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Ruby Montour looks over an archeological dig at Tutela Heights. She stopped the developer from working Tuesday. (Photo by Stephanie Dearing)

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Six Nations tobacco giant products hit with counterfeits, offers \$25,000 reward

By Lynda Powless
Editor
A Six Nations tobacco industry giant is offering a reward aimed at stopping the counterfeiting of its products.

Jerry Montour, CEO of Grand River Enterprises, (GRE) the largest First Na-

falls out onto the table. "This is a clear violation of our trademark," said the CEO of Grand River Enterprises, a federally licensed manufacturer of tobacco products.

Mr. Montour said he does not know who is counterfeiting the product, but millions, Mr. Montour says. "Instead we have to go to outside bodies to deal with these kinds of crimes."

But, "most importantly, counterfeiting is a problem for the users of our products who are being cheated out of the quality they expect from our company," he said. He said counterfeiting destroys trust in brands and in the manufacturers of legiti-

the Dreamcatcher Foundation to fund projects in First Nation communities. Six Nations of the Grand River is still struggling with tobacco laws but at Kahnawake Quebec the council is about to pass its tobacco regulation laws. While the tobacco indus-



Real DK's cigarette packages have a softer black screen (gradation) extending up from the red, white and gold bars at the bottom



The tell tale sign of a counterfeit package is the heavy black screen (gradation) extending up from the bottom on the face of the package

tions manufacturer of tobacco products has found himself facing a new battle. Counterfeiting Grand River Enterprises, an international corporation has been blazing the trail for indigenous manufacturing and now has plants in four countries and two continents. With over two dozen product lines, the corporation is now finding its success has made them a target of counterfeiters.

Mr. Montour, said Grand River Enterprises products are being counterfeited with an inferior product that has made its way on to the market. "It's almost an exact copy of our product -DK's- but when you open it up and look at the product there is green mold on the paper." The product in the same red packages with the DKs logo on the front, but the counterfeit product has a black shadow behind the logo. Inside, the products appear to be marked by mold that is eating its way through the cigarette paper and tobacco

hopes it is not another First Nations manufacturer. "It makes no sense for other First Nations companies to counterfeit our product when they could be developing their own," he said. He is offering a \$25,000 reward to anyone who has information on the piracy that can lead to charges or a lawsuit being laid. And he has set up a hotline number at 1-888-661-6701 for Tipsters to call. It's the first time a First Nations tobacco producer has publically complained about counterfeiting. In the past the "Big 5" tobacco companies have launched a number of suits against counterfeiters including suing Chinese online retailers, alleging they sold counterfeit versions of their cigarette brands to customers in the U.S.

Counterfeiting of tobacco products is a multi-billion dollar problem that ends up costing trademark owners

mate products. Mr. Montour trades his product in First Nations communities and on the international market. There are more than 300 unlicensed manufacturers of tobacco products on reserves in Ontario and Quebec and a dozen licensed manufacturers in what has become a growing First Nations industry. He said First Nations manufacturers' products are "growing in stature and their brands are improving in the market and that is leading to counterfeiting. He has called on communities to put regulations in place that manufacturers can turn to when this happens.

are pirating our products." G.R.E. provides employment to over 300 people at Six Nations of the Grand River in southern Ontario and created a viable growing industry. The tobacco industry has been backed by band councils as economic drivers in First Nations communities in Ontario and Quebec. Assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn Atleo has backed the right of bands to trade amongst themselves without provincial interference. G.R.E. is the only First Nations manufacturer to donate millions of dollars annually to charities and has created a foundation,



The shipping carton on the counterfeit products is addressed identically to the real GRE carton address.

try in general carries the stigma of making profit off a product that can lead to death by cancer, governments at the provincial and federal level reap healthy taxes off its sales including hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes from Grand River Enterprises alone. The First Nations cigarette trade carries the black market stigma because a number of non-federally licensed manufacturers refuse to pay taxes or seek licensing claiming they have a treaty right to trade unencumbered. That right has been attacked by the Canadian Convenience Store Association, Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, mainstream tobacco companies among others. Akwesasne, which straddles the Canada-US border, has become the source of the largest amount of black-market tobacco in Canada, according to the RCMP. During the 1990s RJR-Macdonald, Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc., and Imperial Tobacco used the commu-

worked very hard over the years to create a product. Now we have someone out there using that brand to produce an inferior product." Mr. Montour said the pirates have duplicated the packaging right down to the manufacturers' code and bar code. "It is my job to protect our trademark and I am offering a reward to anyone with information that comes forward to help stop this." He warned other manufacturers, "our product may be under attack, but it may also be just the first. All First Nations manufacturers need to concern themselves with this." He said Grand River Enterprises is open to any ideas or suggestions from other Nations manufacturers on how to jointly deal with the problem. "It may be us today, but tomorrow it could be anyone of our products from any one of our communities. We need to protect ourselves as manufacturers and producers."

Assembly of First Nations Withdraws from BC Missing Women's Commission of Inquiry

OTTAWA - Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Shawn Atleo announced today the Assembly of First Nations will regrettably withdraw

from the British Columbia Missing Women's Commission of Inquiry, citing limitations of the Inquiry itself and an imbalance and inequity in legal resources made avail-

able to the parties. "The Assembly of First Nations is no longer confident the Inquiry will bring justice for the families of missing and murdered women in

Canada," said AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo, adding that the national First Nations advocacy organization has exhausted every option and appealed for coopera-

tion and conciliation between the parties to better ensure a united and common purpose in finding truth and answers for the families.

B.C. man digging up Six Nations residential school graves

By Stephanie Dearing and Lynda Powless
Writers

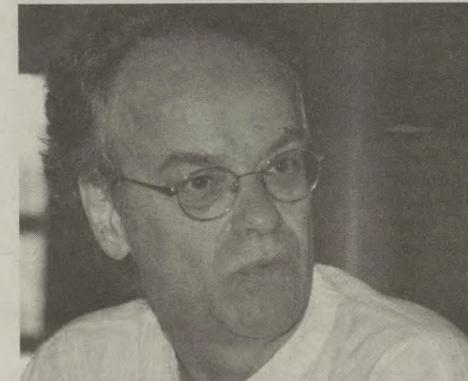
A controversial forensic "investigation" to recover the remains of children, one man claims were murdered when attending the Mohawk Institute Residential School

has uncovered bone fragments from behind Kanata Village.

The investigation is being conducted by the defrocked United Church minister Kevin Annett of British Columbia. Annett, with the support of Mohawks at Kanata and the Six Nations Men's Fire began digging last week.



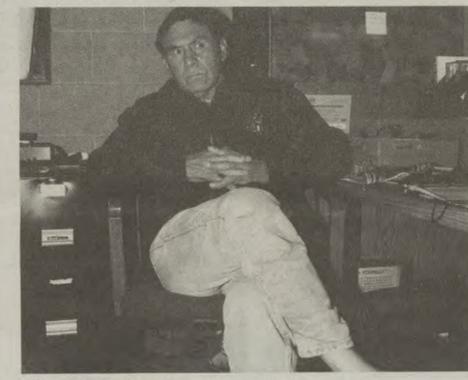
Kevin Annett posted these images on his website. One shows him (left) holding the shovel, the next digging a "test" hole behind Kanata village.



Kevin Annett

Turtle Island News banned from Kanata for asking questions

Members of the Six Nations Men's Fire have attempted to band Turtle Island News from Kanata Village and Woodland Cultural Centre grounds. The move came after a Turtle Island News reporter began questioning Kevin Annett on digging taking place behind Kanata and video of that digging he has posted on his website. Turtle Island News was also shut out of what appeared to be a press conference attended only by one local newspaper. A member of the Men's Fire, who is providing security services at Kanata said only invited media outlets were welcome at Kanata. Another Men's Fire member said Turtle Island News is not allowed at Kanata, or the Woodland Cultural Centre. Annett posted photos of himself digging a hold in a video posted on his website and YouTube last week. When the Turtle Island News asked to be shown the excavation site so that photographs could be taken, the answer was "No. When it was pointed out that the videos showing the excavation have been circulating on the internet since last Thursday, Annett said the videos were unauthorized. The videos were not removed as of Tuesday. Annett added a press release to his website over the weekend, saying "We're looking at a massive investigation into an enormous crime site." In his latest press release, Annett said he was adopted into the Mohawk Turtle Clan over the weekend. He also said he needed the protection of the Men's Fire, who has also adopted him, although he did not say why he needed protection.



Bill Squires in his office at Kanata Village

Who is Kevin Annett

Kevin Annett was defrocked when in 1996. He was ordained as a minister of the United Church in 1990 after he graduated from the Vancouver School of Theology the same year. He holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a Masters in political science. After he resigned from his third post at the St. Andrews United Church in Port Alberni, British Columbia, the Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery recommended "the name of Rev. Kevin Annett be placed on the Discontinued Service List of the United Church of Canada." The hearing was to determine Annett's fitness for the ministry. The 24 day long hearing in 1997 culminated in Annett being defrocked. The Presbytery argued Annett should be defrocked because:

1. Rev. Annett's ministry at St. Andrew's pastoral charge has placed him under the oversight of Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery.
2. It was obliged in 1995 to place him under supervision, to require him to take a directed program for the improvement of his pastoral skills and to undergo a psychiatric and/or psychological examination and ultimately, late in 1995, to suspend him from performing the functions of an ordained minister, and
3. While under oversight, he has demonstrated that he is unsuitable to continue in ordained ministry by virtue of one or more of the "failings" provided for under section 363 © of the Manual: a his (lack of) effectiveness as a member of the order of ministry, b. his failure as a member of the order of ministry to maintain the peace and welfare of the church, or c, his refusal to recognize the authority of Presbytery. The hearing decision can be read at www.bc.united-church.ca/content/formal-hearing-panel-decision.

Annett maintains to this day he was fired without cause or notice. Annett says he was ordained by the Cooperative Community Fellowship Church in 1995. He currently serves as the minister of the "All People's Church" in Vancouver, a church he either founded or co-founded. He has worked as a counsellor at residential school healing circles in Vancouver from 1996 to present.

He has posted a video of the dig on his website where Turtle Island News found him standing in a hole and digging behind the Kanata Village while others stand nearby with what appears to be screens, sifting through dirt. Annett "has been pursuing the argument since about 2000. He said he wants to use any found remains to prove Canada and the church committed genocide against First Nations peoples." He has been unable to convince any authority or First



Men's Fire member Chris Sandy. The group adopted Annett last week.

Nations in B.C. of his claims. It's the first time it's gone this far where we've begun digs and done the forensic," said Annett in an interview. He said he has gone to other residential schools and "scanned with ground penetrating radar. He said his team found "a lot of sink holes" around a former residential school in Port Alberni, B.C., that he claimed were characteristic of mass graves "that tend to sink in the ground." His findings were not investigated by the RCMP. Annett said he contacted the RCMP who refused to investigate. Annett approached the Mohawks at Kanata and convinced them to undertake an

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Land transfer sought

Elected Chief William Montour asked council to give him permission to push Aboriginal Affairs on transferring a property to reserve status. The prop-

erty, he said, has had all assessments completed, but because the land has not been transferred to reserve status, Six Nations must pay taxes to

Haldimand County. The land, explained elected Chief Montour, is owned by Six Nations and is held in trust by trustees until it is transferred. Montour said he needed a council resolution in order to proceed. District Three councillor Roger Jonathan supported the chief saying, "I have no problem

with that. In 2001, Indian Affairs promised to transfer the land within six months. It's been ten years and it still hasn't moved."

Tutela Heights Dig shut down, no Six Nations consultation

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

Just before work wrapped up on a Tutela Heights archeological dig, one lone Six Nations woman has stopped the dig. This is treaty land," said Ruby Montour. "It's never been sold."

That's what she had told the development company that wants to put in over 200 houses on the property, which is across from the Bell Homestead on Tutela Heights Road. Montour described shutting down the dig. Last Friday morning, she went out to

the site and told the five archeologists she encountered there, "You're shut down."
"That's all there is too it," Montour said. "I didn't know it would be that easy." Montour, who has worked to protect Haudenosaunee interests for



Workers were overseeing a large archeological dig on Tutela Heights (Photos by Stephanie Dearing)



Workers are almost finished an archeological dig on Tutela Heights (Photos by Stephanie Dearing)

years, said she simply waited around to make sure they left.

A Six Nations monitor has been working for Ron Williamson Archeological Services on the dig, said Eco Center Manager, Paul General. But, she is paid by the company. General did not see a conflict.

"People have to work," he said. The monitor is to report to Six Nations should any human remains be uncovered. General said.

Only Six Nations council and staff have been consulted on the archeological assessment said Foster, because the company is only obligated to consult with band council. Foster is the Senior Planning & Development Manager for Walton Development and Management L.P.

Foster said "nothing of Native significance" has been found on the site where Walton Development plans to put in a subdivision with over 200 homes. She said the archeological assessment is part of the application process.

Even though the site has only revealed china bits as well as the remains of the old brick works company

that used to exist on the site, Foster said the assessment was at a level four, a full-site excavation.

A Stage 4 assessment is only undertaken when a large number of artifacts are uncovered.

Foster anticipated the work to be completed this year, but that was before Montour shut down the dig.

Montour was astonished by the extent of archeological assessment that had taken place over the past year. "This is phenomenal that they got this far," she commented.

General said council had been informed of the excavation, and would receive a copy of the archeological report when it has been completed.

General said he has been told only glass and fragments of brick have been uncovered. General could not explain why the Haudenosaunee Development Institute was not involved in the archeological assessment.

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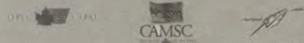
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COMMENTARY



A self proclaimed messiah leads flock astray

Six Nations is caught between two poles. One that wants to support an authorized well thought out plan to look for burials of any residential school children at the old Mohawk Residential School, and leave them in peace, and those that support the current rash of digging going on. This past week a group of Mohawks at Kanta Village joined forces with a B.C. man to start digging up land behind the old village site in search of burials. No one really knows why they would suddenly grab shovels and just start digging. No one knows why they would follow a man who himself has become a questionable figure in B.C. and when questioned by Turtle Island News ran into the protective arms of the local men's fire. No one knows why the local men's fire is now adopting people like a membership to a service club. And no one knows why the Mohawks at Kanata think they can adopt someone into the Mohawk Nation without consulting the nation. There are alot of questions the people at Kanata need to answer to the community for, and they are not above answering for their actions. One can't help but commend the people there for holding the land for Six Nations and without question from time to time they do tend to raise a little controversy as do the Men's Fire. But this current episode is simply not acceptable. Six Nations has the right to look for its lost or missing. And without question Six Nations has the expertise within our own nations of people to do just that. But what is happening at Kanata has become a comedy of errors with people following a man who thinks he is a prophet sent to Six Nations by the Creator. The Mohawks at Kanata have allowed him to lead them down the wrong path and cause division within our community. But Kevin Annet is not the story and he does need to correct the misinformation he is feeding the world about Six Nations in his quest for recognition. The story is our children. But it is our story, our children and our decision how and when their story is told and their graves found. Until then let the children lie in peace.

Councillor upset with treatment of community member

I was appalled and angry in reading the story "Men's Fire overthrows pageant committee chair". (Oct 5, 2011) Bill Monture and Chris Sandy are out of control when they bully and intimidate our elderly people. You know its one thing to protest development but it's another whole ball game when they pick on an elderly man with their hard-handed tactics. And I don't know why the community isn't all riled up

Band Council says Annett misrepresenting Six Nations

Six Nations Band Council says Kevin Annett is misrepresenting Six Nations and his postings and logs on the internet need immediate correction. Without passing a motion Six Nations Band Council said it has been bombarded with community complaints. Band Council discuss the controversial digging at Kanata Village at its meeting Tuesday night. Elected Chief Montour said that area used to be a graveyard and a farm area. Councillor Ava Hill said the facebook information going around the world is wrong and needs to be corrected. Councillor Wray Maracle said Annetts video is misrepresenting Six Nations and Elected Chief Montour questioned Bill Squires on what was going on at Kanata. Squires told him Tuesday, "we're digging behind Kanata. Councillor Wray Maracle said band employee Councillor Ross Johnsons aid he visited Kanata today and no one was around. Councillor Dave Hill said he wants to see any report that Clynt King has on the ground sonar. Council did not pass a motion since the discussion came up during its minutes.

about this. According to the story Monture and Sandy barged into a Six Nations Pageant Board meeting after "some members of the board" asked them to help resolve some complaints about how the board operates. What I would have said to these board members is to work their issues out with the board but not Bill Monture. Oh no instead his solution is to go charging into the meeting and bullying chair-person Cam Staats into stepping down. Cam Staats is a good man. He works tirelessly and gives of his own time for this community no matter what the project is. Sure like any of us Mr. Staats has faults but he is most always the first one to step up to the plate to help out or give support. And he asks for nothing in return. He brought the pageant back to life after the previous board had folded. I commend Mr. Staats for handling the situation respectfully and with no thought other than of the pageant. Even though Mr. Staats was ambushed at this meeting and must have been hurt by the accusations and actions, he's first thought was to ask people to continue supporting the pageant. A few weeks ago Monture came to council and tried to bully me because he didn't like it when I said he thinks he's "The Godfather". He even threatened "There's things I can say about you too." Well I say take a number. I've never purported to be a perfect person or to have lived a perfect life. On Sunday I'm going to be 69 years old and I've lived many years of my life in a man's world, having to be both a mother and father to my children after being divorced. Despite the hardships it gave me strength and because of that strength I do not allow myself to be bullied or intimidated by anyone. But Mr. Staats is a much more gentle soul then I am. I've never heard him say a bad word about anyone or speak harshly to anyone. He's a community treasure for sure and doesn't deserve to be treated so callously and so disrespectfully. I would say somebody needs to take Monture and Sandy out behind the woodshed and teach them a lesson but I can't say that because that would be promoting violence. Councillor Helen Miller District four

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Pickton inquiry must ask whether vulnerable women are truly equal: commissioner

VANCOUVER - Relatives of serial killer Robert Pickton's victims have been told by the head of the missing women's inquiry that his goal is to determine if police and the justice system simply wrote off their daughters, sisters and mothers. Commissioner Wally Oppal

opened the inquiry Tuesday acknowledging that is a question that many of those families have already answered themselves, after more than a decade of allegations that police ignored reports that sex workers were disappearing from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, dismissing the victims for being prostitutes, drug addicts and aboriginal.

Philanthropist group learns of Six Nations water struggles

By Stephanie Dearing Writer
A group of philanthropists visited Six Nations Thursday for a tour of the old water treatment plant and the territory as part of a two-day workshop called Restoring the Lifeblood: Water, First Nations and Opportunities for Change.

federal underfunding affects Six Nations. Not only are employees paid enough to cover the cost of necessary repairs to the aging water treatment plant.



Site of Six Nations future water plant

Russ Anthony, one of the people who helped organize the two-day event said the event was intended to "bring together First Nations and philanthropists around water."

less than their off-reserve counterparts, Morris said; Six Nations doesn't receive "The theme was the human capacity to manage water resources," said Morris.

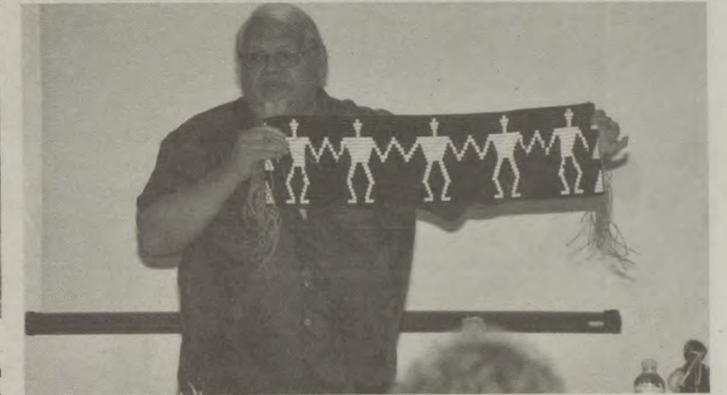
He said the workshop was a chance for non-native people to learn the relationship First Nations people have with water.



Tom Morris

Tim Morris, Manager of the Duncan & Gordon Foundation said the group of about 25 people had learned about water issues affecting First Nations across Canada during the workshop in Toronto Wednesday.

Six Nations Forestry office representative Paul General presented a case study on Six Nations to the philanthropists Wednesday. During their tour of the water treatment plant, the philanthropists learned how



Historian Rick Hill explains Six Nations treaties and wampum belts to group.

The group learned capacity at Six Nations was undercut by the obstacles and barriers put up by the government when it comes to providing funding.

"They told us it took 13 years for Six Nations to get the funding for the new water treatment plant," Morris said.

Following the visit to the water treatment plant, the group was shown around the Chiefswood Historical Site before getting a bus tour of the Six Nations territory. Historian Rick Hill was brought in to give the philan-

thropists an abbreviated overview of Haudenosaunee beliefs and culture before Linda Parker made a presentation about Six Nations to the visitors.



Linda Parker

The workshop and visit to Six Nations was organized by the Circle on Aboriginal Peoples and Philanthropy (CAPP); and the Canadian Environmental Grant Makers Association (CEGMA). In its promotional materials for the workshop, CAPP said the idea was to give funders a better understanding of the relationship First Nations people have with water while identifying opportunities and solutions.

Local men charged with spear fishing

By Stephanie Dearing Writer

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has charges pending against an unknown number of Six Nations members after they were observed spear fishing at the end of May, council learned at a September meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Paul General, Wildlife Manager, told council he had received a notification letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources earlier in September. "They were charged under the provincial fisheries bylaw," General said. General was informed of the situation because the ministry has to consult with Six Nations before laying charges, he told council. In May an unknown number of men, whom General said included some Oneida, were fishing in the Severn River when they were observed by the Ministry. Initially the men were advised they could face charges if they fished with their spears. The men "fished anyway and charges are pending," said General. "We usually respond by saying we don't believe they were in violation. They were within our boundaries." District Four councillor Helen Miller asked if the approach prevented charges. Paul General said it might.

Elected chief Bill Montour advised Paul General to consult with Lonnie Bomberry and Phil Montour on the matter, calling the charges harassment. District Five councillor Robert Johnson asked General if he met with the MNR to advise them "on our interests." General said he normally did meet with them but had not this year. "They're aware. They're required to follow their policies. Until we get a blanket agreement with the province, this is the process," he explained. General said simply purchasing a permit might prove to be the best alternative for

people, pointing out the permits are usually not very expensive, but having to go to court to fight charges for fishing or hunting quickly becomes costly for individuals. Elected Chief William Montour said "jurisprudence is there, but we still have this harassment." Council accepted General's briefing as information. In October, General said he had drafted a response to the MNR, and the letter only had to be signed by the elected chief before being sent to the Ministry. General said the area where the men were spear fishing was within the treaty-defined lands.

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Brantford's favourite son Walter Gretzky was on hand for the ceremonial puck drop between the Brantford Blast and Whitby. (Photo By Neil Becker)

Blast not shying away from third period rough stuff

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Despite excelling at the various levels throughout his hockey life Six Nations resident Brock Smith admitted to feeling extremely nervous before making his debut with the Brantford Blast.

This 21 year-old hulking forward who previously played for the Brantford Golden Eagles not only made the Senior AAA team out of training camp but found himself in the opening game line-up on October 7 against Whitby.

"I was pretty nervous out there and it wasn't until about the third period that I calmed down," Smith said after their 6-3 loss. "I focused more on defensive play and working the cycle while keeping the puck deep."

Smith, who also played

hockey on the Six Nations reserve admitted that it didn't help his nerves that the game was delayed by approximately 45 minutes due to the Whitby bus breaking down on the highway.

"It would have been a lot better if it (game) would have started on time,"

Smith said.

Both teams had plenty of early opportunities in what was a wide open first period. A little over two minutes into play Blast forward Derek Long gave the home fans reason to stand up and cheer as he scored the game's first goal. Unfortunately for all the Blast fans

that proved to be the periods biggest high point as Whitby stormed back to take a 2-1 lead after a period.

"I thought that I played alright but could have played better," Smith who averaged about three shifts a period said.

Looking refreshed and determined the Blast generated a solid second period which included 16 shots on goal and plenty of scoring opportunities as they continuously dominated down low and were rewarded with goals from Brad Jones and Jon Jankus. Brantford could have easily scored a couple more second period goals but ended up heading into the third tied 3-3.

There were a few defensive lapses in the third which led to some Whitby odd man rushes which in the end turned out to be a



Some frustration boiled over during Thanksgiving weekend as the Blast dropped their season opener at home. (Photo by Neil Becker)

turning point in their victory against Brantford. Still despite losing the opener there is quite a lot of opti-

mism surrounding this season. "I felt alright out there and I think I'll get better and

that we'll do well," Smith said. For the game Brantford outshot Whitby by a 36-33 count.

Brock Smith makes anticipated Blast debut

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Within minutes of taking the ice for tryouts Brantford Blast GM Peter Ham knew that he had a special player in Six Nations resident Brock Smith.

Smith, who is approximately 6'2" and well over 200 pounds impressed the senior A management by the way he carried himself on the ice which included not shying away from the rough stuff when being tested by his much older and bigger team-mates.

"All through camp the boys would test him by running him and showing

what he could expect in this league," Ham said. "He not only showed that he could take it but Brock also showed some scrappiness which was great to see."

Though he made the team Ham stressed that Smith who is only 21 years -old would still have to show with his play and work ethic that he deserves to be in the line-up on a consistent basis.

"It's up to the coach (Bryan Hamm) whether to play him and how much ice time he gets," Ham said. "We're carrying 23 and we can only dress so many for a game. However we do like

his size and his reach and that he showed toughness. He's going to be a great player for us."

Prior to trying out with the Blast Smith who is a left winger stared close to home with Junior 'B' Brantford Golden Eagles.

When reflecting on his greatest hockey moment to date Smith, who patterns his play after San Jose Sharks superstar Joe Thornton didn't even hesitate. "Winning the Cup in 2008/09 (with Eagles)," he said. "It was something that I wanted to do ever since I was really little. It's definitely something I will never

forget." Right from the start Smith who was introduced to hockey at the age of four fell deeply in love with the sport.

"I played in Ohsweken from four years old until minor midget," he said. "I'm a playmaker who looks to make a pass before shooting the puck."

Oddly enough Smith who was asked by Ham to tryout wasn't one hundred confident that he made the team.

"It's more physical and they are all fast smart players," Smith said. "I felt good out there but I wasn't sure if I



Six Nations resident Brock Smith skates out for player introduction prior to playing Whitby. (Photo By Neil Becker)

made it or not." Not only did Smith make it but he also found himself in the October 7th opening game line-up against Whitby.

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November 9th

Hawks complete third period comeback before pulling off their second shootout win.

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Though he didn't score a point there is no denying the tremendous impact that Hagersville Hawks veteran defenseman Dakota Powless had in their thrilling 5-4 shootout victory against Ayr.

Facing off at home on October 8th Powless who is a Six Nations resident was at his best as he continuously punished opposing players with thunderous body checks. Powless, who racked up four penalty minutes on the night has never in his brief career shied away from the rough stuff.

"I like to separate the man from the puck by hitting as hard as I can," Powless said. "I'm a typical stay at home defenseman who don't like to rush and excels in stuff like shutting down the opposition and playing on the penalty kill."

Powless, whose favorite player is Toronto Maple Leafs hard hitting defenseman Dion Phaneuf saw his team struggle with the man advantage as they generated plenty of quality chances

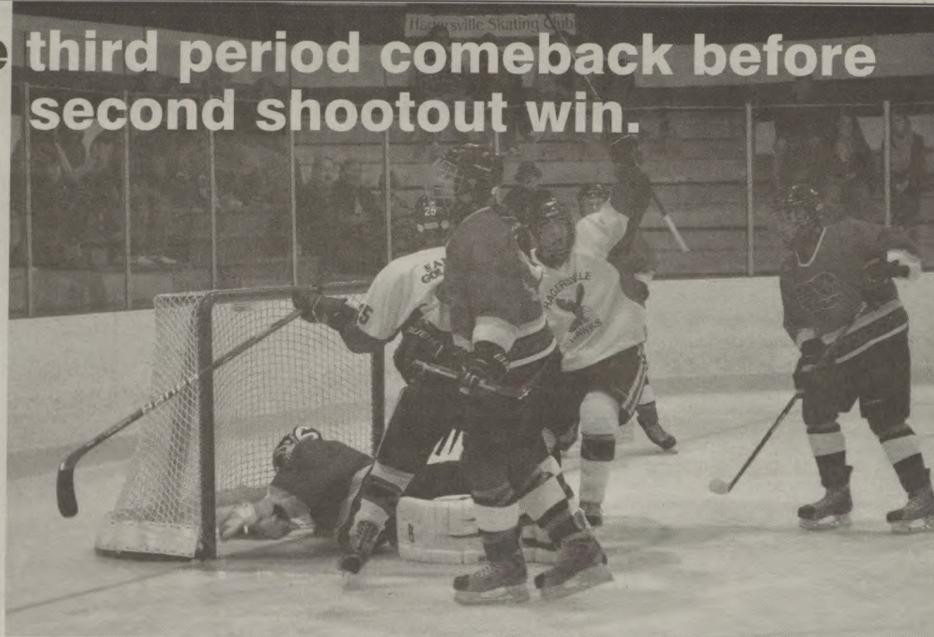
but ended up executing only twice out of 13 opportunities. Meanwhile the Hawks who are now 5-1 and tied for first in the McConnell Conference had for the most part their penalty killing unit working as they killed off eight of ten penalties.

"We took to many penalties and that was definitely a big downfall," Powless said. "Our goalie (Dylan Appleby) was really good and our penalty killing did a good job."

Prior to face-off Powless admitted that this wasn't just another early season game as they were playing the squad which in the second round ended their season last spring. Though this wasn't a playoff game it was still a win a game which gave the Hawks some extra motivation.

"We definitely talked about it," Powless said. "Everyone knew what to expect."

Hagersville was facing a red hot goaltender as they fired 13 first period shots and were rewarded for only one power play goal by veteran forward Mike Gruhl. Though they entered the second trailing 2-1 the Hawks were



Hawks forward Mike Gruhl gets ready to celebrate his first period goal in what was a wild scoring game which Hagersville eventually won in a shootout. (Photo By Neil Becker)

anything but discouraged.

"Our first period was great," Powless said. "We did a lot of great things." Continuing where they left off the Hawks once again generated countless scoring opportunities with the best chances coming off the sticks of Gerritt Bettencort, Aleck Boyd and Powless from the point.

After killing off a penalty

Hagersville were finally rewarded on the scoreboard as Jesse Ross showed some nifty stick handling skills from in close which at the time tied the game at two apiece.

Unfortunately for all the loyal Hagersville fans they saw their team once again fall behind as they were trailing 3-2 entering the third.

"We battled back all game and I'm proud because they never give up," Hawks coach and GM Todd Demille said. Ayr who is in the same division as Hagersville seized control in the third as they scored a power play marker to take a two goal lead. That lead however didn't stand for long as Brock McEachern scored twice with the tying marker coming in the final

minute with an extra attacker.

Following a five minute overtime which didn't solve anything Deacan Krause scored his second shootout winner within the past week.

"He has great hands and people don't give him the respect that he deserves," Powless said.

Hagersville drop second straight game

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Hagersville Hurricanes assistant football coach Jordan Charter couldn't say enough glowing things about his hulking senior star Clay Martin who has shown tremendous heart in coming off a serious hockey related ankle injury. Martin, who comes from Six Nations has decided in his senior year to try his hand at football and according to Charter has made quite the impact.

"He really puts in the effort and has set a great example for the younger guys who look up to him," Charter said.

Following his team's 11-0 loss on October 6 against Simcoe Martin was still sounding optimistic

about his team which is now 0-2 on the young season.

"Our defense was exceptional and we have to continue playing that way," Martin said. "Defense is one of our better positions. Coming off a season opening 32-0 loss against Caledonia, the Hurricanes who consists of both senior and juniors were continuously frustrated by all afternoon long by a stingy Simcoe defense.

"Our offence could be a lot better," Martin said. "We should have been able to score. It's something we have to work on."

A huge positive for the Hurricanes on this afternoon was Nathan Lofthouse who showcased some great speed in mak-

ing highlight reel runs. Through the first half alone Lofthouse executed gains of approximately 20, 15 and 23 yards.

During the second quarter and trailing 1-0 Hagersville continued to run the ball but weren't rewarded as they headed into the half trailing by an 8-0 score. During the third quarter Simcoe who also lost their opening game came through with a three point field goal and from that point on clamped down defensively in not giving the Hurricanes any momentum on offence to build upon.

"Clay is learning that's for sure," Hurricanes head coach Al Purins said. "He's raw and so far he seems to have a fast learning curve.

He likes coming out and he seems to be growing into

the sport."

Upon graduation Martin

said that his goal is to go into law enforcement.



Despite dropping their first two games there is still plenty of optimism being expressed by the Hagersville Hurricanes football team. (Photo By Neil Becker)

Oliver M. Smith goes undefeated at Brant County baseball playdowns

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

After an approximate nine year absence Oliver M. Smith Secondary have once again earned the right to be called the Brant County baseball champions.

This talented squad made up of grade 4, 5 and 6 players swept all four of their October 4th round robin games at Lions Park before getting revenge against their rivals from Jamieson in the semis and finally completing their mission with a 14-3 championship win against Cobblestone.

"Our kids were so pumped up after they beat Jamieson," Oliver M. Smith co-coach Krissy Van Every said. "The semi finals definitely felt like the finals. It was such a huge win."

What made the 6-2 win so special was the fact that Jamieson who was the only other Six Nations school competing defeated Oliver M. Smith last month in the district finals.

"They really wanted to play them again," Van

Every said.

Oliver M. Smith who were finalist last season didn't waste any time in getting noticed among the other 17 teams as they made a loud and clear statement by easily defeating Paris Central, St. George, Buford and James Hilliard to set up this anticipated showdown against Jamieson.

"Jamieson had Merced all their games," Van Every said in reference to the games being called after they had built up a seven or more run lead.

"We were making some great defensive plays all day and weren't intimidated to play them."

Van Every who plays baseball herself for the Mohawks expressed as a tournament highlight not just going undefeated in winning a championship but also the great sportsmanship her team was showing to the opposition.

"Our kids would say nice things like nice try and encourage the other teams," Van Every said. "They all play baseball on different Six Nations teams and



Not only did this Oliver M. Smith team claim the Brant County Championships but they also impressed with their excellent sportsmanship towards the other teams. (Photo By Neil Becker)

they can all hit and catch."

Playing a major role in Oliver M. Smith's success was grade 5 slugger Sandy Van Every who contributed with a two homerun tournament. Needless to say the semi final win against Jamieson was one of his

biggest highlights.

"They beat us once so we wanted to beat them," Sandy Van Every who is a shortstop/pitcher said. "I think we had good teamwork."

Perhaps still feeling the adrenaline of their semi

final win O.M. Smith took control early in their championship game as they scored five early runs before cruising to the Brant County Championship title.

"Starting the second week of school we prac-

ticed every day at lunch," Krissy Vanevery said. "One day we would practice infield then the next do some outfield work. It was nice to see it pay off and more importantly seeing every one having fun."

Lloyd S. King students learn about Terry Fox

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

If there is one particular thing that Lloyd S. King Elementary School teacher Ramona Cychner would like the children to take away from the Terry Fox run is that one person can indeed change the world.

Cychner, who teaches grade 1 and 2, was one of

many involved in the September Terry Fox run which amazingly raised approximately \$1,100.

"We had a loose change drive where we would take any loose change from home and fill it in jars at school," Cychner said. "It's great that we raised so much and I'm so proud of everyone." Naturally the participants

who ranged from kindergarten to grade 8 weren't alive during those magical years when Fox with one leg captured the nation by commencing on his Miracle Of Hope run across Canada.

To educate the kids on the history of Fox teachers at the school taught and answered questions about

Fox and how after losing his leg to cancer went on a mission to run across Canada in raising money to eventually cure cancer.

"The teachers read lots of books about him and showed their kids videos of him on you tube," Cychner said. "They learned how symbolic he is to Canada and the grade one's even wrote letters thanking Terry Fox."

According to Cychner the kids were really compassionate towards what they learned and had lots of questions.

"We've been doing the run for about 10 years," she said. "It's great to see them (kids) so interested in what they are learning." "Terry Fox is a Canadian hero who will never be forgotten."

Unfortunately the vision that Fox had died in 1981 when the cancer spread to

his lungs and he was forced to put a halt to the run while in Thunder Bay. His legacy continues as every

September there are numerous Terry Fox runs which go on all across Canada.



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Lloyd S. King students walk and work up a sweat while in the process learning about a great Canadian hero in Terry Fox. (submitted photo)

Waterford Pumpkin



October 14th



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12:00 - 7:00 pm
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Saturday October 15th

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11:00 - 5:00 pm
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Bomberry, 25 of Six Nations is facing charges of Drive Over 80 Milligrams and Impaired Driving. She will appear in court November 14.

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O.M.S.K. teaches culture and tasty harvest day

By Neil Becker
Writer

The number one concept that O.M.S.K. Elementary School principal Terry Lynn Brant would like to see the kids take out of Harvest/Cultural Day is a strong feeling of pride in who they are. A few years ago Brant acted on an idea to have a full day where the students can work through various workshops such as pottery, drama, literacy and cooking where they

first brought in elders for the different workshops and the teachers picked up on their knowledge."

Continuing on this tradition O.M.S.K. had their special day on October 4 where the students learned about harvesting and being thankful for the foods which grow.

"The kids cut open pumpkins and squash before taking out the seeds and packaging them for storage."

portant events and treaties and teachings.

Over at the cooking station there is a special taste test to be had as the students make, taste and learn about harvest soup.

"The kids take every kind of vegetable they have and put it in," Brant said.

A few weeks prior the teachers of all grades make sure to conduct reading lessons, tell stories and have discussions on heritage to give the students some background.

"There is also corn wall hanging and outdoor education workshops," Brant said.

"We were surprised at



Students peel potatoes for Three Sisters harvest soup at OMSK (Photos by Jim C Powless)



OMSK students play peach pit game during harvest classes. (Photos by Jim C. Powless)



OMSK students Three Sisters soup (Photos by Jim C Powless)



OMSK students are taught how to make Three Sisters soup during harvest classes. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

can ask questions, explore and most importantly learn about their heritage.

"The first year they (teachers) were excited about the idea but also worried that they didn't process enough knowledge to teach it," Brant said.

As a result, she said, "We

Brant said.

"In drama, the kids acted out a traditional story about why corn husk dolls have no face," Brant said.

Meanwhile in the literacy workshops they were taught all about the wampum belts a Haudenosaunee communication tool that marked im-

how much they already know."

A particular theme running through the day was corn which has always been the main staple.

"Traditionally we didn't drink milk," Brant said. "We were never prone to milk but in corn the DNA is similar to milk."

Students ranging from JK

to grade 8 were placed in clans to learn about the clan system.

"The kids absolutely loved the day and it was nice to see the older ones helping

the younger ones," Brant said.

"Most importantly they get to learn about their heritage and take pride in who they are."



OMSK students learn to make cornhusk dolls (Photos by Jim C Powless)



OMSK teachers now teach harvest classes (Photos by Jim C Powless)



OMSK students and teachers have fun with harvest time making Three Sisters soup (Photos by Jim C Powless)

Air Canada apologizes to First Nations

WINNIPEG MAN-Canada's largest airline has apologized for comments a Manitoba native organization says are racist: but is sticking by its controversial decision to keep flight crews away from downtown Winnipeg due to safety concerns. In a statement emailed to media Monday, Air Canada says it "wishes to state categorically it had no intent to cause offence to any individual or group and apologizes if it inadvertently did so."

Earlier Monday the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, demanded the airline apologize for a memo about safety in downtown Winnipeg. The September 23rd Air Canada memo says, "Recent environmental issues have forced approximately 1000 displaced persons from rural Manitoba to numerous hotels in the downtown area. Instances of public intoxication, resulting in several downtown locations being susceptible to crimes of vio-

lence and opportunity, have been observed by local police." The memo says crews would no longer stay at the Radisson Hotel on Portage Avenue and would instead be put up at a hotel closer to the airport.

The memo is the latest black eye to a city already saddled with the title of "Canada's violent crime capital" and provoked a push-back from the head of the local downtown business organization and the city's mayor, who says the airline is basing its decision on a police safety assessment that hasn't even been completed yet.

But the angriest response came from native leaders, outraged that the airline linked the mere presence of First Nations people to an increase in crime. "It is entirely inappropriate for one of Canada's largest corporations to link the presence of First Nations citizens in Winnipeg's downtown core with any increased security risk. To attribute any community of people as posing an increased risk of violence or criminal activity is racist," said AMC Grand Chief Derek Nepinak in a statement Monday. "Further, such negative commentary regarding our displaced friends and families is irresponsible and displays ignorance of the matters at hand."

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Big Trout Lake kicks out mining company

(Continued from page 3)

The elders here decided right from the start that they were going to operate under their own jurisdiction. If the Mounties came in, they're just going to say no you don't have jurisdiction here. This is our crime investigation."

He said the Six Nations Men's Fire would enforce that jurisdiction.

Annett said he will take his findings from the investigation at Kanata and the Woodland Cultural Centre and file "a report with the tribunal he has yet to establish in Brussels.

Armed with the Six Nations information, he said he would then look at "possible criminal charges against Canada and its church.

The tribunal Annett refers to is an organization of he created and appears to include just two unnamed men.

Annett's website says the purpose of his tribunal is "To bring to trial those persons and institutions responsible for the exploitation, torture and murder of children, past and present, and To stop these and other criminal actions by church and state."

Annett said the investigation began September 28 with a psychic he brought from B.C..

A resident of British Columbia, Annett had brought with him an unnamed psychic, who guided Annett and his team in a ground scanning search of the grounds of the old residential school.

The team had borrowed - without authorization, - the Six Nations ground penetrating radar machine for the scan.

The scan, he said, was productive. "The first time we took out the GPR the team found an area where massive soil dislocation had taken place at some point in the past," he said. "That was at the back of the school, kind of at the right where they

BIG TROUTLAKE, Ont.- A northwestern Ontario First Nation says it's evicting a gold mining exploration company for entering areas with sacred

sites. Ki (Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug) leaders say hunters discovered tents, survey tape and other evidence of exploration in an area declared

off limits to protect sacred sites. Officials of the remote First Nation, 600 kilometres northwest of Thunder Bay, sent a delega-

tion to post an eviction notice at the site. The First Nation is calling on God's Lake Resources to immediately stop activities in the

area. Chief Donny Morris says the First Nation has a duty and responsibility to protect its sacred sites.

Digging of potential burial causing concern at Six Nations

used to have the cattle and the pigs area."

Annett said excavations will be conducted by his



Frank Miller and Fawn Hill ask band council for permission to use its ground sensing equipment with support from the men's fire. (Photo by Stephanie Dearing)

archeological team, which was not yet assembled or been present for the GPR scan. A woman named Barb Hoffman, an Aboriginal woman with an anthropology degree would be coming over the next month to direct the dig, he said.

In the meantime Annett has been digging "test pits" in the bush behind Kanata, where bone fragments, he said, were found. No archeologist was on site for the excavation.

Bill Squire, speaking for the Mohawks at Kanata said the Men's Fire had adopted Annett last week and he is under their protection.

And according to Annett's website, he has also been adopted into the Mohawk Turtle Clan but does not say who in the Mohawk Turtle Clan adopted him in a purported ceremony at Kanata Village last week.

On his website he says it was done "as a sign of their support for Kevin Annett and the ITCCS. He says he was given the name Ravennatshani, which means "One who warns the people with a strong and wise voice."

"We have a lot of interest in this," Annett said, and also claims on his website to have the support of Six Nations band council.

But Elected Chief Bill Montour said band council has not issued any support.

Annett was given a letter

leges was the theft of Aboriginal lands in British Columbia by the church. "I wrote the church about it

with reports that Annett plans to take DNA from any remains found.

An indigenous movement was launched more than a decade to stop the theft of indigenous DNA.

Indigenous DNA samples have been estimated to be worth up to \$1 million. There are about 700 indigenous tribes left who have not had their DNA collected from them.

Montour said indigenous nations have been fighting what is called Bio-Piracy for decades.

"We have been fighting that since we first got involved back in the 1980s. They were going to take our DNA. We are not artifacts, our dead are not artifacts and anyone trying to take DNA from remains should stay the hell away from them."

He said the stealing of indigenous DNA has been on the front burner of indigenous protests. "It's another scam to get first nations medicines and DNA. I won't be a party to it."

He said before any decision to dig up any possible remains at Woodlands or surrounding lands is made the community has to be consulted.

"This isn't something you just jump into. There has to be community consultation and the Confederacy has to be consulted. This kind of thing is way beyond my council. Its deep, its about our ceremonies and beliefs and we have to involve the people in our community who are knowledgeable in this area."

He said any digging at Woodlands or surround areas is "disrespectful of our ways and needs to stop."

The digging has angered the traditional community at Six Nations. One woman said the group is "disturbing the dead and that is not our way."

She said there is a proper protocol to dealing with grave and death issues. "This

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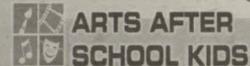
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POSITION	DEPARTMENT	TERM	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
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Notice to Six Nations Members

Council invites applications from members who are interested in serving on the Community Strengthening Steering Committee. Elders, youth, and individuals with various political backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

The main purpose of the Community Strengthening Steering Committee is: working with a consultant to implement *The Building Blocks of Tomorrow Project* by:

- Engaging individuals to gather input for a community driven governance strategy
- Considering various options to address conflict and improve decision making for all
- Operating in a non-partisan way to recommend a plan to improve community governance. **NOTE TO APPLICANT:** Your full participation is needed from Sept. 2011-March 2011.

Applicant Eligibility:

- Must be a Six Nations Band Member over the age of 15
- Must have a passion to build a sustainable foundation for the future.
- Preference given to applicants with governance and community consultation experience

Submission of Applications:

- Application forms and copies of *The Building Blocks of Tomorrow Project* are available at the Council Administration Building and on our website.
- Applications must be submitted to the Council Administration Building no later than 4 p.m. on October 14, 2011.
- Please refer any questions and/or concerns to: Tim Brubacher Policy Analyst at 519-445-2201 ext. 3241 or tbrubacher@sixnations.ca.

More information documents are available at the Administration Building

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION Union Gas Limited - Nanticoke Natural Gas Pipeline

At the request of Ontario Power Generation, Union Gas is exploring potential routes for a pipeline to serve the possible future conversion of the Nanticoke Generating Station to natural gas. As part of the planning process, Union Gas has commissioned an independent environmental consulting firm, Stantec Consulting Ltd., to undertake an environmental study of the construction and operation of the proposed natural gas pipeline from a point at or near Union Gas's existing Bright Compressor Station to the Nanticoke Generating Station.

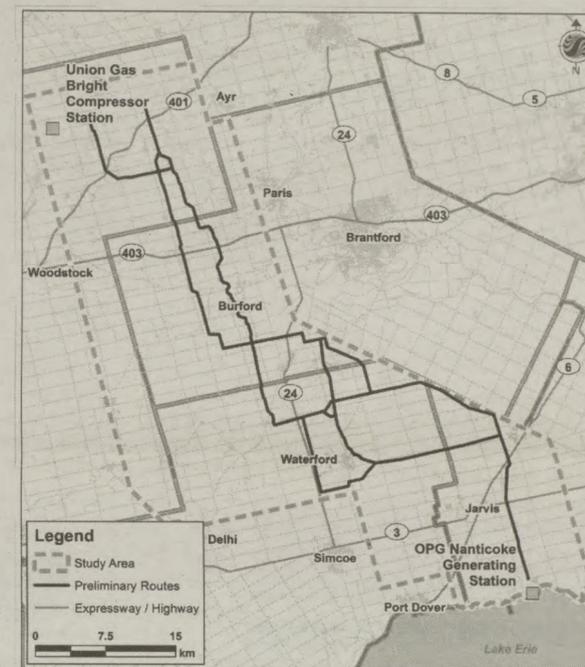
As part of the environmental study process, several possible Preliminary Routes for the proposed natural gas pipeline have been identified. Where possible, the Preliminary Routes follow existing utility infrastructure such as electricity transmission lines and where required, cross private property.

Public Information Sessions regarding the Project and Preliminary Routes will be held as follows:

Drumbo Agricultural Hall
42 Centre Street
Drumbo, ON
Tuesday October 25th, 2011
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Burford Community Centre
14 Potter Drive
Burford, ON
Wednesday October 26th, 2011
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Jarvis Community Centre
18 James Street
Jarvis, ON
Thursday October 27th, 2011
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Public Information Sessions will be conducted as drop-in centres, and representatives from both Union Gas and Stantec will be available to discuss the Project and respond to questions or comments. Comments received at the Public Information Session will be instrumental in the evaluation of the route alternatives for the pipeline and ultimately in the identification of a Preliminary Preferred Route. Comments will also be used to help develop site-specific protection and mitigation measures.

For your reference, maps of the Preliminary Routes are available for viewing at the following locations: Blandford-Blenheim Township Office - 47 Wilmot Street, Drumbo; Norwich Public Library - 10 Tidey Street; Burford Public Library - 24 Park Avenue; Waterford Public Library - 15 Main Street South; Jarvis Public Library - 2 Monson Street.

In addition, the public can access the route mapping online at the following link:

<http://maps.NanticokeNaturalGasPipeline.ca/>. This link allows the user to enter a home address and the program will provide mapping and a linear distance from the property to the nearest Preliminary Route. The link also allows the user to download maps of the Preliminary Routes.

It is anticipated that an Environmental Report will be completed in early 2012 at which time Union Gas will file an application for the proposed pipeline to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). The OEB's review and approval is required before the proposed natural gas pipeline project can proceed. If approved, and direction is received from the Provincial Government to convert the Nanticoke plant to natural gas, construction of the pipeline could begin in the spring of 2014.

For questions regarding the study process or this Project, please contact Stantec Consulting Ltd. at 1-855-802-6353.



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BRIEFS

Many Canadians lost communications after Telesat satellite shuts down (Telesat-Disruptions)

By Ross Marowitz
THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL - Many Canadians, especially those in remote areas of the Far North, lost all communications Thursday after Telesat's powerful Anik F2 satellite suddenly ceased operating.

The disruption or "loss of earth lock" affected services for customers including Shaw Direct TV, government agencies, and The Canadian Press news agency.

Other companies that use C-band, Ku-band and Ka-band services, frequencies that are primarily used for Wi-Fi, telecommunication and broadcast services, were also affected.

Remote northern locations were the most affected, with 10 of 33 communities served by NorthwTel seeing disruptions from the outage.

First Air airline cancelled 48 flights, stranding about 1,000 passengers just before the Thanksgiving long weekend.

"It's one of those high-priority travel weekends," said spokesman Chris Ferris, who added that the airline plans extra flights on Friday to get everyone where they need to be for Saturday.

Telesat said the satellite suddenly ceased functioning around 6:36 a.m. and turned away from the Earth as it is programmed to do in safety mode.

Descendants of slaves once owned by Cherokee Indians fight to stay in tribe, keep benefits

By Justin Juozapavicius
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
TAHLEQUAH, Okla.- Charlene White did not learn the whole story about her grandfather's secret number until she was 12.

Prior to that, she knew only that he had scrawled the mysterious digits - 3489 - on a crumpled piece of paper and hidden it in a drawer. The number was assigned to him as a boy to indicate that members of his family had once been slaves to the Cherokee Nation.

It seemed to be a piece of personal history best left in the past.

"I feel like he felt it was shameful being known as a slave, especially a slave of the Indians," White said. "It was an embarrassment."

More than a century after her father got the number, White is telling the story of

her ancestors' servitude as she fights along with 2,800 other descendants of Indian slaves across the country to be embraced as full members of the tribe.

Just as many white Americans owned black slaves until after the U.S. Civil War, so did some Cherokee tribesmen. The practice generally ended with an 1866 treaty that afforded freed slaves the same rights as native Cherokees.

But leaders of the Cherokee Nation, one of the largest and most influential American tribes, have been trying to change that policy by declaring that the descendants should not be considered Cherokee citizens unless they can show proof of Indian blood.

The descendants stand to lose part of their identity if the tribe is successful in removing them. In 2007,

more than three-quarters of Cherokee citizens voted to kick out descendants of freedmen and other non-Indians. The dispute has been in and out of the courts ever since.

Loss of citizenship could also mean losing valuable tribal benefits such as medical care, housing assistance and grocery stipends.

"They're treating us like we're still their slaves," White said. "That is so degrading."

Voting is under way in the tribal election for chief, with the final ballots to be cast Saturday. The two candidates have battled for months over almost every aspect of the tribal government. But they find common ground on the freedmen issue: Both want them booted.

Tribal leaders say it is their right as a sovereign nation

to determine who qualifies to be a citizen.

"I have considered the Cherokee Nation's right to determine their own national identity the most fundamental right of every government," said Chad Smith, the incumbent chief, who is being challenged by longtime tribal councilman Bill John Baker.

The descendants say being Cherokee has always been part of their family stories, even if they were not actively involved with the tribe after their relatives were released.

White was born and raised in Tahlequah, the capital of the 300,000-member Cherokee Nation in northeastern Oklahoma.

Her grandfather, Clarence Wilson, was 13 when he received his number from a document known as the Freedmen's Roll.



NOTICE OF PROJECT UPDATE MEETING To be held by NextEra Energy Canada regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Names: Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho Wind Energy Centres

Project Locations are in the following municipalities

- Adelaide Wind Energy Centre - Adelaide Metcalfe and North Middlesex, Middlesex County;
- Bornish Wind Energy Centre - Adelaide Metcalfe and North Middlesex, Middlesex County;
- Jericho Wind Energy Centre - Lambton Shores, Lambton County and North Middlesex, Middlesex County.

Dated at North Middlesex this the 10 of October, 2011

NextEra Energy Canada is planning to engage in three renewable energy projects in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approvals are required. The proposal to engage in the projects and the projects themselves are subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). **The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update regarding the proposed changes to the transmission line route.**

Meeting Location:

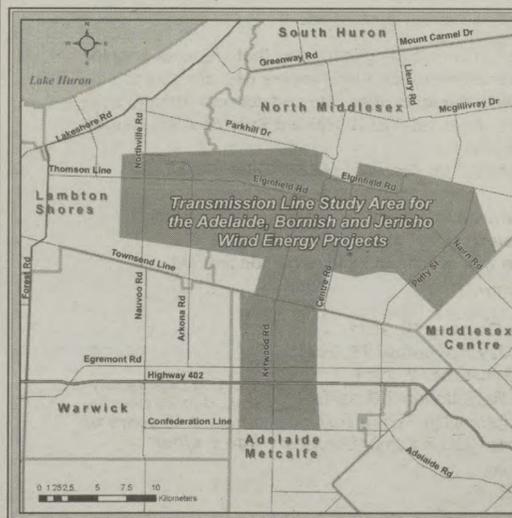
DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2011

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Ailsa Craig Community Centre, 155 Annie Ada Shipley Street, Municipality of North Middlesex

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

Project Description: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facilities, in respect of which the projects are to be engaged in, are Class 4 Wind Facilities. If approved, these facilities would have a total maximum name plate capacity of: 60-megawatts (Adelaide); 75-megawatts (Bornish); and 150-megawatts (Jericho). The map indicates the project locations being studied for the Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho transmission lines only and does not include the wind turbine siting areas as this meeting will focus on the transmission line routes. The Jericho project transmission line is proposed to extend eastward from Lambton County into Middlesex County. The Adelaide project transmission line is proposed to extend northward from Adelaide-Metcalfe into Middlesex County. These lines will connect into a single transmission line that will be shared by the Bornish project and this line will extend eastward to connect to an existing 500kV transmission line in North Middlesex.



Documents for Public Inspection: Draft Project Description Reports have been prepared for each project and are titled "Project Description Report- [Adelaide/Bornish/Jericho] Wind Energy Centre". They describe the facilities as consisting of up to 37 GE 1.6 MW turbines (Adelaide); 50 GE 1.5 MW turbines (Bornish); and, 96 GE 1.56 MW turbines (Jericho). Ancillary facilities may include step-up transformers, transformer substations, electrical collector and transmission systems, turbine access roads, operations building, meteorological towers and construction staging areas.

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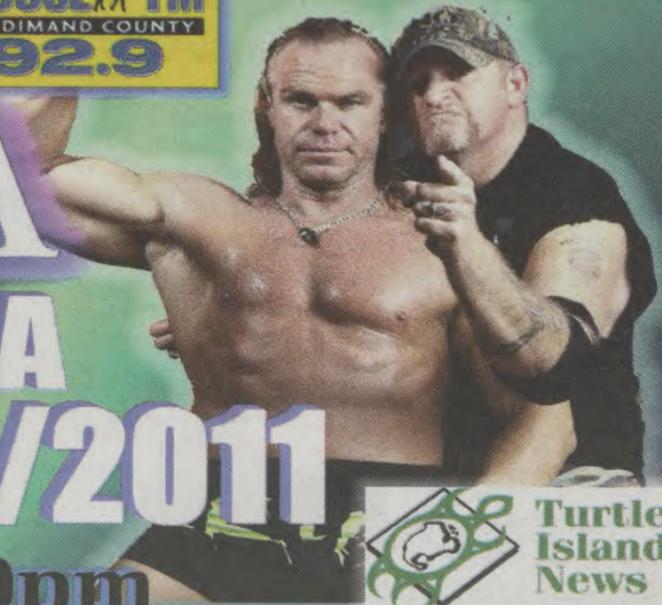
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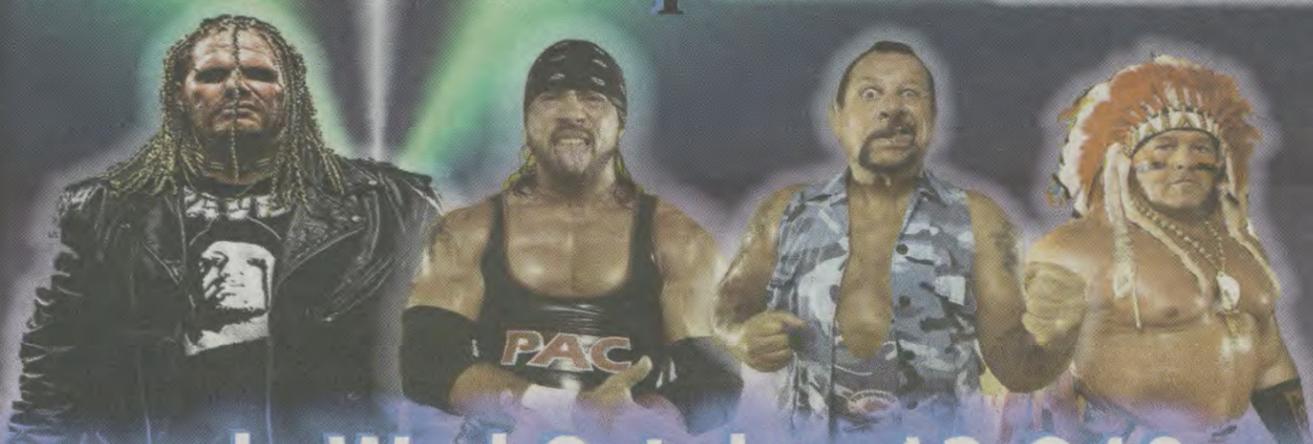


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