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Councillor charges:

Council traded water for votes

By Evan French
Writer

Six Nations Band Councilor Helen Miller has accused band council of giving away a lifetime of water - a week before the last election - to secure the vote of a home owner on Third Line.

At Six Nations Band Council's general finance meeting, last week, the District 4 councillor brought a motion to rescind a free water agreement made in the twilight of the previous council.

Miller said the agreement was made in haste, without all coun-

cilors present. She warned the agreement could lead to lawsuits against the band. Miller said the agreement passed without even receiving second reading at the general council meeting on Nov. 19, 2010 pro-

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Six Nations health department programs secret?

By Stephanie Dearing
and Lynda Powless
Writers

Six Nations is launching an adult diabetes education program for local residents...we think. Health Canada officials in Ottawa told Turtle Island News they had provided \$443,072 in funding for the program.

But it's a little difficult to get any

information locally about it. And surprisingly the communication block comes just as a major flu virus has hit Ontario, Ontario medical officials are warning this year's flu has hit early, is nasty and seasonal vaccinations are at an all time low.

Ministry of Health spokesperson

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Lost chopper pilots buzzed homes



A Bell helicopter touched down at J. C. Hill elementary school, Sunday after buzzing local houses Sunday. The chopper, was picking up a local businessman, said Six Nations Dep. Chief Rocky Smith, when it got lost. He said the helicopter, registered to owners in Kleinburg, Ontario, made a quick touchdown, got directions from someone, and took off again. "They were headed to Toronto," said Smith. The helicopter took off just as Six Nations police pulled into the parking lot. Smith said helicopters are not suppose to land within 500 feet of a structure. Police are investigating. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

AIAI to meet with Ontario Minister Aboriginal Affairs over cigarette seizures

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

NEW CREDIT-A meeting has been set up with Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs/Attorney General Chris Bentley and the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) after several First Nation communities complained their members were being harassed

by the Ontario Provincial Police. Vehicles leaving three reserves have been stopped by the OPP and the occupants of the vehicles have been warned they could be fined for transporting cigarettes. AIAI Deputy Grand Chief Chris McCormick said everyone hoped the meeting with Bentley would put an end to the harassment.

However, while AIAI wanted to see the communities experiencing trouble represented at next week's meeting with Bentley, but the Minister's office has insisted on a meeting with just the AIAI Grand Chief, Deputy Grand Chief and Bentley.

The meeting with Bentley was or-

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Last minute fund transfer to Trust Fund under scrutiny

Community to have no input into how Rama fund millions will be spent

By Evan French
Writer

Six Nations Elected Chief Bill Montour said there have been, and will not be any public meetings to discuss how millions of dollars in a community development trust fund will be spent, nor the coming \$12 million, will be used in the community.

The issue arose after District Four Councillor Helen Miller tried to rescind a council decision to spend \$641,164 on track and lighting for a proposed sports field project.

Miller complained if council was going to spend the money, it should just pay the bill itself instead of transferring the funds to the Community Trust.

The issue came up at Six Nations band councils general finance meeting, held last week.

District Four Coun. Helen Miller brought a motion to rescind a decision to transfer public money (Rama funds) starting in April. In April 2011 First Nations begin a new funding formula with Ontario that will see 1.7 per cent of all gaming revenues provided to First Nations. In return First Nations give up ownership of Casino Rama to Ontario.

Miller said she wanted to get her motion on the table, since she knew council was going to vote it down anyway.

"Let's get it over with," she said. The issue fueled debate over whether council should be reviewing decisions made during the tenure of the previous council.

The issue had already heated up after Miller brought another motion to rescind a free water deal, inked in the last days of the previous council.

Miller said the agreement amounted to an attempt to drum up votes.

District Two Councillor, Ava Hill, District One Councillor Dave Hill, and Miller were out of town on council business at the time, Miller said waving second reading denied them a chance to weigh in on the decision.

"I believe a decision as important as this shouldn't have been made without full council present," she said.

In her seven page report Miller said council agreed to transfer \$16 million to the trust in 2003. The deal was that they could spend the money down to ten million, and after that would have to subsist on interest generated by the account.

"The thing is if council is expected to fund the trust every year with a Rama allocation why was the \$16 million put into a trust in the first place," she said. "If council is to fund the trust every year why have a trust at all? Council could save

money by simply setting up a committee to review and approve projects."

Miller said wait times for approval for trust funding can be up to a year or more - with a June deadline for applications.

"Our children and youth shouldn't have to wait a year or more so that an individual or organization can get funding from the trust to start a program that will offer benefit," she wrote. "What council has to consider is situations where immediate funding is needed... the trust doesn't meet that need."

She said community input wasn't sought when the trust was setup. She said the only input the community had was in deciding that the Rama money should go into a trust. She said according to the agreement the trust and council were supposed to develop a strategic plan showing how the money would be spent and to meet annually for review. She said that planning never happened.

"This is where we could have prioritized funding," she said. "During the time that I sat on the trust I don't recall seeing a trust/council strategic plan."

According to its project report, wrote Miller, the trust spent around \$1,069,000 on projects, which doesn't include administration costs. She said when the trust came

to council asking for money, the said they'd reviewed proposals but didn't have enough cash to grant all the requests.

"When I sat on the board some projects were turned down for funding because they didn't meet the trusts' criteria not because there wasn't enough money," said Miller. Miller prioritized areas where community groups need fiduciary help, underlining the state of child and youth services, protection of indigenous language, and other services in policing and after school programs.

"I believe it is critical for the 55th elected council to make children and youth a priority and to support and to help initiate programs that are specifically geared toward alleviating the social ills that are affecting and impacting our community," she said. "With our languages on the verge of extinction I also believe it is critical to make language a priority."

Last year, Miller said, the trust processed 17 applications, and doesn't seem on track to spend the court settlement and gaming money any time soon.

"Why does it take a year and several meetings to approve or not approve 17 applications," she said. "That shouldn't take any longer than 3 to 4 meetings, including proposal presentations," she said.

"Where are they expected to spend 25 per cent of Six Nations' share of the court case settlement and 25 per cent of the 1.7 per cent of gross gaming revenue commencing in April?" she wrote. "What would they do with all this money?" Miller said the trust needs to be opening their purse-strings on a quarterly basis, but the approval and application process is so cumbersome that "it takes forever to get through the process".

"Trying to get money out of the trust is like council trying to get money from INAC," she said, adding that the trust could even provide money on an as-needed basis.

"All the projects that were turned down for government funding should have been able to go to the trust and request immediate funding," said Miller. Miller recommended that council rescind the December motion transferring money to the trust, but asked council to approve the request for funding to complete the sports complex. Council differed the matter to Friday's meeting with the trust board.

"Just to let you know I'm doing an analysis of the trust agreement because in writing this paper I noticed a lot of flaws," she said. "I will present this analysis to council within the next few weeks."

at the time to err on the side of caution prior to simply seizing them right away."

Lank said he couldn't comment on whether the shipment bore any markings indicating they were federally stamped. He said the issue is being investigated by RCMP customs and excise investigators in Alberta.

Rice bristles at the suggestion the cigarettes were contraband.

"First of all Alberta does not have jurisdiction there and they picked up our cigarettes, seized them and maliciously said they were contraband," he said. "We mark our cigarettes 'Canada duty paid.' Rice said the company has paid the Canada Revenue Agency for every cigarette they have manufactured since 2004. He said the company pays out about \$600,000 a year.

Rice said everything was done above board, including the transportation which was done in two shipments in early December through a company that handles tobacco products. He said the company would not have transported the cigarettes if the paper work was not in order.

"We saw an untapped market in Western Canada and we felt we could enter the market legally through the federal guidelines of the Canada Revenue Agency," he said. "Whenever we try as sovereign people to develop economic alternatives, the powers that be

decided it was best to move cautiously after they were called to investigate the break-in."

"We didn't want to appear as though we were being rash, as though we were reacting prematurely," said Lank. "We wanted to do background checks on the product, so the decision was made

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Band member had just 15 loose cigarettes in her car

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to be warning people of the potential fines they could face for transporting cigarettes off the reserve.

At the January 17 Council meeting of the Mississauga of New Credit, Chief Bryan LaForme said he had learned of a recent incident.

"Apparently one of our band members had just 15 cigarettes and the OPP had stopped her and gave her a warning saying she could be charged \$15 for every cigarette she had, and it could be up to a \$500 fine just for having them in the vehicle," he told Council.

"We feel that it is a traditional right that we have, to be able to trade amongst each First Nation," LaForme explained to Council. "We've asked for a meeting with the Minister, Chris Bentley to discuss that and he has agreed to that meeting."

The meeting, said McCormick, will take place January 26. He said the province was concerned about cigarette taxes, but McCormick asserted the province has no jurisdiction. First Nation cigarette manufacturers, he said, have a Federal licence, are situated on-reserves and the product is delivered to other First Nations.

But more than that, "tobacco is an Aboriginal right that we've never given up," McCormick said. "First Nations have been smoking and using tobacco for barter, long before European people arrived here it was a commodity of trade."

McCormick went on to say that Bentley has responsibilities to protect Aboriginal rights under Section 35 of the Constitution.

McCormick said "our people should be aware that the police can't search that vehicle unless they have a search warrant."

He added that the First Nations people who are being stopped by police are simply exercising their historic rights to trade.

McCormick disputes the mainstream idea that federally licensed First Nation made cigarettes are contraband. "We don't believe they are breaking any laws," he said. Instead, they are actually licensed by Canada.

In a press release issued on January 14, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo urged levels of government to respect First Nations' jurisdiction over tobacco sales and distribution in their communities. Atleo was responding to recent police seizures of tobacco in Ontario and Alberta.

Last week millions of cigarettes seized by Alberta authorities on the Montana First Nation destined for distribution to reserves throughout the province and British Columbia were seized by police.

Kahnawake, Que., with First Nations communities throughout the two Western provinces, according to an official with the cigarette manufacturer Rainbow Tobacco. No charges have been laid since the Jan. 5 seizure and both the RCMP and the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission continue to investigate.

The matter is sure to end up in the courts with a final outcome likely to have a major impact on the future of the much maligned First Nations tobacco industry and possibly even on provincial jurisdiction when it comes to economic transactions between bands from different parts of the country.

Chad Rice, chief financial officer with Rainbow Tobacco, said the company believes it is legally permitted to ship its product in nation to nation trading with First Nations communities across the country because they all fall under federal jurisdiction. Rice said the cigarettes were being stored on the Montana First Nation while work was being done to cement distribution networks.

Montana First Nation sits about 90 kilometres south of Edmonton. It is one of four First Nations in Hobbema, Alta.

Rice said Rainbow Tobacco believes the seizure of their product by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission was "unconstitutional" and the company is ready to go to court and reclaim its 14

million cigarettes.

"We have a right to do nation to nation, and native to native trade among other First Nations besides Kahnawake," said Rice. "(The cigarettes) were not going to be sold in Alberta because they were to be sold on First Nations territory which is federal jurisdiction, and not part of Alberta."

On January 3, RCMP were called to a Quonset in the Montana First Nation to investigate a break-in and the theft of 25 to 35 cases of Rainbow manufactured cigarettes. Rice said police were called over fears the cigarettes may have fallen into the hands of non-First Nations people.

The RCMP did not immediately act, but instead returned on Jan. 5 along with agents from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission to execute a warrant allowing them to seize all the cigarettes. In a joint press release, the agencies called the cigarettes "contraband" because they were not properly marked for sale in Alberta.

RCMP Sgt. Jim Lank, of the Hobbema detachment, said officers decided it was best to move cautiously after they were called to investigate the break-in.

"We didn't want to appear as though we were being rash, as though we were reacting prematurely," said Lank. "We wanted to do background checks on the product, so the decision was made

Driver charged for possession and flight from police

Police spotted a black sedan speeding while headed east on Fourth Line Road, on Jan 13. According to a press release, a Six Nations officer followed the Black 2001 Chevrolet Malibu through the

lot at the Lone Wolf Coffee shop and then back onto Fourth Line Road, this time headed east. When the officer tried to stop the car it took off at high speed. Police followed it to an apartment block, for-

merly Black's pool hall. The driver was arrested for flight from police, as he stepped out of the car. The officer found substances believed to be marijuana and cocaine on the driver, said the release. Aaron Tyler

James Henry, 22, of Ohsweken, is charged with flight from police and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking. Henry was held in custody pending a bail hearing.

Councillors passed motion to get votes, councilor charges

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ed free water to the home of Mike Davis under terms offered to residents whose homes were in the area mined by the Canadian Gypsum Corporation.

Third Line residents lost ground water in their wells as a result of mining in 2004. Band council agreed to provide free water service as compensation.

But Miller said Davis doesn't qualify for free water under the conditions worded in the original deal.

Instead, she accused councillors who voted for the December agreement - moved by then District 3 Coun. Levi White, seconded by

have qualified for the free service offered in 2004 because the agreement required him to have owned and lived on the property before July, 2001. Davis didn't buy the land until 2004.

Miller said the agreement allowed residents receiving free water to transfer the service to a either a son or a daughter.

But Davis bought the property from his brother Tim Davis, who got the place from his uncle, she said.

"Had there been a house... Mr. Davis's uncle could only have transferred the free water service to a son or a daughter not to his

land then every resident on Third Line within the (gypsum) mined area, who owns a parcel of land, is entitled to the same free service." District Three Coun. Ross Johnson asked if people elsewhere in the territory can apply for service if it's found they were affected by the mine.

"When they mined the gyp I'm sure they didn't mine a straight line down Third Line," he said. "Do we have a mine map?"

District 5 Councillor George Montour said he stands by the decision to provide the free service to Davis. He said he lived through the water-loss crisis, and he thinks everybody from "Smoothtown

tion I know there's nothing I can do about it, but at least I tried to do the right thing," said Miller. "He is not entitled to that service and he should not be getting that."

Elected Chief Bill Montour said decisions made in the last term need to be respected.

"That happened in Toronto City council just last week," he said. "The new mayor, Robert Ford, and some councillors were very upset that the aboriginal community in Toronto were awarded a number of buildings, at a very good rate. They wanted to go back and rescind the motion of the previous David Miller council. The legal opinion came back and said they can't do

shouldn't be up for debate. "I can't even see it being here tonight," he said.

District 3 Coun. Roger Jonathan said he thinks council shouldn't be revisiting items that were waived on the second reading.

Miller said she wasn't at the December meeting when Davis's agreement was passed. She said District 2 Coun. Ava Hill and District 1 Coun. Dave Hill were also absent from that meeting.

Councillor Ava Hill said she read the minutes from the meeting and noticed it was a busy night.

"At a particular council meeting which was held three or four days before our last election this council gave away all kinds of money to all kinds of people," she said. "So it brings to mind a bit of a question whether there was a bit of electioneering and campaigning going on there."

She said she remembers seeing a release signed by Davis, agreeing with the terms of the agreement.

"So based on that and the legal opinion we've got here I think we need to revisit this," she said.

"With respect to whether a motion of a second reading or not I think this council has every right to review any decision at any time."

District 4 Coun. Wray Maraale said he was opposed to the motion when it was tabled.

"That person has been getting free water," he said. "I could see council paying for the hookups, fine, but to carry forward with free water toward anybody that has a resale of a property along Third Line shouldn't have gone forward. I think maybe council shouldn't have meetings once the election campaign starts."

Dave Hill said he's concerned when council ignores a legal opinion. "Council went against our lawyers opinion," he said. "We pay a lawyer to get a legal opinion of these things."

Council voted against the motion to rescind Davis's agreement, with Councillors Dave Hill, Ava Hill, Helen Miller and District 6 Coun. Mark Hill voting in favour.



"...the concern I have is that going forward if we get into some kind of a business deal down the road and we're not sitting here in the next term and the next council doesn't like it, can they say 'out of here?'" Elected Chief Bill Montour



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"If you choose to support that motion I know there's nothing I can do about it, but at least I tried to do the right thing." District Four Councillor Helen Miller.

down to the tracks" is entitled to free water. He said if it's found that other homes were affected by the mining - elsewhere from Third Line - they should get the water deal too.

"The actual mining diagram is about halfway through the concession on each part of Third Line," he said. "Absolutely, if there's been interference... I feel they should be compensated."

Miller said she isn't opposed to giving free water as compensation for mining damage, but objects to council's agreement because Davis doesn't qualify for it. She said she didn't expect council to rescind the motion.

"If you choose to support that mo-

that under Ontario law."

He said he welcomes criticism of previous decisions from councillors but said they need to be careful when thinking about changing them.

"I respect the right of every councillor to bring an issue to the table that they have a concern with," he said. "But the concern I have is that going forward if we get into some kind of a business deal down the road and we're not sitting here in the next term and the next council doesn't like it can they say 'out of here?'"

District 2 Coun. Carl Hill said he thinks previous council decisions

Canada Economic Action plan putting community at financial risk

By Evan French and
Lynda Powless
Writers

The federal governments much touted Canada Economic Action plan is putting Six Nations in debt.

The federal government's economic rescue plan heralded across Canada by Conservatives as a plan to get Canada through the global downturn by providing funds for development, and growth.

The feds, cheque in hand, decedded on Six Nations, a year ago, to announce in a glitzy press conference how it was providing funds for Six Nations much needed water treatment plant. A plant estimated to cost \$26 million.

Work on the plant, being constructed across from the Six Nations bingo hall, began in April

2010 with a price tag of \$26 million.

Today Elected Chief Bill Montour has been forced to find funding elsewhere after changes demanded by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) regional office paid consultants pushed construction beyond the March 31st, 2011 completion date.

Elected Chief Montour has had to ferret out funds to secure completion of the project.

"Yes, it was suppose to be paid by the Economic Action Plan. No, it isn't now," he told Turtle Island News.

He said, pulling the funds, "has put Six Nations at financial risk." He said while he has a commitment from the deputy minister's office to pay for what has now be-

come a \$30 million project, because of changes made by INAC consultants, Six Nations has to pick up the tab for any interest charged on the project that will use bridge financing.

"The deputy minister has given us a commitment to pay for it. But we will have to use bridge financing to do it, and we have to pay the interest, even though they put us in this spot," he said.

The federal government pulled the project from the grant list when it couldn't be finished by March of this year.

But the plant, an 18 month project, was hit by hurdles and demands from the regional INAC office that kept it from reaching its target date.

"It has put us at financial risk. The

problem is every time we turn around regional office has a hoop they want us to jump through," he said.

He said the price tag jumped from \$23 to \$30 million. "INAC brought in a consultant that said we needed all kinds of things. He's a doctor of chemistry who hasn't built a single plant but I have an engineer that has built 23 but INAC is telling us how to build it."

He said Six Nations is now looking at bringing storage to the top of a hill when test found the soil may not be able to hold up the 500 metre long tanks.

"These tanks are quite heavy so if they aren't support properly right off the start they will crack and break," he said.

He said bringing the storage to the

top of hill, allows the plant to use gravity feed and make use of a low lift pump at the river.

Council approved the request from the contractor K.L. Martin Engineering for an increase in funds to make the changes.

At the general finance meeting last week, Senior Administrative Officer (SAO) Dayle Bomberly said more than \$300,000 is needed to satisfy new INAC construction criterion.

"We've been trying to manage this project and keep INAC happy," Bomberly told council. "These are new cost changes."

Those changes have meant the money now has to come from other areas including the First Nation Waste Water budget.

Police arrest three

Six Nations Police proved to be fleet of foot last week when they found a truck stuck in a ditch, on Jan 12, and three men running from the scene. One of the men headed into the bush, away from where the 2006 GMC Sierra pickup was stuck, on Fifth Line Road near Seneca Road. The other men headed off across an open field, pursued by officers who later confirmed the truck had been stolen from the Waterloo area. Bradley James Hill, 24, of Ohsweken, was charged with possession of stolen property, breach of recognizance and breach of probation. Hill also has a warrant for his arrest from the Cornwall Community Police for breach of probation, possession of a controlled substance, and failure to appear. Brandon Alexander Hill, 31, of no fixed address, is charged with possession of stolen property, and breach of probation. Hill had a warrant out for his arrest from Toronto for being unlawfully at large. Frank Thomas Butler, 29, of no fixed address is charged with possession of stolen property. All three were held for a formal bail hearing.

District 4 Councillor complains:

Contractors taking their time completing jobs

By Evan French
Writer

Contractors working at homes for elderly residents are taking their time completing jobs, charges a local band councillor.

At a general finance meeting held last week, District Four Coun. Helen Miller said she's heard about some contractors working at homes on Six Nations - being paid through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation - who are taking way too long to finish the jobs they've signed on to complete, and it's mainly the elderly being affected.

Former District Six councillor, Barbara Harris appeared before council.

She said some of the projects have been lingering - uncompleted - for up to two years.

"Some of the contractors are taking on too many jobs," she said.

District Three Coun. Ross Johnson said he's spoken with a lady from his district who was having trouble getting work done on her property. He said he thinks policy needs to change so that contractors aren't given too much money up front.

"They're getting too much money in

advance, and they're using that money on other projects," he said. "So once they use that money there's no money... what I think is they have to put up their money first. They're taking advantage of our old people, our handicapped, our disabled. You name it that's what they're feeding on."

Coun. Dave Hill said a preferred contractors list had been posted at the housing office but it's since come down.

"If they run into any kind of complication or problems then everybody is wanting to say it's housing's prob-

lem," he said. "It's a problem that's been ongoing, but ultimately the homeowners are the ones who hire the contractors and housing doesn't." Miller said she thinks contractors shouldn't get paid in full until they've finished the work.

"These people are elderly. They don't know how things work," she said. "The elderly don't want to complain, they know that elderly are trusting and they know the elderly don't want to go raise a big stink. We need to help our elderly people deal with these kind of issues."

Harris said some of the projects

taken on by contractors don't even seem to make sense.

She said in one case, a contractor has installed a basement at a home with a pond in the backyard. She said the beams have since sunk and the basement is a mucky mess, but the contractor hasn't been around to fix it. "It's like an indoor pool," she said. Harris said some kind of penalty needs to be enforced to further motivate contractors to get their work done on time.

"It's the senior women who are taking these men at their word," she said.

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation has new digs

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation has a new home.

NAAF, a national organization that works with youth moved from its office space at Six Nations Polytechnic to the Oneida Business Park.

Some may be familiar with the office space. It's where land rights negotiations had been taking place.

The national organization hosted an open house last Wednesday to introduce the public to the centre and its activities.

CEO Roberta Jamieson was not available for photos or an interview.

The event was an opportunity for the community to meet some of the staff at the Foundation, see the new office space, and learn more about NAAF.

Turtle Island News attended the open house but was unable to interview the CEO.

Instead Director of Education, Dr. Noella Steinhauer said aboriginal



Noella Steinhauer
Director of Education

said. But even though many Aboriginal youth face fierce challenges, "we have to move forward."

Steinhauer said it was important for Aboriginal youth "to know we have a proud heritage, that our people have survived and have moved forward in the face of adversity," she said. When it comes to the future, "we have to do everything to make sure that those people who are going to look after us are well poised for that goal."

The organization has four key areas of operation: an education program, achievement awards, Blueprint for the Future, and Taking Pulse.

The education program is by far the largest function of the organization. Last year, 9,800 students were awarded scholarships and bursaries. Since 1999, 606 students from Six Nations and New Credit have received over \$1.8 million in bursaries and scholarships.

The demand for bursaries and scholarships is very strong, Steinhauer noted.

The Foundation, however, was only able to meet 27% of the need last year. She said NAAF continually solicits the private sector for funding, while at the same time encouraging more students to apply for financial assistance.

Because Aboriginal students often don't know the options available to them, Blueprint for Success exposes students to Aboriginal success stories and potential employers, while allowing NAAF sponsors to interact with Aboriginal youth through work-

shops and a trade fair. Held twice a year in different cities across Canada, Steinhauer said students have found the event inspiring and motivating. "Our hope is just to inspire and create that sense of success," she added.

Taking Pulse helps link high school students to information about employment opportunities and career paths through Industry in the Classroom

The second branch of Taking Pulse, Rivers to Success, is research-oriented. The Foundation consults with Aboriginal youth at roundtable discussions to learn how to keep youth, particularly high risk students, in school.

Every year the Foundation honours 14 people who have made noteworthy achievements. One of this year's recipients of the youth Achievement Award is Six Nations of the Grand River member, Teyotsihstokwathe Dakota Brant.

Concerned about the high dropout rates, Steinhauer said NAAF hopes to establish the NAAF



NAAF held an open house at its new offices

Institute, which will promote best practices taken by communities to keep their youth in school.

NAAF's long-term lease for the head office at the business park helps Six Nations move toward achieving economic self sufficiency, said Matt Jamieson, the

Director of Economic Development for Six Nations of the Grand. "Every opportunity we can take to offset deficits and create own-source revenue is a priority for us," he said. The Business Park ran a deficit of \$566,242 in 2010.

Cigarettes seized in Alberta

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Western Canada and we felt we could enter the market legally through the federal guidelines of the Canada Revenue Agency," he said. "Whenever we try as sovereign people to develop economic alternatives, the powers that be slap us down."

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission issued an emailed statement Thursday saying the cigarettes broke provincial law.

"The tobacco was not properly marked for legal sale in Alberta and this violates the provincial Tobacco Tax Act. The investigation is ongoing and no charges have been laid," said the statement.

It is estimated the cigarettes represent about \$3 million worth of tax revenue to the province.

Some Montana First Nation band members were initially outraged in the wake of the seizure and band Chief Carolyn Buffalo along with band Coun. Len Standingontheroad were suspended for accepting the shipment. It appears that the mood changed

after a meeting Wednesday night between representatives from the cigarette company, band members and council along with the RCMP.

Rice said the suspended politicians had been reinstated. Buffalo said Thursday she was still chief and spoke for her people, according to reports.

Buffalo also demanded the cigarettes be returned. "I will not apologize for seeking economic development and prosperity for my people," Buffalo said.

Band politicians could not be reached. Rice said company officials, including president Robbie Dickson, a company lawyer and an elder, visited the community to explain the situation.

"The people are now backing her, along with Standingontheroad, and we are going forth with this and we are going to fight Alberta with this," he said. "We are getting the backing and support of many nations (in Alberta)." Lank said investigators at the moment do not believe Buffalo or

Standingontheroad will face charges.

"There appears to be no criminal intent on the part of Montana First Nation to hide anything, he said. Lank said investigators have yet to interview company officials, though they met for the first time Wednesday night.

"Discussions were made about them being interviewed. At this point they have not been," he said.

The RCMP is also still investigating the theft of cigarette cartons which police believe have now been distributed in other central Alberta reserves.

"There are obviously bigger issues at stake here too. When I was at the assembly (Wednesday) night, the two nations talked about sovereignty and Native rights," said Lank. "These issues are valid ones and deserve to be challenged in courts of law, but that is beyond the scope of any police department. Our job is to properly investigate what happens." With files from CP and APTN-

Charges in fail to stop

Dyed hair a domestic, slow response time New Credit councillors question OPP

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

NEW CREDIT-OPP Aboriginal Liaison Officer for Haldimand, Mark Hill, was present at the Mississauga of New Credit Council meeting on January 17 to present an OPP report on crime statistics for New Credit for the month of December, 2010. Calling the laundry list of recorded incidents for the month "average," Hill recited the following recorded reports and charges:

1 report of assault causing bodily harm, 2 reports of assault, level 1, 1 report of break and enter, 1 report of theft under \$5,000, 1 report of theft from a motor vehicle under \$5,000, 1 report of fraud, 1 report of mischief, 2 reports of bail violations, 2 reports for obstruct public peace officer, 1 report of bribery/perjury, 1 report for the youth criminal justice act, 3 reports of driving while suspended under the Highway Traffic Act, 1 alarm report, 2 domestic disturbances, 1 report of a suspicious person, 3 phone calls master code, 2 police assists, 2 reports of police information, 3 reports of victim assistance program, 2 court orders, 7 assist calls, 4-911 hang-ups, 3 forensic identification unit responses, 2 missing person reports, 1 under mental health act report, 1 sudden death, 1 warrant, 1 vehicle collision master code, 1 recovered vehicle, 1 abandoned vehicle, 3 liquor licence reports, and 4 charges under the compulsory automobile insurance act.

There were 7 highway traffic act

Haldimand County OPP has charged four men with numerous criminal charges after a Hwy 54 traffic incident Monday (Jan 17) at 11:42 pm when they assisted Niagara Regional Police in a stolen 2002 Chevrolet truck incident that began on Canboro road, when the truck failed to stop. OPP initiated a stop when it hit Haldimand County but suspects sped away at speeds above the 80 km limit. It was stopped on Hwy 54 when Six Nations police deployed a tire deflation device. All four men were treated for minor injuries. Hwy 54 was closed for several hours. Charged with Theft over \$5000 dollars, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Dangerous Driving and Flight from police is Kenneth Davis, 21, of Brant County. Christopher Hill, 22, of Six Nations is charged with Theft over \$5000 dollars, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and breach probation. Two Six Nations youth, a 13 and 17 year old male are charged with Theft over \$5000 dollars, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Fail to Comply.

charges out of 69 reported incidents. There was confusion over some of the terms contained in Hill's report. Hill explained that reports are categorized when calls come in. Hill explained that a code can change upon investigation, but the computer system never changes the code. He related a case where a call had been recorded as a domestic disturbance because the sound of screaming could be heard in the background. Hill said when officers attended the home, they learned the screaming was from a few "young girls who had coloured their hair." The girls were screaming because the dye had turned their hair orange and blue. Hill said officers could correct the code, but the original code will remain in the system.

Councillor Adam Sault said recently there was a heavy police presence near his home, and while he had noticed the police and even been pulled over by the police, there was no explanation offered as to why the police were there. Hill explained when police respond to a call, they usually do not explain their presence to neighbours or passers-by.

Councillor Clynten King asked if it was legal to listen in on Haldimand OPP, fire and ambulance radio communications. He explained he had been sent a link through Facebook that allows people to listen to emergency services radio communications. Hill said people have been listening to emergency services radio communications for years, and he

believed a radio wave is public. Hill explained that because all radio communications are recorded, police have to be careful of what they say on air. Anyone can access the recordings through the Freedom of Information Act. Councillor Adam Sault raised a concern that Councillor Kerri L. King was still waiting for a resolution to a two year old case. Sault said the lack of resolution combined with a seeming lack of response by the police to calls prompted him to question his safety and security. "I try to teach my kid 'cops are great, cops are good, call the cops.' And I'd like to keep it that way. But when we have to call our parents to come with their guns, or my brother or whoever, you know what I mean, we have to buy alarms and we're at the point now where you can't leave your house without alarms on the house and everything else, but with a response time of a day and a half ..."

Hill responded by saying he didn't know very much about Sault's situation, but said calls to the Cayuga OPP detachment made after 4:30 pm were routed through a service, which might account for some of the perceived slow response.

Councillor Stacey LaForme apologized to Councillor Kerri L. Kings, saying "It occurs to me that we have done our fellow Councillor a disservice." LaForme commented on the lack of resolution to King's criminal case, saying "If this had occurred to anyone else, we would have written a letter of complaint." However, while LaForme was suggesting the Council could have done more to assist King, he did not make any proposals that Council should demand better service from the Ontario Provincial Police under the service contract.

New "garbage cooking" units installed at landfill

By Evan French
Writer

Three thermal induction units - two weighing 40 tons and another weighing 34 tons - were getting ready to be lowered into place at the Six Nations landfill site, on Monday.

Supervising the installation was Bruce Montour, of A & M Welders,



Six Nations new landfill site incinerator was busy Monday when three thermal induction units were lowered into the building. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

who said once in place, the units will be used to bake garbage at a high temperature, to boil it down to a mush.

No incineration takes place, so harmful fumes won't get into the air, said Montour.

"These units will handle all the garbage from the landfill," he said, adding that recyclable items will be sorted out prior to mashing.

"It goes in as garbage... three per cent of the volume will come out as ash."

Hydraulic rams are installed underneath the units, helping staff to load the chambers, said Montour.

"I don't know why every municipality isn't doing it," he said. "Instead of Toronto shipping all of its garbage to Michigan."

Montour said the energy generated from the process can be used to power steam turbines.

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Steinhauer said while there may be a lot of aboriginal people statistics aren't in their favour when it comes to education.

"They are also the least likely to complete high school." There's not one clear-cut reason explaining why the Aboriginal high school dropout rate is so high, she

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Communication fails again at band council

Six Nations band council and its departments are suffering from a huge communication problem. In the past few years, actually since they hired a new communications officer, Turtle Island News has never had such a difficult time obtaining information from the band as it does now.



Newspapers ran with bogus wikileaks on INAC Minister John Duncan as satire goes wrong

By Evan French Writer Satire gone wrong sent communications reps for Aboriginal Affairs minister John Duncan scrambling to set the record straight, last week. Fictional diary entries supposedly laying out how the Minister really feels about natives made headlines and newscasts as a legitimate news story, before word it was a fake could spread fast enough.

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New Credit library applies for grant

Mississauga of New Credit Council has thrown its support behind the New Credit Library in its application for a First Nation Library Supplement Grant. The application is being made through Ontario Library Service - North, which gives a maximum grant of \$13,000 a year to eligible libraries to supplement the salaries of First Nation library staff.

Health promotions keeps diabetes information a \$443,072 secret

(Continued from Front) David Jensen said the flu virus is already hitting with more than 1,800 confirmed cases across Ontario. In addition the coroner's office is still investigating the cause of at least one of four recent baby deaths at Six Nations with possible links to the flu.

New Credit land settlement a boon to community, chief says

By Stephanie Dearing Writer NEW CREDIT- There are a lot of smiles around New Credit these days. There's new cars in the neighbourhoods, furniture being delivered and homes being repaired and that has New Credit Chief Bryan LaForme also smiling.

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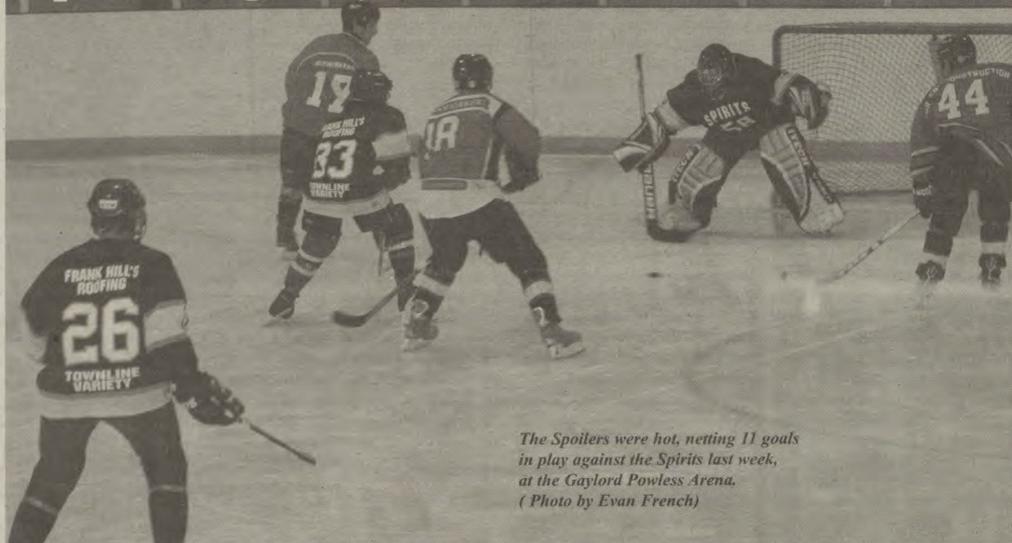
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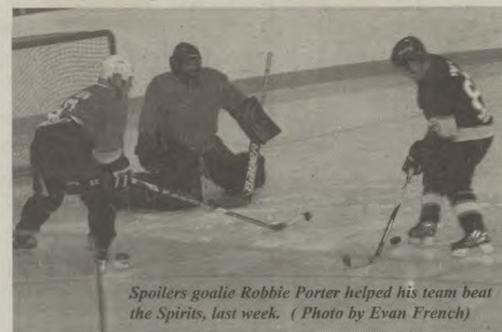
By Evan French
Writer

With only nine players, the Spirits played victim to the Spoilers, in bush league hockey play, last week. The first point went to Eric Hill, who fooled the Spoilers' goalie, Robbie Porter, at 12:31 in the first period. Hill scored again moments later, on a pass from Trent Hill. The Spoilers answered with a goal from Chris Hill, assisted by Chad Montour and Mike Tobin, at 4:32 in the first. Craig McDonald tied the game at two, at 2:51, assisted by Travis Martin and Scott Hill.

In the second period, Eric Hill opened scoring again for the Spoilers, assisted by Trent Hill and Brandon Hill. Sandy Porter made it 3-3, at 15 minutes. A minute later Jason Spurr put the spirits up by one, assisted by Trent Hill and Joe Connolly. But with seconds left in the period Craig McDonald, on a feed from Scott Hill, tied the game



The Spoilers were hot, netting 11 goals in play against the Spirits last week, at the Gaylord Powless Arena. (Photo by Evan French)



Spoilers goalie Robbie Porter helped his team beat the Spirits, last week. (Photo by Evan French)



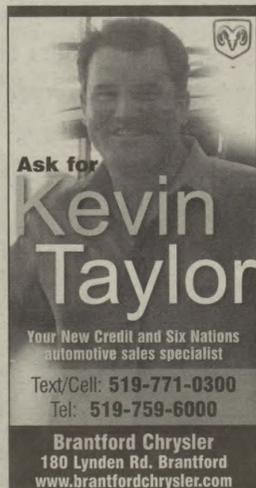
Left: Randy Maracle tended net for the Spirits, last week. (Photo by Evan French)

again. In the third the Spoilers pulled away, with a goal from Scott Hill, and three for Sandy Porter. Brandon Hill and Heath Hill scored for the Spirits, but a goal by Travis Martin, and two more goals by Sandy Porter left the final score at 11-6.

The Spirits paid a \$50 fine for not fielding enough players.

Left: Randy Maracle tended net for the Spirits, last week. (Photo by Evan French)

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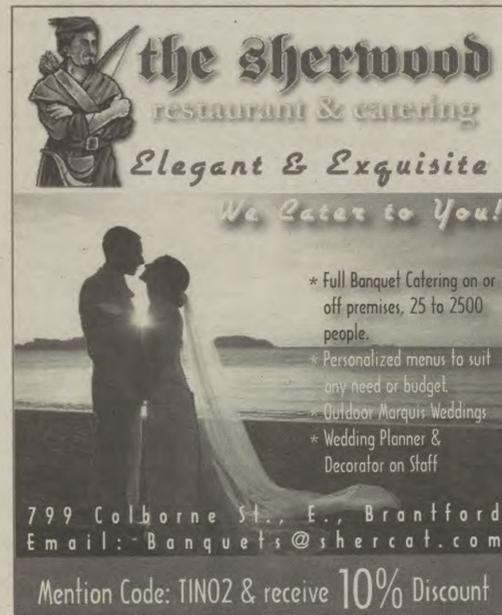
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In ancient times, almonds and almond blossoms symbolized true love. The first literary reference to Jordan almonds comes from Italy in the 1350s when they came to symbolize health, wealth, happiness, fertility and longevity. And, in traditional Greek weddings, sugar-coated almonds are placed in little bags and served on silver trays in odd numbers to symbolize how the newlyweds will share everything and remain undivided.

Did our ancestors know something about the health benefits of almonds? Their various roles in history indicate they did. We know today that a daily handful of almonds is high in vitamin E and healthful monounsaturated fat, and may help lower LDL cholesterol levels. It also packs protein, fibre, calcium and magnesium. So, by involving almonds in a wedding as part of the menu or as a favour, you'll be giving the gift of good health.

Stylish ideas for almond favours. ■ Seal three or five almonds in a small vellum or other paper envelope, with the bride and groom's names and wedding date printed on the front.

■ Gather the almonds in a square of cellophane, wax paper, tissue paper, or fabric such as tulle, chif-

fon, or organza. Tie up the square with grosgrain, satin or chiffon ribbon.

■ For even more elegant presentation, gather the almonds in a handkerchief embroidered with the bride and groom's name and wedding date, and tie with ribbon.

■ Place three or five almonds in a small, clear plastic box - the size used for a ring - or in a small, plain round tin. Tie each box or tin with ribbon.

■ Fill mini champagne glasses, tiny vases, espresso cups, tartlet tins, or small painted flower pots with almonds, and tie them up with cellophane and ribbon.

Place one almond sugar cookie in a small white or gold tuffle box, and tie with ribbon.

■ Package seasoned almonds in a mini Chinese take-out carton. ■ Switch up traditional Jordan almonds with seasoned almonds. For recipe ideas visit www.AlmondsAreIn.com.

And, you may want to attach or insert a note about the favour's symbolism, such as:

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Here are some tips to ensure you make a remarkable record of one of the most important days of your life.

There is no "Take Two." Research your photographer and ensure he or she is a professional. The photographer has only one chance at capturing the bride, groom, wedding party and ceremony. It is a good idea for the photographer to visit the locations of the ceremony and the reception prior to the actual day

so they are comfortable with the lighting and requirements.

The dress isn't the only thing that should be white. When you look back on your wedding photos, you don't want to be distracted by having a less than perfect smile. Use a power toothbrush, like the Philips Sonicare HealthyWhite, to let the natural whiteness of your teeth shine through. This would also make a wonderful gift for the wedding party. After all, smiles make the picture.

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If you want to express sincerity, taking the time to select just the right personalized adornment for her demonstrates a lot of thought. If you need more than Cupid's arrow to get her attention, a gift of the most feminine jewellery in the world is sure-fire way to make you stand out in the crowd.

"The idea is to make her feel very special, so steer towards something personalized and hand-crafted, not a cookie-cutter piece that she might see on someone else," says Amber Bonnell, marketing manager at Pandora, the international jeweller founded in Denmark with retail locations across Canada. "To celebrate life's unforgettable moments together for example, why not start a high-quality charm bracelet for her for about \$100? It's a genuine keepsake — perfect for sweethearts but also for mothers and daughters, or between sisters and girlfriends."

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Boston beats Edmonton

Nick Cotter had a hat trick and added an assist Saturday as the Boston Bruins defeated the Edmonton Oilers 10-7. Casey Powell added two goals and an assist for Boston, while Ryan

Hotelling and Dan Dawson each had a goal and three helpers. Josh Sanderson chipped in with a goal and two assists for the Oilers and Geoff McNulty also scored. Alexander-Kedoh Hill

had two goals and two assists to lead the Oilers. Corey Small, with a goal and an assist, Dane Stevens, Andy Secore, Dean Hill and Jim Quinlan also scored for Edmonton. Anthony Cosmo made

32 saves to pick up the win for Boston, while Matt Disher stopped 39 shots for Edmonton.

Americans lose 4 in a row



By Evan French
Writer

The Rochester Americans had a rough weekend losing three games straight. The Amerks went down 3-1 to the Lake Erie Monsters on Friday, lost a matchup against the Syracuse Crunch on Saturday, and suffered another loss against the Monsters on Sunday.

Despite three unanswered power-play goals, the Americans were unable to defend the offensively-fueled Monsters, who scored two goals in each period and defeated the Amerks at the Blue Cross Arena. With the loss, Rochester falls to 17-21-2-2 and has now lost four in a row. With the win, Lake Erie improves to 19-19-3-4 and has posted three straight wins in as many nights to cap off a perfect weekend.

Mark Olver, who passed Ryan Stoa's team-leading goal count, added two, including the game winner, scoring his 14th and 15th goals of the season and earned top-star honours in tonight's contest for

Lake Erie. Justin Mercier, Harrison Reed and Patrick Rissmiller also added goals in the offensive blast for the Monsters.

Rochester's Mike Kostka and Joe Callahan both had a multi-point game for the Amerks, earning the second and third star on the night, respectively. Chris Taylor also contributed two assists on the night. The Monsters struck first in the contest on a goal by Olver just 2:57 into the opening frame. After an attempted pass by Kostka alluded team-mate PJ Fenton, the puck squirted out into the high slot right to Olver, who rifled a shot to the top corner past netminder Tyler Plante. The tally was the third in as many games for the 23 year old forward.

Lake Erie extended its lead to 2-0 at 8:28 with a shorthanded goal, the league-high 11th surrendered on the season by Rochester. Mercier carried the puck into the attacking zone and drove wide around Kostka before beating Plante to the short-side with a wrist shot from the left face-off dot. Reed gave the Monsters a three-

goal advantage just 2:32 into the middle stanza. After the Amerks turned the puck over high in their own zone, the Lake Erie centerman grabbed it and fired it past Plante for his opening goal of the season. Patrick Bordeleau also earned a point with the helper.

The Amerks got a goal of their own just under two minutes later. Michael Duco broke his five-game scoreless streak by chipping in his team-leading 13th goal of the year past Monsters goaltender John Grahame. AJ Jenks also assisted on the goal.

Lake Erie quickly regained their three-goal lead, with a tally by Walter at 5:51. Stoa gained possession of the puck behind the Rochester net and dished it straight to Greg Mauldin, who was standing by at the right wing side. Mauldin then sent a pass to Walter stationed in front of the net and redirected the puck in the net behind Markstrom, who replaced Plante earlier in the period. The goal was Walter's 13th of the season. Kostka redeemed himself with

his sixth goal of the year at 11:34 on the man-up. The defenseman's power-play blast from the blue line beat Grahame and put the Amerks back within two.

Less than two minutes into the third period, Rochester used the power-play to their advantage to score back-to-back unanswered goals. The first from Clay Wilson. Bill Thomas handled the puck around the back of the net and tried to sneak the puck in the gap between Grahame and the right post. Grahame came up with the initial block, but Wilson was able to pick up the rebound and finish the play.

The third straight goal on the man-advantage for the Amerks came next at 3:38 to even things out at 4-4. Bates Battaglia, who finally contributed his first point for the

Amerks in more than a month, sent a back-handed pass to Callahan at the goal-mouth where he put it past Grahame for his second point of the night. Taylor also picked up his second point on the night.

The Monsters wouldn't let the score stay even for long, regaining the lead at 10:01.

With less than 30 seconds remaining, Lake Erie's Patrick Rissmiller sent an unassisted goal into the empty net after the Amerks attempted to pull Markstrom in hopes of tying the game. The goal was Rissmiller's ninth of the season and left the game at a 6-4 final.

The Amerks headed north of the border on Tuesday, for a 7:00 p.m. bout with the North Division-leading Hamilton Bulldogs at Copps Coliseum.

Ticks on a hot streak



By Evan French
writer

The Woodticks have posted their third win in a row, having beat the Rez Dogs, 9-4, at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena, Sunday night. After a few minutes of back-and-forth play, Josh Powless netted the first point for the Woodticks. But the Rez Dogs came back to tie the game around the ten minute mark, at moments later an unassisted effort from Vern Hill put them ahead of the Woodticks by one. Hill sat out for two minutes, for high sticking, and

were down by a man for a highstick infraction. But being short-handed didn't affect their offence, as the Woodticks' Paul Hill potted one, assisted by Craig Atwood and Darcy Powless, at seven minutes. Josh Powless was next to score, at 5:23, giving the Wood ticks a four point lead. They extended it to five when Jim Henhawk scored at 3:21, assisted by Brent Longboat. And Steven Wilson gave the Ticks their final point, with two minutes left in play. A penalty to Ashton Jacobs, at 1:26, put the Woodticks down a man for the rest of play, allowing Eli Hill, of the Rez Dogs, to capitalize on a pass from Dus Nanticoke, making it a 9-4 final.

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Golden Eagles win 2, lose one in a shootout

The Brantford Golden Eagles record stands at 24 - 11 - 2, after beating Sarnia on the road, on Jan 6, losing to Cambridge in a shootout, on Jan 13, and beating Stratford on Jan 16.

Eagles head coach Mike Bullard said they put in a couple of good efforts, and would have come out with three wins if it weren't for the tough 4 - 3 loss to Cambridge. He said using goal

tender Kari Rikkonen against Stratford worked out well. The Eagles posted 5 - 3 victories over Stratford and Sarnia, and look to regroup for their next contest against Owen Sound, on

Saturday. "We're going to work on our system, fine tune the engine," said Bullard.

Knighthawks homeopener rocked by Toronto

By Evan French writer

Despite scoring the early go-ahead goal, the Rochester Knighthawks couldn't contain the Toronto Rock, dropping a 12-9 decision in their 2011 home opener tonight at The Blue Cross Arena. With the loss, Rochester breaks its 15-0 all-time regulation home win streak versus Toronto and drops to 1-1 on the season. Toronto improves to 2-0 and remains on top of the East division, and claimed their first regular season win at the Blue Cross Arena in their franchise history. While Toronto had never won at that arena in 15 previous regular-season attempts, it did beat the Knighthawks 8-6 in the 2003 championship game.

In his first game in Rochester, Cody Jamieson, the first-overall pick in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, recorded his first-career hat trick in front of 6,025 fans and tallied three assists on the night.

Garrett Billings led the way for Toronto with eight points (2+6), while Blaine Manning tallied a six-point game (2+4) and had support with five-point performances from teammates Stephan Leblanc (3+2) and Colin Doyle (2+3).

The night also included a couple milestones, as K-Hawk captain Shawn Williams scored his 900th career point with a goal in the second, and Rock netminder Bob Watson recorded his 6,000th career save. The veteran goalie finished with 53 saves, while Rochester's Matt Vine stopped 41.

In the first quarter, Jamieson opened the scoring for Rochester, bouncing a shot past Watson for a 1-0 lead.

Toronto quickly responded, adding goals from Billings and Doyle just 23 seconds apart. The

Rock then extended their lead to 3-1 at the 6:37 mark when Manning took a shot that touched all three goalposts before finding mesh. Two minutes later, Rochester's Mike Accursi cut the lead to 3-2 when he rocketed a shot between the legs of Watson. However, Toronto countered with another three-goal run with goals from Manning, Kasey Beimes and Doyle, respectively, to take a 6-2 lead into the second quarter.

In that quarter, it didn't take long for Toronto to add another goal, with Billings adding his second of the night, just 13 seconds in, off feeds from Leblanc and former K-Hawk Stephen Hoar.

But Rochester went on a scoring streak of its own, netting three-consecutive goals in a 10-minute span. Williams scored his first goal of the game at the 3:09 mark, firing a quick shot through the Toronto defense. On the goal, Shawn Evans was credited with his second assist of the night and finished with four total.

Rochester rookie Jarrett Davis then added another, which was followed by an impressive behind-the-back goal by Craig Point.

The Rock closed out the first-half scoring when Leblanc made the lead 8-5 at the 11:14 mark.

Eight minutes into the second half, Aaron Perras recorded back-to-back goals for Toronto, who held the home team scoreless in the third. In the final period, Leblanc and Jamieson traded goals twice in-a-row at 4:07 and 5:48, and again at 10:11 and 11:10. Point and Accursi added goals in the final two minutes, but the early deficit proved too much for Rochester and the Rock held on for a 12-9 victory.

The Knighthawks will hit the road on Saturday, January 22nd for

a 7:30 p.m. showdown with the Boston Blazers. The game is the first of two straight against the Blazers. Rochester hosts Boston on Saturday, January 29th at 7:35 p.m. at The Blue Cross Arena.

Right: The Woodticks won their third game in a row, over the Red Dogs, in mens league lacrosse play, Sunday night at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena.



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THE PROCESS

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In September 2008 the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for this project received Environmental clearance. However, a TESR Addendum may be required to document two design options that were not identified during the 2008 preliminary design; including the rehabilitation of the Highway 8 ramp underpass, and the potential realignment of the Fountain Street bridge to the west of the existing alignment. Upon completion of the Detail Design and Class EA Study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be made available for a 30-day public review period. This document is not eligible for a bump-up (Part II Order) in accordance with the Class EA. Notification of the DCR and TESR Addendum submissions and review locations will be published in this newspaper.

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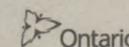
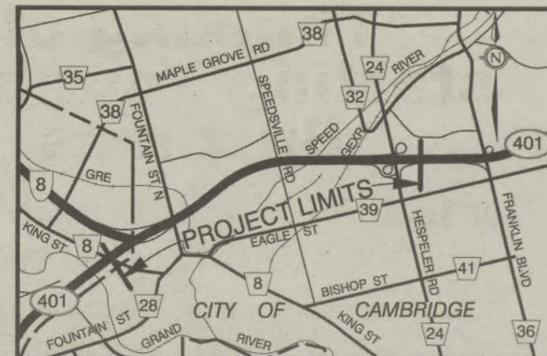
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Alzheimer's disease... it's more than you think First wave of baby boomers turning 65 not ready for Alzheimer's Alzheimer Society survey reveals alarming knowledge gap Canadians can test their own knowledge at www.alzheimer.ca/testyourknowledge

Brantford, ON January 5, 2011 – An online survey of baby boomers across Canada conducted by the Alzheimer Society reveals a worrying lack of awareness about Alzheimer's disease.

Survey results show that an astonishing 23 per cent of boomers can't name any of the early signs of Alzheimer's disease, even though their risk doubles every five years after age 65.

Of those surveyed, 50 per cent identified memory loss as a key symptom, but failed to mention other critical signs.

We know that over the next 25 years, the numbers of persons with dementia will double. We also know that there are things we can do to reduce our risk and/or delay the onset of dementia. "Boomers can be proactive about Alzheimer's disease by educating themselves and reducing risks in simple ways such as eating a balanced diet, regular exercise, and engaging in social and challenging activities," says Mary Burnett, Chief Executive Officer, Alzheimer Society of Brant.

Most boomers are familiar with the common hallmark of Alzheimer's disease of not recognizing familiar faces and objects. But less than half know about life-altering changes, such as hallucinations or total dependency on others for basic care, that occur in the disease's later stages. More troubling, respondents are unaware that diabetes, obesity, heart disease and chronic depression significantly increase their odds for developing the disease. Today's findings confirm a disturb-

ing lack of knowledge about Alzheimer's disease among boomers, the country's largest demographic group, who will become increasingly at risk as they age. But the reasons for self-awareness and prevention have never been more compelling. Without a cure or drugs to stop the disease, Alzheimer's is destined to be the most pressing and costly health issue boomers will face in their lifetime: either they will get the disease themselves or be faced with caring for someone with the disease.

The Alzheimer Society of Brant offers supportive counselling, a volunteer visiting program, resource libraries and a number of education programs which are available to both those diagnosed with dementia and their care partners. One client, who would like to remain anonymous, says: "The Alzheimer Society of Brant has provided an invaluable service to our family in a very short period of time. We are so fortunate that these services exist in our community. Not only have they given us a wealth of information, support and resources, but they have also provided connections to other programs and services in our community that we never knew existed. It is an absolute relief to know that this agency is here to help us in our time of need."

During Alzheimer Awareness Month, the Alzheimer Society is asking Canadians to test their own knowledge by taking the survey at www.alzheimer.ca/testyourknowledge. The Society also urges Canadians, especially those 40 and older,

to practise prevention by learning the risks and making simple lifestyle changes: eat a heart-healthy diet, stay active, exercise regularly, maintain a healthy weight and monitor their blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

About Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease is the leading form of dementia. It is a fatal progressive disease of the brain that robs memory and steals the ability to reason, communicate and perform daily tasks. Changes in the brain can begin to appear decades before diagnosis and progression can last between seven and 10 years. Eventually, the person affected will require 24-hour care and supervision. Age is the single biggest risk factor but the disease

can also strike as early as 40.

About the survey

More than 1,000 Canadians aged 45 to 65 completed the survey in July 2010. Men and women were split evenly. Of those surveyed, 37 per cent had some personal connection to the disease. None were affiliated with the Alzheimer Society in any way, nor have they or a family member donated to or used any of the Society's programs and services. Boomers were tested in three areas: early signs of Alzheimer's disease (unaided and aided awareness); later-stage symptoms (aided), and key risk factors (aided). To read the results, visit

www.alzheimer.ca/testyourknowledge

Mission statement of the Alzheimer Society of Brant

Our mission is to assist individuals and families as they deal with the personal and social consequences of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The Alzheimer Society also strives to promote education, advocacy, public awareness and to support research into the cause, treatment and alleviation of dementia.

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Gout

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Gout affects about 5% of Canadians, typically affecting males over 40.

It is caused by crystals accumulating in the joints. These crystals are formed when high levels of uric acid over burden its saturation in the serum. Uric acid is a by-product of the breakdown of purines, a protein produced naturally by the body, and also found in certain foods such as anchovies, herring, asparagus, and beer. The oversaturation of uric acid is either caused by too much uric acid in the body or not enough being eliminated by the kidney.

Gout can be treated with an appropriate prescription from your doctor. Two main medications are used in the treatment of gout attacks. One is a medicine called colchicine, which helps to control the pain, but is limited by its side effects of diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. Another key medication group is the NSAID family. These are non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs which are used for a variety of pain and inflammatory conditions. A common medication used in this family is indomethacin. In addition, a group of medications help eliminate the uric acid through the kidneys, but they are seldom used because they may increase the risk of kidney stones.

If gout happens regularly the doctor may order a blood test to check the uric acid levels. High uric acid levels can be controlled with medication. The gold standard has always been to control these levels with a medication called allopurinol. Recently a new medication called febuxostat (Uloric) has been introduced in Canada which in studies compared to allopurinol brought down the uric acid levels more aggressively. The lowering of uric acid over time reduces the number of gout attacks a person will experience.

Lastly, diet measures will help too. Drinking lots of fluid is especially important. The recommendation is 8-16 cups per day with half being water. Avoiding sources of dietary purine is another important step. Vitamin C, cherries and dark fruit have also been demonstrated in studies to help lower uric acid levels.

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