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Daughter wants local inquiry Coroner's investigation into lodge death

By Susannah Schmidt
Writer

Six Nations Band Council has been told the regional coroner has called an investigation into the death of local elder Dan Butler.

A coroner is investigating the death of respected Elder Dan Butler at Iroquois Lodge and Butler's family wants Six Nations to follow suit.

Butler died Dec. 20, five days after falling and hitting his head in the long-term care facility.

Darlene Butler, daughter of the retired carpenter and Pentecostal minister, appeared before elected council Jan. 6 raising a complaint in the death. She alleged Iroquois Lodge staff responded inappropri-

ately after her father fell Dec. 15.

"My 91-year-old mother should never have had to sit at the hospital for five days and watch him die," Butler told elected council.

After her father was assessed by a hospital doctor following a cat scan, the physician told the family he wouldn't recover.

The elected chief and councillors vowed council would look into Butler's death.

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Six Nations Land claim talks back on Jan. 28

Federal, provincial and Six Nations negotiators are all expected to be back at the table on Jan. 28 to resume land claims talks.

Talks broke off last June.

Since then, Six Nations has rejected a multi-million dollar federal offer to settle a claim related to the development of the Welland Canal.

A key part of this month's meeting will be the federal response to Six Nations' rejection of that offer.

Six Nations had presented a counter offer that included not only estimates of the Welland Canal land flooding valued at upwards of \$500-million but also a model for negotiations to follow.

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Fourth Line residents say the Grand River is too close for comfort after recent floods overtook the western portion of the road. The floods shut in some neighbours and worried others about slipping so close to the frigid waters. David, June and Timothy Hill were part of a deputation to council arguing that Six Nations should move the road. In the meantime, the residents want a guard rail to protect drivers and passerby. (photo by Jim C Powless)

Native leader steps down to focus on Senate

By Sue Bailey
THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA-New Conservative Senator Patrick Brazeau, who is facing a sexual harassment complaint before a human rights tribunal, has stepped down as head of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

Brazeau was willing to serve both the Senate and as national chief of the group representing native people off-reserve. But taxpayer watchdogs pointed out this week that he would then collect two six-figure salaries paid in public funds.

Brazeau's cosy relationship with the Harper government and his blunt calls for tighter control over native funding have rankled chiefs on reserves across Canada.



Patrick Brazeau

His initial move to serve both as senator and congress leader raised eyebrows - something he acknowledged Friday.

"There are some situations I'm aware of whereby it may have created some perceived conflict of interest," Brazeau told The Canadian Press just before announcing his resignation from the congress.

The 34-year-old Algonquin, a member of the Kitigan Zibi band in northwestern Quebec, was named by Prime Minister Stephen Harper last month as one of the youngest senators ever.

But he has made more recent headlines as the subject of a sexual harassment complaint by a young woman who once worked at the congress. The case is now before the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal.

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Coroner's inquiry called in non-natural death, council seeking answers

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"I'm very glad you put it in writing so we can address these issues and make sure they never happen again," said elected chief William Montour, after offering his condolences.

"As a member of the health committee I can assure you we are going to look into this deeply because these are our people that need help," said councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert.

Council members looked shaken and fondly remembered Daniel Butler, citing how he opened meetings in the Mohawk language, and healed people emotionally and spiritually.

Section 10 of the Coroner's Act says that coroners are to be called if there's reason to believe a person died suddenly or unexpectedly, or because of violence, misadventure, negligence, misconduct, malpractice, or unfair means, among other reasons.

By law, coroners review every tenth death at a nursing home. But regional head coroner Dr. Jack Stanborough said that Butler's death was investigated because under the Coroner's Act it was deemed "non-natural."

"[T]his particular death is non-natural, it was determined to be as a result of a fall," he said. Stanborough said he had a preliminary report but was awaiting a final report.

Stanborough said nursing homes have the duty to report any death that occurs after a fall, and many have the occasion to do so.

The doctor said the vast majority of investigations find that the death

has nothing to do with care.

"The fact that our office did an investigation in no way suggests the home is not providing quality of care," he said.

But Darlene Butler told council she believes otherwise. "I feel an ambulance should have been called for my father when he fell and hit the back of his head," she said.

Butler said she visited her father at Iroquois Lodge on the day of the fall, she saw him in a wheelchair in the dining room with a red gash on his head and immediately knew something was wrong.

"I said, 'Daddy, are you alright?' And he said no," Butler said in an interview.

His state deteriorated during her visit, she said.

"I sat there and watched him lose control of his arm," she said.

After the fall, said Butler, a nurse called and said staff had assessed him, put ice on his head, and put him back into bed.

In an interview, Butler also said she has questions about the facility's decision to re-arrange the furniture in her father's room some time before his death.

She and siblings Dan Butler and Sandra Neufeld believe the new space may have disoriented him further.

"I can't understand people moving a room [for residents with] this form of dementia," she said.

Butler had Alzheimer's but used a walker to get around, said Butler.

In early November, Six Nations finance committee passed a resolution to fix staffing shortages at Iroquois Lodge that were being



Dan Butler's children, Dan Butler Jr. and Sandra Neufeld, gathered at sister Darlene Butler's house surrounded by photographs and plaques of recognition for their late father's gifts as a Mohawk-speaking elder and a volunteer at Iroquois Lodge. The siblings want a response from Health Services about decisions for their father's care after he fell and hit his head at the long-term care facility.

as well as procedure and the use of restraints.

Butler said she had observed care issues to do with apparent short staffing that made her uncomfortable before at Iroquois Lodge, but had tried to be understanding because she knew the facility had been in transitioning to being managed by Six Nations.

She told the council meeting she wished to prevent any further problems.

"I don't want this to happen to another family and for somebody to push it under a stack of papers," she said.

"I knew if my father saw something like this, he'd speak up. That's what he taught me. . . When you see things that aren't right, speak up, because a lot of time, people don't have the self-esteem or the audacity."

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Remembering Dan Butler

By Susannah Schmidt
Writer

Dan Butler wanted to go home for Christmas, and three of his children say he did.

Butler, Six Nations' retired Pentecostal Minister, died Dec. 20, after a cat scan revealed a cerebral hemorrhage.

Butler had fallen at Iroquois Lodge, the long-term care facility where he was living.

His death is the subject of a coroner's investigation, and his family has also contacted Six Nations and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, looking for answers.

Children Darlene Butler, Dan Butler, and Sandra Neufeld remembered the wisdom and wit the father of 12 brought into their lives.

While Butler was living with Alzheimer's, said his children, he forgot details but never relation-

ships. "He knew who we were but he just didn't remember our names," said son Dan.

Neufeld said on visits from Calgary she'd ask her father who she was.

"He says, 'one of my girls,'" she said.

Sometimes he'd joke: "There's so many of you, I can't keep track." Darlene said she still looked to him for advice.

"He'd say, 'Just do the best you can, and don't give up.'"

Dan Jr. said a nurse told him his father would often ask for Mabel, his wife of almost 70 years.

Butler's son said his mother was the last one whom the Elder embraced before he died.

The son said another relationship was key in his father's life.

"He had a personal relationship

with Jesus Christ. That was his whole life," said his son.

"He never believed in religion. He believed in his relationship," he said, a relationship fuelled by prayer.

Called to be a minister, said Dan Jr., Butler spent his younger years traveling to preach and help some First Nations establish churches.

"He'd always bring them the Word. He was a preacher all his life," said Dan Jr., recollecting his father travelling to Munsee, Oneida, Moravian Town, Cattaraugus, and other places.

Well into his older years, said Darlene, he kept his broad social commitments, singing with the Mohawk Singers and bringing music into seniors homes, including Iroquois Lodge. The facility twice recognized him as a special volunteer.

"If you were over visiting at their house and it was time for him to go he'd say, 'well, it's time to go. Do you want to come?'"

The roving evangelist had deep roots at Six Nations, raising a family with wife Mabel in the same Third Line home he built more than sixty years ago.

Though an itinerant for the spirit, he was rooted to the earth, tending a large garden, growing raspberries, corn, tomatoes, potatoes, and a large cucumber field.

He sold gladiolas to a local florist, and kept a special eye on his roses. Butler was a carpenter by trade, but also worked as an ironworker in younger years, and a miner too.

After being inspired by a vision for the church's layout, he built the Six Nations Pentecostal Church on Fourth Line in the 1960s.

The work was done under his supervision by church volunteers - mostly teens, said his son - and help from a friend from the Carpenter's Union, Bart Kramer, with whom he also enjoyed fishing trips.

"He laid out everything. All we had to do was have a hammer and pound out the nails," said Dan Jr.

Butler always defended First Nations rights, said Darlene. In about 1973, said Darlene, Butler was near Sarcee crossing the border and was hassled by a border crossing officer.

"He was telling them who he was, how he was a Mohawk, and all about the Jay Treaty, and what he was entitled to," she said.

At Darlene's home, she keeps a plaque from Six Nations council that honours his gift of opening meetings in the Mohawk language.

Council wants crossing guard in village

Drivers, wait your turn at Chiefswood Rd. and Fourth Line.

Elected council wants a crossing guard and timed light at the intersection to better protect pedestrians - particularly schoolchildren. Council passed a motion Dec. 9 to research the costs to and contact local schools, Jamieson and

J.C. Hill, about working with parents to train children in traffic safety. The motion comes on the heels of near-accidents at the corner, said Councillor Claudine Van Every. Parents have also complained that drivers are treating the Chiefswood Rd. section as a double-lane road, with right hand turners snaking up perilously

close to the sidewalk. The road is a single lane and cars should stay in single file. Elected chief William Montour said that the intersection also needs better markings to show drivers where to stop.

Olympics coming to Six Nations, three locals to carry torch

By Susannah Schmidt
Writer

Three torch bearers will carry the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch through Six Nations on a one-kilometre route for 45 minutes, elected council heard last Tuesday (Jan. 6).

Six Nations is one of 19 Aboriginal communities who are expected to greet the flame next winter when it passes through Ontario on its 45,000 km trek across the country before the Olympic Cauldron is lit, signaling the opening of the 2010 Olympic Games.

The torch relay comes to Six Nations Dec. 21, 2009, en route from Caledonia. After Six Nations, the flame travels to Brantford.

Director of Recreation Cheryl Henhawk said she's had preliminary conversations with the provincial torch relay co-ordinator, who is expected to present to elected council in February.

Henhawk told elected council that because the Royal Bank is the sponsoring corporation with Coca Cola, 2010 organizers suggested starting the relay near the bank in Ohsweken.



Henhawk said a one-kilometre route from the plaza would conveniently end at the community hall for festivities.

The three torch bearers will each carry the torch 333 metres. Aboriginal communities are invited to appoint one torch relay carrier, said Henhawk (organizers don't permit non-Aboriginal communities to appoint anyone).

The other two bearers will be chosen from an application process overseen by RBC. Henhawk said she strongly

hoped local people would be chosen, but organizers didn't guarantee it. Local people are invited to apply through the website at <https://www.carrythetorch.com>.

Councillor Ava Hill suggested that Six Nations consider planning a three-day festival in advance of the relay. One way of welcoming the delegation could be to meet it as it leaves Caledonia, others suggested.

Hydro One consulting with whom.....Band council wants to know after being thanked for meetings they didn't attend

By Susannah Schmidt
Writer

Elected councillor Carl Hill has never personally met with Hydro One officials, so he was suspicious of a Dec. 22 letter from the corporation thanking him for his time regarding a development that cuts across the Haldimand Tract.

"As we conclude two years of studies and consultation on the project, we'd like to thank you for your time and attention you have provided," says the letter, signed from Brian McCormick, Manager of Environmental Services.

Council agreed Jan. 6 to contact Hydro One with notice that as far as it was concerned, there had been no consultation with elected council.

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McNaughton brought an environmental assessment report from the project for her to look at in early December.

The report came with a letter from Ministry of Environment asking if Six Nations has any interests or issues related to the assessment.

Hill said she couldn't yet comment on the assessment, but she expected HDI would give Hydro One the development protocol and the application process of the Haudenosaunee.

"They're treated just like any other developer."

Hazel Hill said the crown doesn't recognize the geographic area in question as part of Haudenosaunee lands because it cites the Simcoe Deed.

But, she said, the Haudenosaunee never ratified that agreement so it's invalid -- the lands are both unceded and unleased.

Hydro One says it is not acting on behalf of the crown but on its own initiative.

New Senator cleared in sexual harassment complaint

(Continued from front)

Brazeau confirmed that the complaint filed last March includes allegations of inappropriate text messages and phone calls. Any claims against him are unproven. He dismissed them as "100-percent false."

Brazeau and his lawyer Michael Chambers stress that Brazeau was cleared of any wrongdoing in an investigative report by independent mediation firm ADR Chambers.

"It is a fact that the investigation found that there was no breach of (the congress) anti-harassment policy in the context of a sexual harassment complaint that was made," Chambers said.

The policy, provided to The Canadian Press, says: "Harassment constitutes a disciplinary infraction and will not be tolerated by the (congress). This 'zero tolerance' policy on harassment shall apply to (congress) employees, members of the executive and members of the board."

The investigation report has not been publicly released or even shared with the congress board members.

"There's a complaint before the human rights tribunal," Brazeau said. "And so in terms of protecting the best interests of individuals who are mentioned and cited and have been interviewed in the report, this is done for protective measures and privacy issues."

Strict confidentiality in such highly sensitive cases is common, Chambers said.

A second young woman who worked for the congress has alleged Brazeau condoned heavy drinking during business hours, a charge he also denies.

Jade Harper, now 25, was 23 when she started a six-month contract at the congress.

She says she filed a grievance with Brazeau last year complaining of sexual harassment by an older male contract worker with whom she had a brief affair.

"I take responsibility for being in a relationship with an older man from the office," she said Friday in an interview. "I know that probably wasn't the best decision."

However, he was an authority figure there and I believe that he abused that . . . to pursue a relationship with me, a very brief relationship."

When it ended, the man "just bullied, ignored me at the office," she said.

While Brazeau was not the subject of that complaint, Harper accuses him of condoning an environment in which congress employees drank alcohol during office hours, sometimes heavily.

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Show me the vans

Elected councillors told local health advocates Jan. 6 that Six Nations is underserved for medical transportation and doesn't like having to compete against other provincial groups for health care funding.

In 2006, the province legislated fourteen new local health integration networks (LHINs) to plan, integrate and fund health care. Representatives of the local LHIN - local health integration network -

visited elected council to share an update on local projects. Councillor George Montour said there's a huge gap in medical transportation. "Where are these vans? We need

them," he said. Montour said the federal government is supposed to cover those costs but doesn't. Juanita Gledhill, chair of the local (Continued on next page)

Residents tell band council find solution to river floods

By Susannah Schmidt
Writer
Four Fourth Line households showed up at elected council Jan. 6th to ask for a long-term solution to the flooding that besieged their area before the New Year, and persuaded elected council to get cracking on it.

After the Grand River Conservation Authority issued a level three flood warning, the Grand River peaked on Dec. 29th, overflowing the low-lying road and watering in several Fourth Line households past Mohawk Rd. Elected council passed a motion to co-ordinate with Brant County and other necessary bodies to put in motion plans to move Fourth Line Road out of the flooding path.

The council also agreed to link the Six Nations Emergency Planning department with residents to ensure their concerns are addressed. Roberta, Dawn, June, and Timothy Hill all attended the meeting, as did Lois and Glen Porter and concerned neighbour Nina Burnham.

Roberta Hill spoke on behalf of the residents, telling elected council she's worried about safety during floods and in the aftermath. She asked what would happen if there were a fire - could people be reached by emergency vehicles? And, said Hill, the nearby lands are vulnerable because of the floods.

"My biggest concern is there is going to continue to be erosion there. . .eventually it's going to cave in," she said of the terrain around the roads.

Hill said she and others need to get out.

"Because I am a nurse, and I am still working, I do need to get out," she said. "In the past, I walked to get out. But as I get older, that's not going to be feasible."

She also asked for assurance that residents can be reached in times of emergency.

Hill asked elected council why her tax dollars weren't funding better road planning for Six Nations.

"As a tax payer, I'm entitled to



Fourth Line residents, including Lois and Glen Porter, front row, listen Jan. 6 as Roberta Hill tells council of residents' safety concerns about flooding on the low-lying road. Council says Indian Affairs quashed an earlier proposal to move the road out of the flooding zone.

certain things." Elected chief William Montour told her it's because Canada short-changes Six Nations.

Senior administrator Dayle Bomberry said that in 2004-2005 Six Nations submitted an application to Indian Affairs for \$3.4-million to move the Fourth Line Road due to its path straight through a flooding area.

But, said Bomberry, after media reported heavily on the Kashechewan water scandal, the department squashed those types of roads applications in favour of clean water projects.

The elected chief said that council also has to negotiate with property owners who may be affected by moving the road, and in the past some were not amenable to the

idea. "Get us all a boat," someone said in council gallery.

Glen Porter said he and his wife were truly stuck this year as they didn't have a tractor to get out the way they did in previous floods.

"We looked like the Beverly Hills billies going to town," he said.

Negotiations Update

(Continued from front)
Six Nations negotiators want Canada and Ontario to commit to a Haudenosaunee Six Nations process guided by the Two Row Wampum Treaty and the Silver Covenant Chain of Friendship. That principle and seven others were put forth by Six Nations in September. Six Nations lead negotiator, Mohawk chief Allen McNaughton, said that it was unreasonable and unfair

for Canada to believe it could illegally take land and then set the model for compensation. It's not about settling grievances, said the Confederacy chiefs' rejection of the offer, but about harm done to the treaty relationship and to Six Nations' pursuit of their way of life. Ron Doering, federal negotiator, said he couldn't yet comment on specific content of Canada's response to Six Nations' rejection of the offer. But Doering said he continues to be-

lieve that Canada's offer was fair and reasonable. Mohawk chief Allen McNaughton could not be reached for comment. At last Saturday's Confederacy Council meeting, chiefs agreed to meet Jan. 13 to discuss negotiations. Hazel Hill of the Welland Canal technical working group stressed that Six Nations didn't ask for \$500-million but saw that figure as the beginning place for negotiation. "We said that the economic expert

reports that we got valued it anywhere at \$500-million to a billion," she said. Hill said the Six Nations statement stressed findings from community meetings, she said: that community members want the return of land, not money to buy land; financial compensation for past and future loss of use; and the right to retain ownership of lands, she said. The Reclamation of Kanonhstaton - the former Douglas Creek Estates - forced the opening of the broad-based negotiations. The Welland Canal claim took centre stage because the federal government believed it would be a more straightforward claim to address than other outstanding claims, said Hill. "How we ended up at Welland Canal was the federal government insisted

it had to gather more information on Plank Road, on Douglas Creek. . . so they said let's take a look at one that's easy for the time being, and we'll try to resolve an easy one while we're gathering information under all these other ones," she said. Five side tables were set up to deal with lands in the former DCE, said Hill. Some like the archaeology and appearances table have completed their initial mandate. Negotiators will revisit the side tables structure and future, said Hill. Riverside lands along the Grand River between Dumville and Cayuga were flooded during the 1829 construction of the canal that now connects Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

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LHIN, told Six Nations to make sure the needs are being documented and gathered. She said the LHIN had held a day-long consultation on transportation for local people. Gledhill said she believes overall the LHIN

system enables more co-ordinated access to health care. But, said Carolyn King, former chief of Mississauga of the New Credit and a board member of the LHIN, Ontario hasn't followed up on legislation that is supposed to

guarantee province-wide committees for Aboriginal and French-language service advocacy. "We're pushing," said King. "This is in the legislation - [Ontario's] obligated. Everybody needs to be saying it," she told council.

Elected chief William Montour said Six Nations would help push to create the body. The LHIN is encouraging proposals for Aging at Home programs.

Social services provides fun activities during Midwinter

By Susannah Schmidt
Writer
"Do we need snow pants?" "Can we eat first?" "He kissed me on the shoulder." That was the buzz at the Six Nations social services gym as children aged six to eight geared up in coats, boots, hats, mitts, and all the rest to go to Ska-Nah-Doht Iroquoian Village and Museum.

The children's different concerns reflected one observation made by Leanna Bomberry of social services. "Kids are so diverse in themselves. You just see all their gifts. Some are leaders, some are talkers, some are athletes." Bomberry said this week's children's events at social services aimed to entertain and educate children of various ages who weren't attending

Midwinter festival events in the Longhouse this week. On Tuesday, said Bomberry, snow forced the week-long program to close down but other than that it had been successful.

The agency does programming events for special events and school P.D. days and provides family support programming for children right up to seniors.

In the gym before the outing, kids enjoyed a variety of play and learning stations from skipping to crafts and sports.

Justin Williams sketched the morning, saying the highlight so far was dodge ball. "When we get here, they have the soccer balls and the footballs. We line up on the lines and go wash our hands and get something to eat," said the seven-year-old OMSK student.

Ashley Skye said her favourite thing was playing Twister. "I'm going to be nine soon - just write nine," said Skye, when asked her age.

For Angela Burning, eight, of Emily C. General school, the morning was all about making friendship pictures with stamps. "There's these stamps that say best friends and there's hearts and lots of xoxo's," she said.

Bomberry said it's a full day when she participates in the kids programming, but it's where her heart is.

"Over the years, I've just learned about emotions - how to pick them up," she said.

And it's fun, she said. "You learn from them as they learn from you," said the mother of three.



The kids enjoyed a wide variety of activities including a game of dodgeball.

"We go on trips, we make cookies, we go swimming - who wouldn't want to do that?" she said.

Bomberry said the social services programs always need more volunteers.

Male volunteers are rare, she said, and when they participate some of the boys really appreciate it.

Prevention worker Carey Vyse said she accompanied another group to Crawford Lake, where the group learned about the structure of Longhouses 550 years ago.

The group learned how to throw a snowsnake and visited the ancient village site of Haudenosaunee homes and crops.



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Harper needs to invest in First Nations

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has only days to come to some kind of agreement with opposition parties on his coming federal budget or go down in flames throwing the country into another election.

The federal budget is expected to hit Jan. 27. In the meantime in an unprovoked move to stay in power Harper is reaching out to everyone; provincial counterparts, opposition leaders, business leaders economists, premiers, territorial leaders and even aboriginal leaders trying to come up with ideas on how to stimulate Canada's economy while protecting it from the world wide global economic crisis.

The Prime minister is hearing everything from the need for additional, multi-billion-dollar investments in infrastructure projects to industry bail outs.

He plans to meet for a few hours, almost in a last minute gesture, with aboriginal leaders on the eve of the first ministers meeting to discuss First Nation needs.

And he had better come with a lot of paper for a long list. Assembly of First Nations leader Phil Fontaine is calling for investment in housing, drinking water, education economic development. Infrastructure in First Nations communities, or rather the lack of it, has created the third world conditions communities live in, the huge health issues facing children, the lack of proper homes leading to increase in diseases like TB.

The conditions lead to social problems and issues. And it leads to people finally reaching the end of their rope and lashing out.

It doesn't take a huge think tank to figure that out. Only a will.

And we're not sure Harper's government has it. Harper has not been big on pushing dollars into First Nations communities, instead under the Conservatives pennies have flowed.

It's time for Harper to take a page from the incoming president elect Barack Obama and create a First Nations team.

A team of advisers or experts from across Canada to come together to fix the problems, not push them under the rug. Aboriginal advisers to form a panel who's sole purpose is to tackle the problem head on with the strength and support of the Prime Ministers office behind them.

Obama has a team of a dozen American Indians from some of the most prestigious colleges and universities, legal firms, engineers, American Indians with actual credentials to tackle the problems facing Native American communities.

What we don't need are AFN cronies and former band chiefs or councillors or old school aboriginal politicians again being recycled onto a committee with funds but no actual plan, no push and no energy to actual get any work done, but collect their cheques and look good on paper.

Harper is calling this budget one of the most important in Canadian history.

But, is it only so important because it has to keep his party in power. Newly minted Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has warned he's prepared to pursue the coalition agreement with the NDP and Bloc Quebecois if he's not satisfied with the budget.

Or is it so important because the time has come for creative and bold fiscal thinking.

The country needs it, First Nations need it and the children of tomorrow will need it. Harper needs his own Yes we can slogan and then do it!

Turtle Talk with Dakota Brant



Turtle Talk Smoking and Toxicity

This week I want to discuss a common health hazard that Health

Canada says directly affects 60% of our on-reserve People between the ages of 18-34. Smoking. This statistic does not involve those affected by second-hand smoke, those being children and non-smokers. 52% of on-reserve smokers are reported to have started the habit between the ages of 13-16. I am not a smoker personally, but in recent years there has been an intense crackdown on smoking in public areas, demonizing of cigarette companies and public campaigning for the cessation of smoking. I thought that I would do a little of my own investigating into the science and history of smoking for the benefit of our readers. Smoker or not, I found some pretty interesting details that we should all be educated in.

According to the US National Academy of Science, you would need approximately 1mg of nicotine per kilogram of body weight to experience fatal nicotine poisoning. Nicotine is most commonly found in tobacco cigarettes. I looked at the ingredients on the back of a pack of loose tobacco to find approximately 2.7mg per pack. Of course, that would mean if you were a 68kg (150lb) person you would need about 25 packs worth of nicotine in your system to kill you. Thinking logically though, this is about the amount that the common smoker, who smokes 1 pack a week, will consume in about 6 months. I could not find a statistic that reveals how long nicotine stays stored in your body after 6 months of smoking, but I also found some 2000 other known chemicals in the "tar" of industrial tobacco. "Tar" represents 20-39mg of a 50gm pack.

A short history of smoking in the West. In our part of the world smoking was first introduced to

the English in the 1500's during the reign of Elizabeth I, as it was during this period the English began their excursions to the New World. Smoking was introduced to the Spanish by Indigenous Peoples of the Caribbean, who have their own variety of tobacco different from the Haudenosaunee. The classic story of Pocahontas is a little different from the version we have been fed by Disney: tobacco smoking became so popular that John Rolfe of England married Pocahontas of the Powhatan People to gain rights over sales of tobacco from her People. This was a good business for the English until they found the Caribbean version of the plant to have much larger and heartier leaves than the Powhatan variety. Today's industrial tobacco that is grown in the heartland of North America is derived from the Caribbean variety.

Indigenous Peoples of North America have always used Tobacco. In the story of Creation Tharonhiawá:kon (the Right-minded Twin) made voyages between the Karonhiá:ke and Earth by climbing the smoke of the Red Willow that he would burn over a fire; we imitate him in the way we burn our Tobacco. After his last voyage, Tharonhiawá:kon said that humans would not have the power to do this, but in a similar tradition he said that by burning the Tobacco plant, humans could use the smoke to carry their words to Karonhiá:ke, where he would hear them. So much thought and good spirit goes into the planting of Oyenkwa'ón:we. When Ratiwéras (the Thunderers) are first heard in the early spring, this is the time to plant your seeds, snow or no snow. I was once taught that the most nutrient-rich soil that is compatible with growing Oyenkwa'ón:we is the compost build-up of Wáthta (Maple trees). This soil is almost black it is so rich; it is found in the place on the tree where limbs meet the trunk.

Oyenkwa'ón:we, our Ancestral variety, has also been smoked for the purpose of relaxation and even during times of personal reflection during which we want Shonkwaya'tison (the Creator) close in our thoughts. I have been thinking recently about why we do

not see any of our People smoking our Oyenkwa'ón:we and choosing industrial tobacco instead. Smokers certainly use cigarettes for the same reasons our Ancestors used Oyenkwa'ón:we: relaxation, thought provocation and calming of the body. I once heard Mohawk elder Tom Porter reminisce about older people smoking Oyenkwa'ón:we in their pipes at socials and over dinner conversation. As I have spoken about in earlier articles, I believe that Oyenkwa'ón:we is the most powerful symbol of Ka'nikhri:yo (the Good Mind) there is, and Ka'nikhri:yo will never fail us when we choose to use it. Tharonhiawá:kon himself said that when we burn Oyenkwa'ón:we he will hear our thoughts as this is the purpose to which he gave Oyenkwa'ón:we.

On another interesting note, you would need 10 000mg per kilogram of body weight of Ethyl Alcohol (a.k.a. the common alcoholic beverage) to suffer a fatal poisoning; the standard Canadian drink has 13.6g (13 6000mg) of Alcohol according to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. You would need to consume 40 000mg/kg of Sodium Chloride (common table salt) for a fatal poisoning; McDonald's Big Macs have 1020mg of Sodium per serving. I hope these facts and ideas are thought provoking for you.

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SN Fire Department request for funds axed by Council

Six Nations elected council has doused a \$26,000 request from the fire department. The department wanted the funds to hire a consultant to write a revised fire policy manual.

Elected chief William Montour said Jan. 6 the money could be better spent and there's no reason the manual couldn't be written in-house. Councillor Helen Miller said Six

Nations is already spending too much money on consultants who are doing managers' and directors' work. Council voted to direct the fire department to contact other fire sta-

tions to see if their manuals could help. "It seems silly for our own little organization to be starting from scratch," said councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert.

Teacher brings tradition back into the classroom



Teacher Niki Skye shows some of the material she brings to her classroom.

By Susannah Schmidt Writer In Cayuga teacher Niki Skye's class, if you don't know your clan, she'll help you out.

Cayuga bear, turtle, bear, or wolf to learn about the system and the culture, she said. Children learn about the clans representing the land (deer, bear, and wolf), the water (turtle, eel, beaver) and the air (heron, snipe, and

The Emily C. General teacher said before Christmas that she was getting ready to teach about Midwinter ceremonies in the Longhouses. "I let them know the Cayuga nation is the one who is able to adopt a person in," she said. "I go with what I've been told," said Skye, who is Cayuga wolf clan. For the purpose of belonging in the curriculum, children might be a

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hawk). Children who don't attend Longhouse can still learn about Midwinter at school, she said. Confederacy Secretary Leroy Hill said Midwinter was about renewal. "We have ceremonies to rejuvenate the earth. That's our contribution to that. We entertain everything and we do songs and different forms of speeches and dance and feasting for the foods and everything and that's our contribution back to reenergize, rejuvenate mother earth and everything that grows and everything that's living on earth and above the earth," he

said. Skye said she also teaches about how to recognize what nation a man is from based on feathers on the gastó:wa. She said one feather slightly back is Cayuga; three feathers up is Mohawk; Oneida is two feathers up and one back; Seneca is one straight up; and Onondaga is one up and one back. The Tuscarora gastó:wa has no feathers, she said, as the nation is the youngest to join the Confederacy. Hill said at the end of December, he was getting ready for Midwinter preparation at Onondaga Long-

house. But some Longhouses celebrate during the next moon, he said. "We follow the moon cycle. We call that moon the Disgowah. That's the midwinter moon." "With the ceremonies going on, it's also a time for people to renew themselves," said Hill. "You're supposed to sort of take a look at how you're living. Take a look at the kind of person you are and I guess we all should try and be better people, be better families and be better people," he said.

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First-place Golden Eagles plagued by inconsistency

*By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter*

BRANTFORD-Though they have a sizable lead in the Midwestern Conference, the Brantford Golden Eagles know that they need to pick up their play in order to avoid a collapse. This past week was both up-and-down for the team as they suffered a home loss on Thursday night at home but rebounded to pick up an overtime win on the road on Saturday night.

Golden Eagles' head coach Scott Rex wasn't all impressed with the 7-6 shootout loss to the Cambridge Winterhawks on Thursday night in front of a crowd of 350 at the Brantford and District Civic Centre. "Six goals in our rink is not how we can play hockey at this point in the year. We weren't really able to establish the five-on-five stuff. Some of the penalties were really unacceptable," he said.

The Golden Eagles led 3-2 after the first period and trailed 5-4 after the second period. In the third period, the Golden Eagles scored two goals to lead 6-5 with 8:30 left to play. Cambridge would strike with 1:01 left to play to send the game into overtime.

No one could end the game in the extra five minutes so a shootout was needed.

Chris Dunham, Alex Szezechura, and Ryan Moore shot for the Golden Eagles and all missed.

Brett Priestap and Cody Hall missed



Golden Eagles' goaltender Dan Savelli looks behind him only to find the puck in the net following a shot by Cambridge's Greg Amadio during Thursday night's shootout at the Brantford and District Civic Centre. Amadio scored the only goal in the shooout to lift his team to a 7-6 win. (Photo by Scott Hill)

for Cambridge but their third shooter, Matt Amadio scored to give his team the victory.

Steve Gleeson made 36 saves to pick up the win. Greg Virgo scored four goals and Hall had a goal and three assists to lead the way offensively. Dan Savelli made 37 saves to take the loss. Szezechura had a goal and two assists in the losing effort. Brock Smith scored two goals, John Szasz had a goal and an assist, and Luke Van Moerkerke had two assists. Mike McKinley and Jordan Ogilvie had single goals and Ryan Moore, Justin Bianucci, Matt Garbowski, and Dunham had single assists.

manager Brian Rizzetto. "We walked out of there with two points and a scare."

Daryl Borden made 33 saves to pick up the win. Luke Van Moerkerke had a goal (overtime winner) and an assist to lead the offence. Sam Milligan, Moore, and Luc Boissonneault had single goals and McKinley, newcomer Kody Musselman, Dunham, and Ogilvie had single assists. Smith did not play in the game and it's not known if he will be in the lineup for the team's next game.

Blake Sinclair made 40 saves to take the loss. Mike McFarlane had a goal and an assist in the loss.

The Golden Eagles signed (used their last import card) Musselman before Saturday's trade deadline. He came from the Lindsay Muskies of the Ontario Junior (A) Hockey League where he played in 22 games and scored 12 goals and added 23 assists, as well as 71 penalty minutes. He also played five games for the Owen Sound Attack before joining Lindsay and had three assists and 11 penalty minutes.

The six-foot-two, 200 pounder from Whitby was drafted 14th overall by the Samia Sting in the 2003 Ontario Hockey League.

Over two seasons with the Sting, he played in 111 games and had five goals and eight assists as well as 163 penalty minutes.

In 2006-2007, he played in 42 games with the Oshawa Generals and had eight assists and 62 penalty minutes.

Last season, he played in 39 games with the Brampton Battalion and had three goals and five assists as well as 57 penalty minutes.

Borden, who was involved in the blockbuster OHL trade between Oshawa and London will remain with the Golden Eagles.

"Daryl Borden is going to be able to go up there (London) and help them periodically. The first thing that's foremost is Daryl Borden is going to be a Brantford Golden Eagle. The owners of the team have stepped up and paid for his rights. We will let Daryl go up and participate with them only because we don't want to hold kids back," Rizzetto said.

"London has got the ability to use him as long as the Golden Eagles let them do that and as long as they don't abuse it we won't pull the rights away."

Ryan Dilks, who was acquired from the Owen Sound Greys won't be coming to the Golden Eagles because the team has no more import cards. Dilks signed with Waterloo.

Also, defenceman Justin Prittie has been declared inactive pending a hearing, due to an issue with import cards. Rizzetto believed Prittie lived in Brantford but the OHA found out that he lived in Waterdown making him an import and putting them over the limit.

The Golden Eagles are in action again this Saturday night when they welcome the Elmira Sugar Kings to the Brantford and District Civic Centre for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Golden Eagles GM suspended indefinitely

Brantford Golden Eagles general manager Brian Rizzetto has been suspended indefinitely, pending a hearing later this month, for an issue involving import cards.

The incident dates to the beginning of the season.

Prittie, who had twice attended the Golden Eagles summer camp, decided to play for the team this season. It was found that Prittie lives in Waterdown and not Brantford making him an import.

"As a result of the representation on his address,

Brian Rizzetto as a manager is responsible for the information," said OHA president Brent Ladds during a phone interview on Tuesday morning. Ladds said Rizzetto's suspension could be anywhere from a year to three years.

Blast blow two-goal lead

*By Jamie Lewis
Special to Turtle Island News*

BRANTFORD-What a difference a year makes. The Brantford Blast of the Major League Hockey last season were riding high atop the standings but this season they are fighting for their playoff lives. Sure they had great goaltending from Anthony Marshall, who has been cut by the Blast to play in Japan. Other players cut were: Tyrone Garner, Paul MacDonald, Jason Uyeno, Steve Traver, Dan Pitre, David Russell, and Bryan Hamm. Many things have gone so wrong this season for the Blast, who were Allan Cup champions last season. The Blast signed Chris Houle, who has been streaky and backup Ryan Dickie who has played little this season, is a quality goalie if given the chance to play. Last Friday night the Blast



Blast goalie Chris Houle watches the puck as two Baltimore players move in for the rebound on Friday night at the Brantford and District Civic Centre. The Blast lost the game 7-4. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

newcomer Ryan Webb took a pass from defenceman Jordan Skinner,

slammed in his own rebound. Andrew Taylor gave Brantford a 2-0 lead at 11:58 after he took a pass from Aaron Brand and drove the puck into the net.

A Brantford giveaway sent Baltimore's Shane Terry in alone on Houle and Terry's wrist shot to cut the Blast lead to 2-1. Brantford regained its two-goal lead when Brad Streib moved in from the blue line and slid Ryan Healy's rebound into the Baltimore goal. Chris Jones of the Clippers responded on another Blast giveaway and less than a minute later Brantford's Terry Lammens lifter a rebound over Clippers goalie Derek Dolson to give the Blast a 4-2 lead after two periods.

In the third period the wheels of the Brantford bus fell off and the poor defensive play cost the Blast five goals and a huge loss. The third period looked like a pick up game and time after time the Clippers drove to the Brantford net, often un-opposed. Brantford's



Blast players try to put the puck past Baltimore's Derek Dolson. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)



Ojibwe defenceman Ian Jacobs skates after a loose puck in his first game of the season after recently signing with the Blast. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

defensive meltdown led to Baltimore tying the score on goals by Brad Foote and Robert Finch at 8:27 and 8:56 of the third period. Clippers' captain Adam Van Dam

scored on a power play for a 5-4 lead when Brantford's Ian Jacobs fanned trying to clear the puck out of the Brantford end. Baltimore's Todd Taylor took advantage of another Blast giveaway by and roofed a beautiful wrist shot over Houle, giving the Clippers 6-4 led at 14:22. Taylor hit an empty Brantford net at 18:15 giving Baltimore a 7-4 win.

Brantford's next game is Friday night when last place Orillia/Coldwater come to the Brantford and District Civic Centre for an 8 p.m. start. After that, they are in Whitby on Saturday evening. There will be a tribute to Whitby Dunlop Don Sanderson before the game. Sanderson passed away on Jan. 2 at Hamilton General Hospital just

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The Feather Report:

The Red-Tailed Hawk

By Rachel A. Powless



When the days become shorter and the golden hues of the harvest turn into the sweet musky smells of a season's end, Mother Earth reaches out and kisses the night with a breath of glistening frost that twinkles like diamonds across the land. On those special nights when the earth remains silent yet both sky and land resonate like a chorus of wolves, we know our season of songbird banding has come to an end. Our focus turns to raptors that fill our skies at night and during

daylight hours. Raptors including hawks, eagles and owls continue to migrate throughout November, December and January.

The Red-tailed Hawk is the most common and recognizable hawk in all of North America.

Who hasn't been able to identify an adult as it soars above us in a cloudless azure blue sky? When we least expect it this regal raptor will ma-

neuver its tail in a quick-like toss or flip as if to acknowledge its audience. Researchers believe, indeed, that this twist of the tail may be a means of communication between Red-tailed Hawks.

We know it provides us humans with the key to its identity and a marvelous glimpse into the world of hawk behaviour. This hawk can soar very high in the sky, hunting for



food. They have excellent eyesight, which is much sharper than a human's. A Red-tailed Hawk can spot a mouse from a height of 100 feet. In late fall, Red-tails form what is referred to as kettles in the sky. These are loosely shaped spirals that can contain 20, 50 or more Red-tailed Hawks circling in graceful elegance catching the thermal winds and using these currents of air as a channeling effect as they head south to warmer climates.

Not all Red-tails are created equal. We know that in Red-tailed country, the females are always the larger gender and this holds true for most all raptors; females need girth or breadth in order to maintain their body temperature during breeding season up to and including the day their hatchlings fledge. Females are 25% larger than males. The pair will build the nest together, raise the young as a team and remain monogamous until one dies. The oldest living Red-tailed in captivity lived to be an astounding 29 years old while in the wild these creatures can live up to 15 years old.

Raptors have figured predominantly throughout all native cultures including their stories of legends and myths in North America. Feathers adorn our powwow regalia. The Red-tailed feather is most often worn by competitive dancers.

This recognizable feather fascinates us all. It is the feather alone that will immediately focuses our thoughts to the entire bird reminding us of its beauty and power.

A single feather can evoke respect and admiration. Could this be because it is our most common and abundant raptor and therefore our legacy? I have held and released many Red-tailed Hawks. Each one is unique. Each one holds my utmost attention and fascination. In-hand, Red-tailed Hawks never take their eyes off of you. It is this ethereal-like stare that demands my respect and gets it.

The Cherokee have seven clans

and one is the Red-tailed Hawk Clan. They are called, the Ah-ni-tsi-sk-wa or Red Tailed Hawk Clan. Those belonging to this Clan (also called the bird clan) were the keepers of the birds, sacred feathers and bird medicines. They were messengers and were very skilled in using blow-guns and snares for bird hunting.

Hatch-year or first year Red-tailed Hawks are rather mottled-looking and lack the distinctive ambers tail, which they will grow in after their first year of life. Young Red-tails lack the prominent dark bellyband, too.

As with any species, there are variations of colour. We have been fortunate enough to be part of the release of what is referred to as a Dark Morph Red-tailed Hawk. This beauty is completely chocolate brown over its entire body and quite uncommon.

An impressive contrast to the hatch-year Red-tail that is cream coloured throughout its breast and under parts. Even the Dark Morph's eye appears more electric and shocking.



Carl & I have been working more with raptors this year than in previous years simply because we need to be prepared for those moments when larger raptors become caught in our songbird nets. When fall migration is at its peak, we do catch many Sharp-shinned Hawks and an occasional Cooper's Hawk in the passerine nets. I personally like working with these impressive birds. During this past fall when our songbird nets were empty, we'd take time out to get some practice in with raptors.

We'd roll up our nets and head over to one of the raptor blinds.

The Red-tailed Hawk



Carl working with a Red-tailed hawk as he's learning the nets.

Carl has now taken his first Red-tailed Hawk out of the raptor nets. These nets are a larger and much stronger mesh than our delicate songbird nets. It is a very daunting task to remove any large hawk from a net. The bander must stay completely focused at all times. A Red-tailed Hawk can squeeze its foot with 160 lbs of pressure compared to a person who can squeeze their hand with 35-40 lbs of pressure. This is not the time to have a talon take control of your arm or hand. It takes another bander to unlock this raptors ratchet-like grip.

We do not use gloves in any banding procedure with songbirds, raptors or owls. Gloves can become cumbersome which would slow us down considerably in the extraction of the bird from the net. Our hands

enable us to feel the birds' condition at all times. Our hands become our barometer or gauge in determining the birds' health and safety.

All hawks are placed in varying sizes of cans or tins. The small female Sharp-shinned hawks for example fit quite nicely into a Pringles™ can. The tops of the cans are vented so that the hawks are able to breath freely and remain comfortable and calm. A female Red-tailed Hawk is one of our largest raptors. She

weighs up to 4 lbs. Her wingspan can be 4 feet. In order to fit her comfortably, two of the very largest coffee tins are placed together. One of the tins has both ends removed and then smoothed out. The tin with the one remaining end is vented. The two tins are placed together with duct tape or electric tape for a smooth and seamless fit. The raptor is placed headfirst into the tin.

Placing a band on a Red-tail Hawk is a leap of faith for those who have boldly gone before you. On one particular afternoon, I had stayed back in the classroom busying myself with Monarch data and feeding our Monarch caterpillars. I was the last one to enter into the hawk blind. I saw six cans lined up on two of the shelves ready

for processing. In a matter of minutes Carl had looked to me and flatly stated, "Come on over to the table Rachel. You're up." In my youth, as with many of us aging baby-boomers, I was strong-willed and impetuous which as we all know translates into stubborn and reckless. As I now race through my fifties, I'd like to believe I have become somewhat wise; at least prudent. This was not one of those moments.

There in front of me was a can full of feathers. Somewhere in all of that were talons, very strong and very large talons. It took me no time at all to size up the situation. My husband wanted me to place my hand into a can full of Red-tailed talons and pull the bird out. Right. I looked over to him and this thought rushed through my mind: "Well, he appears to be all right. He isn't bleeding head to toe and all of his ten digits on his hands are visible. Why, not?!" My adrenalin was peaking. Carl's voice seemed to reappear off in the distance. Was I maybe dreaming this? "Dear, the talons are both resting on top of the can. All that you have to do is go in and find her ankles. Grab them tightly and securely then carefully pull her out of the can." Easy for him to say I thought to myself. I shrugged and then stuck my hand in the can of feathers. I remember the sensation being that of a fluffy down pillow. After all, I was running my hand through this female's under parts - it should be soft. I found the ankles and very cautiously pulled this regal creature out of the can. WOW. How's that for an adrenalin pumping moment. Trust is an important part of a marriage and apparently holds true in banding raptors. Placing the band on the



Peach Red-tailed Hawk

hawk was difficult in terms of brute strength. This is a weighty band compared to a Ruby-throated Hummingbird band. I wasn't able to completely close the band. I needed Carl's assistance. Next time I'll know to brace the banding pliers against the table and use my weight to help lock the band closed. This will give me both force and stability. I can't imagine banding 40 of these creatures in one day. This is typical during mid-November migration. My final two procedures were to take a wing length and weigh her. This meant back in the can and seeking out her ankles, again. This was done with as much self-assurance as I could gather along with some measured caution and duly noted respect to the raptor, my husband and the rest of my banding crew. Releasing her back into the wild was a special moment for me. I wished her well and a safe journey along with many, many nyawans. Keep looking up.



Rachel handling a banded red-tail

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Swarm win second straight

The Minnesota Swarm picked up their second-straight win this past Saturday night when they beat the San Jose Stealth by a score of 10-7 at the Xcel Energy Center. Nick Patterson stopped 36 of 43 shots to get the

win. Ryan Ward had three goals and two assists and Kevin Ross had a goal and four assists to lead the way. Six Nations' Craig Point had a goal and two assists and Dean Hill had three assists. Matt Roik made 12 saves on 16 shots to take the

loss. He took over from starter Aaron Bold, who allowed six goals on 23 shots. Colin Doyle had two goals and three assists in the losing effort. The Swarm's next game is Saturday, Jan. 24 when they host the Buffalo Bandits.

Bandits improve to 2-0

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

The Buffalo Bandits picked up their second-straight win on Saturday night by defeating the Toronto Rock 8-6 in front of 15,923 fans at the Air Canada Centre. "I don't think we played that well, our defence really let us down, Kenny (Montour) played really well and we got some timely goals," said Bandits' head coach Darris Kilgour. "I think we need to play a little bit better to keep the streak that we are on now." Toronto won both matchups against the Bandits last season. After the first quarter, the game was tied 2-2. Toronto led 4-3 at halftime. The Bandits scored the only two goals in the third quarter to take a 5-4 lead heading into the fourth quarter, where the Bandits scored three more goals and Toronto only scored two. Ken Montour stopped 38 of 44 shots to pick up the win. Mark Steenhuis led the way offensively with three goals and an assist. John Tavares had two goals and an assist and Tom Montour had three assists. Mike Accursi had a goal and an assist. Billy Dee Smith and Cory Bomberry had single goals and Joe Smith, Clay Hill, Ken Montour, and Roger Vyse had sin-

gle assists. Bob Watson stopped 39 of 47 shots to take the loss. Kasey Beirnes scored three goals and had an assist and Jason Crosbie had a goal and three assists in the losing cause. Kilgour did not like the way his defence played in front of Ken Montour. "We weren't communicating. There were times when we lost men in front of the net. We counted on Kenny way too much," he said. "We should try to make the game easy for Kenny." So far, Kilgour is impressed with the play of Steenhuis after two games. "He's been doing it for a couple years now. He's taking that big step to become the top player on our team," he said. "I think he has reached that point in his career that he is our number one option." Steenhuis has seven goals and five assists after two games and that has him tied for third in league scoring. Kilgour said Mike Thompson will get the start in the team's next game as he and Ken Montour will rotate every game. "I believe I have two number ones," he said. "They're very unselfish." The Bandits host the Rochester Knighthawks (0-1) this Friday night. Game time at HSBC Arena is set for 7:30 p.m.



Players from both the Hagersville Hawks and the Port Dover Sailors battle for possession of the puck during their Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League game on Sunday afternoon in Port Dover. The Hawks won the game 5-2. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

Hawks pick up two big wins

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

The Hagersville Hawks had a weekend to remember as they won both of their games in hopes of locking up the number three seed in the McConnell Conference. "We knew it was a big weekend, trying to separate ourselves from Burford and (Port) Dover. The boys responded and came out flying," said Hawks' general manager Todd DeMille. "We got good goaltending both games." The Hawks seem to be a whole new team as they have now won three of their four games this month. On Saturday night in Hagersville, the Hawks defeated the Port Dover Sailors by a score of 5-2. Rob Porter made 36 saves to pick

up his 10th win of the season.

"Robbie is our number one. Robbie has been everything and then some. He's a great kid in the dressing room," said DeMille. "He leads by example and I couldn't ask for more from him."

Jesse Sommers led the way with a goal and three assists. Brock McEachern, Charles Armstrong, Jim Greenfield, and Rick Schipper had single goals and Darren Drehmer, Jake Deuxberry, Derek Medeiros, and Sean Malone had single assists.

On Sunday afternoon in Port Dover, the Hawks picked up another 5-2 win. Mike Albanese made his debut between the pipes and he stopped 27 of 29 shots to get the win. "He's been going to school in Waterloo and he was interested in playing hockey," DeMille said. "It kind of shores up our goaltending, just in case Robbie goes down with an injury." By making the move, they released goaltender James Kerst. Armstrong and Schipper had a goal and an assist and Allen Doroszkiew had two assists to lead the attack. Jay Pepper, Sommers, and Travis Smith had single goals and McEachern, Drehmer, Braden Sullivan, Bob Neilson, Deuxberry, and Medeiros had single assists. DeMille says that the team has one card left in which he hopes to bring in an impact player "We're looking for a goal scorer or a solid defenceman, Feb. 10 is the (second) cutdown for any kid that has been released that's a free agent so we got a little bit of time. The list just came out so we're working on that," he said. "We picked up Jake Deuxberry and Kyle Abbott from Caledonia (Junior C) at the first cutdown." The Hawks are in action tonight when they host the second-place St. George Dukes at 7:30 p.m. After that, they travel to Wellesley on Friday night to battle the Applejacks of the Bauer Conference.

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Knighthawks fall in opener

The Rochester Knighthawks opened their 2009 NLL season with a 16-13 home loss to the Philadelphia Wings on Saturday night at the Blue Cross Arena. Brandon Miller made 36 saves to get the win.

Kyle Wailes had a goal and six assists to lead the way. Derek Collins made 18 saves to take the loss. Shawn Williams scored two goals and had six assists in the losing effort. Gary Gait made his

return to the league and he had five goals. The Knighthawks are in action again this Friday night when they travel to Buffalo to take on the Bandits at HSBC Arena.

Bush League celebrates with third All-Star game

By Jamie Lewis
Special to Turtle Island News

OHSWEKEN- For over 40 years, the Bush League has entertained the people of Six Nations and surrounding areas. On Saturday night

(2A), Ty McNeven (1G,1A), Craig MacDonald (2A), AJ Staats (1A), and Eric Hill (1A). In regular Bush League play on Thursday night, it was Smoothtown falling to the Razorbacks 13-5. Point earners for the Razorbacks



All-Star West player Brad Hill takes a fall with help from All-Star East player Jake Hill during Saturday night's Bush League All-Star game at the Gaylord Powless Arena. The West defeated the East by a score of 13-7. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

at the Gaylord Powless Arena, the League held its third All-Star game, with the East coming out on top 13-7 over the West. With many of the top players playing in the National Lacrosse League, the game still was entertaining and the crowd was not disappointed. League president PeeWee Green said the game has showcased the top players in the league for the past three years.

"It is the best against the best. The players like this," said Green.

Green also says the league is in dire need of players and those interested in playing can see him Thursday nights at the GPA. "It's good hockey and its fast. People would enjoy it if they came out," he added. The point earners for the East were: Jesse Johnson (2G,4A), Shaun General (2G,4A), Derrick Anderson (3G), Cecil Hill (3A), Chris Montour (2G,1A), Sandy Porter (1G,2A), Clayton Staats (2G), Bob Henry (2A), Jake Hill (2A), Wayne General (2A), and Isiah Kicknosway (1G, 1A). For the West, point getters were: Dennis MacDonald (2G,2A), Moose Monteforte (2G,2A), Trenton Hill (1G,1A), Brad Hill

were: Andy Jamieson (7G,2A), Jim Henhawk (1G,4A), Roger Smith (3G,2A), Brandon Hill (3A), Moose Monteforte (1G,1A), Craig MacDonald (2A), Chad Montour (2A), Dennis MacDonald, (1G), goalie Randy Johnson (1A) For Smoothtown: Wayne General (2G,2A) Joe Johnson (2G), and Tom Montour (1G,1A). In the second game, it was the Spoilers who took down the Spirits 8-2, point earners for the Spoilers were: Cecil Hill (4A), Jesse Johnson (1G,2A), Jake Hill (2G,1A), Ron General (2G,1A) and Sandy Porter (1G,2A). Shaun General (1G,1A), Randy Martin (1G), Dwayne Doxtator (1A), and Dylan Johnson (1A). For Spirits: Jesse Sault (1G,1A), Trent Hill (1A) and Brandon Hill (1G,1A). In the third game of the night, the Silverhawks playing with only three players bit the Sharks 5-2. For the Silverhawks point scorers were: Derrick Anderson (3G,2A), Tracy Anthony (1G,4A), and Darrell Anderson (1G,1A). Sharks points came from: Evan Williams (1G,1A), Tommy Martin (2A), Brad Hill (1G), and AJ Staats (1A). Bush League play continues this Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the GPA.



Six Nations Bantam All-Stars' forward Kurtis Martin gets congratulated by Mitch Green after his third period goal on Sunday afternoon against Glanbrook at the Gaylord Powless Arena. The All-Stars won the game 5-2. (Photo by Scott Hill)

Bantam All-Stars continuing to play solid hockey

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

OHSWEKEN-There are many words you can use to describe the Six Nations Bantam All-Stars hockey team but the one that stands out the most is disciplined. During their 5-2 win over the Glanbrook Rangers on Sunday afternoon at the Gaylord Powless Arena, the All-Stars didn't lose their cool despite being provoked quite a few times. "Glanbrook is always a decent hockey team as well as chippy. We told them it was like that when we (coaching staff) played. The kids fought through that and took a lot of garbage and the result was what

they worked for," said head coach Scott Hill. "They played disciplined today and I couldn't have asked for much more." Many of the players on the All-Stars liked the result. "I think we played hard," said captain Greg Longboat. "We have to keep playing like this." Mitch Green was happy the team picked it up in the third period. "The pucks didn't go in the net right away but we got going," he said. The All-Stars were in Cayuga last night after press time in what was their first game of their playoffs (Southern Counties). They return home to the GPA on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. when they take on Cayuga. Kurtis Martin gave praise to the coaches for how they prepare the team. "The coaches are working us pretty hard (in practice). Controlling the puck is the thing we work on most," he said. Josh Johnson liked his team's dis-

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If you are an eligible employer, we invite you to submit your application between **February 2 and February 27, 2009.**

Application forms will be available online, or at any Service Canada Centre.

Applications can be submitted online, by mail, by fax, or in person at any Service Canada Centre.

In early February, Service Canada will be hosting information sessions on Canada Summer Jobs 2009. This will be your opportunity to learn more about the initiative and the application process.

À l'écoute des étudiants, au service des collectivités

Emplois d'été Canada, une initiative du gouvernement du Canada, accorde du financement pour aider les organismes sans but lucratif, les employeurs du secteur public et les petites entreprises comptant 50 employés ou moins à créer des emplois pour les étudiants de 15 à 30 ans.

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Vous pourrez vous procurer le formulaire sur notre site Web, ou dans l'un des Centres Service Canada.

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Au début du mois de février, Service Canada organisera une série de séances d'information sur Emplois d'été Canada 2009. Ce sera l'occasion idéale d'en apprendre plus sur cette initiative et sur le processus de présentation des demandes.

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Classroom Teacher

(1 Maternity Leave Position)

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Job Summary:

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Basic Qualifications:

- Fluent in the Mohawk Language
- Ontario College of Teachers Number (preferred) or in process

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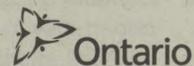
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(Provides services for adult members of Six Nations with intellectual disabilities)

Position:
Support Worker
Casual /On Call as needed

To ensure that the desires and goals of the people that we serve are the focus of the supports and services provided. To provide support that is required by the person to enhance his/her life and that will further his/her growth towards reaching their set goals. This Support Worker - casual/on call posting is for working in the residential homes. Shifts are weekdays 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and on the weekends there is an 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. shift.

Salary Range: \$ 13.97 per hour
Closing Date: January 16, 2009 at 4.00 p.m.

Basic Qualifications:

- A Developmental Services Worker Diploma is preferred;
- Or equivalent two year diploma, e.g. Early Childhood Education, Social Service Worker, Native Community Care Worker;
- Or Personal Support Worker;

Procedure:

ALL applicants must submit the following:

1. A covering letter including band name and number. Please indicate in your letter how your education and

experience qualifies you for this position.
2. A recent Resume. Your resume MUST clearly show that you meet the basic requirements of this position as outlined above.

3. A photocopy of your Degree, Diploma or Educational Transcript.
4. 3 current written letters of reference including one from your most recent employer.

Preference will be given to those of Aboriginal descent Only those applicants receiving an interview will be contacted. Please note that this is not a full time position and does not have any guaranteed hours in a week.

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COMMUNITY LIVING SIX NATIONS "RONATAHSKATS"

(Provides services for adult members of Six Nations with intellectual disabilities)

Position:
Support Worker for Group Home

Job Summary:

To ensure that the desires and goals of the people that we serve are the focus of the supports and services provided. To provide support that is required by the person to enhance his/her life and that will further his/her growth towards reaching their set goals. This Support Worker position is for the 24/7 group home and involves shift work and weekend work.

Salary Range: To Be Determined
Closing Date: January 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Basic Qualifications:

- A Developmental Services Worker Diploma is preferred;
- Or equivalent two year diploma, e.g. Early Childhood Education, Social Service Worker, Native Community Care Worker;
- Or Personal Support Worker Diploma;
- OR a Degree with a major in psychology, sociology, child studies or B.Ed, B.S. W. or equivalency;
- OR demonstrated three years of life experience working with people with developmental disabilities;
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- Will possess a valid class G Ontario Drivers License;

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- A full job description can be obtained for full listing of qualifications required.

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The Executive Assistant is responsible for the management and control of a wide range of complex and confidential administrative, operational, secretarial and support tasks. The incumbent provides executive office management services, interacts regularly and positively with COO staff, manages sensitive information and serves as a primary point of contact for information to and from the Secretariat; directs and assists in resolving concerns, issues and problems. The incumbent works closely with the Executive Director on various initiatives as required.

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LICENCES:

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SALARY:

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CLOSING DATE:

Friday, January 30, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

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SEND PACKAGE MARKED CONFIDENTIAL TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Lori Jacobs

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FAX: (416) 597-8365

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Package requirements to include cover letter demonstrating clearly how applicant meets the requirements of the position, CV, and two (2) related employment references.

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SKILLS:

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EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

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Minimum five (5) years senior level executive experience is required. Experience working with First Nations or organizations is essential. Consideration will be given if the above ideal requirements are not met but applicants must clearly possess a combination of education and experience to fulfill the requirements of the position.

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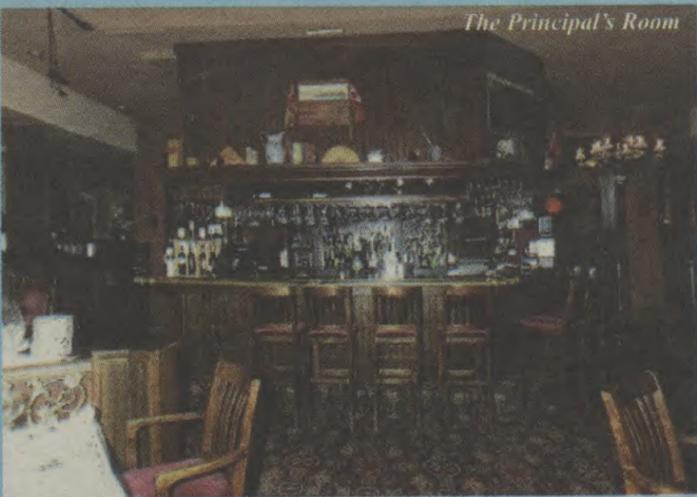
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117 Market St. Brantford, Nightly till 6:30pm

Fresh Meats	Wholesale
Hot Lunches	Spices & Rubs
Seafood	BBQ Sales
Holiday Catering	Frozen Orders
Salad Bar	

Enjoy A Great BBQ

Village
Pizza
&
Wings

Monday & Tuesday
Special
2 Large
Pepperoni Pizzas
\$22.00

Home of the
Fastest Lunch
XL Slice & Pop
\$3.50

New Hours!
Mon, Tues, Wed
Closing at 9pm,
no longer 10pm!!

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445-0396

Hagersville
Restaurant

29 Main St., North,
Hagersville, ON

Morning Special
\$5.25

Lunch Special
\$5.31

Open 7 Days a Week
Open Sundays
7 to 1:30
905-768-1156

Golden
FISH & CHIPS

Daily Specials

Monday: 2 PC. Alaskan Pollock	\$7.95
Tuesday: 2 PC. Blue Cod	\$8.95
Wednesday: 2 PC. Haddock	\$9.95
Thursday: 2 PC Orange Roughy	\$11.95
Friday: Fish & Shrimp	\$13.95

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Dinner and Get 2nd
Dinner for 1/2 Price

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Brantford, On
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