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Newly elected national Chief Shawn Atleo is congratulated by his great aunt Florence Atleo while his aunts Louise White (right) and Gertrude Atleo shake hands in celebration seconds after the announcement he won with 200 votes over his rival. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

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In bizarre twist OPP arrest man who says he was attacked

By Lynda Powless Editor

For Shawn Toulouse its always been about the land. The lands at the former Douglas Creek Estates now known as Kanonhstaton were reclaimed by Six Nations people six years ago when developers tried to build a subdivision on the unceded Six Nations lands. He supported the peaceful protest that began in the winter of 2006. And he was there after OPP crept in through the early morning dark hours on a sleeping peaceful

to hold protests at the site spurring an army of OPP to descend on the area. The protests have seen McHale and some of his supporters arrested and released by OPP within a few hours. A number of Six Nations people have been arrested in the past two years. Thursday it was Shawn Toulouse's turn to be arrested in a bizarre set of circumstances. Toulouse was at Kanonhstaton July 7, 2012, when a small group of people, led by Gary

McHale grabbing Toulouse and Toulouse maneuvering away. McHale and three other men then surround Toulouse moving towards him while a second Six Nations man yells to "leave him alone." McHale says he placed Toulouse under a citizen's arrest for swinging a lacrosse stick at him, even though the incident occurred after McHale grabbed Toulouse according to the video and did not make contact. "He swung at my head with the lacrosse stick. Just him with the mere fact of (holding) the lacrosse stick is a criminal offense," says McHale. McHale says Toulouse is "not there playing lacrosse, is he?" he said during a phone interview Tuesday. "He's there to threaten me with a lacrosse stick. He swung at my head. You're not allowed to swing at somebody with a lacrosse stick. He swung at my head. I then put my hand on his shoulder and said, 'you're under arrest for assault.' In Canada, assault



Shawn Toulouse was charged by OPP for he says pushing Gary McHale's hand off his shoulder during what McHale called a citizens arrest. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

McHale admitted the video posted on YouTube was not the full video and had, in fact, been edited. McHale says he also intends to revisit the site in order to remove the wooden building at the front gate. "The shack is there illegally. Nobody owns it. There is no land title deed for that shack." He also says it is there illegally because it is on a public road allowance, referring to Surrey St. which cuts through the middle of the property. McHale and his group had brought a measuring tape on July 7 to determine if the building was within the road allowance or not. "It's physically on the road allowance, which means it can't be built no matter who builds it. It's illegal. That's why we were measuring. It doesn't matter who builds it, it's illegal," he says. Haldimand County OPP Cst. Mark Foster confirms McHale is not being charged with anything in relation to the incident. "Not that I'm aware of," he said. He said people are allowed to make citizen's arrests under certain conditions. "If a person witnesses a crime occurring they can make a citizen's arrest and it's up to them to turn that person over to police at the

earliest opportunity that's available," said Foster. "If it's a valid offense then a citizen can make an arrest in preventing the continuation of that offense. You have to have a valid reason for the arrest. What his (McHale's) reasons are, I have no idea." He said he does not know if any charges will be laid in the theft and damage of building at the front of the property. "If a crime is reported then we will investigate. It all depends on the owner. If the owner objects to him taking it, and reports it to us, then it's a crime. "If (McHale) does it in front of us, that's different. An investigation would be launched." Foster said the OPP are

not able to determine if Surrey St. is a public roadway. He said the province would have to answer. In 2006, the province bought the disputed land from the construction company that previously owned it for about \$10 million. "What you need to do is check out the ownership of that roadway," he said. (Continued on page 3)



Gary McHale grabs Shawn Toulouse and yells citizens arrest (Photo take from McHale's video).



Shawn Toulouse says the site is about peace and respect as he sits in a chair near a building McHale's group indicated they want to move off the site.

camp. That OPP tactic, born after OPP officials told Confederacy Chiefs they would not move on the peaceful protest, erupted into a major protest with thousands of Six Nations people arriving at the site when a call for help went out. Now six years later it is quiet on the site. There are few remnants of the that summer long protest that saw the federal government leave negotiations after the band council stalled talks by pulling out in 2009. Confederacy chiefs in a move to keep the peace posted a no trespassing sign on the site. But it has been ignored by a small group of people, led by Binbrook activist Gary McHale who insisted the paved roadway is a public road. The small group continues

McHale, walked onto the



Gary McHale holds Gene Jonathan while Doug Fleming takes Jonathan's bicycle and throws it into a field (Photo take from McHale's video).

site, in spite of warnings by OPP shown in a video posted by McHale. Toulouse said he was standing by holding a lacrosse stick when McHale approached him. "He grabbed my shoulder and I pulled away. He tried to tell me I was under citizen's arrest." McHale has posted an edited video showing

isn't the fact that you actually contact somebody," McHale is not facing any charges in relation to the incident. McHale claims he was defending himself. "I could have punched him in the head and it would have been completely legal. I don't do that, but I could have done that and be well within my rights."

Local man charged

A 36-year-old man is facing several charges after crashing a stolen vehicle. On July 18, at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Haldimand County OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Indian Line Road in Haldimand County.

The collision involved a green 1997 Jaguar that was heading westbound on Indian Line Road when it entered a ditch. The driver

and sole occupant sustained minor injuries. The Jaguar car had been reported stolen from Heaslip Ford Sales in Hagersville

earlier in the day. Dallas Williams of Six Nations of the Grand River Territory is charged.

Band Council to call last minute meeting over building tower on former school lands

By Donna Duric Writer

A number of Six Nations people stopped the development of an Internet tower property a local man's said is his. The work came to an end Monday morning after Arnold Douglas called Six Nations police demanding Silo Wireless internet workers be escorted from the Third Line and Mohawk Road property. Douglas said the land belongs to his family. "They're trespassing," he said. "They don't own the land."



Arnold Douglas talks to Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton about the property while Six Nations police stand nearby (Photo by Donna Duric)

Band council had commissioned Silo Wireless to build Internet towers on the property, said Douglas, and by Monday morning, the concrete foundation for the tower had already been put in place. Elected Chief Bill Montour, after an impromptu meeting with Douglas and Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton Monday

morning, agreed to stop work on the tower until this Saturday when a public meeting will be held at the property, which used to house the old Number One school. "The land never was sold from the farm I bought," said Douglas. "Never. There's no documentation. The band council has no business putting it in Crown Canada's name."

About a dozen Six Nations people converged on the property with Six Nations police monitoring the situation. After about an hour, police escorted the workers off the property. MacNaughton spoke briefly with police and told Douglas he would go to the band council office with him to talk to the elected chief. "There's no negotiating

here," said MacNaughton. "Band council's been acting like bullies for the past couple of years now. It's got to stop." MacNaughton, Douglas, and Mohawk Worker Deb Springle, who came out to support Douglas, went straight to the band council office to talk to elected Chief Bill Montour about the issue. While waiting in the band

administration lobby to speak with the elected chief, Springle said band council was an "agent of the Canadian government" that had no jurisdiction on the people of Six Nations. She caught a glimpse of District Two Councillor Carl Hill in the lobby and said, "And I'm sorry, that gentlemen standing up there, he doesn't help much either, because he's part of that corporation. That's his (district). He should be down there, supporting us." Hill left without speaking to the group. Councillor Bob Johnson, who was also in the lobby, said band council had previously discussed Internet towers on the territory, but he wasn't aware of the issues surrounding this particular tower. Douglas said he brought the issue to band council last week during a meeting with the elected chief and asked that the information be put in all councillors'

mailboxes. "He promised he would research all the documents he could find on it and (he'd) get back to me and he never got back to me. I simply want something legal that says they own the land." MacNaughton and Montour held a rare meeting in the elected chief's office for about an hour. MacNaughton said he wanted to discuss "the facts" with Montour. "I think that band council has been arrogant in their assumptions for the past few years and this is one of the examples - not talking to the neighbourhood - and they know that property's never belonged to them. But they've got the attitude, 'we're the government.' Yeah, they're Canada's administration, that's what they are." Elected Chief Bill Montour said he did not want to comment.

A road to no where, ownership of "Surrey Street" up in air

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Evelyn Eichenbaum, Haldimand County clerk said she would check with the public works department but did not provide an answer by press time. Haldimand County Mayor Ken Hewitt could not say either way if Surrey St. was considered a county road or if it belonged to the province. "That's the million-dollar question. It's a little bit of everything. I think that's the problem." He said under normal subdivision agreements, the county would assume responsibility for the road once the subdivision is completed. But since the homes never got built, the question of what to do with the road

or who actually owns it, remains up in the air, he says and the because of that the county does not provide services including snow removal. "I don't think anybody really knows. Nobody's ever been in this kind of situation." He said whether or not it's considered a public roadway varies with differing opinions. He believes it is a public road and anybody should be allowed to walk on it. "I would say that but there's a difference of opinion out there on that. Anybody has the right to walk down any road but that's up for discussion." In the meantime the county does not provide services or accepted ownership of the unfinished

road. Foster did not answer when asked if OPP are using McHale's actions as a vendetta to charge Six Nations people in response to the botched OPP raid in 2006. "If crimes are committed, we will investigate and lay charges where appropriate charges are to be laid." However in the McHale video OPP are seen making a verbal agreement with McHale's followers to charge Six Nations people if the followers leave the site. During the incident a second Six Nations man standing in crowd offered to help the group measure the roadway. He grabbed the measuring tape when one of McHale's followers grabbed his bicycle, laying

on the pavement and threw it to the side. Two weeks later OPP arrested Jonathan having breakfast at a dairy bar and charged him with assault with a weapon. The weapon, McHale's tape measure. Six Nations woman, Carol Henry, was arrested by Six Nations police while at work at the Village Café Monday around noon, and turned over to the OPP on a warrant for assault with a weapon in relation to the incident. The weapon a small plastic water bottle used to block a video camera taping her. Six Nations Community Relations Officer Derrick Anderson confirms Henry was arrested at work. "We don't look at it as a political issue," said Anderson

about the arrest. "There's always people (on Six Nations) that have arrest warrants throughout Ontario and Canada that we've effected an arrest on. We have to effect an arrest." Hazel Hill, interim director of the Haudenosaunee Development Institute says she is "disappointed" at the actions of the Six Nations Police. "It's unfortunate the Six Nations police chose to do that. For the Six Nations police now to act on a warrant based on political action is very disappointing to me." Hill said she is concerned that McHale's continued visits to the site might result in somebody getting hurt. "He goes to incite violence. The scary part is the antics of Gary McHale

are going to continue, unfortunately, until someone really gets hurt." For Shawn Toulouse its about the land. "Our people need to remember why we were there six years ago and come back and be there, just be there. It's our land." He says he isn't there to engage in violence. "The Confederacy council posted no trespassing signs. I'm there to make sure the Confederacy is respected." He says there is no reason for the antics that have been occurring at the site. "This isn't about Caledonia, or McHale or anyone or anything else. It's about our land and our people and our rights and our people need to come back to the site and protect it."

Stolen vehicles found in bushes

Six Nations police have recovered 11 stolen vehicles from behind a Sixth Line Road residence. On Wednesday, July 18 police responded to information about the stolen cars. On scene police found a total of 11 vehicles, all stripped of various components

and parts. The vehicles had been reported stolen from areas around Six Nations, including Hamilton, York, Peel, Woodstock,

Halton, and Waterloo. All of the vehicles were removed and police continue to investigate.

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Men's Fire objects to green energy park at tribunal

*By Donna Duric
Writer*
The Six Nations Men's Fire has concluded its appeal against a proposed wind farm on unceded Six Nations land and expects to know the results in October. Lester Green and Bill Monture submitted closing statements to Ontario's Environmental Review Tribunal Thursday, arguing against NextEra's proposed Summerhaven Wind Project near the shores of Lake Erie on environmental and jurisdictional grounds. "We have the duty as men to protect the land," Green told the panel and NextEra lawyers. "We are here to tell you 'no more.' You have no right or jurisdiction over these lands. That land is actually Onkwehonwe land." NextEra Energy Canada proposes to build a \$270 million, 59-unit wind farm near Jarvis and Rainham Centre.

Green claims the wind turbines cause "serious irreversible harm" to flying creatures in terms of habitat loss, direct collision with towers, and sensory disturbances. Studies have shown that 2.5 birds per year, per turbine are killed in Ontario, he said. "Industrial wind turbines kill birds and bats. That is a fact." He also took issue with the loss of hunting and fishing space in the area and referred to the 1701 Nanfan Treaty, saying it gives Onkwehonwe people rights to hunting and fishing in a vast area of Southern Ontario and the Midwestern United States. "If it (the project) does go through, understand that you've just taken that right away from us," he told NextEra lawyers. A review panelist told the men that consultation and treaties were outside the ju-

isdiction of the environmental review tribunal and that they needed to focus on human health and environmental impacts. Green chastised NextEra for planning to build the project on unceded Six Nations' lands. "Who are you to come onto our territory and say this is what we're going to do, this is what is allowed and this is what's going to happen? I don't have the right to come into any of your houses and tell you you're no longer allowed to use the bathroom. That's just your house. Imagine doing that to a whole population of people. I have no right to tell you that, and no company or person has the right to tell me that." About 40 Haldimand County residents attended the hearing for closing statements on the project. Linda Rogers is a member of



Members of the Six Nations Men's Fire, Haldimand County residents and Bill Squire from Six Nations told the tribunal they objected to the new energy park. (Photo by Donna Duric)

Haldimand Wind Concerns, a group formed in opposition to wind farms on Haldimand County land. She lives within 900 metres of one of the proposed wind turbine locations and said she and the group are supportive of the efforts of the Six Nations Men's Fire. "The people who live on the land are coming together to speak as one voice. It's not needed. It's harmful. It's

money-driven." Monture said environmental concerns should trump any monetary gain in the project. "It's not about the money, it's about the environment; the impact. We as Onkwehonwe people are part of the environment. Our clans come from those animals." He wouldn't reveal what the Men's Fire will do if the tribunal votes in favour of moving

the project forward, saying it was confidential. "That's all we can do is do the best we can. Whatever decision the tribunal makes, they've got to live with themselves. There's other means that we're working on. It's very interesting what we're going to come up with." Calls to a NextEra representative were not returned.

LOCAL

Injunction at Dundalk

A permanent injunction has been awarded to keep people off a sludge plant construction site in Dundalk, Ont. at the head of the Grand River. The injunction names members of the non-native protest group SPIRG (Southgate Public Interest Research Group) who have blockaded entrance to the plant since April 2012. Six Nations residents Ruby and Floyd Montour have actively supported the blockade but are not mentioned in the injunction. Dundalk residents and Six Nations people say they do not want the sludge plant built because of its potential to pollute the Grand River. It is located on unceded Six Nations' land within the Haldimand Tract and aims to process wastewater sludge for spreading on agricultural land throughout Ontario.

Youngster gives back, by sprucing up Veteran's Park

*By Lynda Powless and
Donna Duric*
Twelve year old Mike Martin-Able was searching for a way to make good on his promise to the Dreamcatcher Foundation to give back to Six Nations. Having received a grant from the Foundation, a requirement of the foundation was to perform a community service. He thought about volunteering at an event but he

plays lacrosse most weekends. So when he saw the grafetti all over picnic tables in Veterans Park he hatched his plan to clean up the park tables. Veterans' Park is where elders go to sit in the middle of the day and moms and babies play. The Day care walks its tots there. His mom Deb Martin Able said Mike didn't like the way it looked. "There was some pretty bad grafetti

there and he didn't think little kids and elders would appreciate seeing that kind of thing while they were in the park." So with dad and mom's support he headed out to the park, paint in hand on a hot Sunday and began painting. Deb Martin-Able said a lot of people went by while he worked. "They all had nice things to say about seeing Mike doing that. They thought it was



Mike Martin-Able finishes with a flourish.



Mike Martin-Able paints grafetti filled picnic tables. (Photo by Jim C Powless).

so nice," she said. Martin-Able is a goalie for the pee-wee one lacrosse team. Foul words and pictures covered the tables and his mom, Deb Martin-Abel, said Mike wasn't happy to see the tables damaged. With a cousin coming for a visit from California and he didn't want to be em-

barrassed by the unmentionable words scrawled onto the tables in black permanent marker. "It wasn't very nice for him to see," she said. His dad, a painter, owns Fabé's Painting, so he was well-prepared to do a good job. The shy boy seemed to be enjoying himself as he

quietly laboured away, transforming the chipped, graffiti-covered tables into something the community can be proud of. He nodded his head when asked if he was having fun. He stopped momentarily when rain hit. But managed to finish the job in a day.

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A way forward

The Assembly of First Nations in overwhelming numbers voted last week to take a step forward.

The re-election of Shawn Atleo comes at a time when as Atleo says First Nations are beginning to be heard and seen.

And it is a time when we cannot afford a mis-step or a pause in that forward movement.

Atleo in a fire brand speech has adopted the tougher tone and speech chiefs wanted to see from the man with a quiet diplomatic style.

That can't be easy for him. As a hereditary chief he is raised to listen and be mindful of how his words could be hurtful and work together to move a nation forward.

But there was without question an element within the AFN who don't understand that style and think that quiet diplomacy should be replaced with fist pounding and demands.

The same kind of rhetoric that surfaces from time to time at AFN elections and in fact cost former leader Phil Fontaine his job when Matthew Coon Come's fiery speech convinced chiefs he had a better way.

They reelected Fontaine at the very next election. Shawn Atleo isn't cozy with government or conciliatory with them. He is a diplomat and all hereditary chiefs know, the way forward is through talking.

Atleo had shown the chiefs he can produce.

He made progress on education, he produced the meeting with the Prime Minister, the chiefs had asked for, and he told chiefs during his election speech the time is now to push government on economic development, energy and natural resource plans.

He says it is time for First Nations to be part of the economic equation in Canada and he plans to pressure government to include First Nations in all aspects of energy and resource development.

He said the Supreme Court has said governments have a duty to meaningfully consult First Nations before development takes place. Atleo says First Nations are entitled to more. Government needs to provide free, prior and informed consent.

First Nations cooperation is necessary in the development of mines, pipelines and hydro projects and not just a few pennies for lease monies.

Atleo says consent is needed, not just consultation and he plans to challenge governments, corporations to ensure First Nations are real participants in any plans

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COMMENTARY



Violence against women one of top issues

OTTAWA - If Bernadette Smith could pull up a chair at Wednesday's meeting between Canada's premiers and aboriginal leaders, she would tell them about her missing sister, and chances are, the politicians would listen.

Violence against aboriginal women has surged to the top of the agenda for the premiers and the leaders of First Nations, Inuit and Metis

groups gathering in Lunenburg, N.S., and for that, Smith is grateful.

First Nations researchers have estimated that there are more than 600 aboriginal women who have gone missing over the past two decades, and that problems of violence against aboriginal women are profound, on reserve and off.

The issue has been debated

in aboriginal circles for years, but has taken on significant momentum since the arrest last month of Shawn Cameron Lamb, accused in a string of killings involving aboriginal women in Winnipeg.

The chiefs passed an emergency resolution urging all levels of government to take action. More than 1,300 chiefs and

delegates at the AFN assembly signed a personal pledge to live violence-free and promote safety and security among aboriginal peoples.

But Ottawa has not responded positively to requests for a national inquiry or task force.

Eight of the 10 premiers are expected to attend the two-and-a-half hour meeting today on the issue. -CP-

(Continued from left) The results he says are healthy vibrant First Nations communities and an economically secure Canada.

The election of Atleo was the decision the chiefs had to make last week.

First Nations could not afford the learning curve it would take for his rival candidates to come up to speed at a time when corporations have finally agreed First Nations need to be part of the picture and governments need to be held to the test set by the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights.

Atleo's cry to put the final stake in colonialism rang true last Wednesday and the chiefs elected a man equipped to take them to the next stage.

Now it's time to get to work.

The road to nowhere

In this week's edition you will see the story of a Six Nations man who has become the latest in a string of arrests being made by OPP on the pretext of criminal activity taking place at Kanonhstaton.

Shawn Toulouse, along with a number of other Six Nations people, have been vigilant in ensuring that Canada (not Caledonia) are aware that the lands now known as Kanonhstaton are Six Nations lands and are being used by Six Nations people even if it is only for a picnic. Of course if Six Nations Band Council would swallow their egos and

get back to the negotiating table this would all be a moot point. Their inability to work with the Confederacy is in fact stalling any forward movement on Kanonhstaton and laying the groundwork for Six Nations people to be charged as time goes on.

The OPP appear to be simply concocting charges (I mean really, assault with a tape measure?) against Six Nations people in an attempt to enact revenge against a community who in overwhelming numbers drove them from the same land six years ago. And it's time for the OPP to explain themselves before any attempt is made to vandalize a Six Nations Community owned building on the site or a parade of citizens arrests erupt.

OPP know the pathway leading into the site is not a public road. Mayor Ken Hewitt doesn't want to take responsibility for it, provides no services and says he doesn't know who's responsibility it is but he isn't paying the bills for snow plowing or upkeeping as he does for other county roads because it isn't a county road.

OPP don't know who owns it or if it is even a road, since it goes nowhere and the subdivision was never built. And the Ontario Realty Corporation, well they were asleep at the switch Tuesday when we called.

The time has come for the OPP to explain their antics and what appears to be a calculated attack on Six Nations people who's only crime is upholding the peace at Kanonhstaton, Six Nations lands.

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Driver escapes serious injury in rollover

Early Saturday morning Six Nations Police responded to a single vehicle accident on Townline Road at Seneca Road. Police said a black

Ford F-150 pick up truck had left the roadway and rolled over in a field. The 19 year-old was being attended by paramedics and

ambulance staff when police arrived. Police say he appeared uninjured but that his truck suffered severe damage. Reports say the

truck failed to stop for a stop sign prior to leaving the road when it entered the field. The accident is still under investigation.

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Fire causes over \$1 million in damages to factory

By Turtle Island News Staff

Six Nations firefighters called in 10 surrounding fire stations to fight a massive fire that destroyed a local manufacturer Monday night. Six Nations Fire Chief Mike Seth said it took more than eight hours to fight the blaze that began in what is believed to have been a tobacco manufacturing factory on Sixth Line Road.

Ontario Fire Marshall investigators combed through the remains of the building, equipment and product Tuesday in an attempt to determine what caused the fire.

Black smoke could be seen for miles away during the height of the blaze.

The fire completely consumed the factory and barn Monday night.

The fire broke out in a factory, owned by Terrence (Tabby) Jamieson, and is set far back from the road on Sixth Line Road just west of Chiefswood Road.

Pumpers had to race back and forth along Sixth Line to refill their tanks numerous times at the two nearest fire hydrants on Chiefswood Road. The fire took nine grueling hours to put out.

Six Nations Fire Chief Mike Seth said the factory was a "complete loss." Seth said that in talks with the property owner, they expect damages in excess of \$1 million.

Fire Chief Seth met with the investigators from the Ontario Fire Marshall's office throughout the day Tuesday in an effort to identify the cause of the massive blaze.

Officially, the fire was reported as an "undetermined cause."

Seth says a lot of hypothesis about the cause of the blaze are being thrown around, but that nothing is concrete. "Because of the damage we're not able to pinpoint a point of origin or formal cause," he said.

He said possibilities in-

cluded an electrical cause, and even careless cigarette smoking.

The fire, which started at the factory, spread half a kilometer to an old barn structure on the property.

Fire Chief Seth says the cause was not determined but that embers spreading through the air were suspected.

Seth also said that arson was not suspected.

Seth said because foul play is not suspected police are not involved and any report will not be sent to police.

Six Nations Police Constable Derek Anderson confirmed this, saying police were not involved with the fire.

Fire fighters attended the Sixth Line Road property just before 5:00 p.m. Monday afternoon and did not leave the scene until around 1:50 a.m.

Throughout Monday evening Sixth Line Road at Chiefswood Road was closed off as



Smoke filled the air Monday when a factory went up in flames.

29 fire trucks from different municipalities in the surrounding areas aided Six Nations Fire Department in battling the nine-hour inferno.

Four other municipalities helped fight the fire. Seth says close to 100 fire fighters were on scene. Seth said heat was an issue. In an attempt to cool down, fire fighters immersed themselves in the portable ponds

on scene. "Temperatures were in excess of 40 degrees Celsius... the core body of the fire fighters drastically increases."

Hamilton volunteer group Box 43 helped "rehab" the fire fighters from the heat. Seth says they helped keep the fire fighters cool and hydrated and provided the fire fighters were nourishment. A volunteer association from Paris was on site as well.

One fire fighter sent to the hospital with leg injuries, was the only person injured. Fire Chief Seth says everybody who attended is spent. "They're all very tired, very exhausted, the heat just does a number on them."

Fire Chief Seth reminds Six Nations that a fire-ban is in place, and that in these temperatures recreational burns can get out of hand very easily.

Single car accident claims life of young Six Nations man

By Turtle Island News Staff

A 20-year-old Six Nations man has been killed in a single car accident on First Line Road Saturday.

Six Nations Police are investigating the accident that took the life of Eli Alex Henry and sent a second passenger to hospital.

Police responded to a call regarding a single vehicle roll over that occurred on First Line Road, west of Tuscarora Road around 2 p.m.

Police on the scene found a brown 2006 Buick Ren-

dezvous involved and three occupants.

According to police reports, the driver had received minor injuries but the two passengers were ejected from the vehicle. One passenger was lying on the roadway and the other was lying in a ditch.

The driver was standing when police arrived on scene.

One of the passengers as transported to hospital by ambulance for serious injuries.

The second passenger suf-

fered fatal injuries.

Six Nations Police requested the assistance of the OPP technical Traffic Investigation Unit.

First Line Road between Tuscarora Road and Onondaga Road was closed to traffic for the duration of the police investigation.

The tragedy comes just a week after a fatal Saturday morning roll over that occurred in Tuscarora between Second and Third Line Roads.

Constable Derek Anderson

says that often roll-overs are caused by "over-correcting," where a mistake is made by the driver, and a sharp turn is made to correct it that sends the vehicle out of control. Anderson says that different ride programs are carried on throughout the year in an effort to curb vehicle accidents.

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Eli Alex Henry.

He leaves his parents Renee (Fischer) and Randy Henry, three brothers and four sisters.



A Six Nations man was killed in an accident on First Line Saturday. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

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Rebels in tough against confident Wallaceburg



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The Six Nations Rebels celebrate a Game 1 goal but it wasn't enough against Wallaceburg. (Photo By Neil Becker)

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Slash sweep away Pinewoods in first round action

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

It was pretty clear that Pinewoods wouldn't hesitate in doing whatever it took to live another day.

After dropping Game 1 of their best of three Can Am lacrosse playoff series by a 16-5 score against the Six Nations Slash it was obviously a very desperate Pinewoods team who showed up for Game 2.

Pinewoods, who this past season lost every game to the Slash resorted to some physiological tactics when on July 22nd they tried to win the game by a forfeit.

"They tried calling us on our chin straps," Slash owner Jeremy Jamieson said.

"You're supposed to have

two and we had one. Most teams don't call it and it was a pretty low thing for them to do."

Nothing came of Pinewoods complaint and the Slash who finished third in the Can Am standings advanced to round two on the strength of an 11-5 series ending victory.

"It was pretty important," Jamieson said about the sweep. "We didn't want to play on Sunday. Other teams had to play three games in three days and hopefully we can take advantage of the rest."

Jamieson who a year ago made it to the Can Am finals believes that balanced scoring up and down the line-up are a big reason for his team's first round suc-

cess.

"We don't have to count on one or two people for scoring," Jamieson said. "Everyone on the team can score which makes us dangerous."

That was more than evident in the opener when of the 16 goals Jeremy Johns, Kraig Maracle, Kenny Aaron and Jeff Van Every were the only players to score more than once.

Also scoring in this game were Brent Longboat, Torry Van Every, Kyle Jamieson, Tyler Bomberry, Dwight Longboat, Dusty Thomas, Hawenaedas and Cole Jamieson.

Meanwhile in Game 2 the Slash showed plenty of sportsmanship when it came to scoring goals.



The Rebels offence was on fire against Pinewoods as they totalled 27 goals in first round play against Pinewoods. (Photo By Neil Becker)

"The guys felt like they didn't want to run the score up and we kept it close," Jamieson said. With this victory the

Slash will now face a tough task in the Onondaga Redhawks who finished second in the overall Can Am standings. "I expect a really good series," Jamieson said. "They have all Crooked Arrows stars on there."

Tempers flare in extra innings of Iroquois Lightning game

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Tempers were at an all time high which resulted in the Iroquois Lightning game being called after eight innings.

Deadlocked against Hamilton at 8-8 fireworks almost erupted in the bottom of the eighth when Lightnings' Hope Martin collided into the catcher to score what was the tying run.

Following this collision an irate catcher had to be held back by her Hamilton teammates as she began screaming at Martin.

Unfortunately things didn't

end there as several fans became vocal and as a result were thrown out from watching the game.

"I just went into home and we just collided," Martin who on this July 23rd evening enjoyed a multi hit game. "I think it was a heat of the moment thing. She began calling me names and she used the c word."

According to Lightnings' coach Barry Miller the Hamilton catcher who was getting quite a bit of abuse refused to continue playing and as a result the game ended at least temporarily in a tie.

"Right now it's being left

up to the league," (about whether to continue) Miller said. "They refused to come out onto the field because they felt unsafe."

The Lightning who dropped their season opener against Hamilton had to battle back right from the beginning as they quickly found themselves trailing due to a couple of errors by a 4-0 count after half an inning.

Showing their offensive prowess the Lightning came right back with three of their own as Jesse who played a solid game at shortstop proved to be clutch as she singled home two runs and

later scored on an error.

Trailing 5-3 in the second Jesse once again showed her offensive flair by muscling a two run homer which tied things up. Riding the momentum Iroquois quickly took the lead when Emily otherwise known as Chubbs gave the crowd plenty of reason to cheer as she scored on a couple of Hamilton errors.

"I make sure there is no giving up," Miller said. "If someone is giving up then they are sitting down."

Iroquois went into the seventh nursing a 6-5 lead which they couldn't hold onto as Hamilton battled

back to force extra innings. After surrendering a couple of eighth inning runs Iro-

quois came back with the two before the game was called.



Plenty of excitement was on display at the Ohsweken baseball diamonds as Hamilton walked off the field after eight innings of play (Photo By Neil Becker)

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Rebels remaining confident and not panicking in series vs. Wallaceburg

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Reflecting on the first two games forward Ian Martin knows that his Six Nations Rebels team have at full strength dominated Wallaceburg.

However discipline and staying out of the penalty box have proved costly for the defending Founder Cup champions who currently find themselves deadlocked 1-1 in their best of five series.

"They have a really good power play and we just have to stay out of the penalty box," Martin said.

"The whole game we were taking bad penalties and it was getting pretty chippy."

Coming back to haunt Six Nations in their playoff opener was Wallaceburg goalie Brennor Jacobs who was part of last year's championship winning team.

Brennor was solid when called upon as he made 52 saves to stun the ILA fans who witnessed the Rebels

drop a 15-9 decision. Besides for Brennor's stellar play another key game stat was special teams as Wallaceburg went 6 for 13 on the power play.

Everyone who follows Junior 'B' lacrosse knows that scoring and solid defence are huge strengths of the Rebels. Another one is mental toughness and confidence which was on display again as Martin who had three assists in the opener wasn't panicking about dropping their opener.

"It's just one game and we didn't expect to go undefeated for the entire playoffs," Martin who this summer has 25 points said. "We just had to forget about that game."

Despite repeatedly playing from behind it only seemed like a matter of time before a victory was pulled out of the fire.

Early in the third Six Nations who were trailing 9-8 were pouring on all sorts of pressure but it wasn't meant to be as Wallaceburg

got six goals in that final frame while the Rebels Kevin Davey was the only one to score.

"We have to get him (Brennor) moving more from side to side," Martin said. "Their fans really support them and it will be a good series."

Besides for Davey also scoring for Six Nations were Joe Haodias Maracle, Dallas John with two, Zed Williams, Jordon Monahan with two.

Once again, penalties hurt the Rebels in Game 2 as Wallaceburg executed for six power play goals including three in the first period.

They threw a real scare into the Rebels as they held various leads throughout that second game and looked poised to go up two games in the best of five series. Fortunately for Rebels fans who made the trip to Wallaceburg they witnessed their team execute for six straight third period goals which was the difference in an 12-11 Game 2 victory.

"It was looking really scary," Martin who had a goal and three points in Game 2 said. "We were down the whole game and took bad penalties." Also scoring in Game 2 for Six Nations were Zed Williams with three, Tony Duxtator with four, Tugo Goodleaf, Joe Haodias Maracle, Daniel Henhawk, Carney Johnson and Kevin Davey.



There is no love lost between the Rebels and Wallaceburg as both teams have not shied away from physical play. According to Rebels Ian Martin they must be more disciplined. (Photos By Neil Becker)

Both teams had various obstacles they had to battle through including playing on a sweat stricken slippery floor."

Rebels Wray Maracle said. "We didn't want anyone slipping and getting seriously hurt."

Besides for tying up the

series Six Nations will also receive a big boost as scoring forward Jake Bomberry and defender Tyson Bomberry will be back in the line up.

"We rely on him (Jake) to create scoring chances and he makes us that more dangerous," Maracle said. "Tyson steadies are defence and it will be great having him back there."

There were many heroes on this day for the Buzzards including Bobby Hill who in the first inning kick started the offence with an RBI single to plate Rob who led things off with a sharp single.

A couple of batters later Six Nations continued to swings hot bats as their hulking first baseman Marshall hit one up the middle to bring home both Rob and Dave for what seemed like a comfortable 3-0 lead.

That lead wouldn't hold up as Brantford who already has a victory this year at Ohsweken generated four

U-15 Girls feeling confident about the big challenges which lie ahead

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

There is lots of confidence coming from the ladies U-15 field lacrosse team as they prepare diligently for the challenges which lay ahead.

According to head coach Christina Bomberry who led them to a 'B' Division Championship last season speed and a fast transition are key reasons why they were 10-2-1 after 13 games and placed in the 'A' division.

"We have the abilities and we're starting to peak," Bomberry said. "The key is speed and I asked them to run at least 20 minutes per day."

In the third weekend of July the U-15's ventured off to Brampton where they faced a huge challenge in playing against Oshawa 1, Orangeville and Mimico who are the top teams in

the 'A' division. "The girls have been talking to each other more in practice and have been getting better with their stick checks," Tori Johnson who helps coach the U-15's said.

"I expect my girls to play hard and give a full effort. Cardio is so important because women compared to men do more running." Bomberry whose team practices at her grandfather's house pointed out but did not make it as an excuse that her team is actually younger and a little shorter than the teams they have been going up against.

There are eight new players from last year's winning squad and the age range of the team ranges from about 10 to 13 years of age.

"They have been playing against older girls who are

a lot bigger," Bomberry said. We have fast runners so we can strategies using speed to our advantage."

"I can't overemphasize the importance of cardio. At one point we were even having running practices."

When it comes to running and cardio Bomberry touched upon the improvement shown by a lot of her girls after they joined the recently completed running club being offered for those in Six Nations schools who qualify.

One of those who competed in the running club and has played a major role on the team is 13 year-old Jaden Bomberry. "I'm now able to run further and faster," she said when asked about the club. When asked what makes the U-15's so good Bomberry didn't even hesitate in saying "We play tight, have good speed and



Six Nations U-15 Leini Johnson and Kali Styres practice their foot speed and ball skills in a recent intense practice. (Photo By Neil Becker)

a good attack."

Though she is only a young teenager Bomberry already has her goals set out when it comes to lacrosse.

"Eventually I want to get a lacrosse scholarship to somewhere like Cornell or Leduc," she said. "I just have to work

on my academics and work on my lacrosse and hope that some coaches see me." Bomberry who only plays lacrosse got interested in the sport when as a child her aunt presented her with a lacrosse stick.

Besides for working hard and staying disciplined in the

many ball and running drills Bomberry is also very proud of her team for their determination at raising money for some team uniforms and sweaters.

Recently they worked on getting sponsors and having a dragon boat-athon to raise money.

Slash Taseh Nanticoke was 'shocked' about winning Can Am goalie of the year

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Taseh Nanticoke was left almost speechless after learning that he was nominated Can-Am Goalie of the Year.

Nanticoke who is just completing his sophomore season with the Six Nations Slash found out about winning at the banquet following the recent All Star Game held in Newtown.

"I think I was the only one (on team) who didn't know," Nanticoke said. "I was pretty surprised and didn't know what to say. I was thinking about how many great goalies there are in this league."

When he learned that the league officials make decisions on the individual awards Nanticoke who played almost every single league game was at a loss for words.

"Wow I didn't know about that," Nanticoke said. "It's awesome. " When

asked what he planned to do with his trophy Nanticoke who had lots of praise for his teammates said "Put it on my mantle. It will add to my collection."

Over the years Nanticoke has put together a string of lacrosse accomplishments which include winning all Ontario's with the Arrows in '98 and winning the Founders in '97 with the Rebels.

Presenting the award to Nanticoke on July 19th at the ILA was the Can-AM Convener, Statistician and Treasurer Stevie Mussell. "June 23rd was the voting deadline," Mussell said about when the officials have to hand everything in. "We give them (officials) information about stats of each player."

In terms of nominating Goalie of the Year a big deciding factor according to Mussell was GAA which of course stands for Goals Against Average.



Six Nations Slash veteran Taseh Nanticoke didn't know what to say when told that he won the Can Am goaltender of the year. (Photo By Neil Becker)

Besides for Goalie of the Year the Can-Am also gave out individual trophies for league MVP, Sportsmanship Award, Offensive and De-

fensive Player of the Year. Slash owner Jeremy Jamieson praised Taseh's game while agreeing with the voting of him winning

Goalie of the Year honours. "Yeah I thought Taseh deserved it," Jamieson said. He played almost every single game for us and worked re-

ally hard in games and practices. It's always great for the team and what they stand for when a player wins an award."

Old Buzzards riding high after extending their winning streak to three

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Perhaps caught up in the euphoria of celebrating another win Six Nations Buzzards Steve Miller declared in a confident manner that his team hands down will win it all this year.

"This is our year. We have a good team and we're going to win the cup," Miller said. The entire Buzzards team have reason to feel confident as they extended their winning streak to three games courtesy of a hard fought 14-7 home win on July 22nd against the Brantford Navy Club.



The Six Nations Buzzards continue to swing the bats well as they put up double digit runs at home against Brantford. (Photo By Neil Becker)

There were many heroes on this day for the Buzzards including Bobby Hill who in the first inning kick started the offence with an RBI single to plate Rob who led things off with a sharp single.

A couple of batters later Six Nations continued to swings hot bats as their hulking first baseman Marshall hit one up the middle to bring home both Rob and Dave for what seemed like a comfortable 3-0 lead.

That lead wouldn't hold up as Brantford who already has a victory this year at Ohsweken generated four

third inning runs. "Everybody tries hard but everyone is out to have some Sunday morning fun," Miller said. "We all love this game. We're all friends and we play, drink and work together."

There was no more scoring until the fifth when with a man on Marv Laforme showed his immense power as he deposited one over the fence for a two run homer which more importantly put the Buzzards out in front by a 5-4 score.

That seemed to have opened up the floodgates as Six Nations exploded for five more runs courtesy of RBI singles from Joe, Neale, Marshall and a two RBI knock from Wease.

"We just love to play ball and laugh," Miller said. "I

wouldn't know what to do without it (Sunday baseball).

It's a hell of a good time."

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AFN Election 2012 "We will put final stake in colonialism," Shawn Atleo newly elected National Chief



National Chief Shawn Atleo appears relieved as his supporters jump to their feet after AFN election officer announces his huge win (Photo by Jim C Powless)



Former National Chief Mathew Coon Come supported Pam Palmater in her failed bid for the national seat. Palmater targeted Atleo in her attempt to grab the seat. (Photo by Jim C Powless)



Campaigning was tense and in between ballots candidates tried to solicit support. They spoke to the Manitoba chiefs caucus trying to grab votes including Ellen Gabriel and Shawn Atleo and Bill Erasmus. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

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Newly elected National Chief Shawn Atleo tells chiefs "We will take our rightful place in our respectful territories. We will stand together and put the final stake in colonialism," he said. "We will reject government's attempt to deny or extinguish our rights."



Candidate Terrance Nelson withdrew throwing support behind Pam Palmater

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National Chief Shawn Atleo



National Chief Shawn Atleo congratulates Pam Palmater on her campaign. Palmater did not congratulate Atleo on his win instead saying she will be watching him. (Photo by Jim C Powless)



Candidate Joan Jack lost in the first round receiving only 20 votes.

Candidate Diane Kelly threw in the towel after the second round.

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Re-elected in a landslide, AFN leader Shawn Atleo demands Canada recognize First Nations titles and rights



Shawn Atleo

By Lynda Powless
Editor

TORONTO, ONT. - Being elected in a landslide vote to the Assembly of First Nations top job seems to have lit a fire under Shawn Atleo.

Less than an hour after winning the leadership with 341 votes or 67% of the ballots Atleo seemed re-invigorated with the huge show of support from chiefs.

In an emotional address he told a standing ovation of chiefs and supporters, "We will stand in front of efforts to sweep away our titles and rights."

He said the time is here. "Canada must become partners with First Nations."

The emotion packed acceptance speech was a far cry from claims Atleo had strayed from the chiefs to cozy up to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the federal conservatives.

Instead, he said the AFN will stand with chiefs fighting for their rights in resource development and minimizing and initiatives that exclude First Nations voices.

In his first interview after being elected he told Turtle Island News "We have to plow forward and see action on our rights."

He said treaty rights and implementation are a cornerstone to building First Nations communities.

He said, with the support and encouragement of the

chiefs the AFN has been developing action plans on treaty rights and implementation."

He said the federal government's "current stand is to extinguish our rights in negotiations and through resource sharing."

He said First Nations gained a powerful ally last week when Canadian CEOs called on both provincial and federal governments to become partners with First Nations in resource and energy development.

"That is critical, (CEO support) in moving forward. It builds on the United Nations Declaration and principle of free and prior informed consent."

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives released a report last week calling on governments to work in partnership with First Nations.

Chief Atleo told Turtle Island News, "when you have 150 CEOs worth over \$4 trillion, saying to the governments, First Nations have to be full partners in development of natural resources and energy, then we are now beginning to be heard."

He said, "secondly they (CEO report) are also telling the feds resource sharing must be part of the equation. That is a really important signal from them. And thirdly, they have said, like we have, that we must invest in our young people in education

and in industry and entrepreneurship."

"First Nations cannot just be an afterthought . . . (They) must be engaged early and often, that was (what) the chief executives are now recognizing," he said in supporting First Nations chiefs attempting to halt or delay mining, logging and pipeline projects that are proceeding without the consent of First Nations.

Atleo said both federal and provincial governments must realize failing to make First Nations full partners in the development of natural resources on First Nations lands "will not lead to (the) more efficient development" promised in omnibus budget Bill C-38.

"Lastly they (CEOs) are supporting capacity building in our communities. Now we must have a plan going forward to take action on our rights, building our communities and economies with an eye for caring for the environment especially for the water. Water is incredibly key."

He said future movement "must be grounded in our rights. This is a right based agenda."

Through the campaign mainstream media pushed a message of confrontation verses co-operation, but Atleo said that message was wrong.

"This was not about confrontation or co-operation, this is about standing firm in our rights and seeing treaties and our inherent rights implemented in the manner in which we aspire and First Nations direct."

He said "lastly it's about achieving safety and security in our communities."

He said the work of healing from the residential school trauma has to continue and he called for an end to violence. He said the chiefs are pushing for a national public inquiry on the issue of murdered and missing aboriginal women and girls.

"We are standing up for justice for those that have gone on and are still missing. It is time we pulled back the veil of denial in Canada's own back yard that hides the fact that there are these incredible tragedies going on and we want to compel Canadians to join us in achieving this inquiry."

During the election Atleo was faced with claims he was too "cozy" with the federal Conservatives and ignored grassroots First Nations people's voices.

But he said over 3,000 First Nations people attended the AFN assembly including over 500 chiefs and proxies. "The grassroots voices have been brought to the forefront through the deep diversity of all the candidates. This is what a moment like this is for. To bring out that rich diversity."

He said "as indigenous peoples we know we must respect the harmony and sovereignty of nations and

each others individual sovereignty, spirit and views."

He said having his family at the election, supporting him was incredible. "For me to have my family here, they drove from the west coast to spend time with my wife and I has been absolutely exhilarating."

He said what happened at the AFN Toronto assembly wasn't just about an election. "It's about the moment we are in. The visions of the AFN where we can accomplish something together, this is the 43rd annual assembly. It has been three decades since we have been pressing for Indian control of Indian, education implementation. And now, three decades later, we are on the cusp of achieving change and action on our rights."

This week Chief Atleo is attending the Council of the Federations meeting of premiers in Halifax.

Changes to mainstream education could also be the

start of a necessary link between Canadians and First Nations peoples, said Atleo. He intends to "compel" the provincial governments to support a curriculum in mainstream schools that includes the treaties and challenges facing First Nations people.

"We are all treaty citizens," he said. "But there is a deep gap in misunderstanding that still exists in this country about the realities that our people face."

He said this is a "moment of reckoning."

"If we do not do something, the economic future of our country is at stake. Not only because we would not be employing the human resources of our young people," he said. "But because for the natural resources that the government wants to open up, First Nations have to be dealt with."

2012 AFN Election results

AFN candidates required 60% of total ballots cast to win.

First Ballot Chiefs total ballots cast 540 votes needed to win 324

Shawn Atleo	284
Ellen Gabriel	33
Bill Erasmus	29
Joan Jack	20
Diane Kelly	39
Terrance Nelson	35
Pam Palmater	95

With less than 15 votes candidate George Stanley was dropped from the ballot. Lowest votes, Joan Jack was also dropped.

Second Ballot Results Chiefs total ballots 535 votes needed to win 321

Shawn Atleo	318
Bill Erasmus	34
Ellen Gabriel	33
Diane Kelly	39
Terrance Nelson	25
Pam Palmater	107

Shawn Atleo fell 3 votes short of a win.

Third Ballot Chiefs total ballots cast 512, no rejections 307 needed to win
AFN candidate Terrence Nelson withdrew throwing his support behind Pam Palmater. Diane Kelly withdrew. Shawn Atleo needed three votes to win while his closest rival, Pam Palmater, needed 214 votes to win.

Results:

Shawn Atleo	341 votes, or 67% of ballot cast
Bill Erasmus	30
Pam Palmater	141

NATIONAL

The secret to so many female First Nations leadership candidates?

By: Heather Scoffield, The Canadian Press

OTTAWA - They did it without quotas, action plans or affirmative action.

Half of the eight candidates in the recent election for national chief of the Assembly of First Nations were women — a novel event, not just for the native organization but for Canadian politics in general.

The secret to such high female participation is twofold, says Michele Audette, president of the Quebec Native Women's Association.

It lies in politics at the local level, where women on reserves have been taking the reins more and more often, she says.

And it lies in an inclusive approach to men, making them realize that their own health and welfare improve along with the empowerment of women, Audette said in an interview as the AFN elections wrapped up. "We do not push the men away," she said.

Audette recalls that just 30 years ago, the women of her reserve had to peer through the windows of the band office in order to read the lips of the male counsellors in the room making decisions on their behalf. Women had been banned.

She grew up to be an ardent feminist, eventually becoming the deputy minister in the Status of Women ministry in Quebec. She believed in quotas and rules and affirmative action. But she later returned to First Nations politics, and found she had to change her approach.

The word "feminist" does not really exist in her native language, she said, but that's not because women weren't standing up for their rights. They just did it differently.

"We started to think, we have to work with the men, and have a healing process. And we have to work with the women, and empower them," she said.

Violence against women has proven to be a catalyst, Audette said. Native women, and then their husbands, sons and fathers, have been organizing against violence for years.

Now, the issue is a top priority for any national chief, and the key activists on the file are as likely to be male as female, she added.

Shawn Atleo, who defeated the four women and three men for the title of national chief to retain his title, notes that many First Nations have matrilineal roots — roots that were often disrupted by the imposition of the Indian Act. "The issue of gender division (is) one of the external

experience they need to move up, said Audette.

"It is for us to look at what they (First Nations) are

across Canada, according to Equal Voice.

Aboriginal women have higher high-school graduation rates than aboriginal men.

And often, it's generally easier for women to become leadership candidates than it is for them to become MPs or even run for election, Bennett said.

That's because in order to run for a seat in the House of Commons, a woman must be nominated by the riding association first. To run in a leadership campaign, there are very few institutional barriers to joining the list, she said. "Running for leadership is the one thing you really can get to do with a small posse of supporters," she said.

At the AFN, the four women candidates — Ryerson professor Pam Palmater, Winnipeg lawyer Joan Jack, Quebec activist Ellen Gabriel, and former treaty chief Diane Kelly — astounded the audience of chiefs and delegates with their articulate and passionate vision for First Nations, Bennett added.

"It's amazing to see the talent and the passion," she said. "Women run when they want to change things. They run when they are fed up."

But in the end, they didn't win. Indeed, Palmater blamed her distant second-place finish partly on the old boys' club. Jack spoke out publicly about sexism among the leadership candidates themselves during the pre-election campaign.

And many chiefs wondered out loud whether the AFN was ready for a female leader.

"Are we ready to put in a woman? I don't know," said Audette. "I feel like we will get there."

Her advice to non-First Nations women thinking of taking the plunge? "Never give up."



Pam Palmater is surrounded by media who focused in on the neophyte politician who went on the attack against incumbent Atleo during her campaign.



Ellen Gabriel



Diane Kelly



Joan Jack

influences that have come into our communities and the re-building of relationships between men and women is something all our communities are undergoing."

At the local level of First Nations politics, there is ample space for women to get involved in politics and gain the networks and ex-

Nancy Peckford has noted the same phenomenon. Peckford is executive director of Equal Voice, a group that advocates for more women in Canadian politics.

"I've been told repeatedly that on the ground (on reserves), there's tremendous grassroots leadership from women, who are using it as a launching pad," she said.

doing right. Because we're not faring as well in the rest of Canada."

Still, the numbers suggest that a rise to the top for First Nations women is not easy.

The AFN says just 111 out of 633 chiefs are women — about 17.5 per cent.

That's just slightly higher than the percentage of female mayors in cities

Iroquois Win Bronze

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Though it wasn't the colour they were looking for the Iroquois Nationals didn't come home empty handed in the recent U-19 World Field Lacrosse Champi-

onships. Headed overseas with gold on their minds the Nationals ended up winning bronze courtesy of an easy 18-1 win against England. The Nationals who began the tournament with a

round robin win against England lost their chance at gold when the USA won their semi final match by a 12-7 score. When it was all said and over the States went on to defeat Canada and claim

their seventh straight U-19 World Field Lacrosse Championship gold medal. Meanwhile it was the second straight bronze medal for the Nationals who claimed one back in 2008 in Cocquiltam B.C.

A huge accomplishment for Iroquois which made people take notice occurred in round robin play when they gave the States their first ever international field lacrosse loss.

Six Nations novice 1's display their prominent offence vs. Welland

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Goals came early and often for the Six Nations novice 1's who continue to make a loud statement with their lacrosse play.

There were many stars on this July 19th evening which saw them thrill the Gaylord Powless Arena crowd courtesy of an 11-1 win against Welland.

"We played well tonight and hopefully we'll continue to peak and be ready for provincials," novice 1 co-coach Steve General said.

In a game which saw

them dominate in scoring chances Six Nations was led on the scoreboard by Kevin Hill who had a two goal five point game.

Also coming up large on the score sheet was Colby Martin, Kevin Hill and Brenden Anderson who each had two goals. Meanwhile Theo Hill also scored as he had three assists in a four point game.

"All year we've been scoring goals and we're feeling really good right now," General said.

General wasn't worried in terms of his team form-

ing any bad habits and in fact always encourages the players to never let up and always try their best.

"I always want them to give a full effort on every shift and every play," General said. "No that (falling into bad habits) isn't a concern."

Improving and getting better in every game is the main goal of the Bantams going forward.

"We just want to improve and get better and we'll be ready for provincials."



The Six Nations Novice 1 have reason to feel confident as they continue to roll through the competition. (Photo By Neil Becker)

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Menu Quick Tip: How to pickle, can, and preserve fresh produce

(NC)—It's always tempting to buy far more produce at a farmer's market than one

can eat, simply because the fresh taste of just-picked fruit and vegetables is so

much better. Enthusiasts don't hold back, however. They say you can if you

know how to can. A few basic tools and tips for pickling, canning and pre-

serving will put you right into the current movement towards better quality control – and will give you the

tastiest supply all year. This trend for more control and responsibility is best seen with the popularity of organic products; with an increase in backyard vegetable gardens; with the support of local farmers and the popularity of environmental causes like the 100-Mile Diet, where participants will only eat food that is produced within a 100-mile radius of their home. The canning process is not complicated says Chef Emerie Brine at Bernardin, a leading specialist in this field. The company website (www.bernardin.ca) gives you a full do-it-yourself overview, including basic instructions, equipment needed, recipes, plus a schedule of canning workshops in your community.

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HENRY: Eli Alex
Eli Alex Henry passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 21, 2012. He leaves his parents Renee (Fischer) and Randy Henry, three brothers Nigel (Sarah Jacobs), Randy Jr., and Ambrose. He also leaves four sisters Arlyn (Ira Harris), Linnie, Lexie and Ruby, and one niece Jayla Bomberry. Eli was a grandson of Elden R. Fischer and the late Patricia F. Fischer, and the late Lavina Daisy Henry and Roy Fish. He is also survived by many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. Eli was medicine friends with Anthony Williams. He was also best friends with Skylar, Brier, Marvin and Tyler "Bud Man" Longboat. Ashlynn Maracle held a special place in his heart. Eli was born on April 3, 1992 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He was a proud 2012 graduate of Kawennii:io/Gawe-ni:yo Private School and excelled in the Brantford Pipe Dreams Welding Program earning a certified welding certificate. Eli loved and enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and his dogs Moose and Ezra. He also loved traditional singing, playing lacrosse, and was an avid turkey and deer hunter. Eli was loved very much and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Resting at his home at 2999 River Range Road, Ohsweken. The Funeral Service and Burial was held at Onondaga Longhouse, Six Nations on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 11 am

OBITUARY

MARACLE: Leonard – Passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 18th in his 86th year, at his home on the Six Nations Grand River Territory. He is survived by his devoted wife Verla (Moses) and six of his seven children: Brian & Audrey, Marilyn, Leonard & Shirley, Allyana, Dennise, Velma & Al. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, 8 great-great-grandchildren and many, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his loving wife Kitty of 63 years, his parents Leonard Maracle and Lillian Thomas, his daughter Brenda and siblings Thomas, Ronnie and Helen. Leonard lived a full and accomplished life. He was a Captain and a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II; a successful carpenter contractor for 25 years; the head of several native Indian organizations in the U.S. and Canada; a lawyer; and a judge in the Rentalman's Court in British Columbia. He retired to Six Nations in 1997. Friends and family are invited to his home at 744 Fourth Line, Ohsweken, on Friday, July 20th for a visitation beginning at 2 p.m. and a remembrance service beginning at 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Styres Funeral Home in Ohsweken on Saturday, July 21st beginning at 3:00 p.m. with interment to follow at Stump Hall Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be made to the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ohsweken

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I would like to say thank you to the Dreamcatcher Fund for funding my trip to Ottawa, it was much fun.
Taia Miller.

OBITUARY

WHITLOW: Arlene Annette (Jiggy) nee: Hill Peacefully surrounded by love with her many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at Iroquois Lodge on July 19, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Bruce Whitlow. Survived and will be dearly missed by her children, Gail, Allen, Danny (Sug), Darryl (Deceased), Mark (Mary), David (Kory), & Bonnie. Dear grandmother of Kateri (Ken), Dakota (Brienne), Becky (Disaws), Janelle, Deryl, Matt (JC), Sara (Aron), Shani, Alysha, Wesley, Lacey, Shelby, Jennifer, Derrick, Josh, Joey (Ashley), Aaron (Tiff), Jesse, Erica, Owen, Isaiah, Bill, Kyla, Kyle, and Rawenna-hatyes. Great grandmother of Vince, Whitney, Hayley, Maisy, Tyson, Landon, Valeri, Karon-hiakathos, Sophia, Shakohawi, Leroy, Mitchell, and Kaya. Dear sister of Connie Pursley (nee Hill). Dear friend of Debbie Keays. Predeceased by parents Leonard Jacket Hill and Ruby Shiny Hill, Gordon and Mabel Farmer, brothers and sisters Jim Hill, Lois Forrest (nee Hill), Gordon Farmer, Butch Farmer, Joe Farmer and daughter-in-law Donna Keays. Resting at Styres Funeral Home, 1798 Fourth Line Rd., Ohsweken on Friday from 2 - 7 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Saturday at 11 a.m. Interment Stumphall Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Iroquois Lodge

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NOTICE OF FINAL PUBLIC MEETING

To be held by Kerwood Wind, Inc. regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Adelaide Wind Energy Centre

Project Location: Adelaide-Metcalf and North Middlesex, Middlesex County, Ontario

Dated at the Municipalities of Adelaide-Metcalf and North Middlesex, Middlesex County this the 25th of July, 2012

Kerwood Wind, Inc., (a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Canada, ULC) is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The proposal to engage in the project and the project itself is subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment. **The purpose of the meeting is to provide residents an opportunity to review and discuss the draft documentation related to the Project's Renewable Energy Approval (REA).**

Project Description: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which this project is to be engaged in, is a Class 4 Wind Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 59.9-megawatts (MW). The proposed Project Location is described in **Figures 1 and 2.**

Documents for Public Inspection:

The Draft Project Description Report titled "Project Description Report – Adelaide Wind Energy Centre" describes the project as consisting of a maximum of 37 GE 1.62 MW turbines (although the REA is seeking approval for 38 turbine locations), a pad mounted transformer at each turbine, 2 transformer substations, a switchyard, underground electrical collection lines and an overhead transmission line, turbine access roads, an operations building, meteorological towers and construction staging areas.

Kerwood Wind, Inc. has prepared the following draft supporting documents in order to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulation: Project Description Report; Construction Plan Report; Design and Operations Report; Decommissioning Plan Report; Wind Turbine Specifications Report; Natural Heritage Assessment Report; Water Assessment and Water Body Report; Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports; Heritage Assessment Report; and Noise Study Report.

A public meeting will be held for the project on the following date and location (*the original meeting dates of July 12 and August 13, 2012 were cancelled due to venue availability*). Please note date and location change:

DATE: August 14, 2012
TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Adelaide Metcalfe Municipal Hall, Lower Level
 2340 Egremont Drive, Strathroy

Please note that the meeting will be in an Open House format allowing attendees to visit any time during the event.

Written copies of these draft supporting documents have been available for public inspection since May 9, 2012 at www.NextEraEnergyCanada.com and at the Adelaide-Metcalf, North Middlesex Municipal offices and Middlesex County office:

Adelaide-Metcalf Municipal Office 2340 Egremont Drive Strathroy, Ontario	North Middlesex Municipal Office 229 Parkhill Main Street Parkhill, Ontario	Middlesex County 399 Ridout Street North London, Ontario
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Written copies will also be available for review at the public open house.

Comments received on or before **August 18, 2012** will be included in our Public Consultation report to the Ministry of the Environment. Should you wish to provide comments after this date, they can be forwarded directly to the Ministry of the Environment.

Project Contact and Information: To learn more about the project proposal, public meetings, or to communicate concerns please contact:

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Figure 1: Proposed Turbine Locations

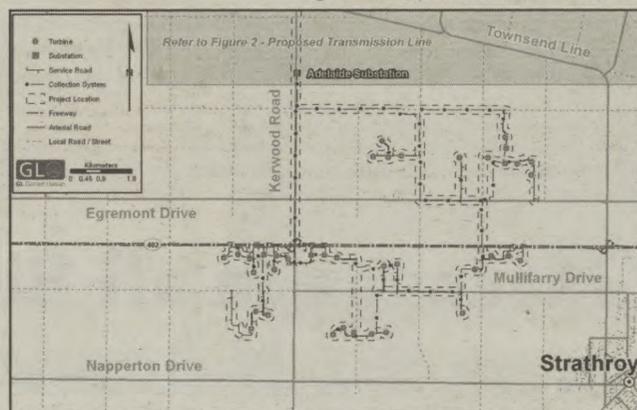
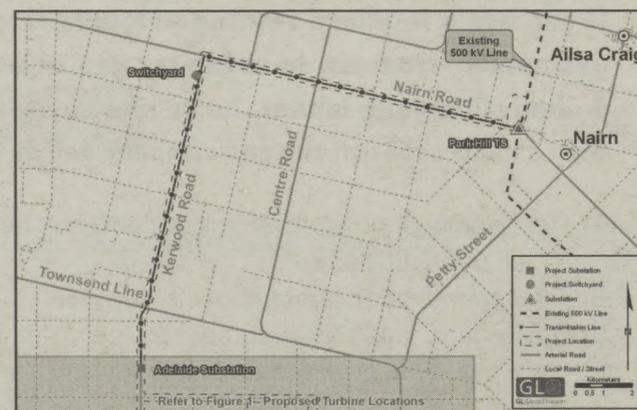


Figure 2: Proposed Transmission Line



NOTICE OF FINAL PUBLIC MEETING

To be held by Bornish Wind, LP regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Bornish Wind Energy Centre

Project Location: North Middlesex, Middlesex County, Ontario

Dated at the Municipality of North Middlesex, Middlesex County this the 25th of July, 2012

Bornish Wind, LP (a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Canada) is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The proposal to engage in the project and the project itself is subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment. **The purpose of the meeting is to provide residents an opportunity to review and discuss the draft documentation related to the Project's Renewable Energy Approval.**

Project Description: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which this project is to be engaged in, is a Class 4 Wind Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 72.9-megawatts (MW). The **Project Location is described in Figure 1.**

Documents for Public Inspection:

The Draft Project Description Report titled "Project Description Report – Bornish Wind Energy Centre" describes the project as consisting of 45 GE 1.62 MW turbines (although the Renewable Energy Approval application will include 48 turbine locations), a pad mounted transformer at each turbine, transformer substations, underground electrical collection lines and an overhead transmission line, turbine access roads, an operations building, meteorological tower(s) and construction staging areas.

Bornish Wind, LP has prepared the following draft supporting documents in order to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulation: Project Description Report; Construction Plan Report; Design and Operations Report; Decommissioning Plan Report; Wind Turbine Specifications Report; Natural Heritage Assessment Report; Water Assessment and Water Body Report; Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports; Heritage Assessment Report; and Noise Study Report.

Another public meeting will be held for the project on the following date:

DATE: August 15, 2012
TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: Ailsa Craig Community Centre
 155 Annie Ada Shipley Street
 Ailsa Craig, Ontario

Please note that the meeting will be in an Open House format allowing attendees to visit any time during the event.

Written copies of these draft supporting documents will be available for public inspection from **May 29, 2012** at www.NextEraEnergyCanada.com and at the North Middlesex Municipal Office and the Middlesex County office:

North Middlesex Municipal Office
 229 Parkhill Main Street
 Parkhill, Ontario

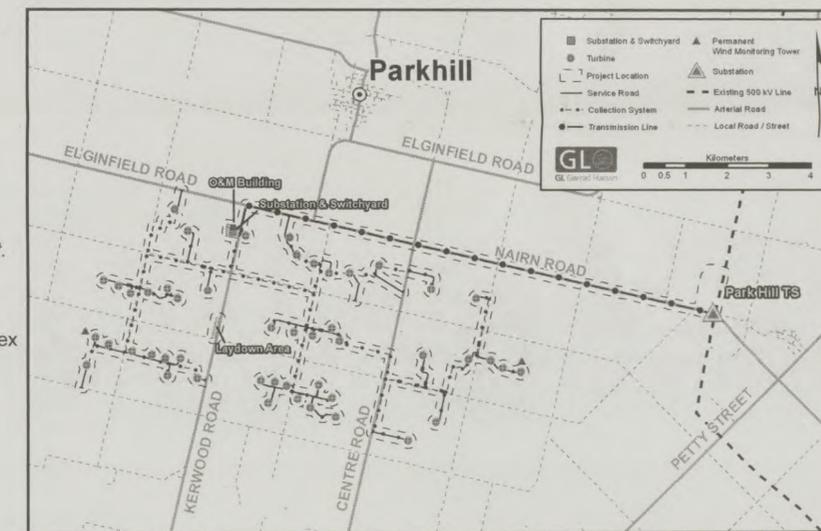
Middlesex County
 399 Ridout Street North
 London, Ontario

Written copies will also be available at the public open house.

Comments received on or before **August 22, 2012** will be included in our Public Consultation report to the Ministry of the Environment. Should you wish to provide comments after this date, they can be forwarded directly to the Ministry of the Environment.

Project Contact and Information: To learn more about the project proposal, public meetings, or to communicate concerns please contact:

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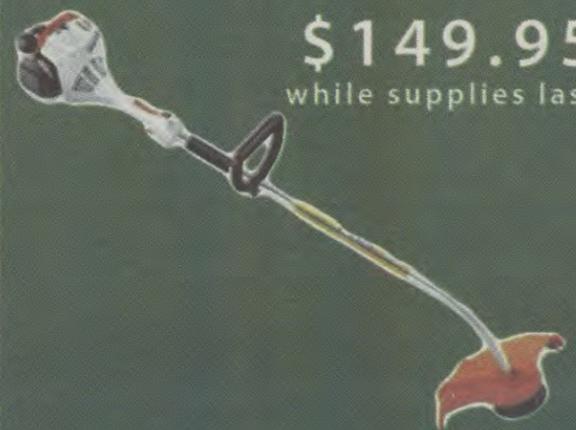
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