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Remains over 100 years old were stolen from their resting place on Birkett Lane Wednesday night. Police are investigating. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)



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Remains reinterred, police investigating theft

By Chase Jarrett
Writer

It was a happy ending for what could have been a grave robbing tragedy as the bones of a young indigenous woman were once again laid to rest Friday afternoon at a Birkett Lane property.

A small group of Six Nations people oversaw the reburial after the remains were returned Friday. Brantford police continue to investigate the theft.

A press release issued by Brantford PD says "investigators are speaking with involved parties who returned

the home owner was left in charge of security.

"A Forensic Anthropologist determined that the bones were in excess of 100 years old. As a result of the age of the bones the finding was not deemed a Coroner's case," a police press release said.

Brantford police said the bones were "covered, secured, and barriers were put in place to provide the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, the homeowner, and other interested parties an opportunity to begin burial procedures."

The bones were discovered

theft, that he had the bones.

Montour claimed he received an anonymous phone call from a woman who said there "was a package at Kanata," Village, the former tourism site. He said he went there and found the bucket.

He did not indicate whether or not his phone had caller I.D. "It was a woman and she hung up," he said. "I don't know," he said. "I have no reason to lie," he said.

Montour was asked by Six Nations people to turn the bones over to the chief at



A sign was posted at the site after the bones were taken citing the Two Row Wampum and Admiralty laws. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

as evidence in the theft. She said putting the remains to rest would be best for all parties involved.

She said the investigation will continue.

Meanwhile home owner Kimberly Crawford, who lives at the Birkett Lane residence with her husband and two daughters, is happy that the bones were returned and properly laid to rest.

She said the robbery was a violation. "I was angry. Really angry. I felt violated and it was also the fact that: 'who could do that?'"

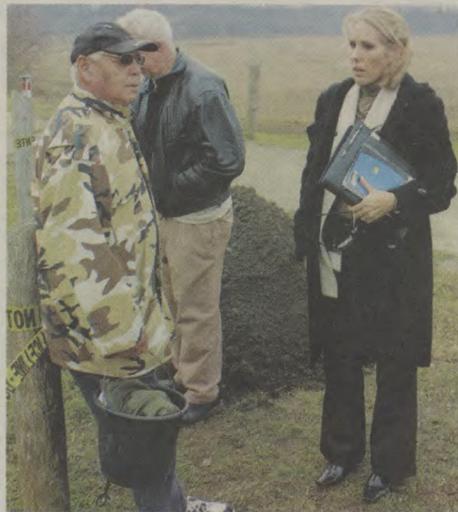
Whether it was an ancestor of mine or of native people they should have been left alone. The thought of taking half of someone's body was really sad," she said.

Crawford says that for now no fence will be going up and instead more research will be done to try and protect the site in the future. "Our stand right now is no digging."

But she may not even own the land where the burial was found.

She said her land survey is unclear whether she is the owner. The survey was completed in 1942 and could actually be "crown land."

"First we want to find out



Activist Floyd Montour talked with Brantford Police Sgt. Kristen Bell Samson. He showed up with the missing bones in a bucket Friday claiming he knew nothing about their removal saying he received a mysterious phone call telling him where to find them. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

if I'm the owner of that property. Second of all I don't want to disturb anything if I don't have to," she said. "The least they'll (registrar of cemeteries) do here will be to draw something up so there's no development."

"I'm just glad the bones were returned, the body is back together, and it's laid to rest."

"Chief Bomberry performed a ceremony which makes me feel a lot better. It's important to me that traditions are followed by both sides."

The remains were given to Cayuga Chief Blake Bomberry who took them down to the site along with several Six Nations people to rebury the more than a century old bones.

Enbridge under fire

Two Six Nations activists told Hamilton councillors last week protests could greet Enbridge's pipeline plan. Wes Elliott and Ruby Montour, Hau-

denosaunee activists involved in a number of land protests the city's general issues committee last Wednesday that they will fight Enbridge's

plan. The company plans to reverse the flow of oil going through Line 9, which cuts across part of Flamborough on its way through southern On-

tario. "We are paying attention to what they're doing and we don't like it," Montour said. "If you think we can't do anything about it, you're badly

mistaken." The two encouraged the city to work with the Six Nations confederacy council so "we can formulate a plan together," Elliott said.

Brant MPP wants cemeteries act revised to protect burials

By Donna Duric
Writer

Brant MPP Dave Levac says the provincial Cemeteries Act needs to be revised after the second aboriginal burial in a year was discovered last Sunday on Birkett Lane in Brantford.

"I've already started the process of ensuring there is a protocol in place for not only the first steps that are taken once artifacts are found but specifically bones that are identified as indigenous remains," said Levac. "I'm a little bit concerned that we need to define clearly what the security piece is. What does that really mean? Somebody can come in the middle of the night, pick something up and walk away, so I'm concerned about that."

That's exactly what ended up happening last week when the remains discovered on Birkett Lane on Nov. 18 disappeared Wednesday night and were returned in a bucket on Friday morning by land rights activist Floyd Montour.

The scenario has left Hazel Hill, director of the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (H.D.I.), shocked at what she's calling "indignation to human remains."

She said Brantford Police

should have guarded the area until a permanent solution was found.

"The reason this happened is because Brantford (police) should have been at that site right from the get-go," said Hill. "I am speechless that the individual who did what they did would stoop to such levels."

She said Ontario's current policy of putting the burden on homeowners to pay for archaeological work on such sites should be changed because it could encourage people who find remains in the future to keep quiet about the discoveries.

Levac said he's already started working with the Ministry of Consumer Services to fix the flaws in the Cemeteries Act, namely the security aspect.

"I've already taken steps at the request of a few people that have made contact with my office to work with the ministry to ensure those security issues are defined clearly. There is a protocol that you're supposed to secure the site. I'm not convinced that it's good enough. I believe what we have to do is ensure that the definition is clearly delineated to be respectful of the find."

He said he will also work on

a plan to deal specifically with aboriginal burials along the Grand River tract because he's convinced there will be more and should not be dealt with on a one-off basis.

"If we don't have rules in place that encourage stepping forward, what we're doing is forcing it underground," said Levac. "If somebody were to find artifacts of any sort, they would quickly bury them. Because there's a heightened sensitivity to (aboriginal burials), we need to improve where we are and move forward."

Ontario's Registrar of Cemeteries, Michael D'mello, said currently, homeowners are responsible for paying for archaeological assessments on any burials they have discovered on their property but he wouldn't clarify if the landowner will have to pay in this case.

"It is premature to say if the landowner will have to pay for the re-burying," he wrote in an e-mail to The Turtle Island News. "This depends on the archaeological investigation, and the outcome of the site disposition negotiations between the landowners and representatives."

The registrar did, however, pay for an archaeological assessment on a different prop-

erty in July, but it did not cover the full costs associated with the burial discovery. Habiba Ahmed, who was building her dream home on the Oxbow lands in Brant County, was forced to move in with her parents after the financial strain of the discovery took its toll.

Though Ontario has paid out \$26,000 to archaeologists, Ahmed has had to cover \$33,000 in other costs and in addition, is being told she cannot sell the property, which she is still making payments on to protect her credit score.

Ahmed is cringing to think of what the Birkett Lane property owner will endure after reporting human remains to authorities, considering how her own situation has been handled by the province.

"We are working with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs," she said. "The Registrar of the Cemeteries Act,

Michael D'mello, has full empowerment of the situation and will have full empowerment of the Birkett Lane situation. He has the final word, and he is the one that has ordered halting of all construction until negotiations of all parties involved is complete." Ahmed says some sort of land trade would be ideal but so far she has heard nothing from Ontario. "We are not allowed to do anything with the property."

Ahmed says because of the way the provincial government has handled her case, she regrets being honest about finding the remains.

"It does not pay to be honest with this system. We are left with property which we have no rights to do anything with but we still owe the bank for. We do not have the right to sell it until some sort of negotiations are complete," she said. "We are still in the negotiating stages."

She says the Birkett Lane property owner should not have reported the find.

"I just wish he'd never put the call in. The government doesn't help," she said. "I wanted to be honest and upfront, too, and now they'll be in the same boat we are where they're going to be really regretting it later."

Meanwhile, an archaeologist appointed by the province has been called in to the Birkett Lane property and a site disposition agreement has to be reached, said D'mello.

"The site disposition agreement will describe how the burial site will be handled," he wrote in the e-mail. "The site may be established as a cemetery or the remains may be disinterred and re-interred in an established cemetery. If no site disposition agreement can be reached, the matter will be referred to arbitration. The decision of the arbitration panel is binding."



Anthropologists check the burial site after remains went missing last week. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

the bones to establish who was responsible and the reason for their removal."

Inspector Kent Pottruff did not comment on any possible suspects. "We're currently investigating. It would be inappropriate to say whether we have suspects or not," he said in a phone call to Turtle Island News.

The bones were returned to the site early Friday morning in a bucket by known Six Nations activist Floyd Montour, though Montour claims he was not involved in the theft.

The site was left unprotected after Brantford police determined the site was of archaeological interest and

missing November 22nd early Thursday morning by Hazel Hill, director of the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI) and a team of archaeologists including HDI's Archaeological Monitor Wayne Hill, and Cayuga Royanni Blake Bomberry.

It wasn't until Friday, November 23rd that the bones were returned. Floyd Montour showed up at the site at about 9:00 a.m. Friday morning. Montour at first denied he had the remains.

But at about 9:15 a.m. he exited his vehicle with a bucket and told Brantford police who had begun securing the site after the

the site but he initially refused. "I don't see any chief," he said, adding the issue had nothing to do with Confederacy.

He eventually gave the bucket to Cayuga Chief Blake Bomberry who carried it back to its resting place. Anthropologists re-opened the aluminum foil that surrounded the bones and confirmed all bones had been returned.

The bones had been wrapped in aluminum foil by an archeologist with the Ontario Coroners office after they were discovered last Monday.

Brantford detective Kristen Bell-Samson, said the bones would not be taken

Controversial Tower goes up

With two police cruisers present and a handful of band councillors watching, the controversial Silo Wireless tower went up Monday morning without protest. The Internet tower was the subject of a protest in August when a local man, Arnold Douglas, claimed he owned the land where the tower was to be located near Third Line and Mohawk Rd. Douglas was arrested at a later protest in September at the same site and restricted from attending the property, according to his bail conditions. Band Council commissioned Silo Wire-

less to build the tower to provide high-speed wireless Internet service to residents in the area. Council is leasing the land to Silo Wireless for \$1 a year and says the property is band-owned land. Confederacy minutes from the early 1900s state the land was to be used for the old Number 1 school and originally belonged to Peter Martin. Descendants of Peter Martin say the land still belongs to the family. No documents have been produced showing how the land ended up under band council control. Douglas says he will be contesting



the tower's construction at his first court appearance on Dec. 18, where he is set to answer to charges of mischief relating to the September protest. Six Nations Police, Elected Chief Bill Montour and Silo Wireless owner Andreas Wiatowski did not return Turtle Island News calls seeking comments.

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Researchers protest cuts to aboriginal organizations

OTTAWA -- Cutting up to 80 per cent of the funding for aboriginal organizations will set research on aboriginal issues back by a gener-

ation, a group of more than 120 university professors told the federal government last week. Led by Manitoba Research Alliance, they

wrote to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Minister John Duncan Nov. 22, asking him to reconsider "ill-advised" cuts. They

say the cuts will leave organizations without any capacity to lead their own research or partner with universities, which will cut

a big hole in the amount of research being done on issues such as health care, violence against women and water.

Rebirth of language on Six Nations at hand with new generation

By Chase Jarrett
Writer

Brian Maracle's classroom, active from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekly, is one of the hotspots on Six Nations where the battle for Haudenosaunee languages is taking place — and succeeding. The room, located on the second floor of the GREAT building, serves an adult Mohawk immersion class that has been churning out second language Mohawk speakers for over a decade.

And these speakers - who have taken time to learn either Mohawk or Cayuga - are filling a void left by residential schools and bringing back what Six Nations has not had in generations. By raising their children with Haudenosaunee mother tongues, these second language speakers are giving birth to a new generation of first language speakers and recovering a culture.

Maracle, who is a second language speaker himself, says the decline of Mohawk language on Six Nations has been hard to measure accurately. "20 years ago there were 50 (Mohawk) speakers," he said, adding that they were elderly, first language speakers. When they spoke they were heard in the house, he said. "They weren't out much."

Since then the number of first language Mohawk speakers on Six Nations has dwindled to single digits. The number changes depending on who you speak with. Some say one, some say four, even Ima Johnson, who is one of the last first language Mohawk speakers left, is unsure because there are many that can speak but don't — all due to lasting damage from residential schools, she says.

But offsetting the falling numbers of first language speakers, says Maracle, is a rise in those who know and can speak Mohawk as their

second language. "We're second language speakers," he said, referring to himself and his students.

Maracle says the youth of emerging second language speakers is highly valuable. "They're all younger and out in the community using the language in public. It's on Facebook, on Twitter, texting." Maracle even exchanges entire emails in the Mohawk language. "People who work hard to get the language aren't willing to let it go," he said.

Figures published in the 2011 Canadian census indicate similar trends, like a loss of first language speakers and a rise in second language speakers. Still, they paint the picture of a losing battle where Haudenosaunee languages are concerned: The census says only 545 first language speakers of Mohawk, and an even smaller 240 first language speakers of Cayuga, are left in all of Canada.

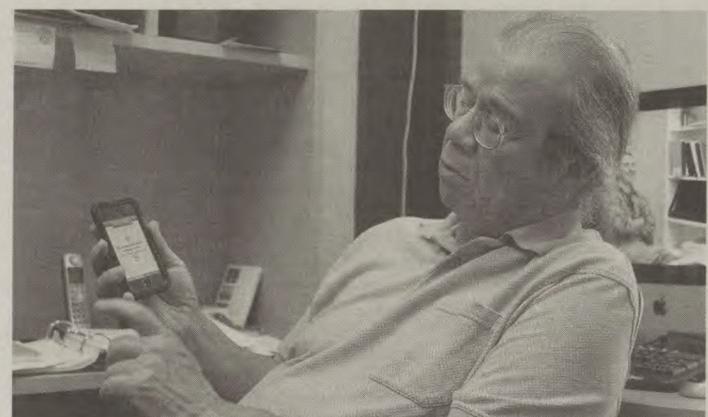
But Maracle thinks the numbers actually look better than that.

First off, he says, the census will be inaccurate because so many First Nations people don't fill it out. "We didn't cooperate," Maracle said. "And that's the case with a lot of Iroquois people," adding that he hasn't filled the census out in years.

Over at Kawenni:io, a Mohawk and Cayuga immersion school on Second Line Road, two first language speakers work tirelessly to keep language on Six Nations alive.

Ima Johnson, who pulls Mohawk vocabulary out of her memory by recalling conversations with her grandmother, says language is the core of her identity. "I'm Mohawk. That's who I am. Mohawk."

In addition to a sense of identity, Johnson says right and wrong are encoded into



Brian Maracle, a Mohawk immersion teacher at GREAT, shows off a phone running a Mohawk "flash card" application that is just one of the ways a new generation of speakers are bringing Haudenosaunee languages back into everyday life. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

the language itself. "When I was young I kept out of trouble because of the language. Language and culture was the root of my whole being."

Lottie Key, a first language Cayuga speaker says language is indeed at a critical state. "Only place on Earth Cayuga is spoken is on Six Nations," she said. Key recalled that in 1983 - back when the Earth was green, she said - there were over 200 fluent language speakers. Now there's about 75 left speaking Cayuga" on Six Nations.

Key and Johnson spend their days at Kawenni:io developing language lesson plans and worksheets, and Key says she can tell by Kawenni:io's growth as a school language is bouncing back. "People are semi-fluent and can understand and they are learning."

Key says that if Six Nations could do any one thing to save languages, it would be labeling businesses and street signs in both Mohawk and Cayuga. "Label it in either Mohawk or Cayuga. The laundry mat has it," she said. They were going to label the roads in language but never did, she recalled. "My dad used to say: that language, that tra-

ditional longhouse, that's who we are. That's our identity."

While Key and Johnson do all they can to support the re-emerging interest in language, parents like Bonnie Whitlow and Jeremy Green are at the forefront of the effort.

Whitlow, aboriginal student counselor at Wilfrid-Laurier Brantford who learned Mohawk back in 2003, is raising her son as a first language Mohawk speaker. And even though she has started learning English, Whitlow is not afraid of him losing Mohawk. "He has such a base it's going to be there and completely accessible to him," she said.

Turning four in December, Rawennahatyes is slowly being introduced to English words by mom. "When he was around two I had to use English words for discipline," Whitlow said, adding that her vocabulary wasn't advanced enough to say things like "put the tip of your tongue to the roof of your mouth."

Whitlow is optimistic about the future of Haudenosaunee languages, saying that survival of language is all but guaranteed.

"The tide has turned. Now there are all these people who want their kids to grow up with the language," adding that grassroots language support groups have begun to spring up around Six Nations.

She says since learning the language, she's had to re-evaluate her views of the world. "I find myself confused," she said about the differences between concepts like justice in English and then in Mohawk. "Mohawk is a way of being, a way of conduct that promotes ideals and concepts."

Whitlow says the most rebellious thing Six Nations can do as Onkwehonwe people is to reclaim language. "You can't learn it and be the same person."

Meanwhile, Jeremy Green has also raised his son as a first language speaker and for eight years has spoken to him only in Mohawk. "I didn't teach him Mohawk, I just talked to him," he said about his son that is now bilingual and can carry on full fledged conversations with the speakers like Ima Johnson.

Green, now 35, started memorizing speeches in Mohawk at 13 and said by

the time he was 25 he was comfortable with the Mohawk language.

Green says he has noticed a lot of differences in his son's thought processes just because his mother tongue is Mohawk. "It's like he's from another planet sometimes," he said proudly.

"He plays sports," said Green. "And he has a sense that they're all pulling in the same direction and he doesn't understand when someone goes against the group." Green also said his son is quieter than other kids. "English uses intonation. In Mohawk we use words. There's not those extreme dips and dives in their manner."

But it hasn't been all positive, says Green, who knows that sometimes his son feels isolated. "When he was three years old he said to me in Mohawk: why do I have to speak Mohawk? There's just you to talk to and that's it."

"I didn't explain why I just said a lot of people don't speak it."

Green said for the language to really survive a lot of pressure rests on women. "From my personal experience with language, women want to nurse their children and want to be home with their children. In that case if you want our language to continue it's very important for women to learn. Even more so than men," he said. "The family will be the rightful place to pass on language."

Back at Kawenni:io, Lottie Key is full of not only hope, but confidence. "There's a lot of people using niaweh, shekoh, skanoh, in the community right now. That's a growing appreciation."

"It's going to succeed. Maybe not 100% will speak, but let's say 75%." And that will be enough, she said. "As long as we don't give up."

Domestic assault leads to one arrest

By Donna Duric
Writer

Band Council is changing its business recognition policy to protect on-reserve entrepreneurs from the Canada Revenue Agency. The new policy will provide letters that seek to mirror Ontario Vendor Permits, which business owners are currently being forced to use in order to open a business account at the bank, said elected Chief Bill Montour.

"It (the business recognition letter) will have a lot more information than the current letter has," said Montour. "There will be a number attached to it.

An Ohsweken man has been arrested and charged with Assault without Incident in relation to an early morning domestic assault.

On Nov. 21 at 4:25 a.m. Six Nations police attended a Mohawk Road residence after being informed a 911 "hang up"

call. Police arrived at the location and observed the male party outside the front of the residence. Officers determined the fe-

male victim and the male both resided at the residence but were in the process of separating. The male entered the residence

through a kitchen window after arriving to the house and finding the doors locked, said reports. A confrontation ensued.

New business recognition letters coming

Right now, a lot of people are getting Ontario Vendor's Permits that registers on your social insurance number and C.R.A. is watching that. (Council's) business recognition would equal theirs (Ontario's) so that takes our business people out of the limelight of the C.R.A."

He said local banks will not give entrepreneurs a business account without an Ontario Vendor Permit. The new business recognition policy is voluntary, said Montour, for those who wish to open a business account at the bank. "The policy is voluntary because council feels that it is

up to the businesses to WANT to become registered under the business recognition policy and not because they HAVE to," said Montour. "As you may know, change is very suspect and the intent is for the business community to be comfortable with council implementing a business recognition system that will have some level of legitimacy as the Ontario Vendors Permit and the Federal Business Certificate."

The new letter will not be mandatory for all businesses on the territory, leaving the door wide open for non-native business owners to operate here. Montour says he knows they're operating here, and he said if non-band members are doing business here, they should be paying tax to council or otherwise, leave the territory. "There are a lot of people coming here for tax evasion purposes but we have to provide water, sewage, fire protection, police protection and they're not paying a damn thing. Non-natives and non-status people doing business on Six Nations should be subject to a tax because we provide road privileges, water and sewer and to some extent, presently, natural gas serv-

ice. The provision of these services is not free and the cost of providing such to non-Six Nations business owners must be recouped." He said council did not have any plans in place to crack down on non-band members operating businesses on the territory. There are about 500 business operating on the territory and Montour said the old business recognition policy was a mess. "Since 1983, there were 150 business recognition letters provided and has grown to over 500. In many cases the person who originally received the letter is either passed on or no

longer in business. There has not been an assessment of the current status of the existing letters." Montour said council is putting the administration structure in place for businesses that wish to receive the new letter, which will have a \$25 fee attached and must be renewed yearly. He said the new policy still has to pass second reading before coming into effect. Council passed first reading last Tuesday, with only Councillors Ross Johnson and Carl Hill opposing. Johnson said he did not want to comment on why he opposed the new policy.

Farmers give donations out to local groups after farming Burtch

By Donna Duric
Writer

The Six Nations Farmers Association gave a portion of the funds it earned farming the Burtch lands to local groups.

Last Tuesday, the organization of 23 farmers gave \$15,000 to community groups out of profits gleaned from working the Burtch lands this year.

"We felt that the best way to serve the community would be to give back to the community," said SNFA Chair Art Porter.

The SNFA gave \$1,000 each to 15 community organizations, including all six schools, all five longhouses, the Six Nations Food Bank, Six Nations Elders' Network, Christmas Baskets and the

Six Nations and New Credit Youth Lodge.

It's the first time since the association started farming the Burtch lands that they've given their profits away, other than the \$70,000 it gave the Confederacy in 2007, after its first year of farming. Confederacy gave the association back \$35,000 to buy seeds.

Porter says it's the first time they've been able to give money away. "We've always tried to keep enough to farm it the following year," he said. "This year was the first year we've put money back into the community like this." Porter said the SNFA has been in the red every year since 2007. That year, they had a \$70,000 profit be-

cause the provincial government bought the seeds for farmers, said Porter.

Confederacy Chief Allen MacNaughton brokered the return of the Burtch lands to Six Nations with the provincial government in return for barricades coming down during the land reclamation of 2006.

The Confederacy gave the go-ahead for farmers to use the land. But a portion of it is currently undergoing a clean-up after contaminants were discovered in the soil, expected to wrap up this December.

Porter said the SNFA is farming about 280 acres of uncontaminated land at Burtch and is looking forward to having more acreage once the clean-up is completed.

The return of the Burtch lands has been riddled with political conflict. Band Council said at a meeting in August that it did not believe the Confederacy had jurisdiction over the lands and will be seeking lease payments from the farmers. The Confederacy said the land was supposed to be returned under its original title, and not as an addition to the reserve under the auspices of band council.

Porter said farmers decided to donate the \$15,000 to community groups because it is con. Porter said they have not been asked to hand over any lease money to band council because it is still under the jurisdiction of Infrastructure Ontario until the clean-up is completed.

Porter wouldn't provide Turtle Island News with financial statements from the SNFA. He said the SNFA is drafting a Burtch lease agreement with the Haudenosaunee Development Institute, an administrative arm of the Confederacy. Porter said the community organizations were thrilled. "It was very well received."

They were very impressed

with the fact they're getting a part of it. They need it." Any money the SNFA makes goes toward buying seed, paying people to work the land, and running their organization, which is non-profit, said Porter.

They also use a portion of the land to farm white corn, which the SNFA donates to the longhouses every year for ceremonies, said Porter.

Police Briefs

Minor damages in three car accident

Six Nations Police are still investigating a three car crash on Chiefswood Road and Pauline Johnson Road on Thursday Nov. 22. At the scene police found that a black 1999 Dodge Durango, driven by a Caledonia

woman, had collided with the rear end of a blue 2000 Ford van, driven by an Ohsweken woman. The initial collision pushed the Ford van into the rear end of a 2010 Dodge Durango that was stopped at the intersection. The 2010 Durango was being drive by a Caledonia resident. All three vehicles

sustained minor damage, said reports. Police are still investigating.

"Vehicle vs. Deer" motor accident

Six Nations Police responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a car and deer on Highway 54 on Thursday Nov. 22. A female

driver of a black 2010 Chevrolet Traverse was eastbound on Highway 54 when a deer ran in front of her vehicle. The front passenger side of the vehicle struck the deer causing severe damage to the vehicle. Neither the driver nor passenger were hurt. The deer fled the scene, said reports.



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COMMENTARY



Burials need protection

The discovery of another Haudenosaunee burial site in the backyard of a Brantford home owner cries out for stronger regulations respecting First Nations concerns and helping homeowners.

Just last year a city couple found their lives turned upside down and almost bankrupt when Ontario abandoned them to the financial nightmare of trying to do the right thing.

Last week the same thing hit another young couple who purchased a home on Birkett lane with no indication from the city or province that there was any chance of a burial site in their backyard.

Thousands of dollars later another Brantford couple have been unable to build their dream home and can't sell the property because it is the site of a burial.

Ontario's only response was to help pay for the continued archeological surveying but the family is already out thousands and have no idea when it will end or if Ontario and Six Nations will partner to buy the property so they can move on.

The problem stems from a long outdated Ontario Cemeteries Act that places the onus on the property owner to deal with paying for any archeological assessments and reburials.

But it doesn't explain why Ontario hasn't designated the Grand River as an area sensitive to First Nations archeological finds and burials.

Nor who is responsible for securing the site when the burial was left unprotected and the skeletal remains of a young Mohawk woman were whisked away into the night only to return after others convinced those responsible to return the remains for reburial.

Only the Haudenosaunee Development Institute's (H.D.I.) Hazel Hill took the lead to try to protect the site and demand Ontario come to the table to discuss cultural sensitivity in the finding of burials, protection and future safeguarding.

Ontario needs to begin talks with the Confederacy's HDI to ensure homeowners are protected from the financial burden of trying to do the right thing and the Haudenosaunee and all First Nations remains are protected from bulldozers and looters before yet another homeowner sinks a shovel and finds a burial.

But instead, knowing Ontario will run for financial cover, decides to simply cover it up or worse looters set in. Under Ontario's policy, it has become reality in 2012.

LETTERS: It's time to replace the Indian Act

District Four Report on Education November 2012 Prepared by Councillor Helen Miller

This term I volunteered to take the lead on education. Basically, my role is to keep abreast of the education issues that will or may impact Six Nations. This report covers some of the education issues I've been involved with.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND:

Once again Six Nations Council is contemplating taking on jurisdiction and control of Six Nations education. Previously two separate education projects were completed so I suggested a good starting point to revisit the issue was to hold an Education Summit and to establish an Education Ad Hoc Committee (EAHC) of which I am chair. Other members are Councillors Robert Johnson, Mark Hill and Ava Hill. The Committee's role is to review existing documentation, to explore options, to get feedback from educators and the community and to identify priorities.

On June the Committee hosted the education summit coordinated by Claudine VanEvery-Albert. The report called "A Saturday Well Spent" is available on www.sixnationscouncil.ca Council's website or can be picked up in the administration office.

The EAHC thought it beneficial to hear the successes and pitfalls from other communities who have assumed jurisdiction over education. On Nov. 8 we hosted an information session with Executive Director Eleanor Bernard, M'kmaw Kina'matnewey from Nova Scotia. She brought with her Lauretta Welsh, Director of Finance & Planning. Topic discussed was Jurisdiction & Funding. Also on Nov. 24 EAHC hosted another information session with Dr. Barry Montour, Akwasasne Board of Education and Chief Benedict who holds the Education Portfolio on the Akwasasne Mohawk Council. Topic of discussion was Funding & Working Relationship with the Public Service Alliance Commission.

Last year two high profile reports recommended a First Nations Education Act. While both reports recommended extensive consultation with First Nations and working closely with First Nations in developing the legislation many First Nations leaders believe the government will try to steamroll the legislation. Recently, Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan reaffirmed the government's commitment to legislate a First Nations Education Act

EDUCATION LEGISLATION:

by 2014. The Political Confederacy of the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) met in October to develop a strategy on the issues facing First Nations communities. Education and responding to the proposed First Nations Education Act was identified as one of the Core Strategies. The Strategy Plan will be presented to COO at their annual assembly the end of November. In attendance at the strategy meeting were Chief Montour, Councillors Helen Miller, Ava Hill and Lewis Staats. Also in October COO held an education conference. Councillor Wray Maracle attended and brought back several reports. The Next Steps identified is to continue working with other organizations involved in First Nations education and to analyze the existing system & funding mechanism and to provide recommendations to COO before or at the Annual Ontario Chiefs Conference in 2013.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Due to the disorganization and mismanagement at Aboriginal Affairs and Development Canada (AANDC) Six Nations schools supplies and supply teachers were and still are caught in the middle of AANDC's bureaucracy. Councillor Carl Hill, Ava Hill, Wray Maracle and Chief Montour are the key

players in dealing with this issue.

EDUCATION FUNDING: Over the past four years I've been predicting the federal government not only wants to get rid of reserves but get out of its fiscal responsibility for First Nations people. So although it is concerning, it is not surprising the federal government is pushing what they call "Shared Fiscal Responsibility" to the First Nations in Nova Scotia and B.C. who have already taken over jurisdiction of their education. What this means is Prime Minister Harper wants these First Nations to cost share their education using their Own Source Revenue. This is revenue the First Nations generate outside of the federal funding allocations. So Six Nations needs to come up with a battle plan should we proceed with jurisdiction over our education.

GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (GEDSB):

GEDSB is responsible for and administers the Tuition Agreement with AANDC that covers Six Nations students attending high schools in the GEDSB catchment area. These schools are: Hagersville Secondary; McKinnon Park Secondary; BCI, Pauline Johnson Collegiate; Cayuga Secondary; Tollgate Technical

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B.C. First Nation members evict gas line surveyors, set up pipeline

KITIMAT, B.C.- Members of a northern B.C. First Nation have evicted surveyors working on a natural gas pipeline project, and set up a road block for all pipeline activity. A group identifying itself as the Unis'tot'en clan

of the Wet'suwet'en Nation say surveyors for Apache Canada's Pacific Trails pipeline were trespassing. Company spokesman Paul Wyke confirms that surveyors were asked to leave Tuesday afternoon and they complied. The group says the province does not have the right to approve development on their territory near Kitimat, the future home of proposed LNG plants and the tanker port for the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline.

Six Nations Police recognized for fight against impaired driving

By Donna Duric
Writer

Six Nations Police officer Gord Hill is the recipient of this year's Safe Streets Saves Lives award for his work in fighting impaired driving on the territory.

Hill was one of three area police officers commended for their work in reducing impaired driving during a special recognition ceremony at band council last week.

Dave Levac, Brant County MPP and Speaker of the House, attended the cere-

mony and thanked the officers for their dedication in fighting impaired driving in Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations.

"I am a very strong supporter of the initiatives to educate the public on the dangers of drinking and driving," said Levac. "It's been with us a long time, since the invention of the automobile and alcohol. Putting the two together is a dangerous thing. I ask people to think of it as a 2000 lb. pound weapon in the hands

of somebody who has lost the ability for good judgment through alcohol."

He presented scrolls thanking Hill and Six Nations Police Chief Glenn Lickers for fighting against drunk driving on the territory. Last year, Six Nations Police laid 29 drunk-driving charges, and Hill, a 12-year veteran of the force, was responsible for 11 of those charges. Lickers commended Hill for his efforts.

"As a front-line officer, Gord has always been committed

to roadway safety so it really comes as no surprise that he's led by example in the area of impaired driving enforcement."

The awards were selected by the Brant-Brantford Impaired Driving Advisory Committee which works to reduce the scourge of drunk driving in Brant County, the City of Brantford, and Six Nations.

Brantford Police Chief Jeff Kellner said the three community police forces have to work together to reduce



Constable Gord Hill receives an award from Police Chief Glenn Lickers. (Photo by Donna Duric)

impaired driving. "We all know these drivers don't just drive within the

city and county limits - they drive all over," said Kellner.

Six Nations tightening donation policy

By Donna Duric
Writer

Six Nations Band Council may be tightening its donation policy in response to funding cuts they say is forcing them to be more conservative with spending.

But band council's donation fund is generated from the community's Ottawa Trust fund and bingo. Council allocates \$30,000 to the Donation Fund from two sources: \$15,000 from Bingo Hall revenues and \$15,000 from the Ottawa

Trust Fund investment income.

There is currently \$11,715 remaining in the fund. Council's Corporate and Emergency Services said last Wednesday people requesting money from council must raise some of their own funds first.

"I think they should come here as a last resort," said elected Chief Bill Montour. "My concern is that people are cherry-picking here. I like the word 'must.' They've got to show us 'what have you raised to

date.'" Montour said he's concerned some people seeking a donation from council have already received donations from other community organizations and they should have to document it when asking council for money.

"I think they've got to be accountable back to us so they're not taking from the Dreamcatcher Fund, they're not taking from council, taking from the (Community) Trust, taking from the bingo operations, wherever.

This is wide-open for a cherry-picking exercise and I've seen that happen."

Council's Policy Analyst, Tim Brubacher, said most of the funding requests come from youth and The requirement that youth applicants must raise some of their own funds first before seeking a council donation is a bit restrictive, said Brubacher. "It might be a bit much to ask kids to do that," he said.

The new requirement would apply to donation requests of \$500 and

\$1,000, in addition to larger grants above those figures. Under the existing donation policy, applicants do not have to fundraise to be eligible for the \$500 and \$1,000 amounts.

Montour said when he was a youth he had to fundraise. "I don't see that (fundraising) anymore," he said. "All they (applicants) do is come here and bitch and complain..." Johnson said his grandson, who lives off the reserve, has to fundraise to pay his hockey expenses.

"(Off-reserve kids) don't have the opportunity to go to their county or city for a donation cause they won't get it," said Johnson. "They don't have nothing in place for that. We just have to tighten it up. Our funding is being cut all the time. Sooner or later we might not be able to donate anything."

School trips will continue to be ineligible for funding. General Council will decide this week if it will accept the amendments

and what they may not like. GEDSB native advisory unit attends as do all the native guidance councillors along with the principals and other staff.

I attended the annual High School Graduation Awards and the monthly Principal's Advisory Committee meeting.

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Assumption's Jeremy Pinkerton gets ready to throw a high light tackle during CWOSSA play against J.F. Ross. (Photo By Neil Becker)

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Sault ranks this CWOSSA win as favourite of the three



Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Shortly after hoisting the trophy and celebrating with teammates a beaming Austin Sault called this the sweetest of the three CWOSSA wins.

Sault who back on November 22nd quarterbacked his Assumption Lions to a 17-9 championship against Guelph's J.F. Ross was busy soaking in the moment of victory and not thinking ahead to the one remaining challenge which lies on November 27th at the Rogers Centre.

"This was my first time starting so it's (CWOSSA win) definitely up there," Sault said. "At the beginning I had too much adrenaline then I calmed down. This is just the best feeling."

With this three-peat now complete the Assumption Lions have now earned the right to compete in Toronto's Rogers Centre in what will be their second Western Bowl championship game in the last three years.

"This will be the biggest game of my life," Sault said. "I'll be thinking about it for the entire week." Following the victory Assumption was forced to play the waiting game as they will face either Wind-



sor's W.F. Herman Secondary School or London's St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary.

Interestingly enough Assumption has quite the history with W.F. Herman who broke their hearts back in 2010 by defeating them 48-23 in the Western Bowl.

"It's kind of ironic if we play them again," Assumption coach Raj Saini said. "We've worked hard and we want nothing less than to win."

Assumption, who were eliminated a year ago in the Western Bowl semi-finals,

took control early as they needed only a couple of series before getting on the scoreboard.

Driving the ball up field Assumption got a huge break when on a third and four Chris Lewis fumbled a pass only to have it recovered by Emmett Putt.

On the next drive from about Guelph's eight yard line Sault threw a bullet touchdown pass to Anthony Powless.

"We felt confident," Powless said. "We watched film and learned that quick passes work to perfection."

Lions Emmett Putt, Austin Sault, Ryan Martin, Levi Jamieson, Tyson Erskine, Alex Annand, Quinlan Foster, Blake McDonald, Keegan Quinn, Benjamin Crocock, Michael Sloan, Chris Lewis, Jeremy Pinkerton, Josh Tait, Kristian Hodgson, Frank Madia, Melik Thomas, Alex Sloat, Drew Tlustos, Paul Donavin, Martin Wyatt, George Boeock, Erik Swayze, Matthew Tait, Dom Rodney, Adam Picano, Kyle Maertens, Michael White, Jesse Horvath, Austin Stoffelsen, Ben Miller, Brady Johnson, Avian Fredrick, Steven Purdy, Andre Toie, Aaron Zuwala, Lucas Talyor, Anthony Powless, Simon Sunderesan celebrate another win (Photo By Neil Becker)

Our defence also really stepped up."

Heading into the second half Assumption who have gone undefeated for the entire season increased their lead to 10-0 on the strength of a 30 yard field goal.

In the third quarter it looked like Assumption booked their ticket into the Bowl game as Sault showing no effect of his hand injury teamed up with Aaron Zuwala on a touchdown play which increased the lead to 17-0.

Though he didn't score

any touchdowns Assumption running back Chris Lewis was his usual slippery self as he consistently racked up vital yards throughout the game.

"We all had the drive and incentive to go out and play hard and we did," Lewis said. "The O' line was really pushing forward right to the end. Emotions were running high and I was just praying for victory."

What seemed like a comfortable lead was quickly shrunk as J.F. Ross still showed some fight as they scored a touchdown to

make it 17-9 with still 7:27 left on the clock.

At that point the Assumption defence took over as they stifled their opponent's momentum with a couple of particular big plays including a sac from Simon Sunderesan along with a key last minute interception from Wyatt Martin which at that point clinched a third CWOSSA championship. "Through the team dinners and stuff our team bonding has been great," Powless said. "For sure I'm feeling good about our chances."

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Four Six Nations athletes medal at World Karate Championships

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Dave Turkoski was like a proud father as he couldn't say enough good things about four Six Nations students who recently were part of history at the World Karate championships held in Phoenix Arizona.

Turkoski who is the long time instructor at Don Warrener's Martial Arts Academy and president of the Canadian World Karate Organization helped form a Canadian team comprising of young participants from around the region who ended up earning the most medals. Years from now when karate fans look back at this potent 37 member Canadian team they will notice the names of Six Nations Daniel Butler, Diamond Butler, Phoenix Green and Shelsea Hill as playing a huge role on the team.

"Teaching karate I get to see kids grow into men," Turkoski said. "The secret is to work hard and avoid the temptations of video games or television."

While Turkoski was full of smiles and praise for all four Six Nations pupils he couldn't say enough about Daniel who ended up taking home gold in sparring and a bronze in kata. "Daniel has shown so much improvement," Turkoski said about the 14 year-old. "I looked over a few times and saw Daniel sparring aggressively and was thinking that's Daniel?"

Surprisingly enough Diamond at first didn't even want to participate in this tournament. When asked about his accomplishments and what he wants to accomplish next he was pretty honest in declaring "I don't know." Joining Daniel was his 8

year-old brother Diamond who after taking up the sport for two years earned himself a bronze in sparring.

Showing his strong competitiveness Diamond quickly responded "Winning" when asked what his favourite part of competing was.

The younger Diamond also showed to have a sense of humour as he admitted to taking up karate because "My brother used to beat me up."

Meanwhile Green who has spent four of his 9 years practicing karate came back from Arizona the proud owner of silver in weapons and a bronze in sparring.

Green who also declared "winning" as the highlight is also pretty active away from the karate mats. "I play lacrosse and baseball," he said. In



Six Nations Daniel Butler, Diamond Butler, instructor Dave Turkoski, Shelsea Hill and Phoenix Green display that medal winning karate stance. (Photo By Neil Becker)

terms of karate Green wants to continue with the goal of just getting better.

"I like doing every-

thing," he said.

The fourth Six Nations winner was 23 year-old Shelsea Hill who proudly earned a gold in kada and

a silver in sparring.

"Everyone fought hard and I'm really proud of them," Turkoski said.

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ROCHESTER KNIGHTHAWKS "Got your back"

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Recently about 150 Sixth Graders at Cosgrove Middle School received a huge thrill when two Rochester Knighthawks visited to not only sign autographs but talk about what is being called "We Got Your Back" which is an anti-bullying program.

The two Knighthawks who talked about the signs of bullying and what to do if being bullied were Joe Walters and Joel White.

In the case of White who played for Syracuse before going to Rochester he reflected to the kids about how back in grade 9 at that very same school he was constantly bullied after being called up from the JC to the Varsity soccer team.

According to White for about two weeks his teammates never spoke to him

until the coach finally called a meeting to clear the air.

The most touching part



of White's story came when he told about last year's anti-bullying campaign when he met a young boy who was being bullied.

Apparently White scored perhaps the biggest goal of his life when he not only befriended the boy but also introduced him at lunch time to a couple of

other boys who would eventually become his best friends.

Meanwhile Walters was bullied back in sixth grade due to his Vietnamese heritage. As a result he informed a teacher and the bullying soon stopped.

Both White and Walters stressed the importance of notifying parents, teachers, counsellors, school principals and friends if being bullied.

Following the talks these kids eagerly signed the team's pledge which was formed by the Ann Marie Leonardi of Hurricanes Lacrosse and last year adopted by the Knighthawks.

A copy of this pledge will be on display at the school and another at the Blue Cross Arena which of course is home of the Knighthawks.

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Planning a festive Christmas party

(NC)—Whether you're hosting a party for 30 or 300 people this holiday season, it's important to plan and prepare leading up to the big day. Selecting the menu, creating the holiday décor, and ensuring the space is spotless before guests arrive, is paramount. Having planned hundreds of celebrations and parties, here are some of my tips and tricks for hosting the perfect holiday party that both you and your guests will enjoy.

- Start with a color theme: red and gold or white and silver are both perfect for a holiday party. Incorporate these colors into everything from your invitations to your decorations.
- Create vignettes throughout your home by

grouping candles, ornaments, and flowers in the most visible spaces.

- Save yourself the mess and use an artificial tree. Artificial trees look just as good as the real ones so your guests won't be able to tell the difference. Consider using a product like Febreze Air Effects in Cranberry and Frost to add a touch of holiday scent.
- Good lighting is a must. Use lights on dimmers or consider adjusting the lighting with candles. There's no such thing as too many candles – don't be shy about using votives, pillars, and tapers everywhere. To create a unified scent around the house, try using Febreze Candles to add ambiance or as part of a festive centerpiece.
- Sit down dinners can be intimidating so set up a variety of food stations instead. Your food stations can still include the holiday classics: set up a turkey carving station and let people help themselves to sides and stuffing.

Happy Holidays

We want to give you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas filled with lots of wonderful surprises. We appreciate your coming round to see us this past year and hope you'll visit us again soon!

Create a cozy time all winter long



(NC)—Canadian long winter nights are upon us, but that doesn't mean hunkering down to wait out the cold weather. A cozy gathering with friends will ease the chill when the mercury dips below zero—and there's no shortage of ways to get the good times rolling. It just takes a little creativity. Take a look at these ideas:

- **Host a theme night** Nothing is cozier than a warm cabin on a cold snowy night.
- **Cozy up with a favourite flick** Who doesn't love movie night? Re-arrange your furniture in front of the TV or pile-up pillows so everyone can snuggle-up. A few favourite retro movies, nostalgic snacks like buttered popcorn, toffee, and oven-baked smores, will ensure you create a night to remember. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the show.
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Giving the perfect toy this Christmas season



(NC)—Sometimes it can be tempting to cave into your children's pleas for the latest and greatest new "it" toy trending this season. But before you queue up all day outside the mall in a frantic search for the latest novelty toy, think outside the toy box for a gift that has staying power.

"In the age of videogames and high tech gadgets, there are few toys that withstand the test of time," says Diane Goveia-Gordon, president of MGA Entertainment Canada. "To prevent your gift from ending up forgotten at the bottom of the box, look for toys that nurture your children's passions, teach them new skills and foster creative play." Goveia-Gordon offers advice

on what to look for when selecting a toy for kids to unwrap this year.

- **Educational** When kids learn new things like how to ride a bike or complete a level of a game, they feel a great sense of accomplishment. Look for toys that are fun, but that also provide social and mental challenges for your children to encourage learning.
- **Stimulates Senses** Develops motor skills – Seek out toys that stimulate multiple senses with bright colours, sounds, textures and sometimes even smells. From an early age, infants develop fine motor skills with toys that have interactive play panels. For example, the Little Tikes Infant Activity Garden features an interactive play panel, multi-lingual telephone, moveable toys and a telescope.
- **Fosters Creativity and Imagination** Regardless of the toy, kids build storylines around the things they play with. They name their dolls and figurines and let their imaginations run

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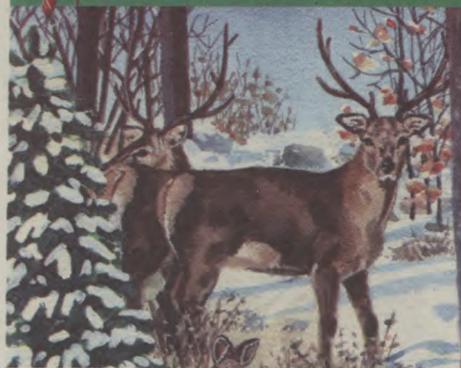
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stand out this year? Then leave the mall behind and give a gift from the heart. Here are a few ideas to get you started!

Make your gifts:

From food to handmade wares, your personal effort and care in creating a personal gift will show friends and family that you're really thinking of them. Put together a photo memory book, knit or sew hats and mitts, or give out your home canning -- pickles and jams. Wherever your talent lies, you're sure to be able to make something to please everyone this year.

Offer your services:

Not everyone has a lot of money to spend at Christmas. From pet sitting and child minding to car washing and house cleaning, you can offer your friends and family some relaxing time off with your gift of help. Professionals can offer valuable services too, from free haircuts to tax returns to home repairs. Your friends and family will appreciate your gift of help long after the holidays are over.

Throw a party:

Instead of giving gifts,

host a party at your house for your closest friends. Complete with a three or, if you're daring, five course meal, the time and effort you put into planning a fun and festive night out for your friends will be a gift they will appreciate for the time spent with you. Include a photo booth to capture the event. **Give them an experience:**

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Knighthawks NLL champion Vinc lends hand at winter lacrosse clinic

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

In his lifetime Rochester Knighthawks goalie Matt Vinc has experienced many breath taking moments on the lacrosse floor.

Vinc who came to Rochester prior to the 2011 season has achieved many accolades which include representing Canada during the 2006 World Lacrosse Championships, being named 2011 NLL goaltender of the year and of course leading the Knighthawks last spring to their first NLL title since 2007.

Showing what kind of selfless person he is Vinc who in the off-season teaches in St. Catherine's thoroughly enjoys driving from work to the ILA where he helps out by teaching at the lacrosse winter clinics.

Though it's the off season Vinc who at a recent clinic had teammate Jake Henhawk helping out described running the clinics, signing autographs and an-

swering questions as things in his career which rank up there in terms of enjoyment.

"I get asked about types of equipment or the types of hotel we stay at. Even after knowing you for ten weeks kids still ask for an autograph. Seeing the excitement on their faces is why I enjoy doing this," Vinc said.

Excitement and hard work is precisely what Vinc and the other instructors saw on November 15th when approximately 50 to 60 bantam aged players ran through various series of drills followed by an intense scrimmage.

"The hope and goal is that everyone gets better," Vinc said. "I've introduced the same competitive drills that we use at the professional level."

During what was week 5 Vinc who was first approached by Knighthawks owner Curt Styres years ago about helping out has started to see some im-

provement which naturally has him encouraged. Besides for getting better Vinc who is a former San Jose Stealth 2005 first round pick also talked about the importance of kids being active.

"There are a lot of players with different skills and capabilities," Vinc said. "They are being active which is important. Some might not play sports during the winter so the health benefits are great plus it won't leave them (when spring season starts) with rust on their stick."

One of those Bantam players given a golden opportunity to learn from Vinc was 14 year-old Jordan.

Jordan who with his dad travels to the ILA from Waterford decided to try his hand at lacrosse when approximately three years ago someone from the Toronto Rock came to his school and put on a demonstration.

Since then Jordan who



Rochester Knighthawks goalie Matt Vinc gives some last minute instructions before dropping the ball to start scrimmage during winter league lacrosse play at the ILA. (Photo By Neil Becker)

last year won MVP for athletics at this school admitted to being hooked.

"I would like to get a scholarship," Jordan said

about the future.

It's safe to say that every week when Vinc teaches at the ILA he is not only enriching the

youth by helping improve their game but also teaching them that anything is possible in terms of reaching their ultimate lacrosse

Hill leads the way with hattrick as Six Nations Atom Reps remain undefeated

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Following yet another win Six Nations Atom Rep forward Theo Hill wasn't going to toot his own horn.

After dominating the score sheet with three goals and four points in a 5-1 home win against Glanbrook Hill was more excited about his team extending their regular season undefeated streak.

"Winning the game is better," Hill said when asked if he was more excited about the goals or the win. "It wasn't our best game. We played okay but we're still undefeated." Actually the defending champs have one loss on their ledger which came in tournament play.

"We all want to try and win every game this year.

That's the goal. We'll see what happens."

Playing at the friendly confines of Gaylord Powless Arena the Atom Reps generated all sorts of early chances with the best coming off the stick of Dayton Sawyer who was parked in the slot.

Showing their determination Six Nations continued their relentless attack and with a little over five minutes remaining in the first were finally rewarded as Hill's first goal.

From that point the Atom Rep's were like a shark sensing blood as they continuously poured on the pressure and took a 2-0 lead on a Steve Laforme goal.

Late in period two the Atom Reps scored a high-

light goal engineered by Hill who parked in the slot unleashed a perfect backhand which landed top corner for his second on the afternoon.

Six Nations more or less put things away with just under two minutes remaining as Sawyer who last year played goal showed a pair of goal scoring hands as he scored a power play marker. "We're all just working hard and having fun," Hill said. "We played them (Glanbrook) before and beat them."

The only thing really to be decided came early in the third when Hill once again showcased his lethal shot in scoring his hat trick goal from in close.

Unfortunately for Atom Rep goalie Cole Martin there was no shutout on



It might be early but there is no disputing that the Atom Reps are still the team to beat. On November 25th at the GPA they scored early and often in another win against Glanbrook. (Photo By Neil Becker)

this day as Glanbrook managed a late third period marker.

When asked about what the team can still improve

on Hill who is only 10 years-old paused for quite some time before replying "defence."

It will be interesting to

see if the Atom Reps can continue their winning ways and perhaps put together an undefeated regular season.

Edmonton's Thompson feeling optimistic heading into camp

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Coming into camp Edmonton Rush transition man Jeremy Thompson knows that there is still some unfinished business. The defending NLL West Division Champions who finished just short of winning a championship embarked recently on their first training camp session held at the ILA. Among those focusing on taking that extra step in dethroning the Rochester

Knighthawks for the NLL title is Thompson who will be entering year two with Edmonton. Thompson who scored three goals and nine points last year admits that there is a certain hunger burning within the team to go that one step further. "We were all ready to go," Thompson who comes from Akwesasne said about the November 24/25th training camp. "Last year was last year and we just have to learn from that."

Though it's incredibly early the Rush still endured a punishing two day camp which included various two on two, three on three and five on five drills. Edmonton coach Derek Keenan also included lots of cardio work in getting his charges into game shape. "I'm just so excited to be here," Thompson who used to play for the Buffalo Bandits said. "I feel pretty sore but it's great to get going and see all the energy among the guys."

Keenan who knows a thing or two about talent had lots of glowing praise to say about Thompson who incidentally also played lacrosse at Syracuse University. "Jeremy has the ability to be the best transition player in the league."

transition. Besides for Thompson the coach also had some nice words to say about coming and practicing at the ILA. "I love it here," Keenan said. "This is our third year coming here and it's just a great facility. We have a lot of Ontario based players

The goal heading into January's season opener is to have a better regular season and to be more consistent heading into playoffs. Once playoffs start the goal is simple. To finish the job and bring home the NLL championship trophy. "We were 30 minutes

"This is our third year coming here and it's just a great facility. We have a lot of Ontario based players and I know they love coming here."

Keenan said. "He's learning and I know they love coming here." Keenan said about last year.

ELDERS

Safe strategies to please your knees

(NC)—This season, Canadians who live with chronic pain associated with osteoarthritis (OA) of the knee may feel like they are missing out on their favourite winter or vacation activities. Even simple things, such as standing up or sitting down, can be excruciating. The pain experienced can be so intense and debilitating, it often leads to isolation. Having to stay indoors when the family is enjoying the great outdoors - or skip the annual winter getaway - leaves suf-

ferers feeling disconnected from doing the things they once enjoyed, and the people they do them with. In an effort to relieve pain and reconnect with their lives, it is important that people living with the discomfort of knee pain inform their doctor to determine the cause and then manage the condition. While many options are available to help alleviate pain and/or inflammation, some individuals have concerns or questions about the medications

they rely on; this includes concerns about addiction, side effects, and remembering to take medications on a regular basis. When considering treatments to manage OA knee pain, it's important to speak with your healthcare provider about safe, effective, and convenient treatment options to help relieve pain and improve functionality. "An abundance of treatments are available to help reduce chronic knee pain due to osteoarthritis," says Dr. Philip Baer, rheumatologist.

"But understanding the associated risks and whether they are the right fit for one's lifestyle is an important first step in effectively managing OA knee pain."

Follow these tips to ensure that your pain associated with OA of the knee is treated in the safest manner possible:

- Know the risks associated with certain medications. For instance, opioids are a powerful pain reliever, but may be highly addictive. Some serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) can provide effective pain relief and are well-tolerated.
- Acetaminophen, for example, could lead to liver damage if the maximum daily dose is exceeded.
- Ibuprofen, or other similar medications, for example, could affect the protective lining of the stomach and may increase the risk of stomach ulcers.

Always read and follow the label on non-prescription and prescription medications, and follow your doctor's directions for use. Talk to your pharmacist about any potential interactions between medications you're already taking. **Choosing the right pain medication**

According to the Arthritis Society of Canada, 10 per cent of Canadians live with osteoarthritis (OA). Those affected by chronic pain associated with OA of the knee often find that their symptoms prevent them from participating in the winter-time activities they once loved; from vacation sports like golf and tennis, to outdoorsy hobbies such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, to the simple joys such as playing with their grandchildren. If you're affected by chronic pain associated with OA of the knee, safe and ef-

fective treatments are available to help you reconnect with the activities you love. But determining the right treatment option for you is extremely important. While there are a variety of medications available to relieve pain, there are many factors to consider before starting a treatment regimen:

- Talk with your doctor to devise a plan to manage your pain, and ensure that you consistently follow their directions when taking medications.
- Know and understand the side effects and long-term risks of any medications you take to help you weigh the reported risks with potential benefits.
- Choose wisely. New treatments like some serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs), for example, are proven effective and well-tolerated. Your doctor can help determine which treatment is right for you.
- Be aware of your family's medical history and susceptibility to allergies, addiction or reactions to certain medications.
- Not all treatments involve medication. Ask your doctor about non-pharmacological therapies and lifestyle adjustments that can also help alleviate your pain.

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Corvairs nearly perfect as they take five of a possible six weekend points

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

It might not have been a perfect weekend but there is no doubt that the Caledonia-Pro-Fit Corvairs have continued to make a loud bold statement with their play. Entering play this weekend Caledonia increased their lead over Cambridge for first in the Midwestern Conference by taking five out of a possible six points. Riding a two game winning streak Caledonia's only weekend blemish came at home on November 23rd when they dropped a 3-2 shootout decision against Cambridge.

Less than 24 hours later Caledonia found themselves embroiled against Kitchener in what was a real momentum swinging game which saw the Gaylord Powless Area crowd go home happy following a shootout Corvairs 4-3 win. Playing the role of hero in

this shootout win was defenceman Matthew Henderson who showed a soft pair of hands and great creativity as he completely deked out the Kitchener goalie before depositing the winning goal.

"In practice I'm always practicing that move," Henderson said about the goal. "It was a nerve wracking game." Fatigue didn't seem to hit the Corvairs as they ventured off to Waterloo on that Sunday where they needed a Tyler Norrie empty netter with seven seconds remaining to secure what was a 4-2 win and most importantly five of six weekend points.

"It's disappointing that we didn't get that first win," Corvairs General Manger Brian Rizzetto said. "We didn't do the things necessary to hold a one goal lead." Rizzetto was talking about late in the third pe-

riod against Cambridge when Matt Quilty who had another blazing hot weekend scored with only 9:44 remaining to give Caledonia a 2-1 lead. Caledonia would hold that lead for only four minutes before yielding the tying goal and eventually losing shootout style. Scoring the first Corvairs goal was rookie sensation Connor Murphy who as a 16 year-old already has 17 goals and 44 points.

Meanwhile Quilty continued his scoring splurge as he gave the Gaylord Powless Arena fans a real show by netting two against Kitchener. Since coming back this year Quilty has shown a phenomenal scoring touch with 14 in only 15 games. "I'm just in the right spots and getting a little lucky right now," Quilty said about his scoring exploits. "We kind of underestimated them because they aren't up



The Caledonia Corvairs were relentless on the forecheck all weekend long as they defeated Kitchener in a shootout and Waterloo. Their only weekend blip on the radar came on Friday night when they dropped a shoot out against Cambridge. (Photo By Neil Becker)

there in the standings." Caledonia who couldn't hold onto three separate leads got their third goal on a highlight reel short-handed breakaway from Jeff Swift who emphatically pumped his fist and let out a yell upon scoring top shelf.

Following that early third period goal Kitchener got the equalizer just past the halfway mark which eventually set up a thrilling

shootout. "We got a chance to redeem ourselves and we did," Quilty said. It was definitely a super Sunday for Caledonia the next afternoon as Caledonia spotted Waterloo an early 1-0 lead before coming straight back with three first period goals courtesy of Brendan Bomberry, Nate Mitton and once again Quilty. Waterloo would make

things interesting with a second period goal but in the end couldn't complete the comeback as Norrie got the open-netter. Rizzetto who was filling in behind the bench for an absent Mike Bullard had some heavy praise for Gaylord Powless Arena. "I love that arena," Rizzetto said. "It's a big place and I thought we might have been able to play there."



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7	Site 35-514 (culvert)	Replacement
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9	Municipal Drain #10 (culvert)	Rehabilitation
10	Grand River Bridge	Rehabilitation
11	Mud Creek Bridge	Rehabilitation

THE PROCESS

This study started as a Group 'B' project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). Through field investigations and consultation with agencies and the public, including a Public Information Centre (PIC) held on October 25, 2012 at the Shelburne Royal Canadian Legion, it has been determined that the proposed works will not result in any significant environmental impacts. Moreover, the proposed works will not result in significant property impacts. Based on these considerations, the MTO is proposing to 'step-down' the Highway 89 Structure Replacements and Rehabilitations to a Group 'C' project, and no formal documentation will be required. An Environmental Screening Document will be prepared (for MTO internal use) instead of a Transportation Environmental Study Report, and there will be no further opportunity to request that the project be re-classified to an Individual Environmental Assessment.

COMMENTS

MTO is interested in receiving any comments or concerns you may have regarding this project. During the 40-day public review period from **November 28, 2012 to January 7, 2013**, any individual may request MTO to reconsider the decision and continue to classify the Highway 89 Structure Replacements and Rehabilitations as a Group 'B' project. Please contact the following project team members by **January 7, 2013** for further information or to request MTO to reconsider the step-down decision.

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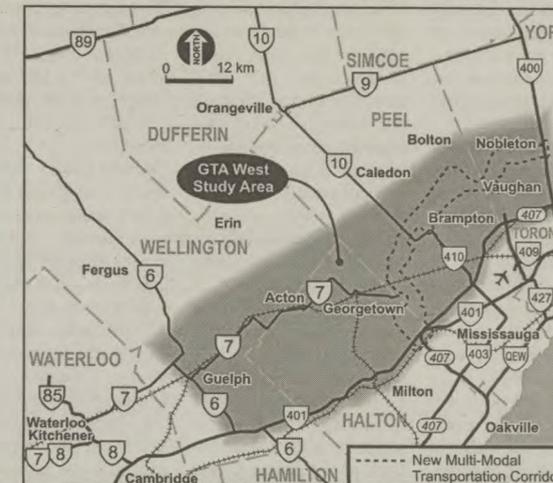
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Comments and information regarding this project will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Please contact one of the Project Team members listed above if you have any requirements under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act* in order to participate in this project.

NOTICE OF RELEASE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

GTA West Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study Stage 1 www.gta-west.com

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is releasing the GTA West Corridor Transportation Development Strategy Report for public review and comments. The GTA West Corridor study is a long-term, strategic and multimodal planning project to identify the transportation needs for this area of the Greater Golden Horseshoe.



The Strategy recommends transit enhancements, transportation demand management, system optimization and new highway capacity for moving people and goods. A new transportation corridor is recommended that will include a new 400-series highway, transitway and truck priority features. The general location of the new corridor is shown on the map. The specific alignment of the new corridor will be determined in the next stage of the ongoing environmental assessment (EA).

The Strategy Report explains and documents the planning process, technical analysis and consultation leading to the recommendations.

The Strategy Report, Executive Summary, and appendices will be available for review beginning on **November 16, 2012**. You may review the Strategy on the study website (www.gta-west.com) and at select libraries and all Municipal Clerk Offices within the GTA West Study Area. A complete list of the review locations is available on the study website. The report will be available for a **45-day public review period**. Input received during the review period will be documented and considered in Stage 2 of the EA.

THE STUDY PROCESS

The GTA West Corridor Planning and EA study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) and the Terms of Reference, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008. The completion of the Transportation Development Strategy Report represents the conclusion of the first stage of the EA and establishes the starting point for Stage 2 of the EA, anticipated to begin later next year.

COMMENTS

Comments and input regarding this study are encouraged and will be collected to assist the MTO in Stage 2 of the EA. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the EA Act. Comment forms and study information are available on the project website: www.gta-west.com.

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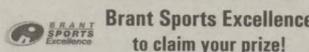
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Turtle Island News Student of the Week Maddy Douglas

This student of the week is aiming to heal the world. Maddy Douglas, a soon to be 11-year-old in Grade 6 at Jamieson, says when she grows up she's going to be a doctor. "It's a good job. You see a whole bunch of people each day and help them become healthier." Steadily achieving A's and B's, she likes not only to read, but also loves math. "It's easy. It helps me make challenges and goals and know what I can improve on next time." One of her teachers, who wished to remain anonymous, said she's a great student. During her free time, Maddy enjoys riding four-wheelers with her two older sisters. "I'm the baby, but I'm almost as tall as the oldest - she's 16." Maddy also enjoys watching *Spongebob Squarepants*, eating pizza, and playing petite ringette, a sport she's just started.



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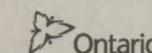
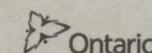
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LOCAL

Education takeover requires entire community

By Donna Duric
Writer

For Six Nations to take over jurisdiction of education from the federal government, the whole community needs to be on board and involved, says Dr. Barry Montour.

That's the biggest piece of advice he offered Six Nations after conducting a community presentation Saturday morning at Polytechnic on how the Mohawk community of Akwesasne took over control of its education in 1987.

"It's getting your community and your parents and your council on side and on board," said Dr. Montour. "We did a lot of community consultations, a lot of radio shows. You need your parents and your elected leaders to say, 'yes this is what we want to do,' otherwise you're going to hit roadblocks."

Akwesasne took control of its education in 1987, establishing an elected Board of Education that oversees every aspect of education in

the community of 12,000.

Its only connection with Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada (AANDC) is the funding of its education system, said Montour, who is the director of the Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education and has a Ph. D. in education.

Six Nations has explored the takeover of education here twice: once in the 1980s and again in the early 2000s. Band Council has again struck up an education ad-hoc committee tasked with exploring taking over the jurisdiction of education here. Six Nations is one of only two First Nation communities in Canada whose education system is still under federal jurisdiction.

Saturday's meeting was the second of two community information sessions held this month that showed how other First Nation communities managed their takeovers and some of the specific parameters and policies they've put in place to have success-

ful takeovers.

Montour admitted funding is "always a struggle" and he said there is a disparity between how much students off-reserve are funded compared to students on-reserve.

Off-reserve students receive about \$11,000 each while on-reserve students receive about \$7,000 each, he said. "If you're going to provide a comparable education to the province you need the funds to be able to buy the resources and the textbooks and the technology," said Montour.

He also said it's difficult to ensure teachers and staff are paid comparatively to off-reserve teachers and staff. The maximum salary for a top-paid teacher in the province is \$94,000, he said.

"That's really difficult for most First Nations schools to meet." Councillor Helen Miller said she'll be talking to the education ad-hoc committee but says there is no rush to move forward with the takeover.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION
TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

THE STUDY
The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has completed the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study to identify capacity, geometric and operational improvements along the Highway 401 corridor from 1.0 km west of Hespeler Road easterly to the Wellington County/Halton Region boundary, within the Region of Waterloo and the County of Wellington, as shown in the Key Plan. McCormick Rankin was retained by MTO to undertake this study. The study team has identified operational and capacity needs, evaluated alternatives and recommended a plan to address the long-term requirements for the Highway 401 corridor.

The recommended plan includes:

- Widening Highway 401 from 6 lanes to 10 lanes consisting of 8 general purpose lanes and 2 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes;
- Two additional auxiliary lanes between the Hanlon Expressway and Highway 6 South/Brock Road;
- Reconstruction of the existing Highway 401 pavement to address deteriorated conditions;
- Reconstruction and/or modification of interchanges and crossing structures; and
- Expansion of carpool lots at the Highway 6 South/Brock Road and Townline Road interchanges.

THE PROCESS
This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). Two rounds of Public Information Centres (PICs) were held for this project and a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has now been completed. The TESR will be available starting Wednesday, November 21, 2012 for a 30-day public review period on the project website www.highway401-hespeler-halton.ca and at the following locations during regular business hours:

<p>Ministry of Transportation West Region Front Lobby, 659 Exeter Road London, ON N6E 1L3</p>	<p>Ministry of the Environment West Central Region Office 12th Floor, 119 King Street West Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y7</p>	<p>Ministry of the Environment Guelph District Office 1 Stone Road West Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2</p>	<p>Region of Waterloo Administrative Headquarters 150 Frederick Street Kitchener, ON N2G 4J3</p>
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Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by Friday, December 21, 2012. If, after consulting with the Ministry's consultants and staff, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request the Minister of the Environment (11th Floor, Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, ON M7A 2T5) issue a Part II Order (Bump-up) for this project. This may lead to the preparation of an Individual Environmental Assessment. A copy of the Part II Order request should be forwarded to the MTO and McCormick Rankin at the addresses below. If there are no outstanding concerns after Friday, December 21, 2012, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA and can proceed to the next stage of the study, Detail Design.

COMMENTS
To obtain additional information or provide comments, please visit the study website or contact:

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

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OBITUARY

HILL: DONALD BRUCE "DONNIE MILES" SA GO-HENDETAH
 October 28, 1936 - November 23, 2012 of the Mohawk Nation, Bear Clan. Beloved husband of Louise (Hill). Loving father of Kristine and Ed, Miles and Pam, Lori and Richard, Scott and Tammy. Dear grandfather of Michelle and Jim, Katie, Markie, Kali, Keelan, Eric and Crystal, Erin, Abby, Alex, David, Winter, Chaz, Richard Jr., Austin, Shaely, and Jordan. Dear great grandfather of Peyton, Heidi, and Aaliyah. Brother of Fern and Peter Burning, Betty and Myrna. Brother-in-law of Alice and Lehman Gibson, Delos Hill, Marcie and Vernon Vyse, Scott and Shirley Hill. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Herb and Violet Hill and granddaughter Keely Louise Hill. Donnie retired from the former Haldimand Board of Education after 37 years as Principal and Vice-Principal at the Caledonia and Hagersville High Schools. He was the first Aboriginal High School Principal in the province of Ontario and received the National Aboriginal Role Model Award for Education. One of his favorite passions was his love for farming. Resting at his residence, Iroquois Hereford Farms, 260 Mohawk Road, Six Nations after 3 p.m. Sunday until 10 a.m. Tuesday then to the Onondaga Longhouse for Funeral Service and burial at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers Donnie has expressed that donations be made to the Keely Louise Hill Playroom at the Ronald McDonald House, Hamilton in memory of his granddaughter. For donations visit the secure link page.
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CONSTRUCTION: '06 Cat 420E IT 4wd tractor/loader/backhoe, c/w air, front & rear aux hydraulics, excellent; '04 JD 544J wheel ldr, c/w air, side dump & forks; '04 JD 650H LT crawler dozer, c/w 6 way blade, good bottom; '01 JD 450LC excavator, c/w extra bucket. NOTE: These units were all purchased new. They are well maintained and ready to work. Dynapac CA302PD, 84" vibratory roller, c/w Cummins diesel; Super Pac 600, 60" vibratory roller, c/w Deutz diesel; Super Pac 600, 60" smooth drum, vibratory roller, c/w Deutz diesel; Clark 125C, 3 yard wheel loader, c/w good 23.5x25 tires. NOTE: These units are right off the job site and are in good working order.

TRUCKS & TRAILERS: 1998 Mack CL700 tri-axle dump truck, c/w 427 Mack, 19' box, heavy spec; 1995 Mack RB688S tri-axle dump truck, c/w 350 Mack, 16' box, camel buck suspension; 1995 Mack CH613 tractor trailer, c/w bunk & 18 speed; 2003 F450XLT crew cab, c/w 7.3l power stroke diesel & EloQuip Aluminum service body, only 144,000km; 2002 Ford mini-van; 1989 Martin 28'x102" tandem axle pintle hook trailer, c/w 20 ton capacity on air; Jobsite 24'x8' single axle office trailer; '05 Wacker PT6LT, 6" portable centrifugal diesel pump.

MISCELLANEOUS: Lister diesel portable generator; 20'x102" storage container; Magnum RHP20PA tamper to fit 580 backhoe; 10' hydraulic lift land leveller; 24" excavator bucket for Hitachi; sewer lasers; rotary lasers; jumping jacks; Wacker plate tamper; construction signs & pylons; shovels; portable generators; saws; tools; air compressors; ropes; pipe; oils; antifreeze; all office desks & equipment; shelving; bolt bins, etc. etc.

A 10% BUYERS PREMIUM WILL APPLY TO THIS AUCTION



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