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**Supreme Court refuses to hear G.R.E. tax case appeal**

By Lynda Powless  
Editor

A Supreme Court decision not to hear an appeal from Grand River Enterprises, (G.R.E.) Six Nations Ltd., on whether or not they should pay excise taxes on tobacco product sold between 2005-2007 on reserves will amount to millions.

G.R.E. president Steve Williams said the company had prepared for a decision to go either way in the case by setting aside 50% of the amount expected to hit the company, but "if we had to

come up with it all at once, it could have forced us to shut down," he said.

But whether or not the fourth largest tobacco product manufacturer in the world will even have to pay the tax bill is the subject of another separate lawsuit under a fiduciary breach of fiduciary obligations claim.

In other words, G.R.E. lawyer Chantelle Montour said, if it is payable, G.R.E. should not be the only one paying it. "Basically the question is why are we (GRE) the only ones made

to pay it. Everyone in the reserves manufactures so it must not be owed. It must not be payable, if no one else is paying it."

She said a date for that lawsuit has yet to be set.

The S.C.C. announced last Thursday it would not review a lower court's judgement that excise taxes were applicable against the company and includes not only millions in excise taxes but interest and court costs.

The company argued before the lower court that tobacco products manufactured on a reserve for sale

to natives should be exempt from excise taxes.

Montour said the case hinged on the issue of whether or not First Nations people were members of the general public.

"G.R.E. is restricted from selling to the general public so how can that apply. G.R.E. have always been denied the provincial yellow band license required to sell to the general public."

But that tax court judge held that the company was responsible for 23 assessments for "excise duty and

related interest" on tobacco products manufactured by the company from September 2005 to July 2007 and sold to retailers located on reserves in Ontario.

The Federal Court of Appeal (FCA) dismissed an appeal and Thursday the Supreme Court of Canada said it would not hear the case, dismissing it with costs.

G.R.E. lawyer John F.C. Hammond told a Hamilton newspaper whether or not the taxes should be paid is part of a separate legal ac-

tion. He did not know how much money was involved but said it was "in the millions."

Hammond said the case centred around native to native sales of tobacco product that should be exempt from excise taxes because natives are not "members of the general public" for which excise taxable products are intended.

But the court took the view that drafters of the legislation could not have possibly meant to exclude (natives) from taxes."

**G.R.E. loss does not affect treaty rights**

By Turtle Island News Staff  
The Supreme Court decision not to hear an appeal from Grand River Enterprises on whether the company located on a reserve should be required to pay excise taxes on product sold reserve to reserve will not affect treaty or trade, says a Haudenosaunee lawyer.

Instead, lawyer Aaron Detlor says it is another court failure to deal with First Nation treaty rights.

Haudenosaunee rights lawyer Aaron Detlor briefly reviewed the F.C.A. decision (which gave rise to the Supreme court refusal.) He said he found the "rationale of the F.C.A. troubling."

He said the lower court decision does not directly, impact negatively on international trade or First Nations rights because it was divided on the technical issue of whether or not "natives" were part of the

general public.

"The decision to refuse leave to appeal to the S.C.C. and allow the F.C.A. decision to stand does not have a direct negative impact on international trade or First Nation rights as it was decided on technical issues relating to statutory interpretation. The case did not specifically deal with 'Aboriginal or treaty rights'," he said.

But he said the lower court's decision did not

take into consideration First Nation rights.

"The rationale of the F.C.A. is troubling as it reflects an inability on the part of the courts to deal meaningfully with the treaty relationship that stands on a nation to nation foundation. The case turned on whether or not "Indians" were part of the general public. In finding that Indians are part of the general public we are again finding a judicial disposi-

tion to collapse the Two Row Treaty relationship, ignore a treaty based relationship and indirectly advance assimilative goals and policies. Perhaps the most telling passage is found at paragraph 33 where the FCA stated that: 'Aboriginal peoples hold a special legal position in Canada as a result, notably, of the Royal Proclamation, 1763, subsection 91(24) and section 109 of the Constitution Act,

1867, sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution Act, 1867, the federal common law of aboriginal rights, and the Indian Act. However, this does not necessarily entail that Indians and other aboriginal peoples are not to be included in the "public" or the "general public" when these expressions are used in legislation. Rather, the particular legislative purpose and context must be analysed in each case.'

**Six Nations tobacco industry regulating itself**

By Donna Duric  
Writer

Six Nations Health Services is looking to reduce youth smoking rates on the territory.

But a MacMaster University study claiming five percent of children as young as five were smoking here may have exaggerated earlier statistics garnered from another study.

Health Services released statistics two few weeks ago that claimed about five per cent of children on the territory aged five to 10 smoke.

That statistic came from a Tobacco Think Tank Report compiled by McMaster University doctors Sonia Anand and Sujane Kan-

dasamy, which contains recommendations on curbing youth smoking rates on Six Nations.

But the 2012 Tobacco Think Tank Report is not a stand alone study but rather a spin-off of an earlier study. 'Health Assessment and Risk Evaluation among Aboriginal "People" (SHARE-AP) conducted more than two decades ago in the late 90s.

Dr. Kandasamy said in the 1990's SHARE-AP study her medical team recruited households on Six Nations and selected families randomly who had been assigned to health intervention. All families completed health assessments (questionnaires,



Posting Notice no sales to minors. (Photo by Donna Duric)

physical measurements) at the initial visit and then again six months later.

"At the initial visit, children were asked these questions by a trained research assistant who recorded their answers on the case report forms," said Kandasamy.

She said study results were interpreted from those answers. "It is from the children's answers where this percentage came to light."

But the new tobacco report also went beyond health statistics and took aim at Six Nations' burgeoning tobacco industry.

It recommended smoke shops increase cigarette prices.

It also recommended Six Nations does more to restrict youth access to tobacco. It also suggests that "the community should adopt a minimum age" for the purchase of tobacco.

Some other recommendations in the report include: -Increase enforcement of restricting youth access to tobacco

-Create and enforce by-laws regarding advertising and selling tobacco to minors 'ie' signs.

-Control what it called "contraband" tobacco, which includes the measure of allowing police to stop and search vehicles "if reasonable" for carrying raw leaf tobacco

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**Residency by-law talks**

Band Council voted last Tuesday to extend the talks beyond the previous June deadline for a draft residency by-law currently

being discussed by a 12-person committee of community members. The residency law is being re-drafted in response to

proposed federal legislation on matrimonial real property that would impose provincial property laws on First Nations people living

on reserve married to non-native spouses. Council also asked the committee to provide periodic updates on the

progress of the draft residency law.

**Dr. Nina Burnham; councillor, volunteer, veteran and friend passes**



Dr. Nina Burnham (submitted photo)

By Chase Jarrett  
Writer

Six Nations is mourning the loss of well known community member Dr. Nina Burnham, who passed away early Easter Monday at the Iroquois Lodge. She was 86.

A former band councillor, her list of achievements spanned decades.

"The community lost a great supporter and a good friend. Rest in peace Nina

"I had a lot of respect for her. She stood up against all the men on council. She did real well for her district and she looked after bread and cheese for more years than I know. I will miss her," he said.

Reverend Norm Casey of St. Peter's Church in Ohsweken said "She was a very important person to all of us. She's going to be missed not only by me, not only by this parish, but by

lodge, on Monday. Some of the residents weighed in on the loss.

"With Nina passing a part of St. Pete's goes as well," said resident Sally English, who went to church with Dr. Burnham for many years.

Flora Skye remembered Dr. Burnham as knowledgeable. "She was a very busy and smart woman. She knew just about everything and if you needed to know some-

wagon, and when I first started the children were afraid of me - they had never seen a dentist ever!" she told Turtle Island News in a 2008 interview.

Dr. Burnham did a five year stint in the Eastern Artic, covering 10,000 miles a summer aboard Medical Ship CD Howe. Helicopters flew Inuit patients in from their settlements to the ship for preventative dental treatment.

been the same. "It's going to be hard. I'm going to miss her a lot."

Dr. Burnham is known nationally among Anglican circles, but her legacy is steeped in a focus for the Six Nations community. She served Six Nations as an elected councillor for 18 years, retiring from the position in 2003.

"Even before she was on band council I worked with her (Burnham) on a committee," said former elected councillor Glenda Porter, who knew Burnham growing up, as a fellow councillor, and then later in life as a Red Hat.

"She was really good at fundraising and getting things together," Porter said. "I think she leaves a legacy of helping people in the community, and people will remember her for that." She said Burnham "knew what she wanted to get done and usually got it done."

And she got a lot done as Burnham's list of accomplishments is long.

Last October, she was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for excellence in community service. In 2010 she received an Honourary Doctorate, 'Doctor of Divinity,' from Huron College and Western University. That May, she also received the



Dr. Nina Burnham (Turtle Island News Files)

thing you could go to her." Brad Scott added: "She was very nice and polite and a caring lady towards everyone and everyone respected her."

Dr. Burnham was born January 24, 1927, on Six Nations, to parents Ed and Mina Burnham of the Mohawk and Oneida Nations. She was one of nine siblings, two of whom died as children.

After finishing high school and graduating from Camp Borden military school, Dr. Burnham spent years traveling to reservations across Ontario as the first Aboriginal dental hygienist in Canada.

She would cover 2100 miles a month, surveying the needs of elementary school students in remote First Nations communities, some of whom had never even seen a dentist before.

"I traveled with portable equipment in a dental

work and travel. "I was never married. I was as free as a bird," she said.

Today, Rev. Casey remembers Dr. Burnham as a pillar of support for Six Nations. "Not only was she full of vim and vigor, she was a rock; truly a rock. She was there for everyone and she prayed for everyone."

Rev. Casey reminisced he was often 'dragged along' when she would do hospital visits. She visited everyone, he said.

A devout Christian, Rev. Casey said her approach to Christianity was simple, yet powerful. "Her understanding was that 'Jesus loved everyone' and that's the code she lived by," he said. "She wanted to love everyone and that's exactly what she did."

He said St. Peter's Church was like her second home, and since she took sick a few years ago, it hasn't

Order of Huron, the top honour awarded by the Anglican Church, which is reserved for "outstanding and selfless work." The Anglican Parish also recommended Burnham for the Order of Ontario.

She has served on a number of boards and committees including the Ontario Board of Parole, the Ontario Trillium Board, was a member of the Six Nations Veterans Association, Anglican Church Women at St. Peter's Church, former co-chair of the Lenape Algonkian Iroquoian Council, a member of Senior Fellows for Renison College.

Anglican Council of Native Ministries former Chair, the Primate's World Relief and Development commission, Partners in Mission, National Indigenous Covenant Implementation Commission and the Mohawk Chapel

Dr. Burnham's family will honour her life with visitation at the St. Peter's Anglican Church, Ohsweken on Wednesday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with Evening Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Funeral Services will be held at the church on Thursday April 4, 2013 at 2 p.m. with interment in the adjoining cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Peter's Anglican Church, Ohsweken.



Dr Nina Burnham, a veteran never forgotten (Photos by Jim C Powless)

## Food bank wants own home

Six Nations Band Council is looking for land to locate a 5,000 sq. ft. building for the Six Nations Food Bank. Food Bank Director Sadie

Buck said they need their own location and can't keep hopping from place to place. It doesn't have the funds for a new building

yet. In the past year, they've been located behind the Village Plaza and are now located in the former Hill's Sports store on Fourth Line.

Council said the new location should be located in the village so that elderly clients can walk to it. Elected Chief Bill Montour

said there are no concrete plans in place to find a location just yet but it's something council will discuss in the near future.

## Child threatens suicide over school bullying, principal fails to address

By Donna Duric Writer

A 10-year-old child at a local school is being bullied so badly, she wants to commit suicide.

Councillor Helen Miller brought the shocking news to council two weeks ago, saying the bullying has gotten so bad, Six Nations police are involved and the parent has pulled the child out of school.

"It's really bad out there in our schools," said Miller. "I've gotten a lot of messages on Facebook. It's terrible what's happening to these kids. I can't believe there's kids in our school system that would be so mean to do this stuff."

Miller said she is trying to get a meeting with Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada (AANAC) education advisor James Cutfeet to see what bullying policies are and what can be done to curb the ever-growing prob-

lem in Six Nations schools. The principals of Six Nations' five federally-run schools, says Miller, "don't seem to be dealing with it very well. I just can't believe the things that's happening to these kids. I keep getting phone calls about kids being bullied."

The mother of the child agreed to talk to The Turtle Island News on condition of anonymity.

Her daughter has been bullied mercilessly by a group of older girls since September 2012.

"She explained to me, 'they're calling me names' and I said, 'well you should be telling somebody.'"

Her daughter did that and she was told she was tattling. Unprintable words were written about her daughter on the bathroom stalls at school. The bullying continued on the bus. Eventually, it escalated into physical violence.

Her daughter tried to stand up for herself.

"The more she did, the worse it got," said her mom. "It got to the point she was getting sick - not wanting to be at school - telling me she was sick, had a headache - anything so she didn't have to go to school."

This is from a girl who used to love school, said her mom.

"I'd keep her home, not really knowing what the problem was because we were all sick in the house at the time. I took it as that at first. It got to the point where she would get quiet about things."

She used to be an outspoken child, said her mom, so she scheduled some "girl time" for the two to talk and that's when her daughter revealed she was being bullied at school and on the bus. That was in October. Things escalated from there. Graffiti appeared in the school's bathroom stall. The girls stole her things

and then, the assaults began.

She began acting out at school to get sent home because she couldn't take the bullying anymore.

"Being sick wasn't working anymore," said her mom.

Things reached the boiling point a few weeks ago when her daughter asked her to read her journal. In it, the little girl talked about killing herself. Reading that sent her mother into a state of panic, having already lost one girl. She didn't leave her side the whole night after reading that in her daughter's journal. She sought medical help and counselling for her daughter immediately.

Her mother is upset with how the school has handled the issue.

During a meeting with school officials, "They told me they were unaware of it. That was their answer for everything - 'we were unaware.'"

She left the meeting with no answers and her daughter, who is too afraid to go back to the school, has few options on where to continue her schooling.

It's been two weeks since her daughter has gone to school. "Would you send your child somewhere they felt so unsafe they wanted to harm themselves?" asks her mom. "I think not."

Her mom had tried to get funding from Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada to send her to a school off-reserve but was told because her daughter doesn't have special needs, she doesn't qualify for funding.

Elected Chief Bill Montour said at a band council meeting he believed the schools are dealing with bullying and that he would "check on" getting a meeting with principals.

"If she's talking about suicide I don't know if that's going to help her any," said Miller. "This little person, she's talking about suicide

because she doesn't see another way. She's not going to school."

Miller said other parents have told her the schools don't seem to be doing much to address the problem.

"The parents are telling me they're not dealing with it. They went to the school. They tried to get things done - nothing is getting done. Nothing is happening. We need to meet with the principals to find out - do the schools have a plan? If they do, they're not always following it apparently."

Because Six Nations schools are federally-run, principals are not allowed to speak to the media. AANDC sent The Turtle Island News a copy of its Safe Schools policy but had not responded to questions by press time.

In the security and safety section of the manual, the policy defines harassment as, "behaviour which jeopardizes the emotional well-being or physical safety of students or staff" and will not be tolerated.

The manual recommends a number of steps to take in dealing with a student accused of engaging in such behaviour, including (for the first time offence):

- notify the student that the behaviour is in violation of the policy and that disciplinary action will be taken and may also ask the student to acknowledge in writing that he or she understands that the behaviour will not be tolerated;
- the parent or guardian will be notified;
- recommend individual counselling or classroom awareness training;
- recommend detention, in-school suspension, or a maximum five-day suspension outside the school;
- inform the student and parent or guardian of the possibility of legal action if the offence is a sexual as-

sault, and that police and the Children's Aid Society will be informed.

If it occurs again, the previous measures above are taken, alternative learning placements may be recommended, and the suspension period is prolonged to a maximum of 10 days. The student will only be permitted re-entry after a meeting involving the parents/guardians and appropriate personnel. If it happens a third time, a maximum 20-day suspension is added. The policy does not advise expulsion. According to the child's mother, none of the steps above took place, and instead, her daughter was accused of "tattling."

She is doing everything she can to seek another school her daughter can attend. She said her daughter cannot attend other schools on the reserve because she does not live in those districts.

Janie Jamieson-Cook, whose 12-year-old daughter Jewel Monture committed suicide in 2010 as a result of bullying, says she's saddened to hear of the story. Despite the widespread attention her daughter's death brought to bullying's fatal consequences, the problem is as bad as ever, said Jamieson. "In my opinion, everyone's gone back to normal. There is still bullying. People are just turning a blind eye to it all over again."

She said for a period of time after Jewel's death, there was heightened awareness about bullying. That's changed, she said, and she suspects a lot of parents don't want to admit their child is actually the bully.

"Everybody wants to be the victim," she said, referring to parents who say their child was only responding to another child who was bullying them. Jamieson-Cook said par-

ents need to be honest with themselves if they're told their child is being a bully.

"That's where it all starts is the parents. You need to be honest with yourself and admit the behaviour. For a 10-year-old to not want to live anymore - are we really effective as parents, as a community? It's a joint effort here, between the schools, parents and police."

Jewel was a beloved youth on Six Nations - an accomplished dancer, singer, actress and model. She endured a lot of bullying from her peers and even some adults in the community, says Jamieson-Cook. Her death rocked the community and even brought about the passage of an anti-bullying by-law from band council, called Jewel's Law.

Jamieson-Cook says she is not an expert when it comes to bullying and as a parent, she tried her best to save her daughter. "I thought I said all the right things to her. She was everything I ever wanted in a daughter. Why her?"

What Jamieson-Cook does recommend is being relentless in the pursuit of justice for your child.

Contact teachers, principals, the police, Aboriginal Affairs, the Children's Aid Society, the Ontario College of Teachers - whatever it takes, she says.

In the meantime, Jamieson-Cook said, the community needs to work to become an emotionally-healthier place, because bullying stems from the lateral violence that pervades aboriginal communities as a result of colonialism.

"There's still abuse that's rampant in our community. We don't need the Crown to do it to us anymore. Some of us have overcome a lot of abuse and struggled to make it better for the next generation. We're all growing at different paces."

## Track and field pits

Local schools are asking council to add sand pits to the Six Nations Sports Fields behind the community hall so that they can

hold territory-wide track and field meets there before heading to competitions in off-reserve districts. Six Nations

schools currently hold reserve-wide meets at New Credit because they don't have their own facilities for the field events of long

jump, triple jump and high jump. Council will discuss the costs at its next Human Services Committee meeting.

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## Band council looking at street lights for dark corners

By Donna Duric Writer

After a tragic accident took the lives of two teens last December at a dangerous intersection on the territory, Band Council is looking at putting a stop sign or street lights at the corner of Fourth Line and Tuscarora Road.

The intersection currently has a two-way stop sign and no lights surrounding the area.

"I think it would be a good thing for community safety," said Councillor Wray Maracle, who brought the suggestion forward to council last Tuesday. "Over the past year,

there have been a number of deaths in the community and one of them was at an intersection that's just down Fourth Line and it's very dark there at night. It may have helped prevent something if there was a streetlight there at that time. Unfortunately it wasn't there."

Randy Harris, 15, and Yegwenyes "Gwen" Delta Rayne Martin, 18, were killed at the intersection when a pick-up truck driven by 41-year-old Travis Squire-Hill hit them in the early evening hours of Dec. 3, 2012. Squire-Hill is currently before the court facing numerous

charges in relation to the deaths, including two counts of impaired driving causing death. A third teen, Adam Roy Todd Bain, 19, was seriously injured in the collision.

Councillors Dave Hill and Roger Jonathan blamed the deaths on driver negligence.

"It's not the intersection; it's the people driving," said Hill. "They don't want to stop. You can go out there right now, any intersection you see around here and people aren't stopping, and that's in daylight."

Councillor Jonathan said vehicular deaths have been a problem in the commu-

nity for the past 20 years.

"We only had stop signs on the main roads," he said. "When you look at the accidents that have happened, the person was impaired in some fashion. That's the only reason, or stolen vehicles going through stop signs. You can put all the things you want there and it ain't going to stop those people. It's got to be a policing issue. The police have to get those people off the roads. I don't mind making our community safer (but) it only protects those who obey the rules."

Councillor Darryl Hill expressed doubt that a stop

sign would make the intersection safer.

"A 50 km/hr zone starts before the sign. You shouldn't be going fast enough to kill anybody if you're obeying the speed limit, so what's a stop sign going to do? Is anybody going to obey it?"

There are at least 39 intersections in the community, council heard. There was talk of putting street lights at each intersection in the community.

If they were powered by solar lights, it would cost about \$5,000 to \$7,000 per light, said Maracle.

"Why don't we look at solar?" said Elected Chief

Bill Montour. "That's a dangerous corner. The immediate answer is to get a stop sign there."

Maracle said a memorial was recently held at the intersection to honour the teens' lives and believes something should be put up there - whether street lights or a four-way stop. It is currently a two-way stop.

"A streetlight would increase visibility at that corner," said Maracle. "It needs to have further study."

The issue will be brought to Council's Physical and Economic Development Committee for further discussion.

## Turtle Island News survey has positive results

## Study didn't talk to industry:

## Six Nations tobacco industry doesn't sell to minors

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-increase the price of "Rollies" (bag cigarettes) to increase competition between products

But an independent survey by Turtle Island News found of 36 smoke shops surveyed all of them already imposed age restrictions on tobacco product sales and posted signs restricting the sales

There are 101 smoke shops on Six Nations, according to the report.

The Turtle Island News survey of 36 smoke shops found every single one of them had a policy in place to not sell cigarettes to minors and required I.D. if a customer appeared to be

under 19 years of age. Ten of those smoke shops already had signs insisting that customers show proof of age if they appear to be under 19.

Another 11 freely accepted a sign from the Turtle Island News posting their policy of not selling to minors.

Only one smoke shop would not put up the sign because the owner was not available to approve it.

At one shop a handmade sign hangs on the door reading "Must have I.D. for proof of age."

A store employee said underage kids trying to buy tobacco products is a daily occurrence but "rules are rules." After being denied, she said, "a lot of kids walk

out mad."

A number of smoke shop employees said they don't even get minors coming into their stores.

Laurie Reed, manager of Factory Direct smokes, is one of those employees.

"We haven't really had anyone that looked younger than 19 come in to purchase smokes," she said. "If someone that I thought was younger than 19, I definitely would ask them how old they are. But I've never had that happen to me; never had any children come in. Mostly everyone who comes in is 40 and above. I know that myself or my sister or daughter-in-law would never sell cigarettes to minors."

She readily agreed to post a sign on the front counter stating they do not sell to minors.

A male employee at I.Q. Tobacco on Hwy. 54 had young male teenagers come in looking to buy cigarettes but say they forgot their I.D. when asked. "I ask them for I.D. and they say, 'oh no, I don't have any,' but yet they leave and they jump in their car and drive away. So you're going to tell me you drove all the way out here with no license? That's what gets me."

When told of Turtle Island News random survey, Dr. Kandasamy said it's a combination of both parental supervision and accessibility to tobacco that might

lead a young child to smoke.

"It is believed that parental supervision does play a big role," said Dr. Kandasamy.

"Although children aged five to 10 would not necessarily be able to purchase directly from a smoke shop, they might have older siblings that can. The main issue here is easy access to cigarettes (whether it is in the home or outside of the home)."

She continued, "We cannot put blame solely on parents/caregivers, nor can we fully blame smoke shops. It is shared responsibility between the home and the community to set a healthy example for the younger generation."

The Ontario government places harsh penalties on store owners who are caught selling cigarettes to minors.

The fine for any store convicted of selling tobacco products to minors in Ontario is \$5000, according to the provincial Ministry of Finance, which governs the tobacco industry under the Tobacco Tax Act and Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

Off-reserve, in 2008, the overall rate of non-compliance throughout the Province of Ontario on selling tobacco to underage youth was 10 per cent, according to the Ministry of Finance. -With files from Chase Jarrett, Lynda Powell and TIN staff-

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**Trouble brewing across the country**

Funding for First nation programs has begun to flow under a contentious 2013-2014 federal funding agreement that band chiefs say unfairly attaches strings to federal funding.

Chiefs have argued Ottawa wrote the funding agreement without consultation and as a result a government crafted clause forces them to abide by existing and future legislation, without the right, they claim, to mount legal challenges.

The 50 page document lays out funding conditions including reporting, transparency requirements changes to on reserve income assistance and in an otherwise unnoticed clause says that "relevant future legislation prevails over existing terms."

That paragraph about existing and future legislation actually dates back at least five years to 2008 but no one noticed its insertion until now when First Nation leaders are scrutinizing the agreement that demands they publish their salaries and audits.

The results; trouble is brewing.

AFN Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Regional Chief Morley Googoo says the trust has diminished. A surprising comment since trust has been an issue between First Nations and the federal government for hundreds of years.

In Saskatchewan AFN Regional Chief Perry Bellgarde says they have advised chiefs to sign onto the funding agreement, but under duress.

In Manitoba the trouble with Ottawa is translating into a newly created National Treaty Alliance, independent of the Assembly of First Nations. Band councils are partnering to push treaty rights. An issue that will find itself in trouble when it hits Haudenosaunee territory where band councils in six Iroquoian communities have no authority over treaty rights. Those have been vested in the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council and its member nations.

There has always been a division within the AFN between First Nations with Treaties and those without, although lately everyone seems to be spouting the Haudenosaunee's Two Row Wampum treaty.

Harper's controversial omnibus bills imposed on First Nations, are seen as trampling on environmental and water protections and the financial transparency rules are spawning growing trouble from the bands that gain their power from the federal Indian Act while reporting to the Minister of Indian Affairs, and well, Harper.

A quick example of the bands' limitations came last week when the Onion Lake Cree Nation refused to publicize their audited financial statements. The feds pulled their funding then later reinstated it in a form of what the chief then called "state sanctioned blackmail."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's (Continued right)



**Elected Chief Bill Montour**  
**A tribute to Dr. Nina Burnham**

April 1, 2013

In Memory of Ms. Nina Burnham

Today, we witness the passing of a great leader. Our community is stronger for the life-long work and commitment of Nina Burnham in both politics and health care. She tirelessly gave of her time, home and in many cases financial resources to help our community through good times as well as tough times.

Many community members may remember when Nina used to board the ship that carried health care to the northern communities of present day Nunavut. Nina served as a dental therapist on this boat for a number of summers and then came home to provide the same care to our people in Ohsweken. Although Nina had no bio-

logical children, she often talked about her thousand children that she both loved and encouraged. Some received lessons in health care and the importance of education but all received maternal advice on how to live a good and caring life.

Personally, I served with Nina on the Six Nations Council in 1976-1977. One of the accomplishments that Nina spear headed was pari-mutual horse racing. I remember her impassioned speeches to the provincial officials who deemed that we were breaking the law by having 'betting on the reserve'. Nina never shied away from a good fight. She took on most of her male colleagues, including me, on that Council. She always saw the bigger picture that sometimes we either could not see or re-

fused to acknowledge.

Nina Burnham represented District 3 during 2 terms that I served as Chief from 1985 to 1989. As a Councillor she still was very supportive of the community as she was in 1976-77. She supported the community without question during the school crisis when the community agreed to 'go on strike' against the department of Indian Affairs over the dilapidated condition of our schools. I remember well the last meeting with the Minister of Indian Affairs, Pierre Cadieux, when Nina and community members who were in the meeting 'tore strips off 'Minister Cadieux and convinced him that the better part of valour on his part was to give Six Nations 3 new schools.

In 1987 we had the good fortune to be invited to England to present a headdress to a British warship; Brave. Nina was resplendent in her traditional dress standing on the deck of this warship as a guest of the British Royal Navy. After the ceremony we were the guests of the Captain in a very formal dinner aboard ship. Nina kept everyone of the ship's company enthralled with her stories and anecdotes of life at Six Nations. I have lost a very good friend and supporter in Nina Burnham, but as she would expect and demand that there is still a future to create for this wonderful community. So as Nina is committed into God's loving care, I ask that we give thanks for this wonderful, wise, strong and determined Six Nations woman, who always saw the big picture.

**Elected Chief Bill Montour**

(Continued from left) lack of a plan and clarity coupled with First Nations growing internal divisions is creating a growing monster that could see more First Nations leaders calling on their people to mount protests and marches.

But let's remember Idle No More was as much about mistrust of First Nations leadership as it was the government. First Nations leaders would be wise to take note, if they cry wolf....will anyone answer?

**New board, CEO suspended at Manitoba First Nation investment group**

WINNIPEG- A new board of directors has been elected by Tribal Councils Investment Group, and its CEO has been suspended. The Winnipeg Free Press says sources confirmed a special shareholder meeting was held Wednesday to specifically gain control of the investment firm owned by the seven Manitoba tribal councils succeeded in its goals. The paper quotes sources saying Allan McLeod, two other senior executives and the former chairman of the board, Frank Turner, were suspended with pay pending a review of the company's financial affairs. Accounting firm Lazer Grant has been retained to conduct the review.

**Ontario should buy burial site**

A Brant County Councillor is calling for the Ontario government to buy the Oxbow lands where a family building their dream home discovered aboriginal remains last year.

They've been stuck in a political and financial quagmire ever since. The Ahmed family cannot continue to build the home on what's been deemed an aboriginal burial ground by the Ontario Cemeteries Registrar and cannot sell the land to another buyer knowing it sits on a burial ground. Habiba Ahmed has since moved her family into her parent's house while continuing to make payments on the land.

Brant County Councillor Brian Coleman recently met with the family and came up with the suggestion that the province buy the land to get the family out of the mess. "We need to get the province going on this," he said. "This has just been dragging on. It's an unfortunate situation and the Ahmed family

needs closure."

Councillor Coleman was expected to debate the issue at county council last night. He is asking for the province to negotiate the future of the land, called a site disposition agreement, with Six Nations and New Credit elected representatives. Both are named as the two possible First Nation cultures the remains belong to. He made no mention of including the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council in the negotiations. Representatives of the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (a planning department of the Confederacy) have met with the Ahmeds and have stated there will be no further development of the land. An archaeologist determined the remains were of an elderly aboriginal male and female and had been buried between 150 and 200 years ago. Coleman is calling for Ontario to meet with Six Nations and New Credit elected officials.

**Protest takes aim at Brantford**

By Donna Duric  
 Writer

BRANTFORD - A small group of Six Nations people and their supporters held a demonstration on the Cockshutt Bridge Easter Sunday to protest a Brantford court's decision demanding Six Nations people pay the city \$350,000 in legal fees.

The peaceful demonstration, led by John Garlow, lasted a few hours on Sunday afternoon with only a few skirmishes and rude hand gestures from passing motorists, and one who attempted to run over the sign carrying bicycle, but he also received a number of honks and shouts of support before breaking up and heading home around the dinner hour.

A number of Six Nations people were expected to pay \$350,000 to the city by the end of March, according to a ruling handed down by Brantford judge Harrison Arrell in late February. The costs are associated with an injunction the city sought against Six Nations people protesting developments on unceded Six Nations lands in the city in 2008.

Garlow, a long time land

rights activist, said Six Nations people owe the city nothing.

"This is our land and we don't have to pay anything for our land or defending the land. That's not right. Instead of getting payment, this is what they get - more defiance to prove this is our land and we're not going to pay anything."

At one point early in the afternoon, Garlow said a vehicle tried to run over a sign hanging from his bike on the side of the bridge. Later on, Garlow said Brantford Police threatened to arrest him if he didn't move his bike from the shoulder of the bridge. He eventually moved his bike.

Garlow also took exception to comments made by Brantford City Councillor Richard Carpenter last month at a joint meeting between Six Nations, Brant County and Brantford. Carpenter said the city does recognize Six Nations has land claims filed with the court but does not officially recognize them as legitimate.

"If he doesn't think this is a legitimate claim then they're breaking the law," said Garlow. "The Two-Row and all the treaties we've



John Garlow held a vigil on Cockshutt Bridge over the Easter holiday protesting Brantford's imposing court fees on Six Nations people and who owns the land. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

got ARE law."

He said he took the action because it strengthens Six Nations' position that its claims are legitimate, regardless of what the courts and city say.

"Instead of being quiet and accepting it, something's got to be done.

They can't use the court system to steal our land anymore. We're not gonna give up.

This is still our land." He said he'd like to protest the decision at the Brantford courthouse in the near future but there aren't any concrete plans in place yet.

**Program tempers effects of family violence on high school learners**

By Chase Jarrett  
 Writer

At mainstream high schools these students might have slipped through the cracks.

But a new, therapy-based high school accreditation program, run out of Six Nations Youth Lodge, is instilling students affected by family violence with a drive to succeed.

After three years of research and development, the program started last month on Mar. 4 and is open to Ganohkwasa clients from Grades 9-12.

"The program was developed based on research of the expulsions, suspensions, and absenteeism in mainstream

schools as a direct impact of family violence," said Alana McDonald, manager of residential services at Ganohkwasa.

She said often students struggling at home become 'invisible' to the mainstream system - especially with a lack of focus on student and teacher relationships.

"The goal is to transition them back into mainstream school. We want our students to be able to operate in mainstream society - that's the ultimate goal," said McDonald.

Currently three students are attending the program and staff are already seeing results. The classroom runs

from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on weekdays and one student, who used to sleep in, is now meeting the others at 8:30 a.m., where all three get a jump start on daily work.

McDonald said the kids now have a sense of hope. "In regular schools you can't talk to teachers," said one student, who added of the teacher: "If I have a problem, or have to vent, he'll actually listen"

The student said teaching style makes a big difference. "He likes making it fun. It's not like we're just at school. He'll explain things to us, give us examples."

Mike Skye, who himself 'floated through high school'

with grades of 50, now finds himself in a position to offer the help he didn't receive as a youngster.

"Instead of running a typical school, that's like a dictatorship, it's more of a democracy," said Skye. The three students attending help plan their lessons, do independent studies, and even selected what sorts of posters would hang around the room.

"We allow them to make choices, and ask questions to help them figure out what they really want," said Skye. There is a focus on hands on learning and relationship and communication skills.

The classes offer four credits,

in native studies, art, health and physical education, and in english. The morning is spent on native studies and art, which are two subjects that Skye says often crossover.

Physical fitness and health are studied every other day around lunch and Skye has had students pumping iron in the Ganohkwasa gym.

The program, which is funded through Six Nations Community Trust, awards high school credits through a partnership with Kawenno/Gawenniio school.

McDonald has approached the Grand Erie District School Board to have the fledgling program registered as a Sec-

tion 23 classroom. Section 23 designations service students who don't function well in mainstream settings. The program has a maximum capacity for eight students, though McDonald said the potential pools of troubled students is much larger.

"This is a better environment for me," another student said. "Other teachers don't pay attention like Mike does." She said she's trying to get back on track and return to high school to graduate with buddies.

"I'm not really missing it (mainstream), but I want to graduate with my friends. I'm planning on going back in September."

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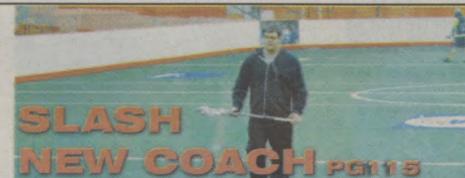
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## Rebels sweep competition at annual Spring Showcase



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The Six Nations Rebels saved their best for last as they exploded for double digit goals in their third and final game against Windsor. (Photo By Neil Becker)

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## Knighthawks pull off blockbuster in dealing "Kedoh" Hill to Bandits

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

The NLL defending champions Rochester Knighthawks have been quite busy lately as they have traded Alex "Kedoh" Hill to the Buffalo Bandits in exchange for veteran defenceman Scott Self.

Hill who is from Six Nations is coming off an all around stellar 2012 season which in his second year with Rochester saw him equal his career high totals of five goals and 11 points. Besides for helping Rochester win a Champions Cup Hill also played on the Iroquois Nationals

who won the 2012 Bowhunter Cup. Meanwhile Self who was Buffalo's assistant captain will be playing with younger brother Brad for the first time since 2008 when they were with Chicago. In Scott Self the Knighthawks will be get-

ting back an experienced 13 year veteran who has an impressive resume which includes winning the Merv McKenzie Memorial Trophy as the Top Defensive Player in the Ontario Lacrosse Major Series from 2005-07. He also played a big role in helping Team Canada

win gold at the 2007 World Indoor Lacrosse Championships. Last season in Buffalo Self made his mark by leading the defence in scoring with six goals and 17 points. He also led the team last season with 78 lose balls. At the time of the trade Self who has been a Bandit

for the past three years has registered four goals, six points and 32 loose balls in 10 games. Note: Starting in 2014 the NLL schedule will officially increase by two games. As opposed to the regular 16 game schedule each team will now be playing 18.

## Rebels show once again they are the team to beat

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

Six Nations Rebels coach Murray Porter has some tough decisions to make after his team once again went undefeated at the annual Rebels Spring Showcase.

With a little over a month remaining until the Junior 'B' season opener Murray who took over the coaching reins from Stew Monture was left impressed by how the prospects played which of course makes it that much harder for making cuts.

"The weekend was about watching the kids on or near the bubble. It makes picking a team tough, but that's a good luxury to have," Porter said.

After watching his team defeat Guelph 10-7 followed by victories against Wallaceburg 8-4 and Windsor 13-3 Porter admitted that he expects to win every game.

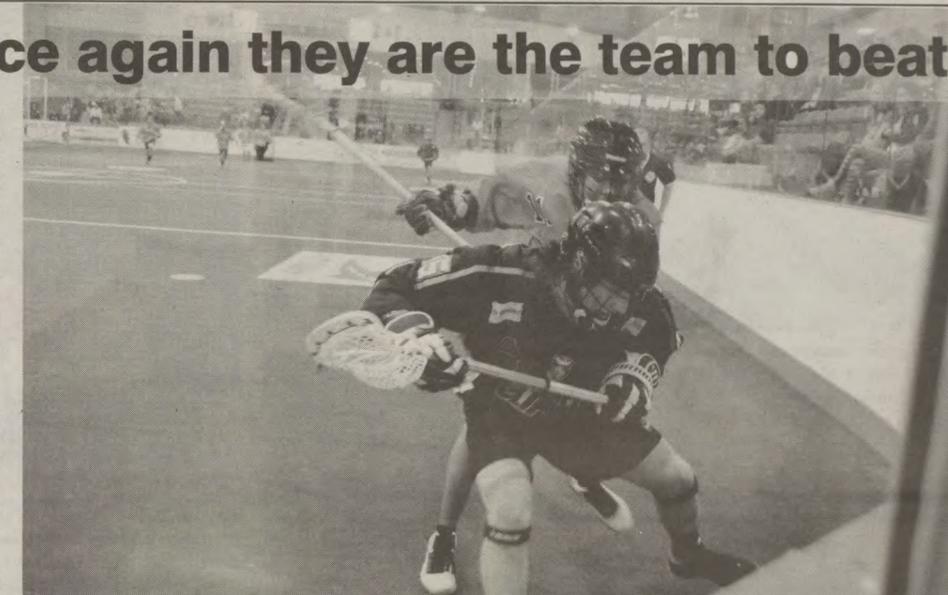
"We have high expectations and expect to win every game," Porter said. "There are some really good young players out there."

One of those many young players who enjoyed a strong showcase performance was Mitch Green who incredibly enough hasn't played lacrosse in the last two years.

"Last time I played was midget," Green who had a five goal performance against Windsor had said. "I missed it. It's a chance to hang out with my buddies and get back into it."

In accessing his play Green who just completed his rookie season with the Hagersville Hawks believes that he's still a little rusty and in need of some practice.

"I'm still working out the kinks," Green said. Overall Green believes that even though it doesn't count in the standings that



Newly appointed Rebels' coach Murray Porter was impressed by the effort and talent shown by the prospects who were playing in the annual Rebels Spring Showcase. (Photo By Neil Becker)

sweeping the spring showcase is still important for sending a message to the competition.

"It shows that we're not slouches and that we come to play," Green said. Sitting next to the rookie

was veteran Ian Martin who last year scored the Founders Cup game winning goal.

Looking around the room Martin couldn't help but to express praise for the young talented players try-

ing out. When asked what the key ingredients are for a Founders Cup three peat

Martin who was on both teams replied "Discipline. We have to stay out of the penalty box."

Porter knows that his team must work that much harder if they are to pull off the three peat.

"We have a big bulls eye on our back. It's hard to repeat and tougher to three peat."

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## Celebrating Easter with egg hunts and fun



Six Nations emergency services were on hand for Easter Fun at Mohawk Park in Brantford Good Friday including Six Nations Police mascot Buster (Photo by Chase Jarrett)



It was 1, 2, 3 go and off they went at the Six Nations Park and Recreation's 44th annual Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday this year. (Photo Jim C Powless)



Egg hunt champions with their prizes are joined by Miss Six Nations Christa Jonathan and the Easter Bunny after 350 kids hunted 16,000 candies Saturday morning. Winner of the 8-10 bracket was Miah Warren, followed by Preston Skye, Kayne Maritn, Shauntee General, and Dazian Martin. Winner of the 6-7 bracket was Marisa Skye, followed by Tony-Lynn Hill, Mikayla VanEvery, and Kylee Gee. Winner of the 3-5 bracket was Broek VanEvery, followed by Cailey McFarland, Kaleb Restoule, Lee Hill, and Jerzee Bomberry. Winner of the 6 mos.-2 yrs. bracket was Trenton McNaughton, followed by Ceece Martin, Garret Longboat, Alexis Martin, and Carter John.



Even Turtle Island News publisher Lynda Powless got into the Easter fun with her granddaughter Alara. (Photo Jim C Powless)

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## Lightning show tenacity in achieving gold at ringette regionals

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

They didn't make it easy on themselves but when it was all said and done the U-14 Caledonia Lightning came through with gold at the highly competitive Easter weekend ringette regionals.

What made this tournament win so special was not only the fact that they were facing a must win situation after dropping their opening game against Burlington but also that they came back from a 2-0 deficit in the championship game to beat coincidentally enough that same Burlington team by a 5-2 score.

"It was a pretty awesome feeling and I'm on cloud nine," Lightning goalie Mikenzie Sandy who is from Six Nations said.

When asked how the

Lightning felt about facing a team which handed them their only loss Mikenzie who also plays hockey and baseball was very honest in replying "We had mixed emotions. We knew that with Burlington it would be a good game."

Competing in Niagara Falls the Lightning got off on the wrong foot as they lost that talked about opening game by a 4-2 score against Burlington.

Looking back Sandy believes that her team was nervous and needed to loosen up if they were to have success. "In that first game we were sluggish and not playing like we know we can," Mikenzie said. Burlington has some big girls and we were a little nervous and not into the game."

Facing the possibility

of an early elimination the Lightning came out flying and dominated their second game in defeating Cambridge by a 5-2 score.

Mikenzie who recently helped backstop her Midget team to a silver at the Little NHL Tournament had no hesitation in coming up with the turning point which led to victory.

"Our coach always uses the phrase 'sharpen up' and it gets us all laughing and helps get the jitters out," Mikenzie said.

On day two which happened to be March 29th the Lightning continued their winning ways as they doubled up on Richmond Hill by a 4-2 score which earned them a spot in the finals.

"As a team we really bonded well," Mikenzie said. "We knew each



Lightning goalie Mikenzie Sandy focuses on the ring during Easter weekend ringette regionals. (Submitted Photo)

other's strengths and weaknesses and we're all good friends."

Even though they fell behind by two goals in that final game Mikenzie insisted that there was no panicking going on.

"When we scored that first goal we could see the other team sinking to a lower level and losing heart," she said.

Looking ahead to the future Mikenzie would like to perhaps be scouted

and selected to play ringette for Team Ontario.

For now she is just sinking in the gold medal accomplishment pulled off at the Easter weekend Ringette Regionals played in Niagara Falls.

## Former Bandits' Derek Graham taking over as Slash new coach

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

The Six Nations Slash made a major off season move behind the bench where they officially hired former Buffalo Bandits player, assistant coach, scout and associate GM Derek Graham.

Graham, whose two daughters are involved with the Six Nations lacrosse program, had no hesitation when offered the job by team GM Jeremy Jamieson. "I figured why not," Graham

said. "I like the fact that they (team) have been out practicing since January. That shows they are committed to working hard."

Besides for stressing that strong work ethic Graham who so far has only ran two Slash practices likes the physical fast paced brand of lacrosse.

"In my first practice we did a lot of outside shooting," Graham said. "Communication is key to success. I like to give positive feedback and tell different stories like

about winning championships."

As a player Graham had a six year career in the NLL and made history as being the only player to win all four National lacrosse Championships.

When asked if he's familiar with the CAN AM league Graham admitted to really only being familiar with Newtown but said that he's committed to giving one hundred percent commitment which is also what he expects from his players.



New Slash coach Derek Graham shows to be all business as he recently took to the ILA floor to run what was only his second practice with the team. (Photo By Neil Becker)

## Demons VanEvery dominates with a six goal performance



Despite a late fourth quarter surge the Iroquois Ironmen couldn't complete the comeback as they fell agonizingly short against the Demons. (Photo By Neil Becker)

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

It's pretty clear that Ohsweken Demons forward Wayne Van Every likes to do his talking on the floor. After closing out the regular season with a dominating six goal and nine point performance in a 15-14 win against the Iroquois Ironmen Van Every who is soft spoken spoke only briefly about his strong performance.

"They (line mates) did a great shot finding me and it worked out," Van Every who led the team with 41 goals and 68 regular season points said. Van Every also admitted that there is a special feeling and that he's had some of his best games against the Ironmen.

"There's a good friendly rivalry," Van Every said. "We have to work our sticks and work on discipline."

Playing at about a half filled Iroquois Lacrosse Arena the Demons who lost their last meeting against the Ironmen by a 17-14 score allowed an early first quarter shorthanded goal to Mike Attwood before making a statement with five straight goals from Marty Hill, Van Every with three and James Mt. Pleasant.

The Ironmen who came into action with only two wins and are tied with Barrie for seventh place in the CLax Standings got two more first period goals from Elijah Johns and Blue Hill but couldn't get any closer on the scoreboard as

Ohsweken's Clay Hill heated up with consecutive goals.

"This was not our best showing," Demons coach Stew Monture said. "They had a couple of hot shooters and we're not satisfied with how we played."

Monture whose team surrendered five short-handed goals believes that his team must be more disciplined if they are going to once again have some post season success.

Goals were coming fast and furious early in the second as Demons Cody Johnson started the barrage with a goal at the 24 second mark which extended their lead to 8-3.

Approximately 25 seconds later the Ironmen got right back into the game as Blue Hill replied with his second followed seconds later by teammate Kraig Maracle.

Both teams were furiously exchanging quality scoring chances and predictably the goals were coming at a fast and furious pace.

First the Demons went on a roll as they found their swagger and stole back the momentum with consecutive goals from Ian Martin, Van Every with his fourth and Tom Montour.

Heading into halftime the Ironmen would inch a little closer as Josh Johnson and Lloyd Chrysler scored late in the second quarter as the score stood at 11-7 for Demons.

"Chris Attwood pounded lots of pipe tonight," Ironmen coach Henry Mouse

said in reference to his leading scorer hitting lots of posts.

Catching fire in the second half for the Ironmen was Jerome Thompson who scored once in the third and twice in the fourth quarter but it wasn't quite enough to secure a victory.

While the Ironmen also got third quarter goals from Winster Green and Josh Johnson they couldn't shut down the defending CLax champs who got three goals of their own from Martin with his second and Van Every with his fifth and sixth.

"Jerome Thompson had another nice game," Coach Mouse said. "Everyone made at least three mistakes tonight."

Finding themselves trailing 14-10 the Ironmen made it a suspenseful final half as they scored three straight goals from Thompson with two and one from Elijah Printup before the Demons' Delby Powless scored what would turn out to be the winning goal.

Chris Attwood rounded the scoring with a highlight breakaway goal as they fell one goal short of a fourth quarter comeback.

"It doesn't matter if you lose by 1 or 20 it hurts just as bad," Mouse said. "We were so close."

While the Demons have a week or so to rest up and get ready for playoffs the Ironmen with two games remaining aren't a guarantee to make post season.

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# Laforme the overtime hero as Six Nations Atoms going to finals



Six Nations Atoms forward Steve Laforme unleashes what turned out to be the overtime Southern County semi final winning goal in Simcoe. (Photo By Neil Becker)

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

It's been a magical spring for Steve LaForme who recently propelled his Six Nations Atoms squad to the Southern County Finals. Laforme who a year ago

scored over 100 goals continued his playoff clutch performance when in semi final play he scored two goals including the overtime tally which gave them a 3-2 road win against Simcoe and stamped their ticket to the

Country finals against Delhi. "Simcoe is a very good team," Six Nations Atoms coach Dennis MacDonald said. "Everyone can skate on that team and we played hard." When asked about their

upcoming opponent in Delhi MacDonald whose daughter Arielle stars on the team didn't hesitate in lavishing them with praise. "Simcoe and Delhi are one and two," MacDonald said. "We need to get shots on net and have to stay with the game plan."

Despite generating all sorts of scoring opportunities Six Nations found themselves trailing 1-0 as Simcoe touched off a wild celebration with the goal six minutes into the second period.

Showing poise and absolutely no panic Six Nations who were getting stellar goaltending from Caleb Martin continued to generate odd man rushes and were rewarded less than two minutes later on a high-light goal from Dayton Sawyer.

Riding the momentum Six Nations desperately pressed

for that go-ahead goal and seconds after Theo Hill was robbed were finally rewarded as Laforme unleashed a wrist shot top corner goal which naturally stunned the Simcoe crowd. "We expected a tight game," Arielle MacDonald said. "We passed good and had good shots on net." A definite turning point came shortly after that goal when Simcoe celebrated what they thought was a goal which was eventually waved off.

Not long after Six Nations came close to scoring on a Hill semi breakaway Simcoe generated a series of chances and with only four seconds left in the second scored the tying goal. "We were still confident," Arielle MacDonald who had quite a few shots on goal in this game said. That confidence was evident to start the third as Six

Nations pressed the action and came close as Theo Hill and Kevin Hill nearly connected on a couple of glorious opportunities.

Meanwhile with Martin supplying his usual strong goaltending it just seemed like a matter of time for Six Nations as D. White and Kevin Hill almost connected on an odd man break and Theo Hill came close a couple of times.

After surviving a late Simcoe flurry it was on to overtime where LaForme who scored some big goals earlier in the Southern Counties came through again as his goal at 2:40 of extra session moved them one step closer to a Southern Counties championship.

"They (Delhi) get sticks on shots and we have to get our shots through," Co-Coach MacDonald said. "We need to get clear shots on net."

# Bantams LL win Local League 'A' Championship and Intertown 'A' Championship

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

It was mission accomplished for the Six Nations Bantam Local League team who recently ended their season excitedly whooping it up and posing for pictures at center ice.

Bantam Coach Rob Davis could hardly contain his emotion as he recently talked about his team who first went to Waterford where they captured the Local League 'A' Championship followed weeks later to a trip up to Norwich where once again they came out victorious in capturing this time the Intertown 'A'

Championship.

"It feels good and it looks like I know owe them another pizza party," Davis said.

"Our passing and power play was great. I have two power lines I use (on power play) and one usually capitalizes."

In Waterford the Bantams LL's gave Six Nations fans quite the thrill as they managed to make quite the bold statement to their competition by going undefeated.

Anchored by strong Six Nations goaltending from Luke Hill and Cody Summers they started things off by shut-

ting out Cold Water by a 4-0 score.

"We capitalized on the power play and they (Cold Water) beat themselves," Davis said. "Their goalie was really good and the score could have been much higher."

Up next for the Bantams was a team from East Lamp-ton who according to Coach Davis weren't going to be an easy team to play.

"I watched them play (an earlier game) because I knew we would be playing the winner," Davis said. "They have a couple of really good skaters and they move the puck well."



Congratulations to the Six Nations Bantam LL's who concluded their season as both Local League and Intertown 'A' tournament champions. (Submitted photo)

Once again Six Nations received some strong goaltending as they managed to pull out what was nerve

wracking 4-3 win.

"They had a couple of short-handed goals," Davis said. "Our goalies were

great. They stopped a few two on one's and three on two's."

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## Quebec First Nations police forces disbanded

Aboriginal police forces on 26 Quebec reserves were disbanded at midnight Sunday as federal and provincial negotiators failed to renew a funding agreement that expired Monday. Agents from the Sûreté du Québec were dispatched to the First Nations com-

munities late Sunday to replace the aboriginal cops until a new deal is reached, according to SQ spokesperson Sgt. Ronald McInnis. About 250 police officers were covered by the agreement, which costs about \$60 million a year. "If we get to a point

where a deal isn't reached, we can't afford to pay our police out of pocket," said Christian Awashish, chief of the Opitciwan band council. He said he didn't think officers from the SQ would be equipped to handle the cultural uniqueness of Opitciwan.

# Six Nations Food Bank gets a Rebel's boost of food and cash



Six Nations Rebels took time prior to their practice Thursday night to give some goodwill and \$\$\$ back to the Six Nations community. Rebels President, Scott Maracle presents Six Nations Food Bank Assistant Coordinator, Nicole Bomberry with a cheque of \$ 585.50, to go along with the 300 lbs. of non-perishable food donated at the Rebels Annual Inter-Squad Game on Sunday, March 24th at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena. (Photo by Wray Maracle)

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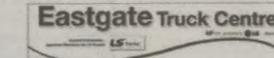
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INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2013-2014 Annual Work Schedule French-Severn Forest

The Parry Sound District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed and approved Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc. April 15, 2013 - March 31, 2014 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the French-Severn Forest.



Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc. office and the MNR public website at [ontario.ca/forestplans](http://ontario.ca/forestplans) beginning April 15, 2013 and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 7 Bay Street, Parry Sound, ON P2A 1S4 and 207 Main Street West, Huntsville, ON P1H 1Z9 provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

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Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the French-Severn Forest. Please contact Barry Davidson (705-746-6832 ext. 24) at the Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc. office at 72 Church Street, Parry Sound, ON P2A 1Y9 for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

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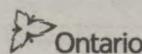
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OBITUARY

**BURNHAM: NINA KATHLEEN**  
January 24, 1927 - April 1, 2013 86 years of age  
Daughter of the late Edward and Mina (Martin) Burnham. Loving sister to Lillian and the late Cecil Montour, Sister-in-law to Joyce and the late William Burnham. Sister to the late Walter Burnham and Edith Martin, Ellwood Burnham, John and Angeline Burnham, Rosalie and Armand Parent, and Ethel and Romona Burnham. Also will be lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Nina was a devoted community member serving 19 years on the Six Nations Council, sat on several boards and was committed to volunteer work. Her church was very important to her serving in many capacities within the Anglican Huron Diocese and her local church St. Peter's Anglican in Ohsweken. She was also involved with the Red Hat Society, Women's Auxiliary, Six Nations Veterans Association to name a few. She was awarded the Diamond Jubilee Award in 2012, Wilma General Award, Community Treasure Award and received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree Huron College, Western University in 2010. Nina was also a dedicated Dental Hygienist traveling to many First Nations as well as serving her own community. She will be deeply missed by her community, church family and friends. The family will honor her life with visitation at the St. Peter's Anglican Church, Ohsweken on Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Service will be held at the church on Thursday April 4, 2013 at 2 p.m. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Peter's Anglican Church, Ohsweken.

OBITUARY

**MARTIN: BRIAN ARTHUR**  
Suddenly at home on Sunday March 31, 2013 at the age of 56 years. Beloved husband of Karen. Loving father of Kyle, Melissa, Eric, Michael (Mike), Katie, Scott, and Brian Jr. Loving step-father of Brandi, Jeffrey, Scott, and Randy. Dear grandfather of several grandchildren. Son of the late Angus and Florence (Lickers) Martin. Brother of Diane, Walter and Joanne, Sharon, Mary and Karin, Pete, Ralph, and the late Alvin. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at his home on Thursday April 4, 2013 from 12-6 p.m. No funeral service will be held. Cremation to follow on Friday.

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I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all those who attended the benefit social held for me at Seneca longhouse on March 23. Especially the "Old mush" singing group and their spouses for hosting the fundraiser. Thanks to the faith keepers and all those who donated prizes, pies, sold tickets, bought tickets, made monetary donations and to those who helped clean up after the social. Nyawenha to Beth and Floyd Harris, Bill, Elaine, Frankie and Mya Warner, Nicki Jamieson, Lance Keye and to my family. Sorry I couldn't be there. I hope everyone had fun. My apologies if I have left anyone out.  
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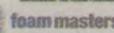
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#### B.C. First Nations angry over letter to editor; daily paper apologizes

VANCOUVER, B.C.-It's been more than 100 years since anyone built a longhouse on the point of land known as downtown Vancouver, but that day may come again if a concept being discussed by native leaders and urban planners gets political traction.

The Coast Salish village of Xwáyxway, or Place of Masks, is thought to have stood for thousands of years on Burrard Inlet near Lumberman's Arch, before it was knocked down in the 1800s. Its spirit is recalled by the totems in Stanley Park, but the longhouses are long gone.

A proposal that is being discussed within the urban native community, and with city planning groups, would see up to six longhouses built in the Downtown Eastside.

"I think there's a great deal of potential to make it happen," said Mr. Clark, who sees the village becoming a focal point for Vancouver's large aboriginal community. It could spark tourism business opportunities and provide a meeting place for First Nations and other cultures. "There seems to be a sense of the importance of native his-

NANAIMO, B.C.- A Vancouver Island daily newspaper is apologizing for running a letter to the editor that has angered First Nations. In an editorial clarification, Nanaimo Daily News publisher Hugh Nicholson apologized for any distress the letter may have caused since its Wednesday publication. Nicholson says the letter should not have run, and its views were those of the writer, not the paper. The letter is titled "Educate First Nations to be modern citizens" and it bluntly questions First Nations achievements and their place in Canada. The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, representing about 8,000 registered members, says it will cut ties with the newspaper. Nanaimo's mayor, First Nations leaders and about 150 other people joined a protest outside the newspaper's offices.

#### Long-shot longhouses for Vancouver city centre gains support

And you could do so many things with a village, you know, tourism, small-business development, cultural awareness. ... It is a really exciting concept," he said. "It would be reaffirming of who we are as a people and it could also be used as a place to let everyone who comes to Canada learn about first nations. We could tear down

these walls of misinformation and stereotypes."

And Mr. Clark said it is hard to overstate how important it would be to native people. "It would just mean so much, honouring and respecting the first people by putting the village in a highly visible point, right in the middle of the city," he said. "I don't know of any city in Canada that's done anything

like this. It would be huge."

The Inner City Aboriginal Network, a group formed as part of the city's Downtown Eastside local area planning process, has endorsed the concept.

And in a recent paper, Nathan Edelson, a former City of Vancouver senior planner and an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia, argued that

the Carrall Greenway would be a good place for a longhouse village.

Mr. Edelson said the concept has been around for many years and was studied under the Vancouver Agreement, a partnership between the city and senior governments.

He wrote that the Carrall Greenway, which links False Creek to Burrard Inlet, crossing through Chinatown,

"was historically an important trail for first nations, and also contained several important places where they and non-native people formed relationships of survival."

Mr. Edelson stated that after the Gastown fire destroyed much of Vancouver in 1886, "it was the Squamish [Coast Salish] people who helped the white settlers survive the winter."



#### Driver of crashed jeep still unidentified, hydro pole broken

Six Nations Police are investigating an accident that left a hydro pole and vehicle destroyed, and sent one man to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. On Monday police responded to a collision on Onondaga Road south of Sixth Line Road. Reports said police found a destroyed hydro pole in front of a residence as well as a destroyed Jeep Cherokee. Reports said the grey jeep was 100 meter north of the pole in a ditch. Police did not find anyone inside the jeep. Hydro one and Six Nations Public Works were dispatched to the scene to handle the live hydro wires and traffic control. Reports said police searched around the accident and found a lone man laying in the bush line behind the residence. The man was identified and complained of leg and chest pain. He advised police that he was not driving and did not know who was driving during the accident. He was transported to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Police continue to investigate.

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