father Ernie Stevens Sr. with a Seminole jacket as a tribute to the role model he has provided as a national icon in Indian Country.

Previously the Oneida Business Committee passed a

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Stevens**

Incidents from March 14-27, 2005 OPD Report

All items submitted by the Oneida Police Department.

If anyone has any information on the listed incidents please call Sgt. Marty Antone at 869-2239, ext. 20.

March 14
-Suspicious activity at 6000 Deerpath Dr., Oneida

-Traffic stop at 54 and Redwillow Dr., lead to arrest of Seymour man with warrant, transported to Brown County Jail.

March 15
-Warrant arrest during routine patrol on woman in the township of Oneida. She had 3 warrants through Brown County Sheriff Dept.
-Warrant arrest request on woman in the town of Oneida for harboring minor without parental consent.

March 17
-Rescue call at 850 CTH EE Oneida.

-Threatening phone calls at 7000 Path of The Bear Oneida.

March 18
-Medical call at 2000 Airport Dr., Oneida.

-Disagreement between two female parties at 300 Alpine Dr., Oneida.

March 19
-Burglary of money, boots, and sunglasses at 700 Bow Bells Oneida.

March 20
-Warrant for arrest on Green Bay man at 2500 West Mason.

-Rescue Call at 2000 Airport Dr., Oneida.

-Warrant arrest on town of Oneida woman at CTH E and Florist Dr., Oneida

March 21

-Medical call at 500 Airport Dr., Oneida.

-Rescue call at 2000 Airport Dr., Oneida.

-Suspicious fire alarm and smoke at unoccupied residence at 2900 Standing Stone Dr., Oneida.

-Theft of Money and Money Bags totaling \$1050.00 at 3000 Commissioner St., Oneida.

-Suspicious activity at 6000 DeerPath Dr., Oneida.

March 22
-Harassing letter to town of Oneida woman.

-Town of Oneida man arrested on 2 warrants through GBPD, transported to Brown County jail.

-Threats to a probation officer from Green Bay man. Green Bay.

March 23
-Suspicious activity at 6000 DeerPath Dr., Oneida.

March 24
-Medical call at 4000 CTH E., Oneida.

March 25
-Traffic accident at 172 and CTH GE lead to arrest of Green Bay man with probation violation.

March 26
-Threatening phone call at 1000 Park Dr., Oneida.

March 27
-Town of Oneida woman arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to Outagamie County jail.

Totals for...Animal calls.....8
Accidents.....11
Traffic stops.....77
Warrants.....5

Total of all Police Activity...236

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The Family of Lillian Summers would like to thank everyone who donated food and money during this difficult time. We would especially like to thank the Oneida Methodist Women's Society, the Oneida Singers and Rev. Im Jung for their love and spiritual support. Also, a very special 'Thank You' to Danny Summers.

Sisters & Brother...
Nadine, Maggie & Orvie

To Family and Friends...

It is good to feel so blessed by having been a part of the life of Rafael R. Alicea. Like the Lord teaches, his love was always unconditional and he forgave so readily. His children and I thank the Oneida people for allowing him to feel that this place was home. No one knows the security he felt at having people come and fix our house, fix the water system, plow our field so we could plant a garden, deliver our meals, and the countless other ways that gave him strength and purpose in his life.

What can we say, but bless each and every one who said a prayer, wrote a card, gave us the gift of money, cooked for the family, and came to visit us when we needed a loving touch. A special thank you to the members of the Oneida Apostolic Church who took care of setting up the meal and clean up after the wake and the ladies of the Oneida Methodist Church for their hard work in setting up the meal and clean up after the funeral service. We are so grateful. A special thank you to the Oneida Singers for being a part of the wake service. Rafael always enjoyed listening to you sing. A special thank you to the staff of Ryan Funeral Home who helped us every step of the way in preparing for the wake and the funeral. We knew Rafael was lovingly taken care of in your hands.

We will always be so grateful to our Seymour friends and neighbors and the Oneida people who still believe in taking someone in and making them their own. May God richly bless each and every one of you for your kindness.

Harriet Alicea & Family

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Red Lake Ripple Effect

Signs of security

By Keith Skenandore

Kalihwisaks

Prior to the doors opening at the Oneida Nation Elementary School in 1995 a safety committee needed to be instituted according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Safety procedures for natural disasters and violence were developed. Just how safe are the students and faculty under the current safety plan?

This same question is being asked in light of the recent tragedy at Red Lake High School where seven people were shot to death by a student, and 14 others wounded. The student, 17-year-old Jeff Weise, also killed his grandfather and his grandfather's wife, prior to his rampage at the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Weise would later take his own life after exchanging fire with police officers at the high school.

"I wanted to analyze what could have prevented it from happening," thought Sherrie Mousseau, Oneida Nation School administrator, after hearing of the tragedy at Red Lake.

Prevention is what the Oneida School System's safety committee is all about. An intruder policy was created in early 2000 and the first intruder drill took place at the elementary school in April 4, 2000.

"It's been in effect since Columbine," said Jack Mehojah, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officer and interim Liaison officer. That tragedy at Columbine High School in Colorado resulted in 12 students and a teacher being killed and 23 wounded. The two gunmen at that April 20, 1999 shooting also killed themselves.

Mehojah said the

Procedures Office at the school goes through a lockdown process and that the teachers know the places to go to keep the students safe.

"The students are to be quiet as possible," he said, "and no one is to open any doors for anyone."

Officers of the Oneida Police Department (OPD) have keys for the school, so Mehojah said the students and teachers are to wait until the doors are unlocked by an officer.

"It could take up to 2 to 3 hours," he said.

Mousseau said the procedure is all about safety and how the staff can keep "themselves and the kids safe."

According to Mousseau, all the entrance doors of the school are locked, except for the main entrance, which is under the watchful eye of a security guard. A security guard is also at the Oneida High School entrance as well. The entrances are not secured by metal detectors.

Both security guards are not armed, as were both at Red Lake. One security guard was killed by Weise.

Mousseau is hopeful the draft position of a new liaison officer will be approved by the Oneida Police Commission. She said the liaison officer would carry a gun.

Debbie Reiter-Mehojah, wife of DARE and Interim Liaison Officer Mehojah, is co-coordinator of the school system's safety committee. Prior to the Columbine incident she said the committee was very active and met on a monthly basis.

"We developed the procedures that we needed to have developed," said Reiter-Mehojah.

Now meeting on a quarter-

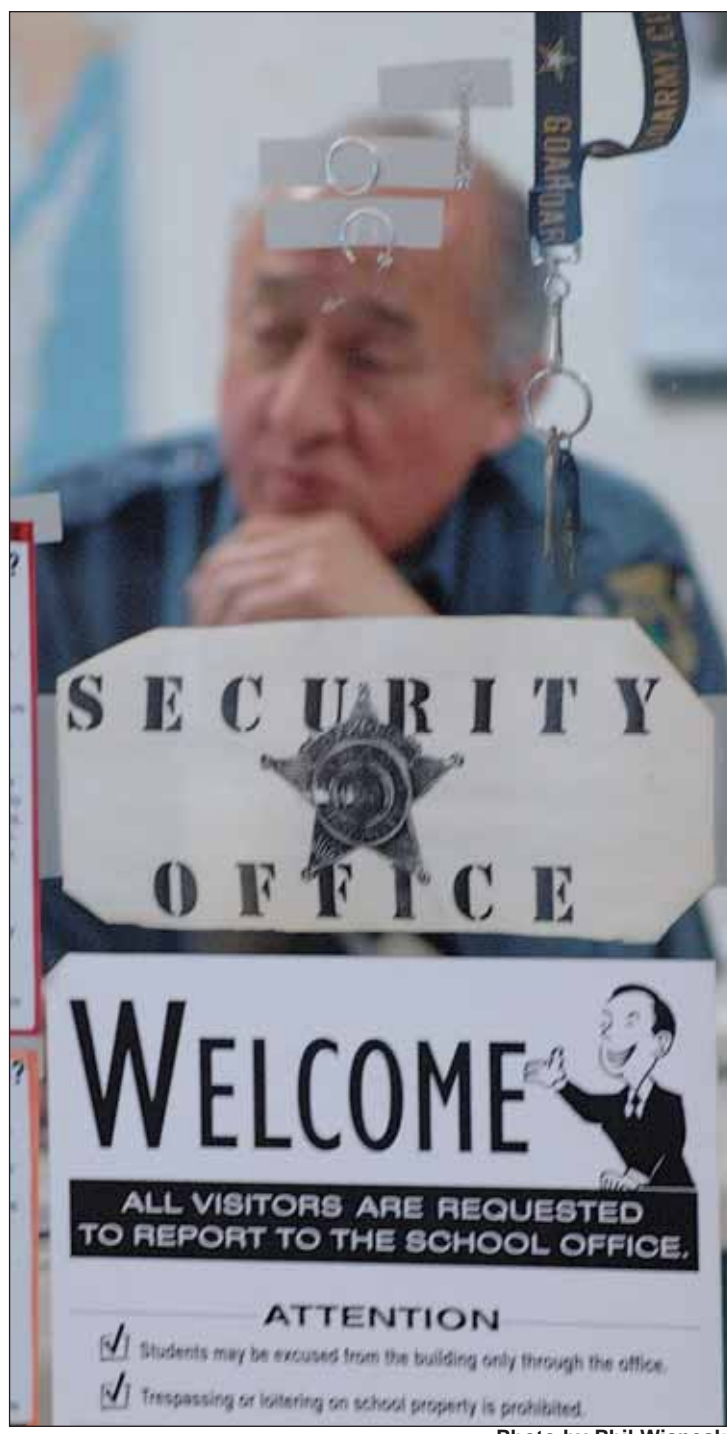


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Visitors are greeted by security guard Lou Askenette upon entering the Oneida Turtle School. Askenette has been working at the school for eight years. No metal detectors are present at either school.

ly basis, she says the committee looks on what is happening at the school "safety wise" that needs to be taken care of or concerns that need to be brought up.

"As things happen, like Columbine or 9/11, we look at our plans," said Reiter-Mehojah. "Okay, this is what we got. What do we need to update?"

"Times change and rooms have changed, then we update these things."

An example of a room

change that will be addressed at next week's High School Intruder Policy meeting is the safety committee's initial implementation of a tornado shelter. The room previously used as the shelter has now been turned into the school's weight room.

"That would not be safe if there was a tornado," said Reiter-Mehojah.

"As things change we update."

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Security**

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around 3 p.m.

Security guard Derrick Brun confronted him at the door, and was shot to death. From that moment on, students and adults inside the school fled from Weise, barricading themselves into offices, locking themselves into classrooms and crouching under desks, authorities and witnesses said.

In the hallway, Weise encountered students and teachers who did their best to scatter into classrooms.

"Mr. Weise continued to pursue them into the classroom. It was there that he opened fire, killing a number of students and the teacher," Tabman said.

Altogether, Weise spent about 10 minutes inside the school, Tabman said. Aside from Weise's grandfather and his grandfather's companion, his targets appeared random, Tabman said.

It was the worst U.S. school shooting since Columbine in April 1999 that left 12 students and a teacher, plus the two gunmen, dead.

"Right now we are in utter disbelief and shock," said Floyd Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa.

Two students, both 15, remained in a Fargo hospital with critical injuries. Both had been shot in the face.

Weise may have posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site expressing admiration for Adolf Hitler, going by the nickname "Todesengel," which is German for Angel of Death. In the first posting under that name, the writer identified himself as Jeff Weise of the Red Lake Reservation. An April 2004 posting from him referenced being accused of "a threat on the school I attend," though it says he was later cleared.

Tabman said he couldn't confirm whether Weise was the same person who made those postings.

Kathryn Beaulieu, a school board member, said Weise was a student who had been placed in the school's Homebound program for some violation of policy. Students in that program stay at home and are tutored by a traveling teacher. Beaulieu said she didn't know what Weise's violation was, and wouldn't be allowed to reveal it if she did.

As a horde of journalists descended on the town, many

people were unwilling to talk to reporters. At the home where Weise was believed to have lived with his grandmother, the occupants slammed the door shut before a reporter could knock on the door.

The school was evacuated after the shootings and locked down for investigation.

Tabman said it wasn't clear whether Weise was hurt in the exchange of gunfire with the tribal officer inside the school. The school video surveillance system didn't capture any of the shootings, he said.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty said it appeared the school had "very rigorous security" in place.

"It looks like you had a very disturbed individual who was able to overcome a lot of precautions to do a lot of damage," the governor said.

But a school secretary and a cousin of the slain security guard, Derrick Brun, said that Brun and a female security guard who fled from Weise did not carry guns. Brun's cousin, Nancy Richards, said Brun didn't wear a bulletproof vest, either; it wasn't immediately clear if the other guard did.

It was the second fatal school shooting in Minnesota in 18 months. Two students were killed at Rocori High School in Cold Spring in September 2003. Student John Jason McLaughlin, who was 15 at the time, awaits trial in the case.

Red Lake High School has about 300 students, according to its Web site.

The reservation, home of the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, is about 240 miles north of the Twin Cities. According to the 2000 census, 5,162 people lived on the reservation, and all but 91 were Indians.

At the Capitol in St. Paul on Tuesday, several hundred people attended a prayer ceremony for the victims of the shooting. Pawlenty, along with Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Unitarian leaders, joined Indians in a two-hour drumming and chanting ceremony.

"Once again our people have been hit ... but our people are strong," said Ona Kingbird, a Red Lake tribal member. "We'll come out of it."

A heartfelt hug...



AP Photo/Ann Heisenfelt

Francis Brun, front, is consoled by Ernie Stevens, rear, during the funeral of Brun's son, Red Lake High School security guard Derrick Brun at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Red Lake, Minn., Monday, March 28, 2005. Brun was one of the seven people killed by Jeff Weise, a 16-year-old student at Red Lake High School, one week ago. Weise also shot his grandfather, his grandfather's companion and then himself. Stevens is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, and chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association. NIGA announced a \$25,000 contribution to the Red Lake Nation Memorial Fund.

Ceremonial cleansing



AP Photo/Minneapolis Star Tribune, Jim Gehrz

John Maltais, right, of Bemidji, Minn., takes in smoke from burning sage held by Robert Cook, originally from Red Lake but now living in Bemidji, during a prayer service at the Church of St. Philip in Bemidji, Minn., Wednesday, March 23, 2005. The American Indian ceremony followed a regularly scheduled Lenten service at the church that had been modified to also mourn the victims of last Monday's shooting spree at Red Lake High School, in Red Lake, Minn.

Red Lake Ripple Effect

Hearing the cries for help

By Phil Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The Red Lake school shooting tragedy will be forever etched in the memory of Americans, but especially in the minds and hearts of American Indians. The numbing phase has begun for the tiny reservation in remote, northern Minnesota 240 miles north of the Twin Cities, but it will take a very long time for the community to heal from such a tragic event.

What were the warning signs leading up to that fateful day? The national media has made a lot out of the fact that 16 year-old Jeff Weise admired Adolf Hitler, wore all black clothing, drew skulls and made cartoons that depicted death.

According to Ken Ninham, Oneida Nation Psychologist, the most glaring warning sign that he would focus on would be that Weise was withdrawn and isolated from the other students at the school.

"We as adults, need to try and look at the world through their (teens) eyes," Ninham said. "It is very difficult for teens growing up these days, and even more difficult for them to express their feelings in a healthy manner."

Ninham also said that every behavior has a meaning and purpose. Being isolated and withdrawn is a cry for help from young people.

"All adolescents are pure," Ninham said. "Once you get past what you see in front of you."

Teens dealing with hurt and pain put up fronts that hide their true feelings. Some examples of these fronts are; acting tough, getting into fights, acting out at school, doing drugs or consuming alcohol, bullying other teens, disrespect toward authority, run-a-ways or being withdrawn. These are just a few ways teens may express their

true feelings.

Ninham stressed that family involvement and participation is extremely important to the development of a young persons mind. He encouraged adults in the community to go the extra mile to help the youth.

"We need to make time to sit down and talk with our young people and not ignore the behavior," Ninham said.

Ignoring the behavior is a sign of acceptance to the teen. It also shows that the adults are not interested in the lives of teen, thus re-affirming that the behavior is acceptable.

"As counselors, therapists, teachers, and there are all kinds of other programs where adolescents interact, it is important to pay attention once in while to what is not being said," Ninham said. "It is often more louder an clearer than what is being said."

The Oneida Nation is very fortunate that is has many channels to deal with a youth that may need someone to talk to professionally. The tribe's very own Behavioral Health, Oneida Health Center and Social Services all have some sort of programming available to help teens.

Behavioral Health even has a Rapid Response Team (RRT). This program is designed to help anyone that needs immediate help. The program will not hesitate to dispatch a counselor right to the home or school that is in need. Someone is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The telephone number at Behavioral Health is (920)-----. The telephone number for the Oneida Health center is (920) 869----- and the telephone number for Social Services is (920) -----.

"I encourage people to use our programs," Ninham said. "We are only useful and beneficial if we are utilized."

From Page 1/Chairman's son arrested

attack, but a government official who was briefed on the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity said prosecutors were contemplating charging the 16-year-old with conspiracy to commit murder.

The official said authorities began investigating Jourdain after determining that he and the gunman, who were schoolmates, had exchanged e-mails.

The arrest was a surprise not only because of the prominence of the suspect's father, but because authorities had initially said the rampage appeared to be the work of single gunman - a 16-year-old loner who took his own life during the killing spree.

The tribal chairman yesterday called his son "a good boy with a good heart, who never harmed anyone in his entire life."

"Last week, I spoke on behalf of the Red Lake Nation as its leader and a saddened member of this community. Today, I speak as a father," he said. "I know my son, and he is incapable of committing such an act. . . . I strongly believe my son will be cleared of these charges."

Louis Jourdain, handcuffed and wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, was escorted into a federal courtroom in Duluth yesterday, and his father entered the courtroom a few moments later. The hearing



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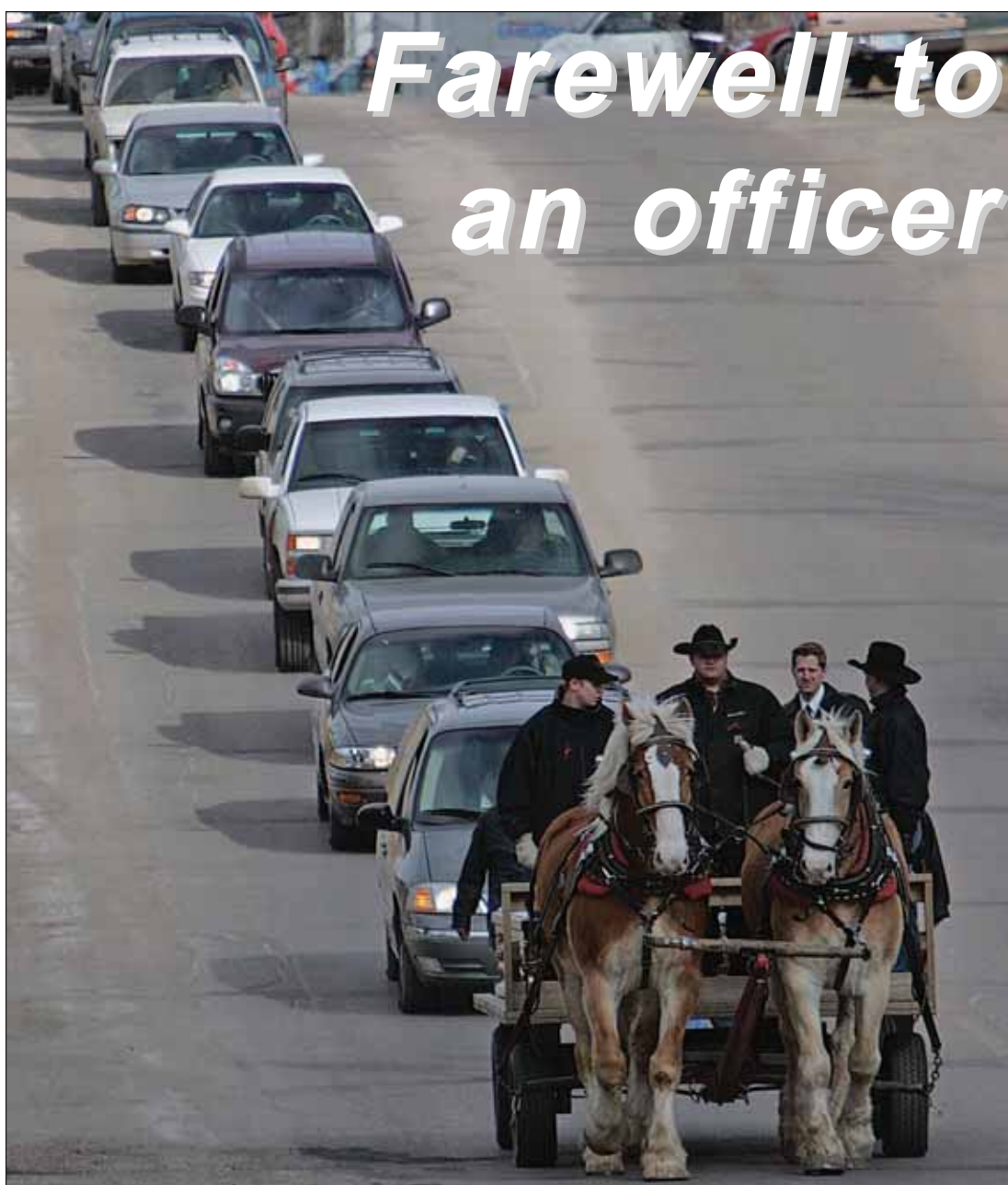
**Chairman
Floyd Jourdain, Jr.**

was closed to reporters.

Louis Jourdain did not answer questions afterward, and his father declined to comment beyond his statement. Officials would not comment on the proceeding because it was a juvenile matter.

The 40-year-old Jourdain took office about eight months ago, becoming the Red Lake Band of Chippewa's youngest-ever leader. During the campaign's final days, he jogged 80 miles through all the districts in the reservation - a place beset by poverty, alcoholism, suicide, and despair - and talked openly about his 20 years of sobriety.

Jourdain grew up on the reservation in a tarpaper shack, with an outhouse and an outdoor woodpile to feed the furnace during northern Minnesota's brutal winters.



AP Photo/Anne Heisenfelt

The caskets of Indian police officer Daryl Lussier and his companion Michelle Sigana are carried by a horse drawn carriage through main street in Red Lake, Minn., Saturday, March 26, 2005. Jeff Weise, a 16-year-old student at Red Lake High School shot his grand-father Lussier and his grand-father's companion Sigana along with seven others and himself on Monday. Funeral services were held for Lussier and Sigana today. Lussier's patrol vehicle was to be retired after his burial.

From Page 4/School security under constant review

update."

Reiter-Mehojah said Eugene Brunell, officer for the Outagamie County Police Department and member of their Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, assisted with the development of the intruder policy. She said Brunell, who specializes with intruder drills, along with her husband Jack who also served on the tribe's SWAT team, both served as evaluators.

First an all-school intruder

His childhood was filled with days of chopping wood, hauling water, and reading as many books as he could get his hands on. "I could spew a ton of useless information at kids that they would get sick of rather quickly," Jourdain wrote on his website.

Jourdain graduated from Red Lake High, where five students, a security guard, and a teacher were shot dead by 16-year-old Jeff Weise on March 21.

Jourdain and his future wife, Alberta, moved to Duluth, where he attended college and started to work in drug and alcohol recovery programs. On his website, Jourdain writes of becoming more interested in working with young people and helping to bridge the generation gap between the tribe's elders and youth.

The Jourdain returned to the Red Lake Reservation in the 1990s to raise their three sons - Louis, teenager Phillip, and Andrew, who was 3 during last year's campaign. Jourdain's website describes Louis as "my pride and joy."

Chris Dunshee, principal of Red Lake High, said Louis had not been a discipline problem. "He was a pretty good student," Dunshee said.

He also praised the tribal leader, saying, "If it could happen to his son, it could happen to anybody because Buck is a good parent."

Farewell to an officer

drill occurred followed by a staff-only drill. Reiter-Mehojah said the staff-only was done at a school in-service where they actually locked down and the Oneida Police Department came with their canine dogs.

"We actually held them for awhile as if it had happened," she said. "It was a very good learning experience. The staff could know what it felt like if it were to happen."

"It was kind of scary."

Unfortunately, due to the unpredictability of events such as these that do occur, Mousseau said there is really no way of preventing these type of things from happening.

"It's really a volatile situation," she said. "You never really know with the students."

She said school administration officials have talked with counseling staff who are working with the students and teachers. A talking circle was held by counselors with the middle school students who had questions.

Information will be provided in the school's parent newsletter regarding schools in crisis and warning signs for parents, and the K-8 and high school staff will meet next week in regards to "what we need to be really cognizant of with our students."

"I think it's important to have that relationship," said Mousseau. Building trust with the kids, getting to know them, looking at their assignments, and being active in the classroom when they're doing homework are all key elements.

"Are there pictures, are there things on their computer when they're doing an assignment (like this boy and his website)?" she asked. "We need to be more aware of what's going on with our kids and their time when they're not on jobs."

Reiter-Mehojah said the

What you can do to help

Oneida, Wis. - Native American brothers and sisters join together in paying respect to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, and to those individuals who suffered the loss of a loved one following the shooting spree of Jeff Weise.

A total of ten people died the day of Monday, March 21, 2005, including Weise who shot himself.

A memorial fund has been established to assist the victims and the families. Donations can be sent to the Red Lake Nation Memorial Fund, PO Box 574, Red Lake, MN 56671.

Donations can also be made at any Wells Fargo Bank c/o the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Memorial Fund.

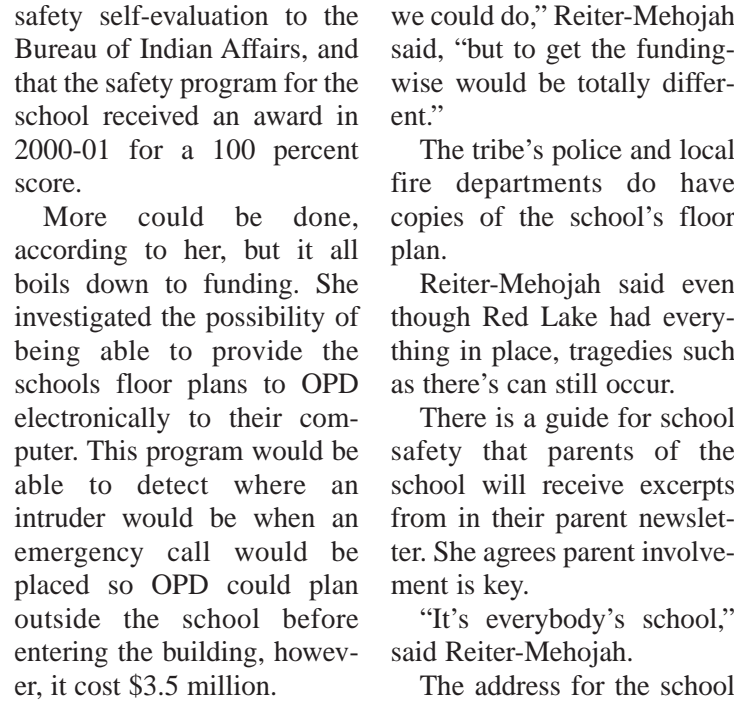
Keep your eyes open for flyers and poster announcing the Oneida Nation School Systems fundraiser. Funds raised will be give to the memorial fund.

Also watch the next issue of *Kalihwisaks* for an update by the business committee and their plans to assist the citizens of the Red Lake Indian community.

Finally, support them with your thoughts and prayers. Provide them strength to carry on and to rebuild their heart-broken community.

It's the least we could do.

A burning cry for help



AP Photo/Ann Heisenfelt

Wakinyila Running, 5, of Red Lake, Minn., watches the flames on burning cedar logs at a traditional American Indian prayer service on the steps of the State Capitol in St. Paul, Minn., on March 22, 2005, in response to the shootings at Red Lake (Minn.) High School.

Indian or not? Churchill committee faces daunting task

By Dan Elliott

Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) - Ward Churchill's future is now in the hands of nine fellow professors who may be asked to decide the explosive question of whether he is - or is not - an American Indian.

Churchill, a tenured professor at the University of Colorado who ignited a firestorm by comparing Sept. 11 victims to a Nazi, could lose his job if a faculty committee concludes he lied about being an Indian to beef up his credentials as a scholar.

The question "has no precedence," Joe Rosse, a member of the committee that will review allegations against Churchill, said Friday. Asked where the panel might look for help, Rosse replied, "That's an excellent question."

Tribes generally require a person to possess at least one-quarter ancestry from that particular tribe, while the federal government - for benefits

purposes - requires at least one-quarter of American Indian ancestry, regardless of tribe, according to Doug Nash, a Moscow, Idaho-based expert in Indian law.

"This whole 'blood quantum' criteria is really strange," said Nash, who is a member of the Nez Perce tribe. "It originated with the federal government just for the purpose of tribal identity and federal benefits. It's entirely possible for somebody to meet that criteria and never have had any cultural contact with their tribe."

The university said this week it cannot fire Churchill for his essay about Sept. 11 because the comments are protected by the First Amendment. But a panel headed by interim Chancellor Phil DiStefano directed the Standing Committee on Research Misconduct to review allegations that Churchill plagiarized others' work, misinterpreted evidence and fabricated details

in his research, and that he falsely claimed to be an Indian.

The panel, with nine voting faculty members and three non-voting members representing graduate students, administration and staff, is expected to take up to nine months to recommend whether Churchill should be disciplined or fired.

If the panel suggests dismissal, appeals and reviews could take years.

Rosse and other members of the panel will pore over Churchill's writings, comparing them to other works and to source documents. They will also weigh allegations brought by professors at three other universities.

Fay G. Cohen of Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia accused Churchill of plagiarizing an article she wrote on Indian fishing treaty rights, DiStefano's report said.

John LaVelle of the University of New Mexico accused Churchill of misrep-

resenting federal Indian laws and said his work was "sorely lacking in historical/factual veracity and scholarly integrity."

Thomas Brown of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, said Churchill "fabricated the most crucial details" in his argument that the Army committed genocide against Indians in the 1800s.

Brown said Churchill should be fired. "I think he's unqualified to function as a university professor because of his habit of stealing other peoples ideas and because of his habit of making up data," he said.

Cohen and LaVelle did not return telephone calls Friday.

Churchill has defended his scholarship, citing endorsements from other academics and numerous awards. He denied the allegations of shoddy or dishonest research.

His attorney, David Lane, said Friday, "They are fairly concrete accusations and will be refuted with some concrete

evidence."

The ethnicity issue, however, is far from concrete.

DiStefano's report said "there is serious doubt about his Indian identity." It said Churchill claimed in writing to be an enrolled member of the Keetowah Band of the Cherokees, but the tribe's principal chief told CU that Churchill is an honorary associate member, not enrolled.

DiStefano did not immediately respond to a request for an interview Friday.

Rosse said the committee would probably tackle the question by first trying to determine whether Churchill's claim of Indian ancestry affects his research.

"If it doesn't, my sense would be that it doesn't fall within purview of the committee," he said. "If it does, I'm not sure what the committee's next step would be." Churchill has steadfastly insisted he is Indian. "That's my family's understanding of itself," he said last week.

After DiStefano's report came out, Churchill said he was surprised it raised the ethnicity issue. "I think it was extremely stupid. I don't think it's legal," he said.

Lane said Churchill has no obligation to prove he is an Indian.

"In any adversarial process, the burden is on the accusers to prove their charges, so the burden would fall on them, the people raising the accusation, to prove he is not an Indian," he said.

Even if the university could prove that Churchill isn't an Indian, it would then have to prove "that he knew he's not an Indian," Lane said. "So I wish them the best of luck."

From Page 3/ Stevens



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Jr. and Sr. proudly display the Seminole jacket.

resolution of unanimous support for the re-election of Oneida Tribal delegate, Ernie Stevens Jr. as the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association.

Veteran Councilman, Paul Ninham sponsored the resolution and stated, "Chairman Stevens has provided the gaming Tribes in this country with solid and strong leadership for the past 4 years and we need to continue the success we have experienced with Stevens."

Chairman Stevens has sponsored initiatives during his term that encourage strengthening of youth leadership and mentor programs, and an aggressive approach to public education on the benefits of Indian gaming through economic diversification and business development.

Ernie Stevens Jr. has served as the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association since 2001. Prior to serving NIGA, Stevens served as an elected Oneida Tribal Councilman for the Oneida Tribe for nine years.

Poll questions Albany area on Catskills casinos

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Gov. George Pataki's proposal to settle longstanding Indian land claims by allowing tribes, including one from Oklahoma, to build casinos in the Catskills wouldn't be worth the social costs, according to a majority of Albany area residents in a new poll.

The Siena Research Institute survey showed 54 percent agreed any economic benefits would be offset by social problems related to increased gambling.

Still, the poll offered some mixed views on the governor's plan, which has the backing of Sullivan County leaders and needs the state Legislature's approval. The Assembly is currently holding hearings on the issue and the Senate may vote on the bill early next month.

A majority of those polled - 52 percent - said they would support five casinos if they were built across the state,

while 35 percent opposed the state allowing any new Indian casinos. Only 8 percent agreed with the plan to locate five casinos in the Catskills.

However, 58 percent of those polled said they would prefer the state raise revenues from gambling than increase taxes.

This week's poll of 620 people in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties has a margin of error of 3.9 percentage points. Fifty-eight percent said they never gambled at a casino.

State Sen. John Bonacic, a Republican who represents Sullivan County, said moving the casinos elsewhere wouldn't make sense. The goal is to create resort-style attractions to draw customers from the New York City metro area, creating jobs and revenues for education spending, he said.

"They're looking for a maximum return for the state and the investor," Bonacic

said. "That's what's going to drive the development, not what people think."

Pataki spokesman Todd Alhart pointed to results from the poll that 65 percent said they'd be less likely to visit out-of-state casinos if the Catskills casinos were built.

"New York needs to compete, so we can keep jobs and revenues in New York for New Yorkers, as opposed to going to Canada or other states like Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania," Alhart said.

State Sen. Frank Padavan, a Queens Republican and vocal gambling opponent, said there are already 250,000 problem gamblers in the state, each costing taxpayers \$13,000 a year to deal with their addiction.

He said he's concerned that 18-to-34-year-olds in the poll were more likely to approve of betting. Sixty-two percent in that age group said the

casinos would be a way to "create new jobs, increase tourism and boost state revenues."

The land-claim settlements, which also need congressional approval, would be with the Cayuga Indian Nation of New York, the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and the Akwesasne Mohawks.

From Page 1/Casino agreement signed by three parties; BIA land into trust issue next

nor must then OK the project.

Tribal chairman Michael Chapman and casino developer Dennis Troha said they were pleased with the intergovernmental agreement signed Monday, and expressed optimism about the federal review process.

"I think we are filing a quality land-in-trust application and a high-quality environ-

mental impact statement," Troha said. "Then it's just a question of the bureau finding time in their schedule."

Casino revenue-based payments, which would be split by the city and county 67 percent and 33 percent, could top \$521 million over 22 years, according to project estimates.

Chapman said preliminary discussions have occurred

regarding the possibility of renegotiating the tribe's current state gambling compact, by which the Menominee would remit 7 to 7.5 percent of the Kenosha casino's net revenue to the state.

He said the Menominee will do everything necessary to develop the Kenosha project, barring an unreasonable financial threshold from the state.



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Legislative Review/Letters & Opinions

Notice Hobart voters

The profound accomplishments, achievements and changes due to the excellent and knowledgeable leadership on the part of Rich Heidel, we owe it to ourselves to retain this hardworking and diligent leader as Village President.

For future success re-elect Mr. Rich Heidel on April 5.

Andrew Iwen

Pharmacy concerns

My name is Leanissa Webb and I am a regular client of the Oneida Health Center and a Oneida enrolled member.

I am writing this letter in regards to the Oneida Pharmacy procedures and performance. In the last four months I have pre-ordered my medication and not once have I received my medication in one complete order.

I live in Green Bay and have to depend on my sister or other family members to transport me to the Health Center to pick up my medication. As of today's date, March 10, 2005 I have been to the Health Center four times and I still have to return one more time because of the lack of quality of service.

I called on Monday, March 7, 2005 between 9am-10am to confirm that my medication would be correct and ready to pick up. I got the pharmacy voicemail and requested that someone please return my call to verify, as of today this call has not been returned.

I am very frustrated and also concerned that mistakes are continually made. My concern is not only for myself

but also for others who may be experiencing the same problems when requesting and picking up medications. Too many mistakes are being made and too many trips are being taken for medication that has been pre-ordered.

When picking up my medication I observed six or more employees in the pharmacy. While I was waiting there were three employees eating donuts, drinking and sitting at computers. Two employees were working, stacking shelves and they looked busy. The young lady who was supposedly helping me was more worried about eating her donut and drinking coffee in-between asking me questions and answering mine. This was very unprofessional. A man stepped in who noticed that I was still missing one prescription. When asked about the one still missing he told me that the doctor has not called back since last week. I asked if they had tried again and he said no. I then got more upset and said I would take the two medications he had and that I would call the doctor myself since it was so difficult for them to do. I left and directly called Dr. Mardan and left a message with his nurse on March 8, 2005 at 1:10 pm. I requested that he return my call immediately. As of March 10, 2005 Dr. Mardan has not returned my call.

I would appreciate a response to my concerns and complaints within 10 days explaining any resolution to this very important matter.

Leanissa Webb
Green Bay, Wis.



Legislative Update

Constitutional Issue: The Residency Question:

"Should where you live determine whether you're qualified to represent the Oneida people?" My office does not support residency restrictions which would restrict close to 75 to 80% of the Oneida people from being eligible to represent the Oneida people.

Listed below is an overview of my concerns regarding the residency provisions which are currently housed in the draft Oneida Constitution. I would appreciate some feedback from tribal members on this issue. You can e-mail me at vdelarol@oneidation.org.

I've conducted much research regarding constitutions of other Tribes, and I've also discussed this matter in great detail with many Oneida people, and most strongly oppose such provisions.

Overview of Reasoning:

1) **Demographics.** Foremost in my opposition to residency restrictions on who can run for office is my belief that the restrictions would exclude approximately 75 to 80% of the Oneida voters (people) from participating in the governmental affairs of the nation. By including the residency restrictions, we would endorse a principle that a majority of the voting population are not entitled to represent the interests of a majority of the Oneida people. Such a proposition is very troublesome and contrary to the majority rule doctrine.

As we prepare this Constitution for our people, and for the generations yet to come, I think it's very important that we install basic elements of democratic thought

and practice. If we aspire to continue on as a truly democratic nation, the provisions contained within our Constitution must reflect democratic principles, and therefore, I oppose placing residency requirements for office holders.

2. **Availability of Housing Within Reservation Boundaries.** As we're all aware, many Oneidas live outside the Reservation boundaries because housing is scarce within the boundaries. One recent report indicated that a list of hundreds (500 plus) of people were waiting for land to develop a home on and that many have been waiting over 20 years.

3. **Special Hardship for Younger Oneidas Wishing to Run for the Legislature.** Due to the generally higher costs of housing on the Oneida Reservations, and also, due to the fact that many younger Oneidas are single and may not qualify under Tribal housing policies which favor tenants and home ownership for families with children, many younger Oneidas live outside the Reservation boundaries. I feel that prohibiting younger Oneidas from running for office simply based on the residency questions is unfair.

4. **Residency Restrictions Contained in the Constitutions of Other Indian Tribes.** In the preparation of discussing this issue, I conducted some research regarding the residency requirements contained in the constitutions of other Indian tribes. The research reveals that tribes have generally adopted residency requirements for their elected offi-



Councilman Vince DeLaRosa

cial based on the makeup of their own population and the size of their individual reservations or areas of jurisdiction.

Generally, large reservations are divided into districts where representatives are elected from the distinct districts. Other Tribes whose treaties do not pinpoint a specific reservation but whose jurisdiction and treaty rights cover large areas, representatives are chosen by district within named counties of a particular state. Generally, the constitution is written according to the makeup and needs of the particular Tribe.

The Oneida Tribe has a small reservation. As we draft our Constitution, the provisions must reflect the makeup and needs of our people and we must find the most effective way to represent all the Oneida people, no matter where they may reside! The placing of residency restrictions in the Oneida Constitution would restrict approximately 75 to 80% of the Oneida people from representing their nation and we should not condone such a provision.

Conclusion: I'm asking the Oneida people to support my request to lift the residency requirement provision as a qualification for office: "It's simply not justified." Over the years Indian people have been dispersed (and displaced) in a deliberate attempt to terminate us from existence, and we should not contribute to that termination by disallowing or inhibiting the majority of Oneida people from fully participating in the representative democracy we hope to carry for-

ward in our new Constitution.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and I respectfully ask for your support on the matter.

Assembly Bill 63

Many of the tribal member may not be aware, but some legislators in the State of Wisconsin want to advance a law, Assembly Bill 63, which requires a voter to show either a driver's license, ID card issued by a uniform service, or a photo ID issued by a state Division of Motor Vehicles office. As currently written, this law would not recognize tribal identification cards.

The Oneida Nation is comprised of over 15,000 Tribal Member, including approximately 2,000 residents who reside in the Milwaukee area. My general concern is this assembly bill could disenfranchise many of our elders who do not have a Wisconsin drivers license or would find it difficult to obtain a photo ID issued by a state Division of Motor Vehicles office.

The Oneida Nation is asking that if the bill is going to be passed, the Oneida photo identification card should be recognized as an acceptable form of identification cards for voting purposes. We anticipate that this bill will make it through the legislator but be vetoed by the Governor. However, I'll keep you posted on this matter if it becomes law.

In closing, if you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact my office at 920-869-4378 or you can e-mail me at vdelarol@oneidation.org. Also, my Assistant Mrs. Karen Katch can be reached at 920-869-4469.

Thanks for reading my report.



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If you have any questions, please feel free to call (920) 869-4277.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PURPOSE: Adoption of a new Removal law which repeals the current Removal Law and provides a streamlined process for removal of elected officials only. A separate law shall address the removal of appointed officials.

When: April 19, 2005

Where: Business Committee Conference Room

Time: 11:30 A.M.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed policy or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise phuff@oneidation.org Or call 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies are available at: www.on-loc.org

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PURPOSE: Amendments to the Oneida Burial Ordinance which includes renaming the Ordinances as "Law", clarification regarding burial eligibility of Non-Oneidas, list of prohibited behavior on cemetery grounds.

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Sports/Recreation

Summer baseball registration

Submitted by: Oneida Recreation Department

This year's baseball program will offer two options for recreation members between the ages of five and eight. Five year olds and beginning six year olds may sign up for T-ball. Advanced six year olds through age eight may register for the Pee Wee division.

The leagues will run from June through July with days and times to be announced at a later date.

The registration deadline is Friday, May 20, 2005. To register for either league, please pick up a registration form at either the Civic Center or the County H Recreation facility. For more information, contact Conrad at the Civic Center at 869-1088 or Mike at the County H facility at 833-0010.

Second annual art exhibit

Attention all artists! Oneida Recreation is hosting the 2nd Annual Art Exhibit and we need your artwork to make it a success. Deadlines for all entries is Monday, April 4th. You may pick up an entry form at either recreation facility or call either the Civic Center at 869-1088 or the County H facility at 833-0010 and one of our staff members will mail or fax one to you.

Oneida Recreation gets "mad" during March madness

Submitted by: Oneida Recreation Department

During the month of March, the recreation centers have taken on the March Madness theme to coincide with the NCAA men's and women's college basketball tournaments.

Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week have a two-hour period dedicated to activities related to the basketball tournament theme. Activities are not confined to playing basketball in the gym as each recreation area is involved including arts and crafts, the learning center, and social recreation.

Traditional events such as



Michael La Roque created a March madness collage during March madness week

free-throw and 3-point shooting contests as well as an obstacle course and basketball contest take place in the

gym. At the same time, other areas are holding events such as trivia contest, window painting, logo drawing, and

the ever-popular sports picti-
tionary.

The goal of the March madness events is to encourage all of the recreation members to participate in all of the events giving non-basketball enthusiasts activities they can participate in and enjoy.

Each participant earns a number of points for each event just for participating. The points will be added up at the end of the month to see which recreation center has the highest total. As a bonus, the recreation center earning the most will earn something new for their patrons to use. The competition appears to be very close halfway through the event, so stay tuned.

Seymour takes home silver ball

The Seymour basketball team advanced to the state championship game for the sixth straight year, but like the past three years, the Thunder was unable to get the gold ball. Seymour hung tough with the highly touted Racine St. Catherine's Angels, but fell 50-52 as a desperation three point shot was off the mark.

Mike King had 4 points to go along with his three rebounds.

In the semi-final game, Seymour blasted Maple Northwestern 83-42. King tied a division 2 state tournament record by swiping six steals. He also had 10 points, six assists and six rebounds.

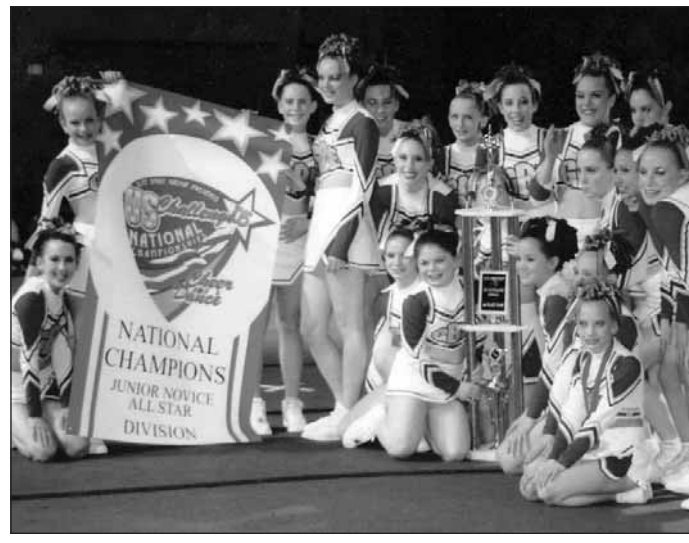
Kahelote Cornelius and Gabe Vega each had five points for the Thunder.

All-Area honors

Seymour junior guard Mike King was selected to the Green Bay Press Gazette's all-area team. He was named to the honorable mention squad. King was a major contributor to the Thunder's runner-up season.

Seymour wrestler, Les Cornette was also named to the honorable mention all-area team for the Press-Gazette. Cornette was also selected to the Appleton Post Crescent second team. He finished the year with a 38-6 record and placed fifth at the state tournament.

2005 National Champs



Photos Submitted by Peril Huff

The Green Bay Elite All-star Cheerleading teams won three national championships in St. Charles, Illinois. The three teams that won are the Mini All-Star (pre-school-second grade), Jr. Prep All-Star (first - sixth grade) and Junior All-Star (fourth - ninth grade). Green bay Elite is owned by Oneida tribal member Cherokee Greendeer and has many Oneida Nation citizens on various squads.



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Francey that

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Canadian singer/songwriter David Francey, right, brought his original music to the Oneida Nation Arts Program "Night Sun" concert series on March 24. Francey received two Juno awards from Canada, equivalent to a Grammy, with a third pending. The audience was very receptive to his performance at the Parish Hall, and Francey thanked the Oneida Nation Arts Program for bringing him to Oneida. Chef Arlie Doxtator prepared coffee and desserts for all those in attendance.



UW-Green Bay powwow champions education

GREEN BAY-The 13th annual University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Intertribal Student Council powwow will be from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 9 in the Phoenix Sports Center located on the University campus at 2420 Nicolet Dr. The event is free and open to the public.

The powwow theme is "Keeping the Dream Alive: Education for All Native People." Grand entries are scheduled at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Mark Denning will be master of ceremonies and Patrick Madrid will serve as arena director. The head male dancer is Ronnie Preston and head female dancer is Vannie Wheelock.

Smokey Town will be the host drum group and Wind Eagle will serve as co-host. Other drums represented include Four Nations, Straight Across, Sacred Leader, Bear Heart and Duck Creek Crossing.

This year's powwow will be the third for a princess contest. Competitors must be girls between ages 13 and 17 who have at least a 2.5 grade point average. The prize is a \$200 savings bond to be used for college. The entry deadline is April 5 and applications for entry should be made to Kyla Wallenfang at (920) 465-2022.

Food vendors will have Indian tacos, fry bread and other Native American favorite foods for sale. Art and craft vendors also will offer beadwork, paintings, jewelry and other items for sale.

The powwow is sponsored by the Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Office, American Intercultural Center and American Indian Studies Program, all at UW-Green Bay; the Menominee Nation Casino, the Mohican North Star Casino, and the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay.

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State Supreme Court to hear power plants case

OAK CREEK, Wis. (AP) — When Wisconsin's largest utility proposed in late 2000 to build new coal-fired power plants next to Lake Michigan here, it embarked on the biggest power project in state history.

Since then, We Energies' proposal to add twin, \$2.15 billion boilers has had a rocky reception from some neighbors and environmentalists, sparking debates on everything from the claim of a future power crisis to whether state regulators were too quick to approve it.

The latest challenge goes Wednesday before the state Supreme Court, which agreed to hear the case after a judge tossed out state approval for the plants, saying plans weren't scrutinized enough.

Dane County Judge David Flanagan said he was surprised the facility was approved before there was a plan for the design, location and cost of transmission lines to get the power to customers.

State officials and We Energies say the transmission system can't be set up until plans for the plants are finalized.

Lawsuits are pending over the air, water and construction permits the state Department of Natural Resources approved, including one allowing the plants to tap 2.2 billion gallons of water from Lake Michigan each day, then return it to the lake 15 degrees warmer. A permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is pending.

University of Michigan water scientist David Jude, who was hired by Racine's S.C. Johnson & Son — a party to the Supreme Court lawsuit — to investigate the potential impact, said the plants' intake valve system, the hot water and construction would hurt the lake's food chain.

"It's probably going to kill all the aquatic life in some places," Jude said. "This is bigger than any other power plant on the Great Lakes, so it's sort of unprecedented."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency wants the Corps of Engineers to require its own environmental impact statement, said fisheries biologist Joel Trick of the Green Bay office.

In a December letter, the agency said the project could

harm aquatic life and lose nearshore aquatic habitat and wetlands.

"I'm sort of surprised the Wisconsin DNR isn't more concerned," Jude said.

It's not only environmentalists who are opposed.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan urged the Corps to do a stricter review of the plants, which would be among the largest water users on the Great Lakes, and again in February protested the DNR permit that would allow an 8,000-foot tunnel to daily draw almost as much water as Chicago and 100 suburbs use in a day.

Her office said the plants would discharge toxic mercury into the lake, kill aquatic life in the intake system and its hot water would degrade the lake's ecosystem.

"Our two states share both the benefits of this important resource and a responsibility to protect it; and the Attorney General does not believe that issuance of this permit, as currently drafted, would be in keeping with that responsibility," her office wrote.

Pollution likely would be felt downwind, because of tall

smokestacks that would carry emissions out of the area, said Lloyd Eagan, director of the DNR's Bureau of Air Management. But all the emissions are within allowable levels, she said.

"We are confident that the permit that we issued for air will protect air quality standards, and by doing so will also protect public health," she said.

Two neighboring communities, Oak Creek and Caledonia, agreed to support the plants after We Energies said it would give each millions of dollars a year and spend \$20 million apiece for economic development.

The plants, which would add enough electricity to power 615,000 homes, are part of We Energies' \$7 billion, 10-year Power the Future plan. They will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week when they become fully operational in 2009 and 2010.

"We have no choice but to build new plants. The question becomes what is the best choice for customers in terms of keeping the rates as low as possible," said Thad Nation, a We Energies spokesman.

He said reviews by the company and state Public Service Commission found coal was the most cost-effective solution to looming power needs. The company will argue to the court the plants were extensively reviewed and meet all environmental and consumer laws.

The deal to build the plants requires the company to monitor and enforce emission limits, which must stay at the same or lower levels than in 2000. We Energies is required to increase its use of renewable energy sources and agreed to install two air monitoring stations nearby.

Part of the court's review will focus on how the PSC, which approved the project, administered state law.

The agency worked with the DNR to balance growing energy needs with concerns about cost and environment, spokeswoman Linda Barth said. Its three appointed commissioners reviewed more than 12,000 pages of testimony and exhibits and issued an

882-page final environmental impact statement, she said.

The agency has forecast Wisconsin's energy demand to increase 2.5 percent to 3 percent a year and believes, along with the company, that delays could hurt the electricity supply in southeastern Wisconsin.

Others say the notion of a power crisis is overblown.

The Citizens' Utility Board, a consumer group, said an economic downturn and several cool summers slowed demand.

"We can figure out whether these plants can be built or not and then proceed and we won't run into a crisis," said executive director Charlie Higley.

Nation, of We Energies, said customers will pay for higher construction costs if the project is delayed.

"We're going to have to build new plants, and no matter what kind of plants we're going to build, there's going to be an increased cost to consumers," he said.

Southern Wisconsin man takes unlimited hunting offer to the extreme

BELOIT, Wis. (AP) — Curt Parker has taken Wisconsin's plea for hunters to help eradicate the deer in some areas of the state to heart.

The hunter has killed 35 deer in the last two years — and taken plenty of complaints from other hunters, who are usually pleased to bag one buck in the regular season.

But to the state Department of Natural Resources, Parker is helping stem the spread of chronic wasting disease in an area targeted by state officials as having far too many deer.

"When the DNR said, 'Unlimited deer tags,' what I thought was, 'Jackpot!'" Parker said. "I love venison, and I have a lot of friends who love coming out and hunting in my area who don't have a place to hunt."

The DNR wants to cut the deer herd in the area stretching from Beloit to Lake Geneva, one of two eradication zones, to five deer per square mile of habitat.

A January helicopter survey showed the area has about twice as many deer as wildlife officials thought, meaning hunters and sharpshooters would need to kill

more than 86 percent of the deer, maybe as many as 3,000 animals, to meet the target.

As an incentive to trim the herd, the DNR offered area landowners an unlimited supply of free tags. The eradication zone season is open from mid-September through March 31.

Parker has killed all his deer — 25 in the 2003-04 season and 10 more since September — on the 10 acres of land he owns east of Beloit. He lives just over the state line in South Beloit, Ill.

All the adult deer shot on Parker's property tested negative for chronic wasting disease.

Tami Ryan, the DNR's area wildlife supervisor, said she's never heard of nobody else coming even close to his hunting total, including sharpshooters working for the state.

While Parker's wife Deb complained her unemployed husband did not earn a living from his passion, Parker did collect a one-time bounty.

Whitetails Unlimited sponsored a program last year offering rewards to hunters who shot deer that tested positive for the fatal

brain-wasting disease. Leftover money was distributed among hunters who shot any deer in an eradication zone.

Twenty-seven of Parker's deer qualified for \$20 apiece, for a total of \$540.

"I've never seen a man so happy, especially if it was a good shot and everything went right," Deb Parker said. "You can't explain the look on his face. It's amazing."

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Please contact Lou Williams Jr., Community Outreach Worker at the tsyunhehkw[^] Center Farm: 869-2718

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Education

Brown County Diversity Circles project has new sessions, partner

GREEN BAY - Brown County Diversity Circles, an innovative project to improve relations among the county's diverse populations, is offering new opportunities for citizen involvement.

A new round of Diversity Circles discussions begins Monday, April 4 and will continue at three locations in Green Bay throughout the month. And starting in the fall, the project will expand to Green Bay Area Public Schools at 12 After School program sites.

Diversity Circles bring together people from different backgrounds and viewpoints to discuss issues of importance to communities. A

strength of the process is that it provides concerned citizens with an opportunity to move from dialogue to action.

Each group has room for up to 15 participants who meet for about two hours weekly for four weeks to address a critical public issue in a democratic and collaborative way.

The next round of Diversity Circles discussions includes the following April sessions:

Group One:

—April 4, 11, 18 and 25 at the **Multicultural Center** of Greater Green Bay, 612 Stuart St. Sessions run from 6 to 8 p.m.

Group Two:

—April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the

Multicultural Center of Greater Green Bay. Sessions run from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Group Three:

—April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the **University of Wisconsin-Green Bay**, University Union, Niagara Room C. Sessions run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Group Four:

—April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the **Aging Resource Center** of Brown County, 300 S. Adams St. Sessions run from 6 to 8 p.m.

To register for a Diversity Circle session, call UW-Green Bay Outreach and Extension at (920) 465-2642 or (800) 892-2118 or register online at

<http://www.uwgb.edu/outreach/diversity>.

The connection of Diversity Circles to Green Bay public schools in the fall will take the project to a new level of community involvement.

"The After School program in conjunction with the Green Bay Public School District is thrilled to be part of such a wonderful opportunity for our children and families in the Green Bay community," said Trina Lambert, principal of Wequiock Elementary School.

The Brown County Diversity Circles project was developed by a volunteer coalition that reflects the

community's distinctive personality. Project sponsorship includes the three higher education institutions in the area (UW-Green Bay, St. Norbert College and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College), leaders from Hmong, Hispanic, American Indian and African American populations, and a variety of civic organizations that endorse the project's goal.

The coalition has been developed under the leadership of UW-Green Bay Outreach and Extension, Brown County UW-Extension and the UW-Green Bay Institute for Learning Partnership.

Scholarships

AICCW Scholarships

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, Inc. will provide scholarships of \$1000 to Wisconsin American Indian students attending institutions of higher education. Preference will be given to those majoring in business administration at a 4-year college or university. Secondary emphasis will be placed on students attending a technical college, working toward a business or technical trade degree. One scholarship of \$2000 will be awarded to a student attending UW Oshkosh, preferably majoring in business. Applicants must be Wisconsin residents and show proof of tribal enrollment or descentancy. The application may be completed online at www.aiccw.org, under About Us. Call the AICCW at 877-603-2044 if you have any questions. **Deadline for application materials is April 15, 2005.**

Deadline extended for Internship Opportunities for College students

The Washington Center's Native American Leadership Program prepares emerging Native American leaders from colleges and universities across the country to assume leadership positions in the public sector. Students participate in an all-expense-paid internship tailored to their interests during the 10-week summer program. Interns will earn academic credit while they attend a lecture series, interact with national and international leaders in business and government, and build a professional network. Sample placements include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Justice and many others. Applicants to the internship program must be enrolled in an accredited college and be a second semester sophomore or above, with a grade point average of 2.75 or better. For more information contact Claudia Narrow at 866-315-9594, Email her at claudian@twc.edu. Or, visit the web site at www.twc.edu. The deadline has been extended in hopes of placing 50+ interns for the summer 2005 program.

AISES Scholarships

The American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) announces several scholarship opportunities for the 2005-06 academic year. Applicant must be a member of an American Indian/Alaska native tribe or at least 1/4 American Indian/Alaska native blood. Must also be a member of AISES. Applicant should plan to major in math, education, engineering, technology, natural/physical science, medicine/health administration or natural resources at an accredited college/university. These scholarships are available to full time students at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per academic year. **Deadline postmark date is June 15th.** For complete information call at 505-765-1052 or go to the web site at www.aises.org.

Summer Music Clinic-Senior Session offered at UW Madison

The University of Madison is holding a "Summer Music Clinic-Senior Session" for students who have completed grades 9-12, June 26-July 2, 2005.

Senior Session music students join together for a week of creative skills building and performances in band, orchestra, choir, musical theater and jazz ensemble. Concert groups rehearse throughout the week and performances can be heard at the final concerts for family and friends. Classes are designed to help each student polish their ensemble and individual performance skills with a range of music-related topics

and techniques. The program offers well-organized recreational and evening activities to round out an enjoyable and dynamic camp experience.

All students are required to live in the UW-Madison campus residence halls throughout the week. The rooms are air-conditioned and have small refrigerators. College age counselors supervise the residence halls and help design the daily recreational time. Programs include athletics, crafts, and social activities. Evening concert programs are a mix of guest performing artists, students and faculty recitals.

Fee (\$565.00) includes

tuition, housing and meals.

Ten tuition-free UW scholarships available for registrants completing their junior year at a Wisconsin high school and attending the Summer Music Clinic 2005 are eligible. **Deadline for scholarship applications is June 1, 2005.**

Transportation is not provided to and from UW-Madison. For more information contact: Danielle Tubby Administrative Assistant Youth Enrichment Services at 920-869-4331.

Urban American Indian Teacher Training Program

The Urban American Indian Teacher Training Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is seeking qualified American Indian and Alaska Native applicants for its teaching and certification program. Completion of the undergraduate/post-baccalaureate program will lead to a teacher certification. Partners in this full-time, year round program are UW Milwaukee, the Indian Community School, Spotted Eagle High School and the Milwaukee Public Schools. The program offers Indian education courses taught by native faculty, student teaching at partner schools with concentrations of American Indian students, and mentoring by experienced American Indian educators. Applicants must have earned a minimum of 56 college credits, and be able to complete the program within two years. Participants will receive full in-state tuition and fees, a monthly living stipend and dependent stipend, a book allowance and a laptop computer. For more information and application materials, contact Diane Amour at 414-229-5880 or amour@uwm.edu. Or contact Shelby Visintin at 414-229-5954 or shelbyj@uwm.edu.

Getting to know your community education center

The Oneida Community Education Center is located at 2632 Packerland Drive. It is open to the general public and offers numerous free computer classes.

Some of the classes are Writing a term paper 101, Math review, Pre-algebra review, Algebra review, Word for Wordperfect users and Excel for Quattro Pro users.

The center also has internet access, job search programs,

resume writing help, keyboarding classes and one-one computer training.

The Oneida Community Education Center is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 A.M. to 9 P.M. and on Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. The center is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information please call the center at (920) 496-7860 or 1-800-416-6017.

New staff at the Oneida Community Library

Children's books donated to Library

We have two new positions here at the library. Wanda



Boivin

Boivin transferred into the Reference Librarian Trainee position. Wanda has been at the library since February 2003 and goes the extra mile for patrons. Wanda just recently finished a reference course through UW-Madison.

Barb Skenandore has come on board as the Administrative Assistant/Library Aide. Barb is attending Concordia University full time studying Human Resources. She is a hard worker and a friendly person. It is truly a great pleasure to work with her. So, come in to the library to wel-

come both Barb and Wanda on their recent hire.

We are very lucky to have had a great gift given to the library. John and Terrie Reese have donated over 200 books. The books donated are mostly children's



Skenandore

books. Many of the books are about magic, fairies, princesses, princes, and other fairy tales. The books will be a great resource with our children's program this summer. Our theme will be, 'Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds'. The addition will truly make it special. Mr. Reese said he and his wife wanted to donate the books where they could be enjoyed by others now that their children are grown.

A variety of children's books were recently donated to the Oneida Library, compliments of Mr. John Reese (at right) and his wife Terrie.



New Book Release

"Oneida People, Places, Dates and Events: A Resource Guide"

Susan G. Daniels
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Seven years of research have resulted in a 650 page genealogy guide about Oneida people in Wisconsin from the early 1800's through the 1940's. Entries include information from census records, diary accounts, land records, church records, boarding school information, civil war records, newspaper accounts and correspondence.

To see excerpts of the book, go to:
www.angelfire.com/on3/oneida

The book is available on compact disc in Adobe format. Selling price: \$65.00 plus \$4.95 for shipping and handling. Check or money orders accepted.

Mail orders to: Susan G. Daniels
W5507 Porter Road
Shawano, WI 54166

Comments: sdaniels1@tds.net

Attention... All Graduating 2005 High School Seniors

The Kalihwisaks is preparing to honor all "2005" graduating HIGH SCHOOL Seniors in the **May 26th, 2005** issue of the Kalihwisaks with a special graduation centerfold in full color.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS: FRIDAY, MAY 4th, 2005

*Any pictures received after the deadline date **may not be included** in the Special Graduation centerfold!

If you would like to be showcased in the Special 'High School Graduate' Section of the Kalihwisaks, please send the following by Friday, May 4th, 2005

- One photo – preferably vertical. Can be color or black & white.
- Include the following with submission:
 - Name of High School you will be graduating from.
 - Parents names.
 - Return address, or if you prefer, a SASE so the photo can be mailed back to you

Send photos to: Yvonne Kaquatosh c/o Kalihwisaks-Graduate Special,
P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155

For more information, call Yvonne at 1.800.236.2214, ext. 4280 or locally at (920) 869-4280.

Thousands of leftover flu vaccine shots could go to waste

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — As the flu season nears an end, Wisconsin has 44,000 leftover doses of the flu vaccine that will expire in June.

In October, while the nation grappled with a flu vaccine shortage, state officials issued an order limiting flu shots to people 65 and older, infants and toddlers and people with chronic health conditions. Flu clinics for the general public were canceled.

Through a federal program, the state received nearly 100,000 doses of vaccine that were initially to go only to children younger than 18 years old in low-income families.

But the state didn't vaccinate as many children as expected, and as much of the stash of children's vaccine sat in storage, many others who wanted flu shots couldn't get them because of federal restrictions that limited who could get them.

Those restrictions were lifted in January, but the state wasn't allowed to free up its doses until a month later.

State officials asked federal authorities in November to let them release some of the extra doses to the public, but Wisconsin didn't get the approval to do so until February, said Stephanie Marquis, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Health and Family Services.

The department had tripled its order of the vaccine last year, to 98,650, because of new federal recommendations that more children be inoculated. The leftover doses are worth about \$365,000.

The Department of Corrections also wanted to expand its immunization program and ordered 12,000 doses, but only high-risk inmates were initially allowed to get the shots, and more than 4,000 doses are now left.

Dan Hopfensperger, director of the state immunization program, said the size of the state health department's order was reasonable at the time. He said he does not believe anyone who wanted to get vaccinated didn't eventually.

"I think everyone who wanted it got it," he said.

Expressing end of life care needs

A good death. That may sound like a foreign thought but it is, and should be a goal when dealing with loved ones, who have an acute terminal illness or simply are failing due to age. Recent national attention to a case in Florida emphasizes the many emotions that surround death, dying and respect for the individual. At the AJNH we have assisted both long and short stay residents with this final stage of life.

There are important aspects surrounding death and dying that I would like to share.

First, I would encourage all adults to spend time discussing with their family and formalize in writing what types of care they would or would not want to receive. Depending on age and individual circumstance, care can range from heroic efforts to only doing things that pro-

vide comfort such as effective pain control. When an individual is admitted to AJNH the social worker or nursing staff will spend time discussing options that best reflect the individual's wishes and those items are noted on a document referred to as a Critical Care Plan. This document becomes the reference point that offers guidance to the staff so they provide care consistent with what the resident or their representative had stated.

Second, the facility is responsible for notifying a resident's family or representative of a significant change in the resident condition. Sometimes this may mean that the resident has fallen, other times it may mean that death may be imminent. Frequently staff will be asked how much longer a resident might live. Staff will always

be honest about what the resident's current condition is, however, answering that question is extremely difficult. More than one individual has recovered and lived beyond what we might have expected and others slip away with little warning. The best we can tell you is that you need to do what you feel is the best thing for the loved one and your family. No matter what a family chooses, no one in a nursing home dies alone, staff who truly care for them check on them frequently to do the things that promote comfort.

Third, when a resident appears to be within days or hours of dying the staff will continue to care for them and now also extend support to the family members who choose to be present. We will do our best to prepare you for the changes you can expect to

see in a loved one as their time of death gets closer. This extended support is as individual as family needs are. Some family members need time to talk, others need a blanket so they can stay next to a loved one through the night, we work to meet those needs as the care for other residents continues.

The final point I would like to stress is that admitting a loved one to the nursing home for end of life care is an option. For many families Hospice is provided and is the perfect route to meet their individual needs. For other families, Hospice is not the best option or Hospice can no longer meet their needs. We work with Hospice care providers by accepting patients from them or transferring patients to them. The goal is to provide an experience that best meets the indi-

vidual and family needs and circumstances. If you have questions surrounding this issue call the Social Worker at AJNH and you will be assisted.

I started this article by using the term "good death." For me, a good death would be one that was as consistent with the expressed wishes of my loved one, that they would be as comfortable as possible and that my loved one would be surrounded by family and staff who loved and cared for them. I have seen many families go through this process with AJNH staff and I have seen many staff leave with tears in their eyes as they too said "good bye". We believe that this is a very significant part of our work and take pride in providing support for this important and final stage of life.

Report: HIV cases on rise in Wisconsin '04

MILWAUKEE (AP) — More than 400 new cases of the virus that causes AIDS were reported in Wisconsin last year, the largest increase since 1997, a state agency says.

A report from the state Department of Health and Family Services said the new cases of HIV infection increased from 364 in 2003 to 417 in 2004, a rise of 14.5 percent.

There have been 8,700 cases of HIV infection reported in the state since 1982, the report said, and 5,690 people have gone on to develop AIDS, or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, which depresses the immune system

and can lead to death.

The state's first case of HIV infection was reported in November 1982, before deaths from AIDS began to increase in Wisconsin and nationwide. Drugs eventually were developed that have enabled HIV-infected people to live longer.

The disease can be spread through sexual contact and the sharing of needles by drug users.

According to the report, from 2000-04 there were 2.5 cases of HIV infection reported among men who had sex with men for each case attributed to high-risk heterosexual behavior.

Michael Gifford, chief

operating officer for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the main AIDS service organization in the state, said the increase in new HIV cases reflects a "huge crisis."

"We need to be assured that our care and treatment systems are prepared because, to many people who have HIV, access to health care is their only hope for a longer, healthier life," he said.

Gifford said the center has seen a tripling of clients in the past few years and now averages 10-15 new clients a

month.

He said Gov. Jim Doyle's 2005-07 state budget proposal, now being considered by legislators, would provide \$500,000 in new money for the HIV care and treatment system.

"This is the first increase in funding for AIDS care since 2001," he said. "It helps keep pace with the growing AIDS epidemic and is vital to assuring (that) people with HIV disease have access to medical care they need to survive."

tsyunhehkw^ Center Farm

The snow will be melting soon and the ground will be ready for planting. Who else is ready for spring?

Tsyunhehkw^ Garden Rotovating Services

Services will begin April 11th, 2005, weather and soil permitting. Sign-up for garden tilling today! Fee is twenty dollars for anything under a quarter acre. PLEASE remove all debris from site including twine, tomato cages, string, rope, etc. Designated site must be properly marked on all corners. Sign-up deadline is May 1st, 2005.

Please contact Lou Williams Jr., Community Outreach Worker at the tsyunhehkw^ Center Farm: 869-2718 or email at:

HMOs enrollment drops

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Enrollment in health maintenance organizations in Wisconsin dropped below 1.5 million people for the first time in five years last summer as premiums continued to increase, according to a new report on managed care.

HMO enrollment in the state peaked at 1.6 million Wisconsin participants in 2001 but has declined since then, according to the Wisconsin Managed Care Review 2004.

As of June 2004, HMOs had 1.49 million participants in Wisconsin, the report said, the first time since 1999

HMOs had fewer than 1.5 million participants.

As HMO premiums continue to rise, employers are turning to other options, such as preferred provider arrangements, the report said.

HMOs took in an average of \$248 in premium revenue per commercial member per month in 2003, up 13 percent from \$219 in 2002. The report said Wisconsin HMO premium revenues increased 14.9 percent in 2002 and 19.6 percent in 2001.

The report was prepared by Minneapolis-based independent health care researcher Allan Baumgarten.

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LOCATION: ONEIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER - Lobby Area

WHEN: Wednesday, April 6TH

TIME: 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Event open to all community members, employees and their families
COME AND ENJOY:

Healthy food and refreshments

Meet the Staff

Learn about services at the Oneida Health Center

Health and safety promotional items

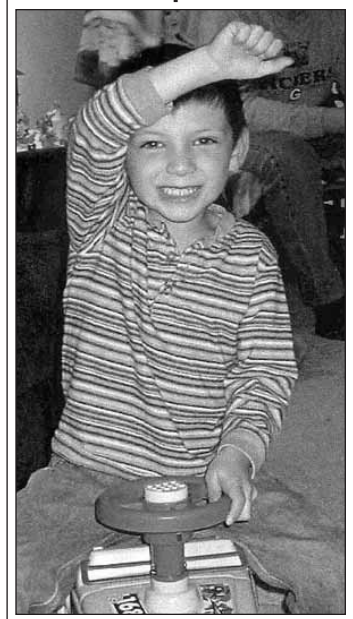
Good News

Happy Birthday
Happy Day to my
Super Granddaughter
Raquel
A very Special Person!



Love...Gramcrackers
Hello Steve, Melissa,
Ron, Jake & Bus - see
you soon!

Happy 4th Birthday
Sawyer Schmutzler
on April 1st



Love...Mom, Dad & little
brother Mason, Gramas
& Papas, Aunts, Uncles,
& Cousins

Happy 5th Birthday
Deja Vieau
April 6th is your Special
Special day. Your smile
brings sunshine and
happiness to every day!



Love...Mom, Nana
Josefa, Grandpa Warren,
Gramma Sandi, Jim,
Grandpa Jerry, Sid,
Emma, Gavin, Elise &
Family

Happy Birthday
Wishing you a very
Happy Sweet 16th
Birthday on April 5th
Erin



Love...Mom

Happy Easter
to our Special Angel
Terrance, Donovan
& Honoria



Love...Mom

Happy 1st Birthday

Jayda Rayne
Patterson
on March 26th



Love...Mom & Dad and
big brother Ethan,
Grandmas and Grampas,
Aunts, Uncles & Cousins

Happy 5th Birthday
to my Niece



Love Auntie Steph,
Uncle Jim, Jazz, Roman,
Chantel, Wiggly,
Jamerson and Emerson

Happy 5th Birthday
to our Special Angel
Honoria May
Metoxen



Love Mom, Dad,
Terrance, Donovan and
Grandma Norean

Congratulations
to...
**Priscilla Dessart
Cornelius**
for being listed on the
National Dean's List
for 2004-05 and for your
acceptance into the
National Scholar's
Honor Society!



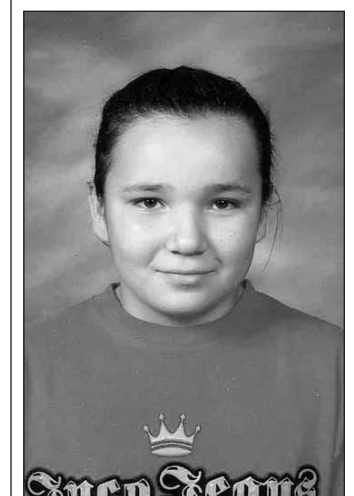
Keep up the excellent
work! Love...Mom,
Travis and Teka

Happy 12th Birthday
to my Godchild
Chantel Polar
Remember when you
were so-o-o precious?



Love...Auntie Crystal

Happy 12th Birthday
to my "Baby Girl"
Chantel Polar



Love...Mom, Jim, Jazz,
Roman, Wiggly,
Jamerson and Emerson

Congratulations
& Good Luck
Boz
with your new job at the
Post!



(Love your shades...)
Also, Happy 41st on 4/22
We wish you the Best!
ONEIDA
Communication's Staff

New Arrivals

If you have a birth announce-
ment, please send it to the
Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO
Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or
call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920)
869-4280 for more informa-
tion. 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/pater-
nal), siblings (names only).
Also, if the baby was given an
Indian name, please include
the correct spelling and mean-
ing. Please include phone
number where you can be
reached during the day!

Love Malia Rose
Hill



Malia Rose Hill,
newborn daugh-
ter to Troy Hill
and Jennifer
Skenandore,
was born on
Monday, February 7, 2005
at Bellin Hospital, Green
Bay. Malia weighed 10 lbs.,
1 oz., and measured 22
inches in length. The proud
grandparents are James &
Georgia Hill, Carolyn &
Gary RedHail, and Kenny &
Lorna Skenandore, all of
Oneida. Malia has four sib-
lings, brothers - Alex &
Jose and sisters - Shanica &
Brianna.

Love Kiley Audrey
Skenandore



Kiley Audrey
Skenandore,
newborn daugh-
ter to Cheyenne
and Sara
Skenandore, was
born at 9:40 p.m. on
Wednesday, March 23, 2005
at St. Mary's Hospital,
Milwaukee. Kiley weighed
8 lbs., 9 oz. and measured
20.5 inches in length. The
proud maternal grandpar-
ents are Kevin & Linda
Rattle of Racine. The proud
paternal grandparents are
Bo & Chris Skenandore of
Seymour. The proud Great-
grandparents are Chuck &
Faye Rattle; the late Dale &
Audrey Tommerup; Betty
and the late Tony
Skenandore, Sr.; and Lucy
and the late Bob Klarnar.
Kiley has one older brother
Jaden at home.

It's never too early
to start planning for the...
*Miss Oneida &
Jr. Miss Oneida
Pageant!*



...It will be here
before you know it!!

We are looking for
ambitious and positive
young ladies who want to
have fun while representing
the Oneida Nation!

Miss Oneida (ages 18-25)
Jr Miss Oneida (ages 13-17)

- All participants must be single with no children.
- If you have any questions or need ideas call any one of the following members of the Miss Oneida Committee:

Tana Aguirre, 869-4239
Heidi King, 869-1580
Racquel Hill, 869-4388
Kalene White, 429-3263

Great prizes for Miss & Jr Miss Oneida 2005-2006

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NEXT DEADLINE
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April 14th, 2005
Questions, please
call: 920-869-4280 or
Toll Free:
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ext. 4280

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary April 2005 Calendar of Events

RPAWS Training Session:
Saturday, April 2 at 8 A.M.
If you love animals and enjoy taking care of animals, this session is for you. Every year the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and the RPAWS members nurse more than 3,000 animals back to health. If you want to be apart of this program, come to this session and learn how to get involved. RPAWS is a volunteer program. Please call the Sanctuary at (920) 391-3671 to pre-register.

Animal Stories for Preschoolers:
Who Hatches Eggs
Monday, April 4 at 10 A.M. and again Monday, April 18 at 1 P.M.
Children and their families can learn about animals that hatch from eggs during Animal Stories for Preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the short story, "Egg" by AJ Wood. After the stories, participants will participate in a fun craft project. Cost is \$1 per resident or Friends member and \$1.50 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

Trail Fitness Walk:
It's time for some outdoor exercise
Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 12 P.M.
Trek the Sanctuary trails and enjoy the spring air during your lunch break. This walk will be 45 minutes of brisk hiking on uneven terrain. Please come dressed for the weather and bring your hiking shoes. Cost is \$10 per Green Bay resident and Friends member and \$15 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

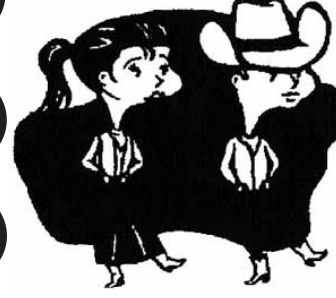
3rd Annual "Jimmy" Web Jigging Contest May 7, 2005

Menominee Casino - Ada Deer Room
7:30 p.m. til 12:00 a.m.
\$10.00 Admission (Cash Bar-Free Beer)
Music by Wolf River Band

- 1st Place - \$300
- 2nd Place - \$200
- 3rd Place - \$100

Featured raffle items include:
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