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Mohawk mother joins civil suit

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The mother of a Tyendinaga girl who died from leukemia has joined a civil court action against the local Mohawk band council.

Dawn Sero and her husband join Mohawk activist Shawn Brant as plaintiffs pressing the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Band Council to carry out thorough testing of the reserve's water supply, or provide proof Tyendinaga Territory water supply isn't threatened by contaminants they suspect is leaking from a decommissioned dump on the territory off York Road.

Sero and Brant have been part of a campaign seeking answers about the safety of their water supply, since last fall, after three Mohawk children were diagnosed with leukemia in 2012. Sero's daughter Paula, 13, died from debilitating illness last September. Brant's daughter is now also being treated for leukemia.

The band has hired Toronto lawyer, Roger Horst, to defend their position that appropriate testing has been done.

"We're not getting any answers and this is the best way to get answers for these kids," Sero said. "I figured going to court (seeking a court order) they will have to tell us what we want to know."

Brant and Sero, whose allegations have yet to be proven in court, question the findings of December, 2012, Health Canada study (sparked by community meetings) clearing 32 wells on the reserve for benzene, saying more detailed investigations need to be done in the area around the dump.

"They need to test around the dump," Sero said Wednesday.

She said not much information has been revealed by the band regarding the complete discoveries from the probe done by Health Canada.



"We asked the band for the results and it all of a sudden becomes a privacy issue," Sero claims. "We're frustrated. We have a right to know what's going on down here."

Doubt still lingers for Sero, despite the statements of area medical experts dismissing suspicions, water contaminants are linked to the several case of childhood cancer in the community, including Brant's daughter, currently undergoing treatment for the ailment in Toronto. Both Brant and Sero's daughters attended Quinte Mohawk School.

"A lot of kids are getting sick down here," she said. "We're not saying that all the kids are sick from being here but it's more than a coincidence that three of them are from the same school."

Brant claims he has "shocking" documents, including water testing results not released by the band, proving the Mohawk water supply has been exposed to contaminants. He said that supporting evidence will be forwarded to Belleville lawyer Stephen Reynolds acting on behalf of the plaintiffs.

Band lawyer Horst says otherwise. Findings from the Health Canada probe show concerns about the well water and now closed reserve landfill are unfounded, Horst said. The Toronto lawyer said those and other findings will be a part of his defence.

"The position of the Mohawk (band) is that the appropriate testing has been done and the test show that landfill is not causing problems in the drinking water," Horst said.

To date, monetary damages have not been sought by the plaintiffs.

"That's not been asked for right now," Horst said.

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National Funding

Support for International Museum Collaborations

[American Alliance of Museums: Museums Connect](#)

Museums Connect: Building Global Communities, an initiative of the American Alliance of Museums and the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is designed to strengthen connections and cultural understanding between people in the United States and abroad through collaborative and innovative projects facilitated by museums. The program empowers museums to connect people in the U.S. with people abroad while at the same time strengthening ties between the museums and their communities. Projects addressing the following themes will receive additional consideration: Adapting to Changing Demographics, Investing in Green Practices, Promoting Disability Rights and Engagement, Developing Amateur Experts, and Addressing Community Challenges. Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 are available. All U.S. and non-U.S. museums should submit a museum profile form by October 7, 2013. The deadline for submitting statements of intent to propose is February 18, 2014; final proposals are due April 7, 2014. Visit the American Alliance of Museums website for program details.

Higher [Education](#) Student Development Programs Funded

[Association of American Colleges and Universities: Bringing Theory to Practice Project](#)

The Bringing Theory to Practice Project (BTtoP), an initiative of the Association of American [Colleges and Universities](#), encourages colleges and universities to reassert their core purposes as educational institutions, not only to advance learning and discovery, but to advance the potential and well-being of each individual student, and to advance education as a public good that sustains a civic society. BTtoP supports campus-based initiatives that demonstrate how uses of engaged forms of learning that actively involve students both within and beyond the classroom directly contribute to their cognitive, emotional, and civic development. Program Development Grants and Seminar Grants are provided. Institutions awarding baccalaureate degrees, [community colleges](#), and equivalent non-U.S. institutions are all eligible to apply. The remaining application deadlines for the current Request for Proposals (RFP) are September 15 and December 15, 2013, and March 15, 2014. Visit the Association's website to download the RFP.

Grants Enhance Indigenous Communities

[Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples](#)

The Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples is dedicated to promoting and maintaining the uniqueness of Native peoples and the sovereignty of tribal Nations. The Fund's primary grantmaking program areas include the following: Arts and Cultural Expression, Environmental Health and Justice, Human Rights, Sustainable Communities, Intergenerational Leadership, and Women's Leadership. Grants from \$600 to \$5,000 are provided three times per year to Native communities that address one or more of the Fund's program areas. The application deadlines are February 1, June 1, and October 1, annually. (Mini-grants of up to \$500 are reviewed throughout the year.) Application guidelines and forms are available on the Fund's website.

Grassroots Environmental Projects in North America Supported

Commission for Environmental Cooperation: North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) facilitates collaboration and public participation to foster conservation, protection, and enhancement of the North American environment. The North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action (NAPECA), an initiative of CEC, provides grants to nonprofit organizations and non-governmental organizations in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico in order to empower and build the capacity of local peoples and organizations to improve their health and environmental quality. NAPECA supports projects at the community grassroots level that support healthy communities and ecosystems, encourage climate change activities through the transition to a low-carbon economy, and advance innovative projects that assist in greening economies. Preliminary proposals must be submitted by September 10, 2013; full proposals are due December 3, 2013. Visit the CEC website to download the Call for Proposals.

Regional Funding

Funds for Palliative Care Initiatives in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Utah

Cambia Health Foundation: Sojourns Program

The Cambia Health Foundation is committed to transforming health care and improving end-of-life care in collaborative and innovative ways throughout Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Utah. The Foundation's Sojourns Program helps to ensure that palliative care is available to all patients with advanced illness. The program provides implementation grants of \$125,000 to \$250,000 to nonprofit and public hospitals, hospices, or other healthcare organizations that either do not offer a formal palliative care program or have not had an active palliative care program in the past two years. Innovation grants of up to \$250,000 are provided to nonprofit and public hospitals or other healthcare organizations that provide palliative care services and seek to close gaps in local health care systems via partnerships with other organizations in their communities. The final 2013 deadline for letters of inquiry is September 21, 2013. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Sojourns Program's grant opportunities.

Grants Promote Innovative Projects in Northern California and Hawaii

The Joseph & Vera Long Foundation

The Joseph & Vera Long Foundation's primary purpose is to support nonprofit organizations in Northern California and the state of Hawaii. The Foundation's grantmaking categories include healthcare, education, and conservation. The Foundation has a special interest in programs which benefit women, families, and seniors, or contribute to the conservation of the natural environment. Preference is given to new, innovative projects that will be completed with the Foundation's contribution. Grants in the upcoming fall cycle will range from \$10,000 to \$49,000. Request for Invitation (RFI) forms may be submitted online from August 19 through September 16, 2013. After the Foundation staff reviews the RFI forms, selected organizations will be invited to apply for a grant. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the grant guidelines.

Funds for Progressive Groups in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina

Fund for Southern Communities

The Fund for Southern Communities supports community-based organizations working to create just and sustainable communities that are free of oppression and that embrace and celebrate all

people. The Fund provides grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to progressive grassroots groups in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina that address social change issues, such as workers' rights, environmental justice, economic justice, etc. Grants support new or existing projects, as well as the general operating needs of small organizations with budgets of \$150,000 or less. The application deadline is September 6, 2013. Visit the Fund's website to download the grant application information.

Support for Oral Health Programs in Illinois

[Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation](#)

The Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation works to improve the oral health of the residents of Illinois. The Foundation's Community Grants Program supports nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and public schools that offer programs that address the oral health of children. Priority is given to programs that focus on the following two key priority areas: oral health education and awareness, and access to oral health, with emphasis on programs that also educate and inform. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The application process will open August 1, 2013, and applications must be submitted by September 3, 2013. Visit the Delta Dental of Illinois website to review the Community Grants Philosophy and Guidelines.

Federal Funding

Water and Land Use Programs Funded

[National Science Foundation](#)

The Water Sustainability and Climate program provides support to enhance the understanding and predict the interactions between the water system and land use changes (including agriculture, managed forest, and rangeland systems), the built environment, ecosystem function and services, and climate change and variability. The application deadline is September 10, 2013.

STD Prevention Efforts Supported

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

The Improving Sexually Transmitted Disease Programs through Assessment, Assurance, Policy Development, and Prevention Strategies program provides support to strengthen sexually transmitted disease (STD) prevention programs, including efforts to improve services for STD clients and their partners. The application deadline is September 12, 2013.

Support Available for Economic Development Projects

[Department of Commerce](#)

The Economic Development Assistance Program works to foster job creation and attract private investment to support development in economically distressed rural and urban areas. The application deadline is September 13, 2013.

Program Works to Protect Endangered Languages

[National Science Foundation](#)

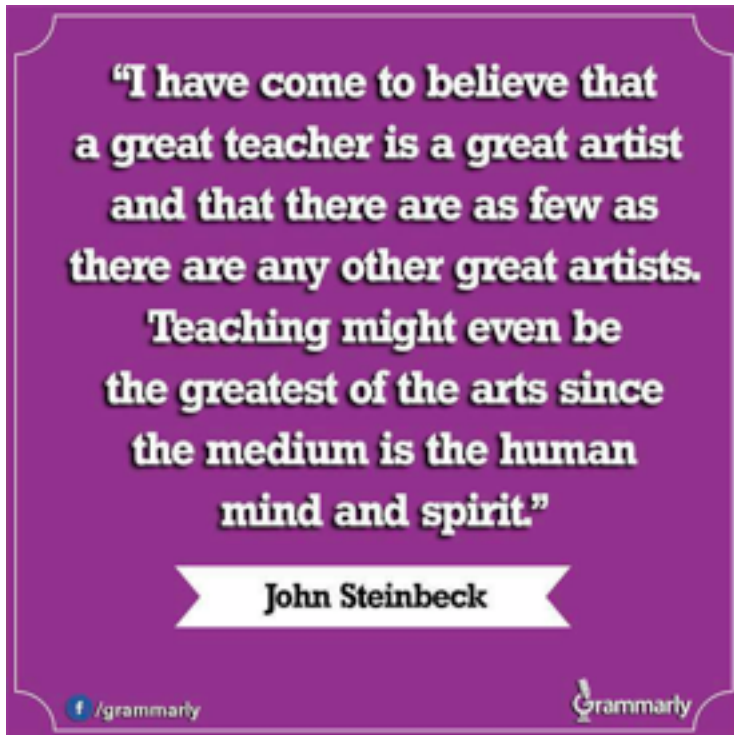
The Documenting Endangered Languages program supports projects that develop and advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages, and contribute to data management and archiving, and to the development of the next generation of researchers. The application deadline is September 15, 2013.

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Political Dreaming in the Twenty-First Century

Ira Chernus, TomDispatch
Chernus writes: "I bet you, like me, rarely talk to anyone about your dreams, even if you spend nearly all your time among politically active people working to improve the planet. Perhaps these days it feels somehow just too naive, too unrealistic, too embarrassing." [READ MORE](#)

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[Natural Cures Not Medicine: 1 Man Produced 6,000 Pounds of Food on 1/10 Acre. This is How](http://www.naturalcuresnotmedicine.com)
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[Parker School @ Standing Arrow powwow 2013. Awesome singing br...](#)

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And the national tribal equivalent?

High school students revel in reviving ancient languages

By TREVON MILLIARD LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

From California to Maine, Florida to North Dakota, teenagers pour into the Las Vegas arena from all over the country chanting cheers.

They shout louder and louder, trying to drown out one another. The words — some in English, some not — run together. The teens rally for 15 minutes, filling the bleachers and the arena floor.

Thunk. Thunk.

Silence.

The distinctive sound of a gavel on hardwood hushes the 1,300 people. Not your normal high school pep rally.

“It’s such a surprise to see so many kids screaming and cheering — for Latin,” says event organizer and The Meadows School Latin teacher Sherry Jankowski. She smiles at the thought that on Friday, the Cox Pavilion will be a sea of togas. That spectacle marks the final day of a weeklong celebration of everything Latin and Greek in the 60th annual National Junior Classical League convention.

Don’t dare call Latin a dead language here.

“We obviously don’t see it that way,” says Caroline Tucker, president of the league, which has 46,730 high school members. Tucker is an Indianapolis high school student about to attend Princeton University.

Members, called delegates, participate in athletic Olympika competitions, Certamen (Latin Jeopardy!), and academic and artistic challenges about the classic language and the societies that spoke it.

It took some lobbying and a few years of planning, but the long-standing conference has made its way to Las Vegas and Nevada for the first time, marking a different kind of toga party than the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is accustomed to seeing.

The conference won't get as much attention as the likes of the AVN Adult Entertainment Expo or the International Consumer Electronics Show. But you don't learn Latin to be cool, several students remarked, even joking about the nerdiness of it all.

"Ask a kid here, 'Why Latin?' and you're going to get a thousand different answers," says Jeremy Walker, a Latin teacher from Crown Point, Ind.

Walker noted that all students can find an interest here, either in the era's architecture and art or in just learning about the cultures that have inspired TV shows and movies.

And Latin is still of great benefit to students as it is the basis of much of our language today, he says.

"It's a gateway language," Walker says, referring to the College Board's studies that Latin students do better on their SAT and ACT tests.

In 2012, the average verbal SAT score for a Latin student was 617 compared with a 602 overall average.

Adam Safadi used those kinds of statistics when he and other Colorado Latin students drove to Casper, Wyo., after hearing from another delegate that the school there was cutting Latin.

"It worked. We convinced the principal," says Safadi, who's now in college at Princeton but returned to the conference — which cost students \$475 for all accommodations except travel — to see his closest friends.

"When they see a sea of people like them, there's a kindred spirit there," Walker says.

Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman made it clear that she's one of them, telling the story of parents petitioning her to cut Latin from The Meadows School, a Las Vegas private school that she founded in 1984.

She approached the petitioning parents and asked why the push.

"Of course you know the answer. It's a dead language," Goodman says. Her response: "Go to another school. We're going to have Latin."

She acknowledged the quirkiness of the conference — the cheers, the songs, the fervor.

"A little off the page," Goodman says. "But we all need to be off the page a little bit. It makes us individuals."

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Governor's Conference on Small Business – Aug 28

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

- Hear from government officials and industry leaders during three informative, engaging panel sessions
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- Interact directly with top state officials, service providers and business development organizations at the Business Expo
- Join special guest speaker Google's Anthony Levandowski and Governor Brian Sandoval for the keynote address during lunch

PANEL SESSIONS

- 8:15– 9:15 am Access to Capital with SBA Director Ed Cadena; Valley Economic Development Center CEO Roberto Barragan and Heritage Bank Chief Credit Officer Tom Traficanti
- 9:30– 10:30 am Educating Tomorrow's Workforce with UNR President Marc Johnson; TMCC President Dr. Maria Sheehan and IGT EVP of Human Resources Aimee Hoyt
- 10:45– 11:45 am Health Insurance: Myths and Facts with Division of Insurance Administrator Scott Kipper and Silver [State Health Insurance](#) Exchange Executive Director Jon Hager

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- 8:15 am- 12 pm Panels, Business Expo event
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- 1:15– 2:00 pm Photos with the Governor

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