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Turtle Island News finds audit posting

Band Council deficit whopping \$1.5 million, previous councils blamed

By Lynda Powless and Mike Sheeler
Writers

Even with an almost \$2 million injection of Casino Rama funds to offset a growing \$3.4 million deficit, band council is still over \$1.5 million in debt but elected Chief Bill Montour is blaming previous administrations for the increase.

Six Nations band council has diverted \$1,881,283 from the Casino Rama Future Generations Fund to supplement deficit laden band department budgets.

Without the Rama injection Six Nations could have seen a \$3,438,547 deficit for fiscal 2009.

Montour said during early audit discussions band council kept finding expenses they did not know existed.

He did not detail what those findings were saying there were deferred projects from previous administrations or money sitting in other places that was not used.

"We are cleaning that up and getting a true picture of the finances so there will be a jump in the deficit and its primarily public works. We are not getting the capital money for a community of this size."

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Firefighters fight fire and heat

Six Nations volunteer firefighters took to the ladders to try to save the Maracle homestead on Townline Road last week. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

Band council won't demand councillor step down

By Lynda Powless and Mike Sheeler
Writers

Six Nations Band Council is using a section of the election code that says a councillor caught in extenuating circumstances does not have to resign his seat if he lives outside the district he represents.

Councillor Levi White represents District Three from his father's District Five home.

Elected Chief Bill Montour said the councillor has said there is no available housing in District Three.

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Swine flu tops agenda of premiers and aboriginal leaders meeting

By Jennifer Graham
THE CANADIAN PRESS

REGINA-Aboriginal leaders say they're encouraged by the response after turning to Canada's premiers for help dealing with the swine flu outbreak.

Leaders from the Assembly of First Nations, the Native Women's Association of Canada and other groups talked about pandemic plans at a meeting with the premiers last Wednesday in Regina.

"The H1N1, the pandemic that exists now is expected, particularly this fall, to surge and we've got to make sure that surge planning is in place," said Shawn Atleo, the newly elected head of the Assembly of First Nations.

"We heard an expression from the premiers that there's a shared notion that this must be done. We also share with the concern about the isolated northern communities, that we make sure that the necessary resources are there in advance, not just centralized in the urban settings."

"We've got to make sure that communities have the resources to be full partners in planning."

Atleo said the premiers recognize the need to ensure medical supplies and strategies to fight swine flu are available in remote areas.

Swine flu has hit some aboriginal communities particularly hard and leaders have pointed out that poor living conditions make people who

live in them more vulnerable to the disease.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, who hosted the meeting at the provincial legislature, said afterward that the premiers are "sensitive to the fact" that there are certain populations that seem more vulnerable than others when it comes to H1N1. Wall said every government is doing what it can.

"Almost every premier spoke up at this meeting and said, 'Here's what we're doing.' It's sort of uncharted waters for all of us," said Wall.

"There is at least some agreement that the provinces have identified this as an issue and have a plan and

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H1N1, communication, education needed Premiers mounting plan of action

(Continued from front) are working with our respective First Nations and aboriginal peoples."

Wall also said the premiers aren't done discussing H1N1, adding that the issue will be added to the agenda when they meet Thursday.

Mary Simon, president of the national Inuit group, said health authorities across the country are working on battling the flu, though she didn't know of a specific national plan to help aboriginals deal with the swine flu outbreak.

"I'm not aware of a specific plan for the Arctic or for Inuit at this point," said Simon, who admits the issue is a big concern.

"I'm not suggesting that there is no federal plan. I think the problem that we have in our community is that there is no public education



Shawn Atleo

going on or very little of it." In Manitoba for example, roughly two-thirds of the H1N1 cases that required hospital intensive care involved aboriginals. The situation will challenge officials going into



the fall, Manitoba Premier Gary Doer said at Wednesday's meeting. Doer said the gathering was the first chance the premiers have had to discuss the outbreak since it started in the spring.

"We have to prepare, I believe, as Canadian leaders ... as if there is an H1N1 truck coming around the corner with serious implications for the health of many Canadians," said Doer.



Bev Jacobs

"I do believe having gone through the SARS issue that we're way better equipped dealing with command and control and co-operation between the federal and provincial governments than we were with

SARS, but I think we also have to prepare for an H1N1 truck coming around the corner with its huge pressures."

The Native Women's Association had a suggestion for the premiers. Association president Beverley Jacobs said Wednesday that aboriginal women can play a key role in preparedness planning because they are the caregivers in families and communities.

"There has been very little discussion about how aboriginal women are directly impacted by the disease, also the role that they do play in preventing the spread of infection," she said.

The meeting came as another death was reported in British Columbia from the H1N1 flu virus, pushing the total number of swine-flu deaths in Canada to 62.

Aboriginal swine flu experiences change approach in Manitoba, Ontario

By Aldo Santin
THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINNIPEG- The image of dozens of aboriginal residents being flown to Winnipeg for treatment of swine flu helped convinced both Manitoba and Ontario to revise how northern native communities are to be treated during outbreaks, said both provinces' chief medical officers of health Friday.

The experiences of residents of the Garden Hill and St. Theresa Point First Nations in northeastern Manitoba convinced health officials in both provinces that risk factors for treatment should be expanded to include anyone who is aboriginal.

"As soon as we saw a pattern that showed severe disease was more common in people of aboriginal descent, then that became an addi-

tional risk factor and we communicated that to health officers very soon after that," said Dr. Joel Kettner, Manitoba's chief medical officer of health.

The province's clinical care guidelines for the treatment of swine flu outbreaks included a list of risk factors that physicians and nurses had to determine before antiviral medication, like Tamiflu, would be administered to patients.

For most patients, antivirals would only be prescribed if they were severely ill. Those guidelines caused the chiefs of both first nations to complain that health officials were ignoring the realities of northern living. The

chiefs said their communities lacked simple amenities like running water and hand sanitizers and that few, if any, of their people were given antivirals until after

they were flown to Winnipeg for treatment. Chiefs David Harper and David McDougall were incensed when they learned that an outbreak on the isolated reserve of Sandy Lake in northwestern Ontario was treated more aggressively than the outbreak had been in their communities. When the virus appeared at Sandy Lake, three weeks after it had occurred in Manitoba, hundreds of doses of antiviral medication were flown into the

community. A Health Canada official said late Friday that 160 Sandy Lake residents were treated with antiviral drugs. Unlike what happened in Garden

Hill and St. Theresa Point, no one from Sandy Lake had to be flown out for treatment. Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, said she altered her province's care guidelines immediately upon assuming her post in mid-June, adding that the Garden Hill and St. Theresa Point experience played a part in her decision. Health Canada officials said the Manitoba experience also played a key role in Ontario changing its guidelines.

"Following lessons learned in Manitoba ... the Province of Ontario adapted their provincial guidelines to increase the antiviral allocation to northern communities," a Health Canada spokeswoman said in an email to the Winnipeg Free Press.

King said conditions such as the lack of running water, lack of extensive medical facilities and overcrowding in aboriginal communities makes residents more susceptible to the virus.

"The combination of all those factors led us to implement an aggressive early treatment strategy," King said, adding her decision was affected by experiences in other countries as well as what had happened in Manitoba.

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Election code demands councillors live in district they represent

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He said White explained he did not feel he should have to step down because he no longer lives in District Three, citing marital breakdown as circumstances beyond his control.

Band council dealt with the issue in an unscheduled special council session recently.

When band council would not answer Turtle Island News questions on the issue, editor Lynda Powless, who lives in District Three, sent a letter to council questioning the move.

Elected chief Montour said when he received the letter "I checked with the chief electoral officer and there is a clause in the election code that says circumstances beyond his control, there is no available housing in District Three at this point."

And he claimed the code also says "if a councillor is going to be recalled a majority of electors of the district have to sign a petition (recalling the councillor) and there is no petition." However, that section applies to impeachment of a councillor.

Montour said council told the councillor "he would have to move back to District Three when housing becomes available but right now there is nothing available."

He said the councillor, who has

lived outside the district for more than a year has not been given a time frame for him to move back into district."

Marital breakdown is not listed in the election code as an "Act of God" beyond councillor's control.

The election code says under section XII A member of the Elected Council shall be removed from Council when:

a) a Councillor ceases to reside on the Six Nations reserve in the district they were voted into.

Or b) a valid petition is brought forth to the Council at a duly convened General Council Meeting signed by the majority of the eligible voters that voted in that District at the General Election when the Councillor was voted into office.

c) cannot, within 90 calendar days, have a charge of an indictable offence in Canada, or a felony in the United States of America, cleared, d) is convicted of an indictable offence in Canada, or a felony in the US

e) Misses three consecutive Full council meetings without reasonable excuse or notification to Council f) Becomes an employee of the Six Nations Council

The election code says exceptions to the section include; "burnt out of house due to fire, unusual circumstances beyond their control. It does not list marital breakdown as a circumstance beyond their control."

According to document obtained by Turtle Island News, White was in full control of his decision to leave District Three.

In fact, White told a local banking institute, in writing, that he would no longer be paying the mortgage on his home, because he no longer lived there.

White did not respond to Turtle Island News calls to his band council issued cell phone. But his father Ernie White, who lives in District 5 said the councillor "comes and goes I'm never sure when he's going to be home."

White is another in a growing list of band councillors caught in contravention of the Six Nations Custom Election Code or council bylaws in recent years that have refused to step down from office.

Former councillors charged in criminal offences have continued to finish their terms despite sections of the Election Code demanding they step down within 90 days of being charged with an indictable offence in Canada, or a felony in the US.

Councillors can also be removed from office for missing three full council meetings without reasonable excuse or notification to Council.

His fellow councillor in District Three Joanne Johnson was removed by band council from the economic development committee after a band council eco-housing development project ended up in private hands.

Johnson was removed from the committee but council did not demand she step down or cite a breach of her oath of office. Councillor Wray Maracle is in contravention of Six Nations residency bylaw. He lives at Six Nations with a non-native partner. Maracle said when elected he hopes to work towards changing the residency bylaw.

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White is not the only councillor in contravention of the election code, oath of office or band policies. His fellow councillor in District Three Joanne Johnson was removed by band council from the economic development committee after a band council eco-housing development project ended up in private hands.

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Planet Indigenous launches this weekend

Planet IndigenUs will be launching its 10 day Indigenous arts festival beginning this weekend at Harbourfront Centre in Toronto. But a number of events will be held at the Woodland Cultural Centre and Chiefswood National Historic Site. A dance segment by well know local dance artist Santee Smith will be held artists from Australia,

Hawaii, New Zealand, Mexico and Norway over the next two weekends.

Six Nations womens singers will perform, there will be an indigenous land rights panel made up of representatives from Six Nations and New Credit this weekend at Woodlands along with lacrosse demonstrations and singers.

A wampum workshop will be held and creation of the world's largest wampum belt will take place on August 21 with about 200 people expected to participate in human belt, and a music challenge using Pauline Johnson poetry will be heard next weekend.

Band council deficit rises to over \$1.5 million

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Next year, he said First Nations will be required to identify depreciation. "But every year INAC changes the auditing requirements. Some bureaucrat gets a brainwave of something else."

However, with the exception of Chief Montour and Band Councilors Wray Maracle, Claudine Van-Every-Albert and Joanne Johnson, all the remaining councillors; Dave Hill, Helen Miller, Carl Hill, Ava Hill, George Montour, Chris Martin, Levi White Barb Harris and Melba Thomas were on the previous councils where the debts are alleged to have occurred.

Six Nations band council quietly posted the band's deficit laden audit on its website recently where Turtle Island News found it. The backdoor public posting of the audit has become a staple of the current council.

Six Nations Band Council Chief Montour said the audit was completed in July. He charged auditors aren't really supporters of First Nations who give priorities to corporate clients leaving First Nations hanging and often causing them to miss Indian and Northern Affairs Canada deadline.

Previous councils had publically announced and distributed the audit for the community's perusal. It isn't known when band council approved the audit.

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Own Source Revenues: Included in that revenue off setting band council's deficit is \$23,438,349 in Casino Rama funds \$2,426,841 in the Ottawa Trust Fund, \$273,548 left in the controversial "War Chest" used for litigation.

Band Council also collected \$1,095,044 in its economic development Fund, investment in SNC Enterprise Fund of \$3,559,976. The Six Nations Enterprise Fund includes revenues from the bingo

hall, Iroquois Village Centre, Eagle's Nest, Commercial Buildings, Welfare and Innovations building, White Pines Wellness Centre and Six Nations investment in Six Nations Natural Gas Company.

However the current audit, unlike previous years does not detail revenues or deficits generated by the Six Nations owned companies.

Six Nations Band council oversaw a total of \$30,793,758 in community generated revenues from the Casino Rama funds to trust funds and own revenue sources.

Deficit Growing The current audit (April 1 2008-March 31, 2009 fiscal year) shows a huge deficit increase in the band administration costs. The audit shows a deficit that climbed to more than six times the 2007-2008 band administration deficit.

Band admin. huge deficit In 2008-2009 the band administration deficit grew to \$190,981 from a \$31,291 deficit in the 2007-2008 year.

Montour explained the increase as a hedge against possible future costs. He said the finance department has included a "\$100,000 contingent liability for pending court cases and donations to local organizations you cannot put a finite figure on it. Next year that will be a real figure."

Public Works, ran a \$2,268,108 deficit compared to the previous year at \$2,063,188. The fire department deficit is down to \$783,607 from \$905,253. Housing is running a \$169,313 deficit up slightly from the previous year at \$134,813.

Another surprise comes in Economic Development who more than doubled their deficit at \$478,166 compared to \$202,546 the previous year.

He said there have been four economic development officers in last three years who started projects that went nowhere. "They couldn't do the job or left for various reasons."

He said an inability to collect rent amounts needed from commercial properties cuts into the ability to service the debt on properties. Lands and resources is running a \$384,782 deficit.



had differed from the previous year to round out the year with a surplus.

Parks and Recreation started the year off \$371,291 in debt and ended the year still in debt to the tune of \$384,782.

Six Nations Enterprise Funds generated a slight increase in revenue for the community in the 2008-2009 audit clocking in at \$2,514,957 compared to \$2,367,672 in the 2007-2008 year.

Grand River Post Secondary received \$7,326,771 in revenues in the 2008-2009 year and spent \$7,298,895, finishing the audit off with a surplus of \$27,876.

However, former director Rebecca Jamieson explains the surplus is committed funds.

In Social Services the day care ran a \$15,273 surplus and Ganohkwa Sra ended the 2008-2009 year with a \$135,646 surplus.

The Iroquois Lodge ended the year with a huge deficit at \$178,950. The lodge brought in \$2,821,709 in revenues but spent \$3,000,659.

The audit does not detail why the lodge is debt. But Montour said in 2007 Six Nations council took over the lodge and there were discrepancies that have come to light in past financial practices that are now the subject of a forensic audit.

Correctional Services balanced out its year with \$442,871 in revenues and spent \$478,228, but transferred \$35,357 into its budget to balance out the year. It isn't noted where the additional funds came from.

Social Services generated \$2,369,891 in revenues and spent \$2,305,920, a \$63,971 surplus but had a differed opening (money left from last year) of \$77,024 and closing (unspent) of \$13,911.

Six Nations Health Services has the largest budget of all band departments.

Health services received \$11,468,372 in funding last year

and spent \$11,229,396. However the department does not show what happened to the \$238,976 surplus.

Instead it has transferred a \$714,404 deficit to the department and adds a differed (money left over from last year) opening of \$571,004 and a closing (unspent funds) of \$95,576.

The audit did not include a listing of Six Nations Band Council honoraria, staff salaries or where the almost \$2 million in Casino Rama Future Generations funds were allocated.

Montour said this will be the last year departments will be able to use the funds to offset their deficits.

"We identified that there is an amount money coming from funding agencies that is suppose to run that department and service. But a lot of times managers and directors are saying they need more and want it from Rama."

He said "That's not what it (Rama funds) was for but its become a historical thing, when it started flowing it became a fallback (for departments).

He said he told the departments to plan their budgets, with no Rama. Instead band council is creating a "Banking Day".

Montour said "there will be a banking day the last day of September when each department will tell council what they have done with the money they received from their funding agencies looked at future projections and identify areas where there will be a legitimate shortfall and we will fill that gap with Rama dollars for sure."

"Next year when they make their business plans they have to tell us how they are going to deal with it. It is a hardship on some departments but we have to get it under control."

Six Nations has received over \$54 million in Rama funds since its inception with the majority of those funds going to pay down Six Nations band administrations annual deficit.

In previous years a separate audit of the fund was made public.

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Six Nations Band Council applies for Community Funding

Six Nations Band Council took the first step in making the community a little healthier on Aug 4, when they applied for funding under the Ministry of Health's promotion program. The program, called Healthy Communities Ontario,

is taking a new approach in developing partnerships and improving access to programs in addition to offering funding to communities across the province. HCO aims to promote healthy eating, physical activity and recreation and offer education and serv-

ices on tobacco use in addition to other complimentary services. Band Council's application is for the amount of \$107,600.

Youth burned over Olympic Torch run happening at Six Nations

By Mike Sheeler
Writer

For some people the running of the Olympic Torch is a celebration of international peace and sport. But for the Young Ongwehonwe United (Y.O.U.) of Six Nations it is a symbol of destruction and oppression and it ended up as a sometimes feisty plate on Six Nations Band Council's table last Tuesday.

Members of Y.O.U. told band council they want to protest the running of the Olympic Torch in December as it makes it way down Highway 54 along its route to Vancouver.

About 40 members of youth group, accompanied by representatives of the Six Nations Men's Fire, went before Six Nations Band Council on Aug 4 to explain their reasons for wanting to protest. According to the youth spokespeople the province of British Columbia, the Olympic Committee and



Melissa Elliot (centre) and members of the Young Ongwehonwe United gathered before Six Nations Band Council to express their reasons for wanting to protest the running of the Olympic Torch on highway 54 in December.

various ski resorts are responsible for destroying mountain lands and quality of life among aboriginal people. They feel the torch run is the perfect place to make the world aware of what has happened to First Nations peoples in B.C.

"Mother earth is all of ours. We have a responsibility to defend mother earth," said Y.O.U. member Melissa Elliot. "The men have had a meeting. We back up the kids," said Kelly Curley, a member of Men's Fire.

Y.O.U. also presented an eight minute video before Band Council and Six Nations Band members showcasing Sun Peaks Resorts, and other resorts, which they claim are responsible for clear cutting mountain-sides for ski runs and nature trails and allege smokehouses and traditional native structures have also been destroyed during development.

"This is an opportunity for us to show the world we are not going to be washed out," said Melissa Elliot, Y.O.U. member. The discussion between Y.O.U. and Six Nations Council was set up to be a peaceful exchange of opinions and ideas but emotions soon ran high with dialogue between the two groups bordering on confrontational

Band council to sell shoes

By Mike Sheeler

Six Nations Band Council will be selling Nike's new speciality shoe. Nike launched its tailor made, N7 shoe, First Nations foot two years ago after testing over 200 Native American feet and found the average native foot to be slightly wider than other races. Nike approached Six Nations Band Council on Aug 4, about becoming part of a new N7 community program piloted this past February in a native Alberta community. The program allows for native people to purchase a shoe styled and fitted with native needs in mind at reduced cost to the consumer.

According to Jaekie Blackburn, Manager of Nike's First Nations Business, Nike isn't looking for profit on the sale of this footwear. "Nike is not making a single dollar on the N7 program. The benefit for Nike is really the community based communication," said Blackburn. He said profits from the sale of the shoe will go back into health programs in native communities where problems such as obesity and diabetes are high. Participant communities can apply for grants through the N7 fund built on the sales of the shoes.

"We haven't sold a lot of shoes so there isn't much in the fund yet, but there will be," said Blackburn.

Nike officials also said that this is the first time they have designed a shoe specifically for one race or ethnic group. "We want to help First Nations people. All proceeds will go into the N7 fund," added Blackburn. The program has been in operation in the United States since 2007 with Canada joining this year. The shoe, which is not for sale through regular retail channels, is sold through existing community groups that create an account with the Nike program. "We can't just sell the shoe to individuals. It has to be a business or group. One community uses (the shoes) for their Fire Department personnel and their diabetes program," said Blackburn. Individual communities have a lot of autonomy to run the program the way they see fit. Some communities route the sales through their elected councils or through a health program.

"I think there is some interest," said s Band Councillor George Montour. Band Council passed a motion that Six Nations will seek to create an account with the Nike program and sell shoes to community members. Further information will be relayed to Trudy Porter, Director of Finance.

World Breast Feeding Week marked here

By Mike Sheeler

Six Nations community breastfeeding coordinator Stephanie MacDonald has a message for new and about to be Six Nations moms. "The breast is best. Formula doesn't even come close," she says with a smile. MacDonald was in Ohsweken on Aug 6, to promote World Breast Feeding Week which ran from Aug 1, to Aug 7, internationally with an information session at Veteran's Park. The information event boasted a barbeque, a nursing mother's fashion show, attractions for children and an information presentation explaining the benefits of breast feeding.

at times. Some Y.O.U. members shouted out their personal opinions at Band Council. "We have felt harassed for having this opinion," said Melissa Elliot I want to become a speaker for ceremonies at the longhouse. How is the Olympic Torch going to benefit me?" asked Mikey Elliot. "Are we basing this decision on what's good for our kids today? What are you leaving your grandchildren with?" asked Melissa Elliot. Members of the youth group made several direct accusations of Band Council asking them why they aren't helping right now, why they aren't getting involved in issues close to the heart of Six Nations youth.

Some of the 40 local citizens in attendance voiced support Y.O.U. "We have a group of youth that have stood up and had a voice," said a local Six Nations citizen that identified herself only as Darla. "I commend them for that. Without

World Breast Feeding Week marked here

In the presentation MacDonald drove home the fact that breastfeeding increases immunities transferred from mother to child, a valued point considering the recent swine flu health concerns in Six Nations territory. She also mentioned how it is a great source of food for newborns and young children which can save money or help families in an emergency situation. "We want mothers to know there is help out there," said MacDonald. MacDonald also helps run a breastfeeding social group that helps mothers stay healthy and understand the benefits of feeding naturally. For more information call the Six Nations Community Breastfeeding Coordinator at 1-519-445-4922.

Water plant ongoing

The initial bore-hole testing has begun in preparation for the new water supply and treatment plant for Six Nations. technician were out last week on the Grand River on a testing barge near Chiefswood bridge taking a number of tests and samples to determine the parameters for the water treatment plants operations. "This is part of the preliminary tests to make sure nothing will be disturbed," said Frank Montour, Director of Six Nations Public Works. Last March Band Council announced the community would be receiving a water treatment plant. The project

will be funded by the Canadian Economic Action Plan (CEAP) which will spend \$165 million for water and wastewater projects from the \$1.4 billion allotted to aboriginal people. In 2006, there were 193 high risk community water systems in Canada. That number has been reduced to 58 at risk systems. "The CEAP has helped to stimulate development among many parts of the community. Recently Six Nations Band Council accepted \$116,975 for housing under the action plan from CMHC.

Haldimand taking new twist to shutdown smoke huts along Highway 6

By Lynda Powless and Mike Sheeler
Writers

Haldimand County Council is moving to shut down smoke huts along Highway Six by threatening legal action against property owners.

Haldimand County Mayor Marie Trainer has said that a handful of Caledonia area property owners and the Six Nations Band Council have received or will receive notices instructing them to get rid of the shops. "We have to do our due diligence. We're obligated to do what we can and then it goes up the ladder," said Trainer.

Some of the land owners had already received the notices.

"The land owners are receiving them not the smoke huts," she said Monday night before heading into county council.

She said the land owners are being notified the huts are not only trespassing, but breaking Ontario Building Codes and county zoning bylaws. "And then we get into the whole issue of federal laws with il-

legal cigarettes being sold," she said.

Trainer said any business that set up without permission would be receiving the letters whether they are a "bicycle shop to a bakeshop. It's still wrong according to our zoning bylaws and Ontario's building codes."

She said the business have not filed site plans with Haldimand County. "There is no site plan, especially when a business is built we require a needs study, traffic, study, archeology dig, a whole bunch of things have to be taken into consideration. You can't have a new access off a Highway without approvals."

She said Six Nations Band Council, as owners of several of the properties involved, have received letters saying the shops are on their property and do not conform to zoning bylaws and the Ontario Building Code and have to be removed.

"So it is then up to property owner to notify them to get off and if they don't you have to contact police." She said if the landowners ignore the notices then it becomes a court action.

"At least we are doing our part. We are obligated to enforce the zoning bylaw and Ontario Building Codes. It's just kinda sad that it's causing all this."

She said "We are trying to remind people Haldimand County is not the enemy. When this is all solved, the land claims, we are still going to be neighbours, but the ones making decisions are going to be



Marie Trainer

going back to Toronto and Ottawa but we have to live with one another and we don't want to see the wedge get any bigger."

She said she has spoken to a number of people in Caledonia. "I haven't had anyone person say the land claims shouldn't be solved. Everyone wants to see that."

She said the Highway 6 smoke huts aren't about land claims.

"That's not about land claims anymore, it's about illegal cigarettes, firearms. People think the land claims are being used as a smoke screen to allow this activity."

She said both the federal and provincial land negotiations representations have said they will meet every day with Six Nations if they so wish. So it's not the federal government or Ontario slowing down the meetings or not negotiating so it has to be the hereditary chiefs holding it up," she said.

"That's what the federal government and Ontario are tell us. They say they will meet every day of the

week to get these things solved."

Six Nations Confederacy negotiators called a month long break to the talks. But no date to reopen the talks in September has been set.

She said Haldimand county council has met with Six Nations Band Council to discuss the smoke huts. "We have talked to band council about this. They don't want to see this either, its trespassers on Six Nations land. Certain families are not showing respect to the rest of the band or the people. That's kinda sad too. It's not something they are promoting either."

Mayor Trainer said she hopes band council is taking on the problem. "I am hoping they are trying to do something too. They have had their notices. I would have imaged they sent letters to trespassers. It's too bad a few are spoiling it for everyone," she said.

But Smoke shop owners and operators think the notices don't carry any weight.

"Our chiefs made it clear at negotiations what our position is," said Steven 'Boots' Powless, owner and operator of Pine Ridge Tobacco off of Highway Six.

"As far as I know its Confederacy Council's position that if anyone is removed from this land it will be their decision," said James Logan, operator of Six Nations Tobacco, also on Highway Six. "It's native land."

Powless thinks that even if he is removed it won't make any difference. He thinks that if he is shut down someone else will take his place.

"I'm not doing anything wrong here. All I've done is stand up and told them that this is our lands!" added Powless. "Tobacco is one of our traditional crops. We have cultivated it for generations."

Six Nations Confederacy Council issued a position earlier that said Six Nations businesses must locate

on lands they hold a ticket of possession for, or are leasing.

None of the smoke huts along community owned property or lands under claim by Six Nations are being leased to the smoke hut owners.

RCMP statistics on "illegal cigarettes and smuggling" say the sale of tobacco products, unlicensed by the federal or provincial governments is on the rise.

In 2007 approximately 205,000 cartons of unlicensed cigarettes were seized in the province of Ontario.

2008 saw a drastic increase with 570,000 cartons of cigarettes seized and with 419,000 cartons seized already in 2009 the numbers appear poised for another upwards surge.

"At the halfway point of 2009 it definitely looks like we will see an increase in those numbers again," said Marc LaPorte of the RCMP.

According to Six Nations Deputy Police Chief Rocky Smith, there haven't been any cigarette seizures at Six Nations in 2009.

Illegal cigarette trafficking carries the charge of Possession of Unmarked Tobacco along with a fine and possible jail time to a maximum of five years, LaPorte says that the focus isn't always on the small time cigarette runner.

"We try to concentrate on fighting the organizations that move illegal tobacco. There is a resource issue with fighting contraband," added LaPorte.

He said "The RCMP believes to manage this activity it will require public awareness, enhanced agency partnerships and open and ongoing dialogue with aboriginal communities."

Last June Ontario passed amendments to the Tobacco Tax Act giving Canadian courts more authority to penalize cigarette smugglers by suspending their licences.

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Band Council needs to clean up its own house

One of the truest tests of a democracy is the way in which a nation chooses its leaders. Throughout North America that choice boils down to elections. That federal system has a trickle down effect to the provinces/states and regional areas and municipalities. And now within Native American and First Nations communities, mostly through imposed will from fledgling wanna be nations trying to build nations on feet of clay as they took control of First Nations financial resources and well basically stole the land, but that's another issue for another day. In Canada most First Nations communities elect their leaders through a system imposed under the Indian Act. It defines who gets to be a council member or chief and grants a two year term. In what has been described as more progressive communities First Nations have launched their own election codes instilling local "customs" or patterns that are appropriate for their communities. That happened at Six Nations now with three year terms. The problem is ever since the Six Nations "custom" election code has been in place problems have surfaced. The majority of which are a direct result of councillors refusing to abide by the code's regulations and councils allowing councillors to continue to sit while in contravention of the very code that put them in place, leaving the community with no recourse. It has surfaced for several councils in recent history and there have been clear cases of council members who for the good of the community and their own moral integrity should have stepped down, cleared their issue and lived politically to run another day. Six Nations is back into that fray again. And again the band council is hiding behind a section of the Election Code, that clearly is intended for impeachment purposes, to allow a councillor to continue to sit on council while in direct violation of the Election Code. The Election Code clearly states a councillor must live in the district they ran and were elected in. District Three Councillor Levi White does not. He freely admits he no longer lives in the district, hasn't for over a year and cites marital breakdown as his reason. He claims it is circumstances beyond his control and naively band council has allowed it and is not forcing the councillor to move into the district ASAP or resign. There is no question of a need for a petition but it is an excuse for band council to try to hide behind, perhaps with visions of saving their own political hides one day. It also makes a nice and easy excuse for band council to try to avoid the nastiness of forcing a councillor out of his seat by resorting to that excuse, but it is not necessary in this instance. The issue of a petition is clear in the election code and only applies where a district is attempting to impeach their councillor for what ever the reason. That is not the case in this situation. The councillor does not live in the district he ran in and council knows it and is refusing to abide by the rules of the election code. This is not a case of unusual circumstances beyond someone's control. A marital breakdown is a choice people make, it is not something beyond their control and band council must look beyond pettiness and certainly has no business in the bedrooms of Six Nations people. If that is the case than band council has just set a precedent for the community allowing anyone who sleeps over in any district to claim they live there, run in that district, break up with their partner and claim they can't find housing. Six Nations Band Council has an election code. They need to enforce

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it or find themselves in contravention of their oath of office for failing to abide by their oath and live up to what is best for Six Nations. If Band Council cannot abide by its own rules, then why do we have an election code that is unenforceable leaving the community vulnerable to a dictatorial styled leadership, not democracy. Band Council clean up your house..

Negotiations on hold, must be summer

So how do you know when summer hits Six Nations. For the past three years its when the negotiations take a month off. Six Nations land negotiations have been stalled for almost two months with no announcements about when they plan to get back to the table. We have heard there was a secret meeting with federal negotiator Barbara McDougall recently and

chiefs Allen MacNaughton, Leroy Hill and Steve Maracle but not word on what the outcome was or what the Confederacy Chiefs plan was. There was no report to Confederacy Council at a recent meeting. When technicians tried to report they were refused the floor when a Cayuga chief said he only wanted to hear from Chief MacNaughton who did not attend the meeting. And we have heard there is no money flowing to the tables, staff have been laid off and the mice are even eating the wiring in the photocopying machines cause band council can't afford to upkeep its Oneida Business Park property where the negotiations are taking place. These enormously long breaks from the negotiating table need to come to an end along with the federal governments rhetoric about agreeing to disagree.

If not Confederacy Council chiefs need to discuss whether or not they are indeed making progress or hindering progress and are the courts the only authority Canada will answer to. How sad that will be that when given the chance to make history Canada would chose instead to delay action, continue divisions between communities, and internally at Six Nations, foster acts of violence through delays, leave Six Nations vulnerable to those who would chose to act without community agreement by taking over community property or lands under claim while casting community doubt on its leaders. Canada and Ontario should be ashamed of their tactics and instead need to breath new life into their efforts to find solutions and work with the Confederacy Chiefs, if for no other reason than elections are coming...

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Soy beans at Burtch

The Six Nations Farmers Association (SNFA) have planted 205 acres of field corn and 90 acres of commercial soybeans have been successfully planted at the Burtch Farm property. In a press release the association said the crop is suffering from the lack of sunshine and heat, but the plants are progressing well. The next two months will be critical to determine the potential yield

of the crop and if this year's crop will breakeven due to the high input costs and lower commodity values involved this year. The soybean crop should be harvested in min-October and, if the weather co-operates, a portion of the acreage will be planted to winter wheat. The corn crop should be harvested in November and planted to no-till soy-

beans next spring, the release says. Unlike the problems of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and stolen vehicle recovery operations at Six Nations, the Burtch farm property has remained problem free to date. Therefore, at this time, there are no crop losses from these illegal activities. However, at Six Nations there are again numerous signs of crop losses.

Fires gut two homes Third Line and Townline Road

By Mike Sheeler
Writer

Anna Maracle lost a lot of memories when her family's Townline Rd. residence, behind Tobacco Jacks, was destroyed by fire last Thursday. Maracle, who currently resides in Brantford, said her family has owned the house since 1969 when her father, Richard Maracle, built it.



The Maracle homestead was hit by fire last week. Family members suspect it was vandalism that caused the blaze. (Photo by Jim C Powless)



Willis Powless stands in front of his fire stricken home on Third Line. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

The family moved out of the house about 10 years ago, one year after Anna's father passed away. "Me and my mom own the house," said an emotional Anna Maracle. "No one was living there, just a lot of memories." Anna Maracle and her mother Glades attended the scene. Maracle was informed by her brother George

that the family's house was burning. According to Maracle, a call made to her brother let him know it was burning, he passed the message along. Anna's mother, Glades, believes that foul play was involved.

from the burnt house but neither caught fire thanks largely to the efforts of fire personnel. Fire Departments from Brant, Norfolk and Haldimand Counties as well as Six Nations attended the scene. Six Nations Ambulance Services were in attendance as a precautionary measure. "No one was hurt in the fire," said Six Nations Fire Chief Michael Seth. Most of the back side of the building and the roof was lost to the flames. Fire personnel used water and class A foam to suppress the blaze. According to Seth the foam acts as oxygen absorbing agent and helps to suffocate fire. Cause of the fire is under investigation. On Sunday Third Line resident Willis Powless returned home to find his house had gone up in flames. No one was home when the family residence near OMSK Elementary School caught fire. Powless had left in the morning to play in a baseball tournament in Brantford and his wife and family were out. He said he came home to find the house gutted. "I think my neighbour called the fire department," he said. The family lost all their possessions. He said fire officials said the fire may have been caused by wiring. "But they weren't sure. I'm just glad no one was hurt." He and his wife Sylvie had just constructed and painted a new deck to their home. "She just finished painting it last week and we started decorating it," he said. Total damage is unknown.

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PRESS RELEASE

Grand River Employment and Training Board of Directors announced today the release of the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Labour Force Survey Report. Surveys were administered during the month of January and February, 2009 respectively, on and off the territory. Individuals who completed the survey are congratulated for stepping up and sharing their information for the benefit of the community. For the first time ever, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory has a comprehensive report describing its labour force.

A total of 1,735 responses or 38% of all households responded to the surveyors who traveled house to house during the month of January, 2009 to collect the information. Access to complete the survey was also available on-line. Elvera Garlow, Executive Director of GREAT stated, "never before has the community participated in a survey in such large numbers. I believe that this report is a milestone for future community development". "Throughout the data gathering and analysis process, the principles of Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession, were adhered to" stated Mary Jamieson of Native Management Services; the consultant firm contracted by GREAT to undertake the project. These principles form the premise that the information gathered belongs to the community and that GREAT is only the steward of the data.

The analysis of the information collected provides the community with a comprehensive description of Six Nations labour force. It answers questions such as:

- To what extent are our people employed and unemployed?
- In what occupations and industries are people working?
- What education levels do our people have?
- What are our wage and income levels?
- If people are not working, what are the reasons?

The above is a sample of the questions that can be queried from the information stored in a secure data base housed on the Six Nations territory. Some of the highlights of the report showed an on reserve unemployment rate of 25.3% compared to Brantford at 7.9% and Ontario at 8% during the same month of January, 2009. The employment rate for those living on reserve was 45% compared to Canada and Ontario at 62.3% for the same month. In regards to the correlation between education and income, the results have shown that 68.3% of those working who have a post secondary education earn \$30,000 or more. In addition, 40% of those who are employed and have not completed high school earn \$30,000 or less.

Where do we go from here? Developing the baseline data that describes the characteristics of Six Nations labour force was the first step. The real challenge will be to address the gaps around employment, income, and education levels between Six Nations and mainstream society. The support and participation of the community will be crucial as GREAT continually updates its data to track changes and project trends with its labour force.

For a more in depth report on the survey findings, you are welcome to attend a presentation being held on August 12, 2009 beginning at 10 am and again at 7 pm in the Theatre at Grand River Employment and Training or call 519-445-2222 and ask to speak to Paul McNaughton, Labour Market Analyst.

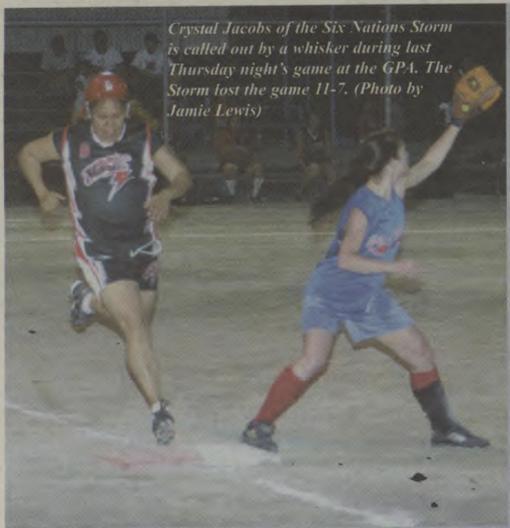
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Crystal Jacobs of the Six Nations Storm is called out by a whisker during last Thursday night's game at the GPA. The Storm lost the game 11-7. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

Six Nations Storm come up short

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

OHSWEKEN-The Six Nations Storm of the Ladies Fastball League found themselves on the short end last Thursday night at the GPA, losing to Glanbrook 11-7.

Glanbrook took an early 2-0 lead after their bats hit for 2 RBI's and a single in the first inning.

Glanbrook hung on their 2-0 lead after Six Nations batters hit

3-0 after batters reached bases on a single, double. And a second single brought in the run.

Six Nations got on the board in the bottom of the fourth after Amy Anderson drove in two runs.

Henry reached first on a single as did Skye. After four innings the Storm trailed Glanbrook 3-2.

Glanbrook regained their three run lead after Anderson served up two triples, a double and two singles in the inning.

Glanbrook continued to forge ahead in the sixth inning scoring four more runs to give them a commanding 10-2 lead.

The bottom of the sixth Henry hit a triple to land on third with no one out.

Jen Garlow swung the bat and hit a drive to second, the baseman snagged it and tossed it to first just beating Garlow.

That hit brought Henry in from home to cut the Glanbrook lead to 10-3.

Pitcher Amy Anderson, for the Storm singled down the middle followed by Tracey Williams. Anderson was forced out at second.

With two out Crystal Jacobs singled deep into centre field, bringing in Williams to cut the Glanbrook lead to 10-4.

Glanbrook scored one more run in the seventh giving them an 11-4 lead.

In the bottom of the inning Six Nations rallied to score three more runs to cut the gap to 11-7. The three Six Nations runs came off the bats of Henry, Garlow and Anderson.

Another win for Peewee girls



I GOT IT...MAYBE NOT, Raycine Smith of the Peewee Girls softball team misses the ball at first base. The Girls came from a 9-0 deficit to win 11-10. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

OHSWEKEN-The Peewee girls won for the 17th time. This time the girls from Port Dover fell victim the onslaught of Six Nations bats 11-10.

Port Dover opened a 9-0 lead by the mid second inning. Six

Nations bats came to life scoring five runs in their half of the inning.

Celina Hill started things off with a single and two steals.

Raycine Smith followed with a triple to drive in Hill, to cut the Dover led to 9-1.

Keisha Hill then knocked in Smith after she drove a hard single between the first and second base.

Celina Skye then doubled knocking in a run to cut the Port Dover lead to 9-3.

With Skye on second and Tashena Martin on first after being walked, pitcher Krista Mackenzie for Dover mishandled a hot single from Kaysha Martin and over threw first base sending the ball into right field. The error cost Port Dover two runs, to cut their lead to 9-5.

Six Nations scored one more run in the fifth inning when Keisha Hill knocked in Raycine Smith after she singled, making the score 9-6.

Port Dover regained a four run lead in the top of the fourth.

In the bottom of the fourth Six Nations bats rallied scoring four runs to lift them to within one run 10-9.

Tashena Martin started the inning off with a walk, two steals including stealing home to cut the Dover lead to 10-7.

Kaysha Martin singled followed by a single off the bat of Celina Hill to bring in Martin.

Raycine Hill singled to bring in the eighth run, but was tagged out after she tried to steal third.

Keisha Hill then hit a grounder to the mound and beat the throw to first to keep the inning alive.

With one out Chelsea Hill hit an infield fly to drive in Celina Hill to cut the Port Dover lead to 10-9.

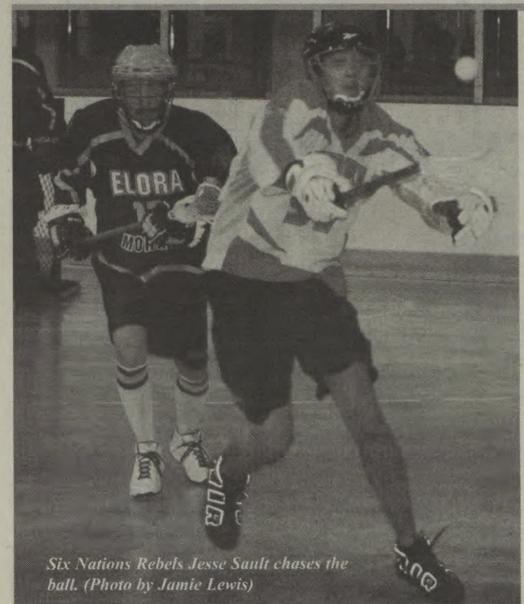
Six Nations pitching shut down the Dover offence in the top of the fifth inning to keep the score 10-9.

In the Six Nations bottom of the inning Skye took a lead off walk.

The next Six Nations batter, Pat Maracle came to the plate with Port Dover leading 10-9 and a runner on first.

The Port Dover pitcher hung a fastball over the plate and Maracle lofted a rocket to left field for a two homerun lifting Six Nations to an 11-10 final

Bandits acquire second-round pick from Washington



Six Nations Rebels Jesse Sault chases the ball. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

BUFFALO, NY- Buffalo Bandits Director of Lacrosse Operations Scott Loffler announced last week the team has acquired a second-round selection in the 2009 Entry Draft from the Washington Stealth, in exchange for transition

player Jamieson Koesterer and Buffalo's fifth-round selection in the 2009 Entry Draft.

The Bandits currently hold seven selections in the 2009 Draft: three in the 2nd round; one in the 3rd; two in the 4th, and one in the 6th.

A 24-year-old native of Cazenovia, NY picked up 39 loose balls and two points (0+2) in eight games with Portland last season.

Rebels dreams of a three-peat dashed

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

OHSWEKEN-The Six Nations Rebels dream of becoming the first Jr B team to win 3-consecutive Ontario and Founders Cup Championship came to an end last Tuesday night after the Elora Mohawks won the 5th and deciding game 8-5 to win the Best-of-Five Western Conference Final 3-2 at the a packed Elora Community Centre.

Eloria opened the scoring with two goals just over three minutes apart.

Jesse Booker opened the scoring at 5:31. Shane MacDonald made 2-0 at 8:47. Rebels Jake Bomberly responded at 12:41 to cut the Mohawks lead to 2-1.

Elora would go up 3-1 after Jake Weidner lit the light with less than two minutes left in the period.

Mohawks scored four more goals in the second period to jump ahead 7-1.

Elora's Booker started the onslaught with his second goal of the game. Weidner notched his second as well, followed by Justin Gibson with his two big goals in the period.

Jeremy Johns for the Rebels scored to cut the Mohawks lead to 7-2 at 17:45.

In the third period, the Rebels Randy Martin scored early in the period to cut the Elora lead to 7-3. Jake Bomberly scored ten seconds later at 7:33 to make the score 7-4.

Rebel's captain, Marty Hill brought the Rebels two within two goals at 11:20.

Mohawks Gibson responded to the Six Nations goal burst, notching his third goal of the game at 12:54 to lift Elora 8-5 and end the Rebels season.

The Mohawks advanced to play the Clarington Green Gaels in the Ontario Jr B Final which is started last Thursday night at the Rickard Rec Centre in Bowmanville.

The Clarington Green Gaels swept the Mohawks three straight with a win last Sunday 13-7.

The Ontario Jr B lacrosse champions now head to Edmonton for the Founders Cup national championships Aug. 17-22.

Chiefs live to play another day

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

OHSWEKEN - After losing a tough 10-9 decision at the ILA last Friday night the Six Nations Chiefs of the Major Lacrosse Series hoped the third time would be a charm.

Trailing 3-0 in the best of seven to the Peterborough Lakers the Chiefs traveled to Peterborough hoping to come home with a win.

Last Sunday night the Chiefs delivered returning home with a 14-7 win.

Six Nations took a three goal lead in the first ten minutes of the first period.

Cody Jamieson scored just over a minute into the game. His goal was unassisted.

Tom Montoure gave the Chiefs a 2-0 lead after he took Craig Conn's pass and tucked it past

Lakers goalie Derek Collins.

Roger Vyse lifted Six Nations to 3-0 with his goal at 9:25, Delby Powless assisted.

With the Chiefs leading 3-0 the Lakers got one back off the stick of Cory Vitarelli, to cut the Six Nations lead to 3-1.

Six Nations moved ahead 4-1 after Vyse scored his second of the game. Jamieson and Conn added helpers.

Peterborough rounded out the scoring in the second period with a goal by Tracey Kelusky at 15:59.

The Chiefs jumped ahead 12-2 in the second period with eight big goals.

Jamieson lead the way with three goals in the period while Craig Conn netted a pair.

Vyse scored his second of the game at 2:28 and Craig Point rounded out the Six Nations scor-



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LAURIE "MUGS" GENERAL

Memorial Tournament 2009



By Jamie Lewis
Sports Writer

With the skies crying on and off over the weekend, family, friends and complete strangers came to honour a member of the community who passed away in a tragic accident back in February.

Laurie "Mugs" General, who was an avid baseball player and mother of three was on her way to work at Townline Variety on the morning of her accident.

Last weekend 16 teams competed and played ball at New Credit. They came to play, laugh and cry and remember General, who always had a smile and made people around her laugh with her wit and humour. "She was funny and outgoing always there for her family, she was like a big sister to all of us," said Rhonda Skye.

Twenty-one teams applied to play in the tournament and three more on a waiting list.

"The amount of teams that are here and all the people speaks volumes of how liked and loved Laurie is," said Linda Staats, General's mother. The Sluggers won the Laurie "Mugs" General Tournament defeating Travis's Team 3-1. And The Crew captured third place. A poem written by Peggy VanEvery was dedicated to the memory of Mugs which reads;

"We hear her whispers"
Family, please don't cry.
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"We hear her whispers"
Always putting everyone in front of herself,
A heart big as the sky,
betcha she's flying high.
She thought she was just
a plain Jane,
Everyone around, knew her name.
"We hear her whispers"
Loads of laughter, loads of love,
Now she's passing it around,
up above.
She's watching over us all,
And knowing her,
she's having a ball!
Strongest lady we ever knew,
"We hear her whispers"
We'll miss u everyday, every hour,
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Mugs,
we know you are by our side,
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HALDIMAND - ERIE TYKE TOURNAMENT



By Jamie Lewis
Sports Writer

Six Nations Tykes hosted the Haldimand Erie Tyke Tournament over the weekend at the GPA.

Six Nations Rockets defeated Hagersville in the Championship 11-10 in extra innings. And the Six Na-

tions Destroyers took the consolation game 20-7 over Jarvis.

Tom Miller the Six Nations Tyke convenor says that over the weekend over 700 people came out to watch the kids play.

Thirteen teams competed in this year's tournament from Hagersville to

Port Dover.

"I think the kids just like playing ball, winning and losing is not important to them at this age," said Miller.

Miller says numerous teams want to play in the tournament but cannot because diamond time at the GPA is so tight.



Coach Jim Jason, Rachel Miller, Gavin Joseph, Brody Johnson, Blayne Longboat, McKenna Geen, Blair Green, Lisa Mt. Pleasant, Martin King, Kaitlyn Bomberry, May Miller, Pierre King, Xylem LaForme, Ezra Thomas Jacy Hill, Absent Keysha Johnson, Preston Hill and Charles Skye-Mt. Pleasant. (Submitted Photo)

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Knighthawks re-sign three players, including Joe Walters

ROCHESTER, NY - Rochester Knighthawks General Manager Regy Thorpe announced last week that the team has re-signed three players for the 2010 National Lacrosse league season, including

Rochester native Joe Walters. The K-Hawks also agreed to one-year deals with forward Jamie Rooney and transition man Bobby McBride. This past season, Walters made

his National Lacrosse League debut with his hometown Knighthawks. The Irondequoit High School product played in 15 games and collected eight goals, 12 assists and 50 loose balls. This

summer, Walters finished tied for sixth in points (42) in 12 games with the Toronto Nationals of Major League Lacrosse.

Six Nations Sting suspended

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

SIX NATIONS-The Six Nations Sting of the Can-Am Lacrosse League have been sitting idle since the team and the coach Brian Miller was suspended last month. The team was suspended just

The management did not realize that they were under the umbrella of the OLA (Ontario Lacrosse League).

"We had Eli Longboat and Hiawatis Thomas come over from junior, they were over aged players so we thought they could go any-



Rez Dogz opened the scoring against the Sting last Monday night at the ILA. The Sting were playing an exhibition game (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

before playoffs after the league received a complaint the team had illegal players on the roster.

The Cam-Am says they played illegal players who had not been released by their home team the Six Nations Chiefs, who play in the Major Series Lacrosse League.

Miller says the confusion over the cards came from the understanding that the Sting play in the Can-Am League and the management thought that they did not need releases for players coming from one association to another.

where and play," said Miller.

The OLA told the Sting that when a player from Six Nations leaves Junior A the Six Nations Chiefs owns that players rights.

"So what we found out is that we were supposed to get these two players released from the Chiefs first," added Miller.

Miller said that after that the OLA told them they needed transfers from the OLA to the CLA (Canadian Lacrosse Association) before the players could play in the Can-Am.



The Six Nations Sting played the Rez Dogz. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

Miller questions when that rule came in.

"When did that rule come in, because last year we had three guys come in and play for us," he said.

Miller says everything was fine until the Niagara Hawks lodged a complaint.

"They are nothing but friggin whiners every damn one of them," said Miller.

He said it was the Can-Am that said they had the illegal players and the OLA said nothing to the team. "We are just under the guidelines of the OLA," he says.

Miller says the two players had a key role on the team not for scoring but for their level of play.

"These guys came here and had

an impact on the team, they were not leading scorers but were fundamental players who played their positions very well, so yes they impacted our team," Miller says.

"We lost two great players over bullsh*t, to me anyways," said an angry Miller.

Miller says he is not sure if the team made a mistake in not getting the releases or if they did not know if they were needed.

"I and management did not worry about it because we did it last year and no one ever said anything to us, so we thought we were in the right," he says.

Miller says he did not know about the problem until he got a call from Jody Powless advising him of the problem with the players.

Miller says that Powless did not even know what the problem was and she was not even told about it until the league had a meeting to discuss the Sting in a special seating.

"The League had a meeting for over two and a half hours over our players," Miller says.

Dave Colborne who is the Can-Am Vice President and is also the assistant coach for Niagara was involved in the meeting.

"It was Colborne who lodged the complaint, then sat in on the meeting to have us suspended, he is an a**...big time," Miller said.

He says that Colborne was checking the final rosters for the tournament and came across the players.

Miller says, "Colborne said he sat on a computer for over five hours to check player cards, but in that five hours he missed Buffalo and Rochester who never handed rosters in."

He added as a result of this he had been suspended until the Presidents Cup and is not sure if he will face further discipline after the tournament.

Six Nations Sting begins their quest for the cup on August 24 against B.C. at the ILA at 8:00 pm.

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Toronto Nationals claim second seed with win over Denver Toronto

TORONTO - After spending 11 months on the disabled list with an injured knee, John Grant Jr. made his triumphant return to Major League Lacrosse tonight, leading the Toronto Nationals with five

goals in the 16-10 victory over the Denver Outlaws.

His performance, in front of 3,635 Nationals fans, earned him game BudLight MVP honours, and clinched the second seed in the

MLL playoffs for Toronto. Fellow attacker Merrick Thomson also had a big night, scoring four goals and an assist.

The Toronto Nationals have two weeks before heading to Annapolis, Maryland for the 2009 New Balance Major League Lacrosse Championship Weekend on August 22 and 23. The Nationals are now seeded second and will play at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22.

Six Nations Tykes win Provincial Championship



Mason Hill, George Bomberly, Landon Whitlow, John Miller, Dallas King, Conner Smith, Wyatt Williams, Kessler Skye, Sandy Porter, Jacob Smith, Isaiah Whitlow, Kahner Johnson, Shendon Smith, Jared Hill, Quwade Powless, Landon General, Rycol Davis, Coach John Miller, Assistant Coach Jason King, Manager Dave Williams and Trainer Brandon VanEvery. (Submitted Photo)

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

Whitby-After losing every game of the season the Six Nations Tykes saved the best for last capturing the Ontario Lacrosse Association's provincial Championship in Whitby over the weekend.

"It is unbelievable not to win a game all year and then to come here and win it all...Amazing," said Tyke coach John Miller.

Early in the championship game against Kitchener Six Nations had a 4-1 deficit.

"I told the kids to slow down

don't worry about scoring, just play our game not theirs, I kept telling them it will come, it will come" added Miller.

And did it ever Six Nations rallied scoring seven straight goals to move ahead 8-4 by the end of the second period.

Rycol Davis got Six Nations on the board at 6:52 of the first period, his goal was assisted by Landon Whitlow and Conner Smith. With the second period Six Nation exploded seven goals.

Kahner Johnson scored at 14:37 assisted by Shendon Smith to cut the Kitchener lead to 4-2.

Kessler Skye moved the Tykes to 4-3 with his goal, Smith and Isaiah Whitlow both assisted.

Six Nations Landon General tied the game at four after his shot beat Kitchener goalie Dawson Lippert. Wyatt Williams picked up the assist.

At 7:34 of the second Sandy Porter scored the winning goal after Skye fed a lead pass to him. Jacob Smith added an assist.

Six Nations moved ahead 6-4 after Davis scored his second goal of the game. Kahner Johnson assisted for his second point of the game.

John Miller padded the tykes comeback after his goal at 6:08 Shendon Smith captured his third assist of the game and Williams his second point.

With less than a minute left Landon General scored to give Six Nations an 8-4 lead going into the third period. Goalie Mason Hill assisted.

In the third period Six Nations scored their ninth goal when Kessler Skye scored his second of the game. Smith earned his fourth assist while Hill captured his second.

Six Nations went 6-0 in the tournament winning 9-4 over Owen Sound, 9-7 over Wallaceburg, 12-2 over Durham and 13-5 over Cambridge.



Fun at Indian Creek

Marshall Abrams gives his son MacCoy Abrams lesson on golf at the Indian Creek Driving Range on First Line. Owner Bill Smith took over the course after his father passed away. Smith hopes to expand the range into a full 18 hole golf course nestled on 200 acres of land. Smith's father began working on the course about 10 years ago. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

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NATIONAL

Teenager charged with murder after Surrey, B.C., father stabbed

SURREY, B.C.- A 14-year-old boy from the Vancouver area has been charged with second-degree murder in the fatal stabbing of a 42-year-old man. The boy, who cannot be named, appeared in court in Surrey on Friday for a

brief appearance to hear the charge against him. He's charged in the death of Surrey resident Sam McGowan, who died after he was stabbed Wednesday night. The boy said nothing during his appearance. "He's extremely

upset, very petrified about the process," the boy's lawyer, David Tarnow, told CTV News. "He's got a very, very supportive family and he'll get through this with their help."

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Both men set for trial in 1975 Pine Ridge slaying
RAPID CITY, S.D.- Both men charged with killing a fellow American Indian Movement member in South Dakota 33 years ago are scheduled to stand trial in October in Rapid City. Richard Marshall and John Graham pleaded not guilty to charges they committed or aided and abetted the December 1975 murder of Annie Mae Aquash (AH'-kwash), a member of the Mi'kmaq Tribe of Nova Scotia. An appeals court last week upheld the dismissal of one of the three alternate murder charges against Graham, who is from the Tsimshian Tribe in the Yukon. He fought his return in British Columbia for more than four years before he was extradited in December, 2007. U.S. Attorney Marty Jackley says the government is still weighing its options in relation to the alternative charge that was dropped. If prosecutors don't try Graham on the two remaining counts against him, the state could do it.

Wrongfully convicted native activist Donald Marshall dead at age 55 family says

HALIFAX- A Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq icon and the man at the centre of one of Canada's highest profile wrongful conviction cases has died. Donald Marshall was 55. His sister, Roseanne Sylvester confirmed Thursday the native activist died at around 1:30 a.m. at a hospital in Sydney, N.S. Marshall's nephew Glen Gould also confirmed the death in a statement posted on his Facebook site.

"Thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers. My uncle Jr. passed away peacefully surrounded by family," the post said. "I love you uncle and will miss you dearly. RIP Jr."

Marshall was admitted to hospital several days ago and his family confirmed he was terminally ill. He underwent a double lung transplant six years ago. Marshall spent 11 years in prison after being convicted at age 17 of murder in the 1971 stabbing death of Sandy Seale in Sydney, N.S. He was released in 1982 after RCMP reviewed the case and was acquitted in 1983.

Roy Ebsary, an eccentric who bragged of having a prowess with knives, was eventually convicted of manslaughter in Seale's death and spent a year in jail. In 1990, Marshall was finally exonerated in the report of a royal commission into the wrongful murder conviction. The inquiry concluded that Marshall was a victim of racism and incompetence, and the Nova Scotia justice system failed him at every turn. The seven-volume report pointed the finger at police, judges, Marshall's original defence lawyers, Crown lawyers and bureaucrats.

Aboriginal day school survivors file \$15B lawsuit

THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINNIPEG-Gary McLean says that when he was seven years old and could not speak English, he was forced to attend Dog Creek Indian Day School.

His older siblings taught him how to ask to go to the bathroom in English, but he says that didn't save him from getting the strap when he spoke his native language of Ojibwa.

During his eight years at the school, McLean says he was forced to kneel in a corner of the classroom as punishment for having spoken Ojibwa. He adds that he was also repeatedly sexually assaulted by a nun until he left the school in 1965. But when Prime Minister Stephen Harper offered a formal apology and compensation package to former students of native residential schools last year, McLean wasn't included. That's because he and roughly 70,000 other aboriginal children across Canada went home for the night. The exclusion has prompted McLean and others to file a \$15-billion lawsuit in Manitoba pressing for compensation from the

federal government. The lawsuit, which they hope will be approved as a class action, alleges aboriginal children in day schools suffered just as much abuse as residential school survivors and the scars run just as deep.

"The only difference is they got to go home at the end of the day," says Ray Mason, a residential school survivor who helped bring the lawsuit forward. "It only takes five to 10 minutes to abuse somebody."

One student says he had his mouth washed out with soap every time he spoke his own language, says Mason, who is chairman of Spirit Wind Survivors. Other plaintiffs say in the statement of claim that they were abused with a strap, as well as physically and sexually abused by nuns and priests who ran the schools.

The lawsuit says the Crown should have protected aboriginal children from the alleged abuse years ago. Now, it says, the legacy "has saturated the very fabric of aboriginal peoples."

They suffer higher suicide, incarceration and infant mortality rates

because of the "federal ethnocide policy," according to the statement of claim.

Joan Jack, the lawyer representing day school survivors, says those who went home should be treated the same as students who were kept in residence away from their families. "Whether you went to a school where you slept at night or you went home at night is not relevant to you ending up not being able to speak your language, feeling ashamed of who you are, being abused spiritually," she says. "People want to be able to feel that they belong here, that this is our country. We are the indigenous people of this country and Canada is slowly waking up to that fact."

The federal government has not yet filed a statement of defence and none of these allegations has been proven in court.

Jack says they hope Ottawa will avoid a lengthy and expensive legal battle by simply including day school students in the residential school agreement. The \$15 billion the lawsuit is seeking in damages was based on the ratio sought by residential school survivors in their claim, she says.

Although the group doesn't have a lot of money, Mason says the fight won't stop until the federal government acknowledges the day school residents.

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OBITUARY



ROSEMARIE MYKE CHRYSLER ROBERTSON, Mother of Robbie Robertson, died August 3, 2009 of natural causes in Los Angeles, CA.

At her request no service will be held.

Rosemarie was born February 6, 1922 on the Six Nations Indian Reservation in Ontario, Canada. Rosemarie grew up on 'the farm,' as she affectionately called the reservation, with a colorful extended family. She knew how to make the most of what she was given in life, and she created magic, warmth and humor where it was needed. She came from a culture of storytelling, living off the land, music and art that imbued the legacy she shared and passed on as the family matriarch. These qualities had clear influences on her son Robbie's song writing. She was a warm figure to the other members of The Band: Rick Danko, Levon Helm, Garth Hudson, and Richard Manuel. In Toronto they lived with her in a house where the inviting smells of her delicious home cooking hit you before you even opened the door; one taste of Rosemarie's cooking and you knew in an instant who this enigmatic woman was. Her creations were infused with her unique character and unmatched spirit.

After living in Canada for a time she moved to Los Angeles in 1976 to be with her family. Her grandchildren felt lucky to have her close, and she gave them a strong sense of pride and family, and spoiled them at every opportunity with homemade treats. She also dedicated herself to volunteer work with Wise Senior Services, among many other organizations, which earned her many awards and accolades. She is survived by her son, Robbie Robertson, Dominique Robertson, mother to Grandchildren, Alexandra Robertson, Delphine Robertson and Sebastian Robertson, and great grandchildren Donovan Robertson and Angelica Hart. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Six Nations Health Services • 1745 Chiefswood Rd • Ohsweken ON • N0A 1M0 For questions you can contact: sandeemartin@sixnations.ca

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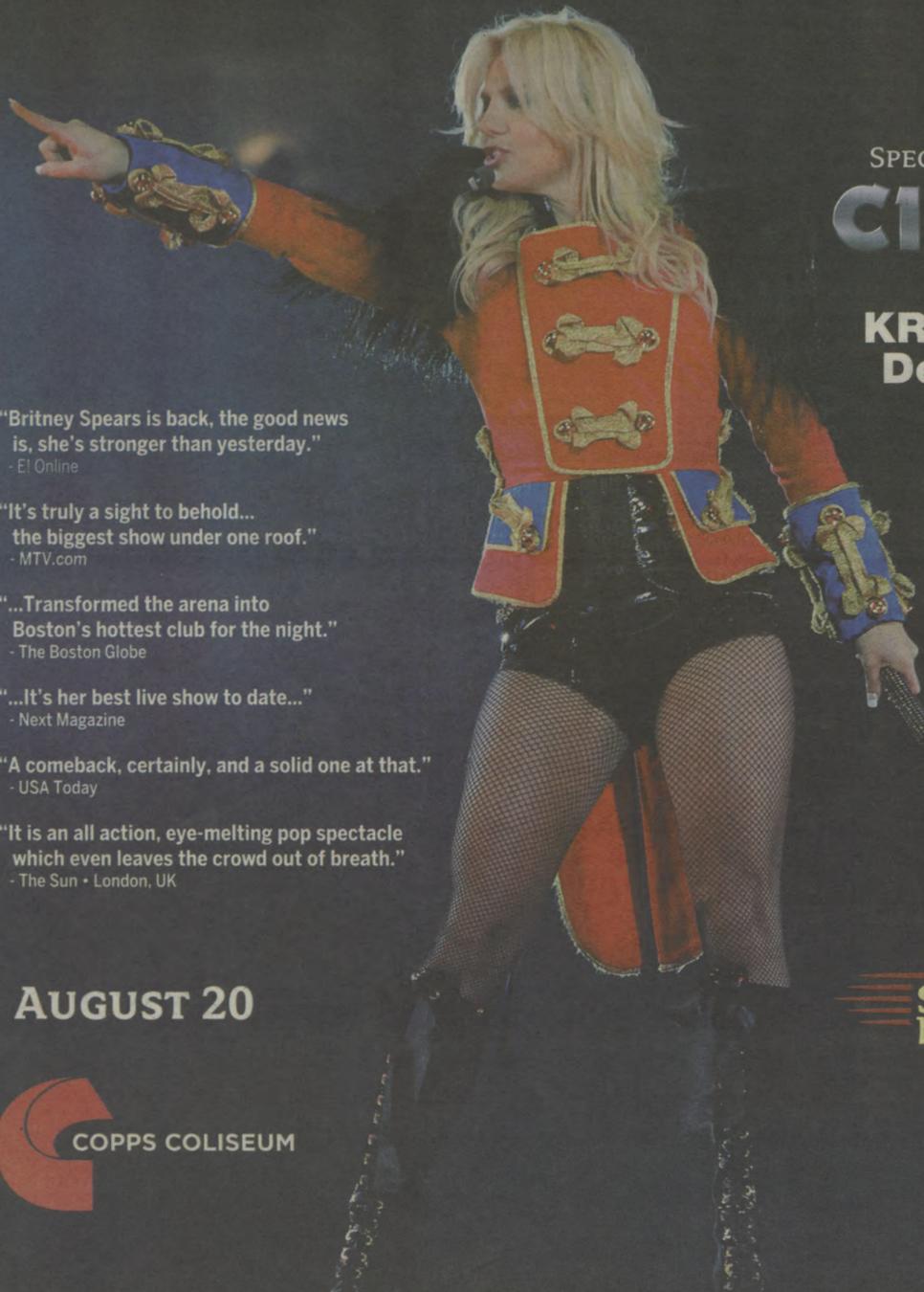
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