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Halidmand firefighters emerge from a house fire on First Line near Seneca road Monday. Off-reserve dispatchers called the Hagersville department before calling Six Nations. (Photo by Jim C Powless) See story page 3



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## “Six Nations dependent on outside communities for everything”

By Stephanie Dearing  
Writer

Tri council meetings are aimed at discussing “high level concepts” elected Chief Bill Montour said after last Thursday’s session.

“We’ve got to get more of these kind of meetings going so we can jointly understand what each council is all about,” he said.

Brantford Mayor Chris Friel described the meeting as “a positive development. It was a historic event,” he said after the meeting. “It wasn’t all peaches and cream, but we identified what positions we had, and we had an opportunity to do something different.”

Six Nations land rights stood the test of time and continues to the major issue facing all three councils.

Six Nations elected councillors, Helen Miller (District Four) and Dave Hill (District One), demanded Six Nations be accommodated on the

Brant 403 Business Park.

And that upset Elected Chief Bill Montour.

“I was really disappointed by some of our councillors, said elected Chief Montour “because some of our councillors don’t seem to realize decisions that they made in the past in relations to Six Nations lands in the tract, such as the Guswhenta project.”

The Guswhenta project is a plan to build a natural gas co-generating facility in the Brant 403 Business Park.

Six Nations will benefit through rental payments from the company.

The project has been hung up for months, awaiting approval by the Ontario government.

The County of Brant “is putting the piping in the ground and all the infrastructure that’s needed for this thing to go ahead,” said elected Chief Montour. “So I was re-

ally taken aback when Councillor Hill and Councillor Miller wanted to know how Six Nations was going to be accommodated. We already went through that.”

Elected Chief William Montour said the land rights issue wouldn’t go away “but we can work around those things for the mutual benefit of all of our citizens who are looking for jobs, ways to provide for our families, etcetera. That should be the focus of the local councils because that forum can’t solve anything in terms of land rights.”

Elected Chief William Montour said the County of Brant and city of Brantford “can be a real ally to help us solve this thing by standing with us.”

In his opening address elected Chief William Montour urged the three councils to work together to “ignite the fire in this region.” He told the meeting there

are economic development opportunities such as green energy, that could turn the area into “the centre of green Canada.”

“Wake up,” he told the councils. “He said the coming PanAm 2015 games would provide opportunities they should take advantage of, particularly tourism. “We can work to make life better for our people.”

After the meeting, the elected chief said Six Nations needs to work with its neighbours. “Six Nations is not an island unto itself. It can’t exist by itself. We’re almost dependent on the outside for everything.”

While Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI) representatives were not invited to the sessions, interim director Hazel Hill agreed with Montour, saying “Six Nations is very independent with respect to businesses here, it’s all independent en-

trepreneurs and we access outside services because we don’t have grocery stores or a Walmart, but that doesn’t mean we won’t have some one day.”

She said councillors Helen Miller and Dave Hill were right to raise the issue of land rights and accommodation.

“Helen and Dave are absolutely correct Brant County and the city have a responsibility not only to inform us of any kind of development projects but to engage.”

She said Six Nations “treaties demand more than simple notification and accommodation. It demands free and prior and informed consent and we have veto power over development projects if we believe it is not conducive to Haudenosaunee values.”

She said “Six Nations is very independent and capable of going and getting jobs

if that’s all they want. But we require more than that.”

She said band council can only seek money while the Confederacy has said it wants land.

She said “both Brant County and Brantford know they have a responsibility not just to elected band council, but to the Confederacy through the HDI.”

She said the Guswhenta development planned for the 403 knows they need to engage the HDI. “This is a whole new project, with different environmental and archeological processes and they have not once attempted to contact HDI,” she said.

Hill said the three councils “can have all the meetings they want, but they I know they have to consult, and provide free and prior consent and accommodation to the Confederacy Council on Six Nations lands.”

## Land claims threaten to derail tri-council cooperation

By Stephanie Dearing  
Writer

Six Nations unresolved land rights could threaten any cooperation between Six Nations Band Council, Brant County and the City of Brantford a joint tri-council meeting was told last week

Six Nations Elected Chief Bill Montour told the meeting “there’s an elephant in the room,” referring to Six Nations land rights.

Elected Chief Montour urged action on outstanding land claims telling the meeting, “I think it’s time we push the issue here. This old business has to be settled. We can’t move forward with this big elephant in the room.”

The tri-council session, hosted by Brant County was held in the Brant Sports Complex Thursday night. It’s the first time in a year the three councils have met.

While the councils identified common goals, it all hinged

on job creation and economic development.

And that, Brantford City Councillor Richard Carpenter said, is scarce.

“Jobs don’t seem to be coming our way,” he said.

“Most industry looks at Brantford and takes a pass. We all know the protests are a part of that.”

Six Nations people have been staging protests of development projects on unceded Six Nations lands for six years. The protests have held up developments and in some cases derailed them.

Brantford city council sought and received an injunction against the protests, and \$10 million in losses. It also sought to call in the army against Six Nations.

The city’s bylaw is now being appealed.

Six Nations Band Council distanced itself from the protesters despite earlier assurances they would provide

financial aid.

Brantford Mayor Chris Friel urged a tri-council land-use development saying it would draw attention and action from senior levels of government. “We have all experienced the frustration of trying to deal with the province and the federal government on issues, particularly related to land rights,” said Friel “We’ve been stymied by or ignored.”

Six Nations elected councillor Ava Hill said she wants to see joint lobbying on Six Nations land rights.

Brantford councillor Carpenter said Ottawa fears co-operation. That’s their biggest fear,” he said “If we actually get along, that’s the government’s biggest fear.”

But it was Six Nations Band Council itself that stalled land rights talks when they pulled away from the land rights table in May 2010.

Six Nations councillor Dave Hill told the meeting, “It all comes down to lands. We can work together, that’s fine,” he said. “But it’s got to benefit Six Nations.”

He said Brant and Brantford needed to “understand whose territory they’re on.”

Brant County Mayor Ron Eddy said “the city and county councils have pleaded with the federal government to get this thing settled.”

Each council agreed to discuss appointing representatives to two small working groups.

Brant County Council update the meeting on the Brant 403 Business Park.

Six Nations councillor Helen Miller questioned the councils “how are you going to accommodate Six Nations for using our land. That is our land.”

Mayor Eddy said municipalities have a duty to notify Six

Nations about development, but Miller told him accommodation is different. “We’ve got to get some kind of benefit out of that,” said Miller.

Development continues on unceded Six Nations lands without approval. Mayor Friel said it was impossible for the city to “accommodate to the degree that is expected in relationship to the land.”

Instead, he said he wants joint lobby efforts and continued development with all three councils involved in the projects.

Councillor Carpenter said “The land claims issue is something the federal government can resolve, it’s not something we can resolve nor will we. We should discuss where we sit on that.” But Councillor Dave Hill told them, “We’ve got to talk about this sooner or later. Throw the thing out on the

table and get it over with.” He said the three councils could establish working groups but, “it’ll come to a halt sooner or later.”

Mayor Ron Eddy told him, “We want the matter dealt with. We’re agreeing.” Brantford agreed to host the next meeting in 90 days.



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### Police commission has majority new members

By Lynda Powless and Stephanie Dearing  
Writers

Six Nations Fire Chief Mike Seth is investigating whether a dispatcher sending Haldimand firefighters to a Six Nations fire may have resulted in more damages occurring to the home.

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Six Nations Fire Chief Mike Seth said he is concerned a time lapse may have caused more damages to the home.

“It is the question we are asking right now. Would there have been less damage if the call had been dispatched to us (Six Nations)

instead of Hagersville.” “Could we have decreased fire loss or damage? How do we mitigate the situations with 911 and routing issues we have,” he said.

He said the problem appears to occur when cell phones in the First Line area are used to call 911.

He said the calls bounce off the most powerful tower. “If they used a cell phone to call 911 it would have routed to Haldimand.”

Fire Chief Seth said the occurrence is “a huge concern. We are looking into it. What actually occurred We have had this same issue on this same road where the call was made on a cell phone and the 911 call was directed to the closest or most powerful tower.”

He said the triangulation goes to that 911 dispatch communications centre in Haldimand County and they dispatch.”

But he said the dispatcher should have known it was a Six Nations location.

“All the things on the main

face of the Six Nations Police Commission has had almost complete change including a new chair.

In a surprise move the commission appointed Brenda Johnson as its new chair.

The decision came after a board meeting last week.

Johnson herself is controversial in the community after recently launching her own survey on whether band member Jeff Henhawk should be removed from his house built on community lands along Highway Six. Johnson has been engaged in a personal conflict with Henhawk.

She presented band council, last year with the survey she took.

## Fire hits home of First Baby of New Year, wrong fire dept sent

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“That’s exactly the questions we are working on. It is a point for the need for local dispatching. We need to sort this out. If here was a time lapse whereby we could have decreased fire loss or damage if we had been called immediately and how do we mitigate the situations with 911 and routing issues we have with off reserve dispatching.”

It’s believed a faulty water cooler was behind the house fire that ripped through the main floor of the home of baby Wyatt Dean Hess, the first Six Nations baby of 2012.

Parents Amanda Putman and Pete Hess were just bringing baby Wyatt Dean back home from the hospital, where he had been staying since last Wednesday, sick with an infection. Pete himself is recovering from pneumonia.

“I opened the door and saw the fire, and I closed the door,” said Amanda.

“All the things on the main

floor were ruined.” The only baby things she has are what were in the diaper bag she had with her. Linda Hess, Pete’s mother, said. “I’m glad it didn’t happen when we were sleeping,” said Amanda, who said normally she and the baby nap around two in the afternoon.

Pete said the house was insured, and the couple will stay temporarily with Pete’s parents.

“We just had the house freshly painted three months

ago,” said Amanda. “For the baby,” Amanda said the windows had just been tinted a few days ago. Linda Hess was busy helping working the phone from her home, finding out what help the couple could get from Six Nations agencies. She learned Six Nations housing may be able to help cover some of the couple’s expenses, but Amanda and Pete have to go fill out forms. Amanda’s father, Jack said it was believed the house did

not suffer any structural damage as a result of the fire. But the main floor is damaged by the fire, resulting smoke and water damage, and the family can stay in the house. The cost of the damage is not known at this point. Linda said the family needs everything: newborn clothing, formula, diapers, and bathinette for Wyatt Dean, as well as clothing for Pete and Amanda.



Haldimand firefighters were called to the First Line fire before Six Nations firefighters (Photo by Jim C Powless)

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## Dumpster fires raise concerns of arsonist on Six Nations

By Stephanie Dearing  
Writer

A series of dumpster fires over the past few months at specific locations at Six Nations has prompted the Six Nations Fire Chief to ask for help from Six Nations Police and the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal.

The fires have been set in what Fire Chief Seth called “two different locations in the community” for “about the past three months.”

Seth said “We’ve got a consistent location or a couple of locations on the reserve where we’ve been experiencing dumpster fires. That’s why we started discussions with the police and with the Office of the Fire Marshal In-

vestigations Unit.”

The concern is “one consistent” person is starting the fires, said Seth.

“People that commit arson are known to escalate their burns. So, if they’re doing dumpsters today, they may move to vacant buildings tomorrow and occupied buildings the day after.”

“What I’m concerned with if it’s one person that’s doing it, then they’re getting more brave and more

brave and they’re going to start escalating,” said Seth. “If it’s just random kids being kids and being nuisances, it’s not as detrimental but it is still an issue.”

“We want to try to curb it now,” Seth said. He said

his department has started a review of call statistics. “There may be call statistics that we’re not aware of, so we have to discuss it with the police and see if they’ve been made aware of some stuff that we haven’t been called on.”

The call data could reveal “a consistent time frame or time of day” for the fires. “That’s the stuff we need to start looking at,” said Seth.

“We’ve been dealing with three, maybe four dumpster fires a month,” said Seth. He said he did not want to reveal the locations of the fires right now. “Not until we figure out what we’re going to be dealing with here.”

## Landfill site hit by fire



A fire at the Six Nations garbage dump on Fourth Line was quickly brought under control by the Six Nations fire department. It is believed a burning ember started the fire in construction debris. All four fire trucks were sent to fight the fire, as a precaution, said Fire Chief Michael Seth. It took the fire fighters nearly two hours to put out the small fire. (Photo by Stephanie Dearing)

## Car Hits Building

A 75-year-old Guelph woman was taken to Brantford General Hospital Monday, January 9, at about 12:15 p.m. after the car she was driving

crashed into the front of the K.T. Tobacco shop on Highway 54. Six Nations police said the 2007 grey Mercury collided with the front of the

building. The female driver said she pulled into the lot and her foot slid off the brake. Her vehicle continued into the front of the shop damag-

ing the door, door frame and wall. No employees were reported injured. The accident is still under investigation. Charges are pending.

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### New committee structure coming?

## Band council to review election code and call by-election

By Lynda Powless  
Editor

Six Nations Band Council is expected to call a by-election for District Five vacancy created by the resignation of former councillor George Montour, last night, but elected chief Bill Montour said he has concerns over the process.

Elected Chief Bill Montour told Turtle Island News council is concerned with who will run the by-election. "We are having the election code looked at because some of the councillors said the election officer has to be a Six Nations community member."

Six Nations band council last election in 2010 was held by Vaughn Johnson from northern Ontario.

Six Nations Election Code says Band Council, has five days to call an election.

Six Nations has more than six draft election codes floating in the community, in-

cluding the last election code approved in a community vote, but overturned by the last band council.

Elected Chief Montour said council will review the issues.

District Five councillor George Montour gave no indication at council's January 10 meeting that he was going to resign. He participated in the meeting, even adding a follow-up to the sinking house situation to the agenda.

But around 7 pm, councillor Montour was given the floor, and after a brief discussion on the status of an expert examination of a constituent's house on Third Line, thought to be subsidizing because of a sinkhole caused by the former gypsum mine, Montour went on to his second item.

Reading from his resignation letter, Montour swiftly proclaimed he had determined his time as an elected councillor had come to an end —



Councillor George Montour

immediately.

Montour was first elected to band council in 1991.

"There's many reasons for my decision," said Montour, telling council he did not want to discuss them "at this time."

"However, my passion for this community and its issues are still very strong. I will continue to fight for these issues in other ways outside of band council," he said.

Wishing his fellow councillors "the very best," George Montour thanked council, gathering his personal effects.

Even though taken aback by the surprise resignation, there was no hesitation by council to accept the resignation, tabling the motion as George Montour was walking out of the meeting room.

The motion to accept Montour's resignation was amended by District Five councillor Bob Johnson, who added the words, "with regrets."

District Four councillor Wray Maracle asked for the motion to refer to George Montour as "a valuable member of council."

The entire resignation and acceptance unfolded within two minutes.

But instead of dealing with the business of George Montour's resignation, elected Chief William Montour moved council on to the next

business on the agenda — scheduling.

As the rest of the meeting unfolded, council flitted back and forth to the surprise resignation.

Elected Chief Montour had asked for scheduling to be dealt with, but councillor Bob Johnson interjected, offering to take over, where he could, George Montour's responsibilities.

He said council will also be reviewing whether the current committee structure is working.

The new structure calls for only four people to form a committee and committees have been left without quorum on a number of occasions.

The results are issues are coming to council that should have been dealt with at committee, he said.

Elected Chief Montour said that results in "stuff coming to council that shouldn't be, council shouldn't be waving

second reading because the issue is late, it's not being proactive."

And he said councillors aren't showing up for council meetings.

"We may have to look at returning to the old structure where you got paid when you showed up. Right now people are getting paid whether they show up or not and it's not working to the betterment of the community," he said.

He said major issues are getting ignored or pushed off.

"Right now we have a major issue with the fire department."

He said Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada (AANAC) won't provide funding for dispatch services at Six Nations.

"They are wanting to farm out dispatch and will provide 90 percent funding to another municipality or corporation but not to our department," he said.

## Second Six Nations shop hit by robbers

Six Nations Police are warning store owners to be on the look out after another store was robbed last Thursday morning.

Police said two men armed with a knife robbed the Caddy Shack on Fourth Line Road at about 2:20 a.m.

The two men banged on the front door of the shop and

the lone employee opened the door. The two men entered the store and threatened the employee with a knife.

While one man stood watch, the other grabbed an undisclosed amount of cash from the till and took cartons of cigarettes. The two suspects fled the store and got

into a black vehicle, possibly an SUV that was parked on Fourth Line Road.

Both suspects were wearing hoodies pulled over their faces.

The first suspect is described as 6'1" 210 pounds, wearing blue jeans and a red hoodie.

The second is described as 6' tall, with a skinny build

wearing blue jeans and a green hoodie with a black coat.

It is the second robbery in a week.

Sunday, Jan., 8th the A&T Smoke Shop on Chiefswood Road was robbed at about 5 p.m. January 8.

Two men wearing bandanas entered the shop and de-

manded money. Both men kept their hands in their pockets giving the impression they were armed.

The two fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and were last seen leaving in a green Dodge truck.

The first male was described at 5'10" 160 lbs wearing blue jeans and a dark

coloured hoodie. The second was described as taller wearing blue jeans and a black hooded sweater.

Anyone with information is asked to call Six Nations Police at 519-445-2811 or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-333-TIPS (8477).

## Remains are Marissa Whalen

The body of a child found at Six Nations last October has been positively identified as two-year-old homicide victim Marissa Whalen. Niagara

Reg. Police said Friday the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto, through DNA identified the remains as the Fort Erie toddler who hadn't been

seen since July. Three women face charges. Her mother Roseanne Whalen, 23, is charged with second-degree murder, criminal negligence

causing death and accessory after the fact to murder. Amanda Dipota, 30, is charged with accessory after the fact to murder and indig-

nity to human remains. Rainbow Hill, 28, is charged with second-degree murder.

## Six Nations community trust funds plan to get a Tim's

By Stephanie Dearing  
Writer

\$194,000 for Grand River Polytechnic to try to get a Tim Horton's franchise.

Another \$107,680 to Grand River Polytechnic this time to try to secure university accreditation

Just over \$60,000 to a group of volunteers running the local radio station, without a board.

And just \$3,500 for Six Nations fire department fire prevention.

Six Nations controversial community trust has just released how it awarded over \$700,000 in community trust dollars last November.

Ironically it comes just as the board heads into a meeting this Saturday with the Band Council.

Board Executive Director Tammy Martin said the board's new three-year strategic plan includes a commu-

nity review of the operation of the Trust "won't be something that we're going to be rushed into."

Band Council has been plagued by community members questioning how their trust operates and have been asking for changes.

But Martin said they are in no hurry to implement change. "Until we actually go out and do a review with community members, changes will not be implemented," she said.

"We understand there's a lot of complaints we hear directly from council or certain members of council. But we don't want to just react," said Martin.

The Trust now has \$17 million salted away including another \$3, 209,641 from elected council. It is charged with allocating the interest of the fund annually.

Whether elected council will

allocate more Rama funds to the Trust in the future does influence how the Trust operates. "We aren't sure of the future, if council is going to be forwarding more funds to us. So we don't want to start spending money recklessly and then come to find we may never receive any more funds from council," Martin said.

When the Trust was established in 2004, the Board had to keep a minimum of \$10 million in reserve for at least five years. Now, the board only has to maintain a reserve of \$6 million.

The Trustees decide what projects get funded. While the Program Handbook for the Trust states funds will not be given for individual for profit projects, or services already funded by another program, the Trustees have let themselves off the hook by saying they can make exceptions to

their own rules.

And they have.

This year the rules against subsidizing for-profit businesses went out the window when the Board granted funding to Polytech for the Tim Horton's franchise. Polytech asked for \$194,000 for the franchise, and was approved for the full amount.

Martin said "There's a lot of different things we take into account when we're going through applications."

She said "Sometimes it's based on how much potential that project has to generate its own revenue."

Six Nations Polytechnic, also was approved to receive \$107,680 towards university accreditation.

Sonics CKRZ radio was given \$60,500 to hire a station manager "to oversee daily operations and supervise staff and purchase new equipment."

But the radio station has no employees to supervise, and the station recently secured \$50,000 from New Credit and Six Nations councils.

The trust has turned down applications in the past saying it will not fund salaries. The Woodland Cultural Centre, had two projects funded for a total of \$76,412; the Mohawk Adult Immersion Language Program will receive \$20,663; and Brantford Native Housing will get \$58,186.

In addition, the Grand River Champion of Champions Powwow was given \$5,000, to purchase a new storage trailer. But an application for funding to train fire recruits by the Six Nations

Fire Department (\$33,069.49) was turned down completely. A second application for the department for \$15,095.09 for a Fire Prevention Model was only given \$3,500 by the

Trust.

Martin justified the small grant saying band council could fund it. "We're very aware that council is continuously getting money from the OFNLP (Ontario First Nations Lottery Partnership). So without a concrete agreement from them that they're going to flow money here, then we're quite aware that they have money coming in from the OFNLP that council themselves could identify the fire department as a priority and fully fund them."

If a person is unhappy with how their application was treated, they have to appeal to an ad hoc committee which is comprised with members of the same Trust Board.

Last year, it cost the Trust \$174,000 to manage the fund, and just over half a million was given out to 15 different projects.



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**Harper summit has to be diverse**

Elected band council leaders from across Canada are gathering in Ottawa beginning Monday for their first meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper on aboriginal issues.

That will take place Tuesday. Sadly the meeting is being billed as historic. Sad because it is the first official meeting between the Prime Minister and First Nation leadership since the Conservatives were elected in 2006, six years ago. In that time, infrastructure housing, education have all deteriorated to crisis levels and poverty is embarrassingly rampant and social and health issues are exploding.

It appears Prime Minister Harper plans to focus solely on education and so has Assembly of First Nations leader Shawn Atleo, who has also in his first term as AFN leader focused on the same issue.

Its safe and it makes for good media. But it isn't enough. First Nation communities cannot afford a one issue meeting when their communities are falling apart.

Some First Nation leaders are concerned the meeting will get bogged down in educational discussion as Harper (and Atleo who has to face re-election this year) try to come out of the session with some kind of agreement and education, is a safe issue.

But the children, once leaving school still go, in many cases, home to homes that need to be condemned, suffer substance abuse and have little chance of employment when First Nation communities suffer economic development voids created by a government structure that creates service communities to the towns and cities that surround them.

And with reason. It keeps First Nations dependent on government funding as governments continue to reap the benefits of natural resources off First Nations lands.

Communities can't grow without Canada sharing the wealth.

But it appears sharing the wealth is not on Harper's agenda but First Nation leadership can't afford to let Harper and Atleo settle for a simple one issue meeting. Simply because they may never see another one.

**COMMENTARY**



**Councillor Helen Miller: Open Letter to Community**

January 2012

Well folks it's been seven years since being elected to council. How time flies! What I've found over the years is people either love me or hate me. On the one hand people tell me "keep up the good work" and on the other hand people try to kick me off council. People tell me how much they appreciate my commentary in the newspapers and other people demand council muzzles me. Some people like that I "tell it like it is" and some people don't want to hear the truth. I must say my time on council has been colorful. But I'm still hanging in there, crazy old fool that I am.

What should be of concern to us in 2012? Top of the list is Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his majority government. This means First Nations will have the fight of their lives to try and protect our land, our way of life and our rights. I suspect the government is already working on legislation to "modernize" reserve lands which means amending the Indian Act to scrap collective ownership to the lands in favor of individual ownership.

Right now Harper's main priority is reforming First Nations Education. In fact a First Nations Education Act (FNEA) is expected this

fall. The Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples' recently released "Reforming First Nations Education: From Crisis to Hope" recommends moving First Nations toward "full legal responsibility" for elementary and secondary education. What this means is the FNEA will legislate First Nations school authorities to deliver and administer First Nations' education systems in collaboration with the province (Tripartite agreements). Federal funding will flow through these First Nations authorities which are expected to be equivalent to education ministries. But each reserve won't have its own authority rather the plan is to cluster First Nations reserves under one authority. Money of course is the concern. The report recommends replacing the current system of annual contribution payments with "Statutory funding" but what is "Statutory Funding"? Concern is there's no guarantee of ongoing funding given the federal government can only commit to five-year funding agreements. How long before the feds start to cut the funding, forcing First Nations to cost share. They know First Nations all get gaming money. All in all I believe the federal government intends to wash its

hands of First Nations education. We still don't know the fate of Post Secondary Education funding. There was talk a while back of turning PS to a third party manager or into a student loan program but we've heard nary a word since then. Could be the plan is to turn PS education over to the First Nations education authorities. Time will tell. Another concern is Bill C-10-Safe Streets & Communities Act which amends several other Acts. People say Bill C-10 is in response to Caledonia. If we couple Bill C-10 with Bill C-36 the Anti Terrorism Act the impact to First Nations depends on how Harper chooses to define "terrorism". Possibility exists that protesters could be charged as terrorists. Bill C-10 also authorizes deployment of the army. As for Six Nations land claims according to news reports from the January Confederacy Council (CC) meeting the CC said a resounding "No" to meeting and working with the Elected Council. Where does this leave our land issues? MP Phil McColeman said in The Expositor recently the federal government is "sticking to its position that Six Nations must come back with an approach that shows a uni-

fied voice and a representative team to negotiate." So it's doubtful our land issues will see resolution in this generation. As for turning over the Eight Points of Jurisdiction to the CC that decision has to be made by the community. Problem is we don't have an acceptable-by-all decision making process. I raised this issue at the former negotiating table and at the council table several times but nothing came of it. We all know "consensus" is a thing of the past so it's critical to look at how we can make a community decision that is inclusive of all. Obviously governance is another priority. Our community seems to be falling apart. Some people are running amuck and doing whatever they want. Unless the community settles (Continued page 7)

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**Elected chief attends PanAm Games sod turning**

Elected Chief William Montour was invited by the government of Ontario to attend the sod-turning ceremony for the Pan-Am 2015 Athletes Village.

Council approved his attendance, and the Chief represented Six Nations at the January 12 event in Toronto.

It is expected that up to 10,000 athletes and officials will attend the games in 2015.

**Hydro towers should carry electricity, not Mohawk warrior flags: Huda**

TORONTO - Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak says long delays that have stalled the expansion of hydro transmission lines in Caledonia

need to end. The 76-kilometre hydro line has been in limbo for years because Six Nations warriors won't let workers put up the wires.

Hudak says hydro workers should complete the job, even if it means that they have to do it under police protection. The Opposition leader

says the towers need to be carrying electricity, not flying Mohawk warrior flags. The \$116-million project was stopped in 2006 to ease tensions after Six Na-

tions blocked a housing development in Caledonia, near Hamilton that was proceeding on unceded Six Nations land. An OPP raid of a sleeping

protest camp occupation triggered a bitter standoff that is still ongoing nearly six years later.

**Councillor to attend U.S. conference, council pays registration**

By Stephanie Dearing  
The registration fees for a Six Nations elected councillor will be paid after the councillor suggested council consider the idea. The three day conference will be held in Las Vegas, District Two councillor Ava Hill told her colleagues. The councillor said she would pay her travel and accommodation costs for the conference, and said council could pick up the

\$750 registration fee - or not; saying the decision was up to council. "I may go or I may not go," councillor Ava Hill told her colleagues. "But if I do go, I'm going at my own expense." She suggested council could, if it wanted, pick up the registration expense for her. District Five councillor Bob Johnson tabled a motion to pay the registration fee, seconded by District Two councillor Carl Hill. The motion

carried. Council did not identify where the money would come from. The conference takes place February 27 - March 1, and is billed as the "premier American Indian economic and business development conference in the nation." The conference is put on by the National Centre for American Indian Enterprise Development. Ava Hill promised to provide her colleagues with a report.

**Bread and butter issues needed**

By Lynda Powless  
The state of Aboriginal Canada haunts the country. In less than a week First Nations leadership and the Prime Minister and his cabinet will meet to discuss the crisis of Aboriginal Canada. Hanging over the high level meeting next Tuesday (Jan 24) at the Fairmount Chateau Laurier, is the knowledge that families in the northern community of Attawapiskat are still living in unheated tents and shacks. Hanging over the Crown-First Nations Gathering is the knowledge that In Quebec, over the next 25 years Plan Nord will develop unceded First Nations lands and rip it of its resources, without First Nations receiving their fair share. And as they meet each other for the first time in the six years of the Stephen Harper government, the shadow hanging over that meeting is a First Nations crisis in education, health care, fire departments, schools economic development, water and sewer.

All are below standards of off reserve communities who reap the benefits from the natural resources being taken from First Nations lands. And sharing the wealth isn't high on the Prime Minister's agenda. First Nation leaders aren't pinning their hopes on the one day Crown-First Nations Gathering. Instead AFN regional chiefs like Jody Wilson-Raybould say for B.C. chiefs it isn't about the one day meeting, it's about what happens after. "We're not looking at this meeting as being a symbolic meeting or being a photo opportunity, we look at it as the first step," she said. "The real work continues after this meeting, and [we hope] to continue to have this relationship not only with the prime minister but his cabinet." A preliminary agenda released by the AFN, shows three concurrent sessions will be held. During those sessions First Nations delegations can address members of the cabinet and government officials on the following top-

(Letters con., from page 6) the issue of governance things will get worse instead of better, especially now that the CC has severed any kind of a working relationship with the Elected Council. Unfortunately for the community this decision is fuel to ignite civil unrest and conflicts in the coming months. So dealing with governance is critical. Locally, we have several issues at the top of the list such as a well water crisis, housing crisis, prescription drug abuse crisis, domestic violence crisis, business recognition, tobacco regulations, land

management & land use, ATVs, youth, child welfare, CAS, bullying in schools, cyber bullying, election code, full day school for 4 & 5 year olds to name a few. Then we have the water treatment plant, the landfill, bridges and roads badly in need of repair and infrastructure needs. The 2011-12 agenda is overflowing. This year I've decided to try and make a difference by "giving back to the community". On January 6th I sponsored a public skate and will try and host another skate in March. I also plan to host two barbecues and a dinner hope-

fully in May or June to have discussion on the issues. I will also be visiting the elderly to seek advice on how best to help our community. Just so you know whatever I do for the community is at my own expense. Finally, I just want to say that whatever meetings I attend, whatever discussions I have and whatever decisions I make is always with the best interest of our people and our community in mind. So for now No:ia to all and hope everyone has a good year. Yours in Community spirit, District Four Councillor Helen Miller

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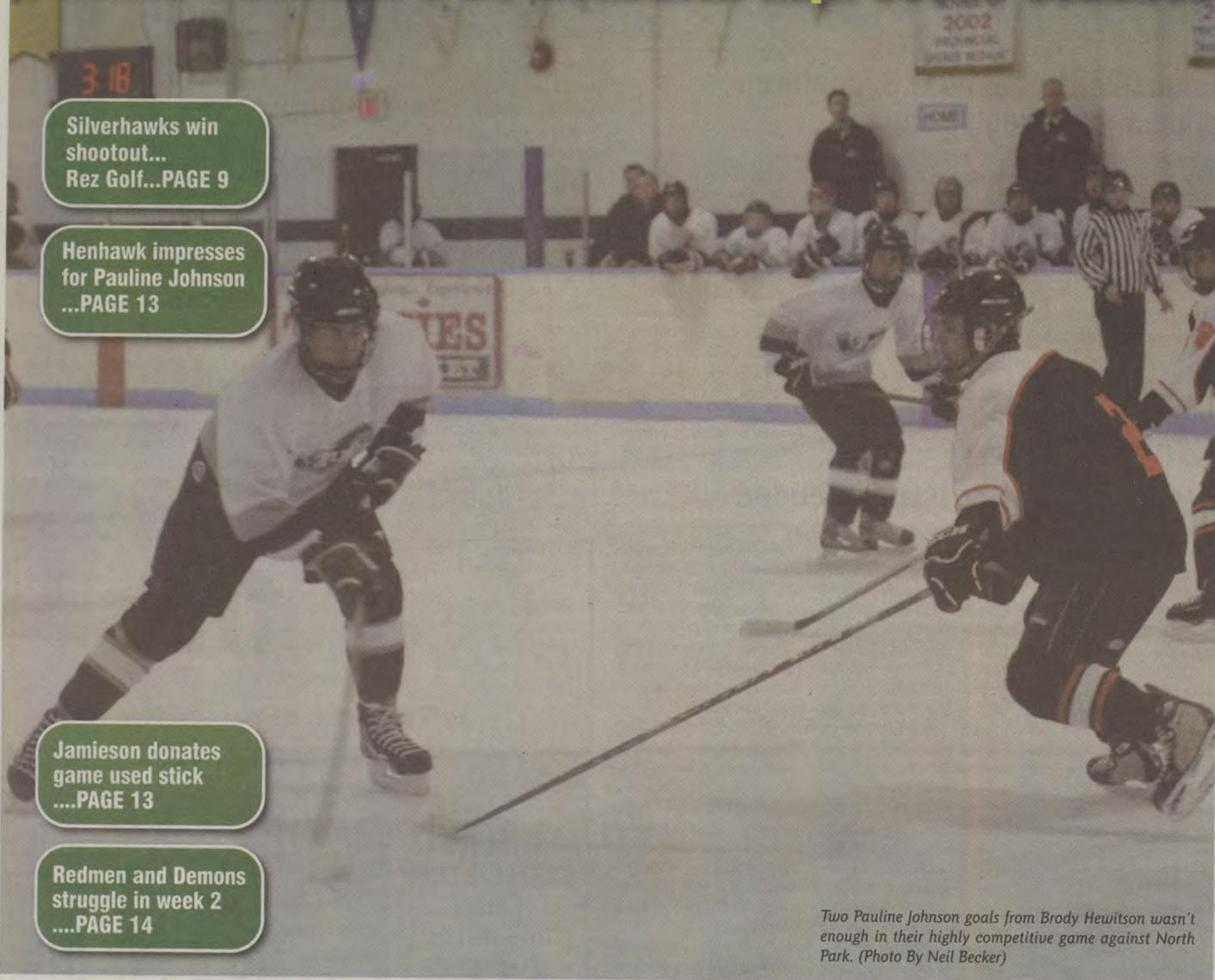
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Two Pauline Johnson goals from Brody Hewitson wasn't enough in their highly competitive game against North Park. (Photo By Neil Becker)

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## Silverhawks still believe that first is attainable in Bush League Hockey



Smoothtown's Ian Martin finds himself in a desperate foot race for a loose puck in Bush League play at the Gaylord Powless Arena. (Photo by Neil Becker)

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer  
The odds might be gigantically long but Silverhawks veteran forward Derrick Anderson still strongly believes that his team can still finish in first place.

After defeating Smoothtown on January 12 by a 7-6 score Anderson who had a couple of assists assessed his team's chances of finishing on top. "There are about four games left and we have to pretty much run the table to get a shot at first place," Anderson said. "We can't let our foot off the gas pedal and our checkers have to check and our scorers have to score." Things didn't start off well for the Silverhawks as they fell behind by two at the four minute mark on Smoothtown goals from Clayton Staats and Ian Martin.

"Smooth town always gives us a good battle and we didn't get off to a good start," Anderson said. "They were out skating us and getting lots of good chances."

The Silverhawks seemed to have recovered halfway through the first as they began generating more chances which eventually paid off as sniper Dean Hill scored his first of two. Roughly half a minute after

Anderson missed a break-away Smoothtown who are still looking for their first win scored consecutive goals from Ian Martin and Wayne General in jumping out to what seemed like a comfortable 4-1 late period lead.

"We had lots of chances," Martin who had a two point game for Smoothtown said. "Later we just stopped skating." That three goal lead was quickly shrunken to one as Randall Staats and Hill scored to give the Silverhawks some strong momentum heading to the second.

Showing lots of heart Smoothtown refused to panic as they quickly went on the attack and at least temporarily earned some breathing room as Wayne General scored their fifth goal. General who is a veteran forward showcased his vast skills as he had a break-away and several good chances but couldn't capitalize which proved to be costly.

Both teams traded several high quality scoring chances but it was Tim Bomberry who was carrying the hot stick as he scored consecutive goals to tie things up at five. Late in the second both teams were once again

playing fire wagon hockey and it resulted in some entertaining hockey for the fans. Both goalies brought their 'A' game as they each allowed only one second period goal. Smoothtown once again regained their lead as Staats scoring his third as they enjoyed a 6-5 lead which didn't last very long as Smoothtown tied things up with a late goal from Staats with his second.

Once again coming up big in the clutch for Silverhawks was Hill whose hat trick goal turned out to be the game winner.

"We have a really solid team and a good mix in the dressing room," Anderson said.



## REZ GOLF

In 2012 there are exciting things taking place in the world of golf for First Nations golfers across North America. The increase in participation and the amount of golf courses you can play on First Nation land is a great way to organize your schedule in 2012.

For those of you who just started reading this golf column, I will give you a brief introduction of who I am as a golfer. I started golfing at the early age of 6 years young and grew up on a First Nation called Walpole Island First Nation located in Southern Ontario. It is now called Bkejwanong Territory which means "where the waters divide". Once you make a visit to my Nation you will understand the meaning, as we are surrounded by the Great Lakes. The property my parents own is situated along the water front and I would spend hours a day hitting golf shots over the willow trees with my sister Cheryl, who is also a golf professional. We have been very fortunate and

blessed to have a talent which allows us to be a difference in the lives of youth across North America. Along with hard work and dedication, it takes extreme discipline to continue to reach new levels in my writing career and golf business.

I will share a brief story on my dedication to the sport of golf and how drive mixed with passion will allow you to succeed both on and off the golf course. I was 13 years old and broke my thumb in a golf related accident (we don't need to get into details) but the doctors said I couldn't golf in the club championship at the end of the month. Being the stubborn and driven person I am, I decided to golf anyway. I picked up a junior set and started to practice with only the use of my right arm. I continued to practice chip shots, putting and driving the golf ball. It was difficult at first but as I became more aware of my abilities with one arm I decided to take it to the golf course. I golfed from the front tees

and managed to shoot a 38 with a cast on my left hand and a passion like no other. That setback really allowed me to have an appreciation for what I do have in life and the people that were there to support along the way. When my left thumb healed I had a better short game and my outlook was from a different set of lenses. I had a lot more appreciation for the game and really understood that no matter what, you can succeed at any level. Golf has transformed my life and allowed me to meet so many awesome people and I value their friendships today. I wouldn't be writing this article if it weren't for all the support my friends have given me. So as I continue to write about golf please understand I want you to enjoy this game and share it with your friends. All the best in 2012. Focused on the Fairway

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## Turning life's precious moments into keepsakes

(NC)-Special occasions such as weddings, trips, birthdays, anniversaries and many others, are filled with memories worth keeping. Chances are you'll find

yourself returning to these moments and reliving them time and time again on your own or by sharing them with others. So rather than just printing and shar-

ing your pictures, do something different that will help turn your special memories into keepsakes. "Everyone has memories that are special to them and

worth preserving. For me, trips with my family and my children's birthdays are memories that I'll want to keep forever," says Erica Ehm, founder and editor-in-chief of YummyMummyClub.ca. "I like using photo books because they tell a story about my most treasured memories through

their design." According to a recent survey commissioned by Black's, 72 per cent of Canadians printing pictures of special moments or occasions in their lives do so to ensure memories are not lost. As such, it's important to be creative in the way we preserve these keepsakes,

and photo books are great ways to do so. Here are some photo book ideas:

- Use a photo book at a wedding as a guest book. Include photos of the bride and groom throughout the years and ask guests to write their favourite memories of the couple, or advice on how to keep the passion strong.

- Create a photo book travel journal. Share the shots taken on your trip and leave room for travel companions and family to add in their own stories and favourite moments while on the trip.
- An anniversary or birthday often celebrates a milestone of passing of time. To

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(NC)-Planning a wedding was tough enough with differing opinions, an endless to-do list, and playing peacemaker with various family members. Now that the big day is over and you and your sweetie can finally catch your breath, you're wondering how to make

## How to grow together after the wedding

the most of the months ahead to get your marriage off to a great start. Date night. Romanticism can get thrown out the window when you're suddenly dealing with double the load of laundry and dirty dishes. Go on a date with your spouse at least once a week to regroup and keep that fire going. Share a hobby. You and your spouse may already have a sport or activity you both enjoy, but if you don't, consider looking into your community centre listings and try something new. You may discover a new love for dance, ultimate Frisbee, or wine tasting. Appreciate each other. Say "thank you" often and avoid brewing resentment. Just make sure you mean it. Your spouse knows when you're being genuine and when you're being fake. Note:

apply the same to the words, "I'm sorry". Go out with friends. Don't forget about all the people who kept you sane the weeks before your wedding and took on your stress to give you your perfect day. Your friends will be ecstatic to see a calmer version of their friend again. Give of yourselves. Love is a wonderful thing and it should be shared with those who don't often feel it. Consider donating your time to volunteer at a soup kitchen or share your talents at a seniors home. You can also consider sponsoring a child through a charity like Christian Children's Fund of Canada. Through sponsorship, you and your spouse can write letters to a child living in poverty to show that you care. [www.newscanada.com](http://www.newscanada.com)

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## Henhawk showing plenty of heart and on ice leadership skills



Pauline Johnson energy forward Bo Henhawk closes in on his man during what was a spirited high school game. (Photo By Neil Becker)

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

One word that the Pauline Johnson Collegiate hockey coaches kept on using to describe forward Bo Henhawk was heart.

Henhawk, who is from Six Nations, might not be the biggest or best player on the school team but according to Coach Scott Leedham he brings lots of energy and a strong work ethic.

"Bo has been playing great and has definitely improved," Leedham said. "Bo has lots of heart. He doesn't play a lot outside of school so he's only playing about twice a week."

Though he didn't get any goals or points Henhawk who is in his second year played an effective up and down energy game on January 12th at Lions Park Arena in what was a 4-2 loss against North Park. "It's a lot easier this year," Henhawk said. "We've been in all our games this year and we need to crash the net more and score some more goals." Playing North Park for already the third time this season Pauline Johnson showed plenty of heart in their ability to not get discouraged and panic when they fall behind. Approximately three minutes into regulation Pauline Johnson who lost their last

meeting against North Park found themselves trailing in this one 1-0. Pauline Johnson who have taken their lumps in the overall standings had quite a few power play opportunities but it was with both teams had full strength when Pauline Johnson's Brody Hewitson scored his first of two goals to tie things up. "They are a hard and fast playing team," Henhawk said. "That was obviously a big goal to tie things up." Late in the first Pauline Johnson once again fell behind before Hewitson gave his team new life as he once again tied things up on a

laser like slapper from the slot. Despite getting quite a few power play chances Pauline Johnson was shut out the rest of the way as they suffered another close lose. Things don't get any easier for them as their next game is against a powerful BCI team. "We lost against them too," Henhawk said. "They are a bigger team who skate fast." Henhawk is a multi sports athlete as he also plays lacrosse which is his first love and is on the school wrestling team.

## Jamieson to raffle off his Reebok stick to help "We Got Your Back anti-bullying campaign"

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

Though it won't show up in the stats sheet Rochester Knighthawks scoring star Cody Jamieson is on the verge of scoring perhaps the

biggest goal of his life. Jamieson who was taken first overall by the Knighthawks in the 2010 draft has shown to be just as much of an all-star off the floor as on by agreeing to

get involved with the "We Got Your Back" anti bullying campaign. When asked Jamieson, who is affectionately known to his teammates as "Jammer" didn't even hesitate in

handing over his prized Reebok 10k stick which he used recently to score 12 points in two exhibition Knighthawks games. Everyone who comes To Blue Cross Arena on January (continued on page 14)

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Join Us On

# Both Demons and Redmen endure a rough week two in Clax competition

By Neil Becker  
Sports Writer

Week two wasn't very friendly to either the Iroquois Ironmen or Ohsweken Demons who both lost some valuable ground in the Clax overall standings.

Unfortunately for Six Nations lacrosse fans they saw the Ironmen who are coming off a Week 1 loss against Brampton lose both week 2 weekend games against Durham on January 13th and Oshawa the following day.

While losing three straight games is obviously not the ideal way to start a season they along with their fans just have to remember that it's still very early in the season and therefore have plenty of time to make up the six points that currently separates them from first place Brampton.

Meanwhile Six Nations second team the Demons who are coming off an impressive week 1 win against Oshawa also came up empty after losing consecutive road

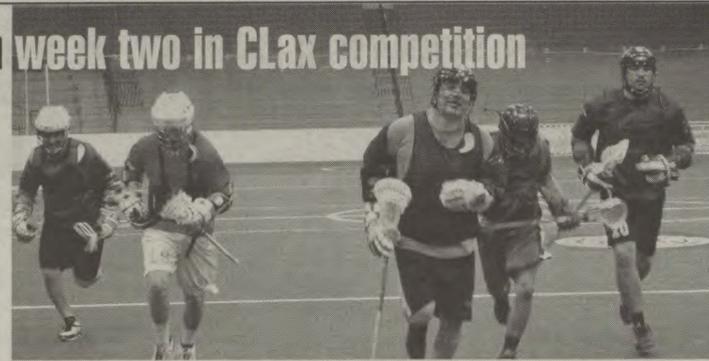
games to first Brampton on January 13th followed the next day by Durham.

Despite losing grounds in the standings there were still lots of encouraging weekend news for both teams and fans to build on.

In regards to the Ironmen they got a huge weekend from such young scorers as Mich Nanticoke who struck for five points against Durham and four verses Oshawa.

Other Ironmen to make a loud statement with their weekend scoring were Gewas Schindler and Marty Hill who both had four points against Durham and Dus Nanticoke who chipped in against Durham with a goal and three points.

Meanwhile in their game against Oshawa the Ironmen got big performances from Andrew Lazore and once again Mich Nanticoke who both scored two goals and four points. Other scor-



Both the Iroquois Redmen and Ohsweken Demons have experienced some growing pains early in the newly formed Clax season. (Photo By Neil Becker)

ing stars in that second game included Cody Johnson who had a goal and five points along with Dwayne Porter and Eligah Printup who both chipped in with three points.

The Ironmen's loses weren't for a lack of opportunities as they had 52 shots against Brampton and outshot Durham the following day by a 58-39 count against Oshawa.

Six Nations other team the Demons were once again led by Chris Attwood who

scored five goals including three on the power play in their road loss on January 13th against Brampton. Other top Demon scorers from that first game include Kyle Isaacs with a goal and three points along with Jason Henhawk and Cody Jacobs who both had three points.

The next day in Oshawa the Demons had an unbelievable 72 shots on goal while getting this time an eight point performance from Chris Attwood along

with some vital secondary scoring led by Jacobs who banged home three goals and five points and Kraig Maracle with three points. The Ironmen will have to wait until January 28th to try for that elusive first win as they have a tough task in front of them that night with a game against Brampton.

Fans won't have to wait that long to see another Clax games as the Demons play Peel on January 21st at the ILA.

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Rochester Knighthawks star Cody Jamieson is along with teammates heavily involved with "We Got Your Back" anti-bullying campaign. (Photo by Neil Becker)

(continued from page 13)  
21 for the game against Buffalo will have a chance to buy a \$1.00 raffle ticket to purchase that lucky stick. Even for those who don't win they can walk away with a good feeling knowing that they donated towards the Hurricanes Lacrosse "We Got Your Back" anti-

bullying campaign.

"Too many kids are being bullied and taking it to the extreme," Jamieson who is coming off a 28 goal 53 point season said. "I hope it raises awareness about a problem that affects all of us."

Needless to say the Knighthawks Charitable Foundation who are fully committed to this campaign will be donating the net proceedings to the lacrosse organizations anti bullying program.

Jamieson who is from Six Nations got heavily involved in this program back in November when he along with teammates signed an anti bullying pledge which goes by the slogan "We Got Your Back."

According to Knighthawks Team Coordinator Anne Marie Leonardi Jamieson who will be drawing that lucky ticket has always been a willing participant in helping out the community.

"We are happy to have the Knighthawks and Cody Jamieson join this cause," Leonardi said. "This is a cause we have been fighting for two years now and are glad our word is spreading."

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

**What is Alzheimer's disease**  
Alzheimer's disease is a fatal, progressive and degenerative disease that destroys brain cells. It is the most common form of dementia, accounting for 64 per cent of all dementias in Canada.

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Symptoms include having difficulty remembering things, making decisions and performing everyday activities. These changes can affect the way a person feels and acts. There is currently no way to stop the disease, but research is improving the way we provide care and will continue to search for a cure.

**What causes Alzheimer's disease?**

We do not yet know what causes Alzheimer's disease but researchers have identified risk factors associated with it.

**Aging**  
The most important risk factor is aging. A minimum age needs to be reached for Alzheimer's disease to develop. People do not get the disease in their teenage years or even in their 20s. It is well-established that aging can impair the body's self-repair mechanisms. And of course,

many of the risk factors increase with age, such as blood pressure, stress, and obesity.

**Genetics**  
There is no doubt that genetics play a role in the disease. Yet only a small percentage of cases is associated with the specific genes that cause the inherited form of the disease. Risk genes increase the likelihood of developing a disease, but do not guarantee it will happen.

**Other factors**  
Research is being done on other factors such as existing diseases or conditions that the person may have, infections, toxins in the environment, education level, alcohol and tobacco use, diet and exercise.

**Are there treatments for symptoms of Alzheimer's disease?**

Several medications are now available to treat some symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. These drugs are not a cure for the disease. They do not stop its progression. Ask your doctor if there is a treatment suitable for you.

**Will my children get Alzheimer's disease?**  
The sporadic form of Alzheimer's disease (which

used to be called "late onset Alzheimer's disease"), was formerly assumed to have no family linkages. We now know, however, that a person with a direct relative (parent or sibling) with Alzheimer's disease has a three times greater chance of developing the disease than someone who does not. The risk increases further if both parents have the disease. So aside from the FAD-related genes there are Alzheimer's disease-related genetic factors shared by family members.

A very small percentage of people have an inherited form of the disease. This rare form is called familial autosomal dominant (FAD) Alzheimer's disease. In certain families, it passes directly from one generation to another. Having more than one family member with Alzheimer's disease does not necessarily mean that your family has the inherited form.

**Is there genetic testing for Alzheimer's disease?**

Genetic testing for the disease is not widely available in Canada. It is usually limited to people with a strong family history of the disease who are enrolled in specific research

studies. Some testing is also done on referral from a family physician. You cannot request genetic testing on behalf of another family member.

**How does Alzheimer's disease progress?**

Alzheimer's disease typically follows certain stages that cause changes in the person's and family's lives. Because the disease affects each individual differently, the symptoms, the order in which they appear and the duration of each stage vary from person to person. In most cases, the disease progresses slowly, and the symptoms of each stage may overlap, often making the move from one stage to another quite subtle. The duration of the disease is usually seven to ten years but may be much longer in some people.

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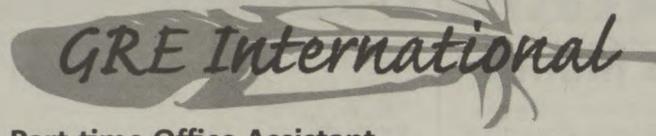
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## GRAND RIVER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING



### NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

A Class Environmental Assessment for a Public Walkway in the Newport Community

The County of Brant has undertaken a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to determine the recommended solution for a Public Walkway in the Community of Newport. The purpose of this undertaking is to determine the recommended solution to provide a public walkway in the Newport Community to connect Newport Road to Fawcett Road in the area of the portion of River Road which was permanently closed in 2009 due to slope stability issues.

The first of two Public Information Centres will be held to present information on the study purpose, the EA process, and request public input for possible solutions.

NOTE: This will be an introductory meeting to gather public input on options to be considered and existing issues. The County will present a few preliminary options for consideration but any option suggested by the public will also be considered.

The Public Information Centre will be held as a drop-in format as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2012  
 TIME: Drop in any time between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM  
 PLACE: County of Brant - Mount Pleasant Community Centre  
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Comment forms will be made available at the Public Information Centre and on the County of Brant's website following the meeting. Responses collected will be incorporated into the study. A final document detailing conclusions reached will be made available later this year.

Identified agency, public, and stakeholder contacts with interests in the Newport Walkway study area will be added to the study mailing list and encouraged to comment on study process and findings. Any person with an interest in this study or wishing to be added to the study mailing list is encouraged to contact the following study representatives for further information or to provide input.

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# COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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HILL, The family of the late Frank (Hood) Hill wish to express their most sincere thanks and appreciation for the sympathy cards, food, floral tributes and visitation to the homestead as well as the funeral home during our recent loss. We give thanks to Carolyn, Jeannie, Brenda and Joanne for the meal after the Thursday's night service. Thanks to Kim, Carol, Brenda, Verna, Cheryl, Aicha, Sabrina, Hayden, Todd and Tammy for the meal after the funeral service on the Friday. Our most sincere thanks to Phil Sault for his comforting words during our time of loss. Thanks to Phil Sault and his brothers Cec and Ken for the beautiful music. My brother Art for his prayers during Hood's hospitalization and throughout the funeral. thanks to Grandson Brad for sharing his stories and memories about his Grandpa. Thanks to daughter Darlene and her husband Gordon for their word's on Hood's life. We give thanks to Bill Loffhouse and the staff and R.B.H Anderson Funeral Home for their excellent support during this time. Thanks to G.R.E for the use of their tables and chairs. Thanks to Hood's Grandson's who carried their grandpa to his final resting place, Brandon, Brad, Wes, Wally, Jack and Nephew Mike. Thanks to my sister Elda for being for being there at my home and comforting me. A Very special husband, father, grandpa, great-grandpa has left us with memories we will never forget. His constant smile and humor will always be with us.

### THANK YOU

Thank you Dreamcatcher fund for funding my 2011 hockey season.  
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### THANK YOU



You know the old saying, better late than never..I would personally like to thank Miles General for assisting Santa Claus and making our children happy. Lisa VanEvery and I hosted a Childrens Christmas Gala on December 17, 2011. The dinner turned out better than we antecipated with not only the children's participation but Mom's, Dad's, Grandparent's as well, when they sat on Santa's lap for pictures. Nyawah and we look forward to next year  
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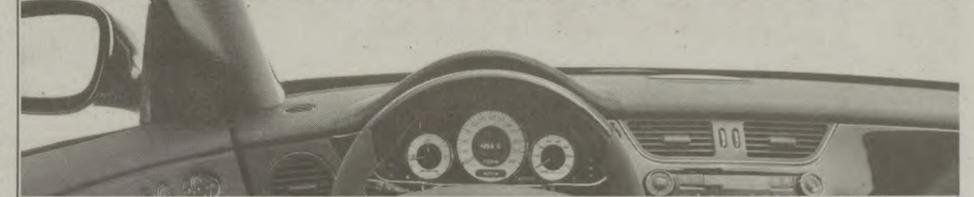
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