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Confederacy wants tobacco huts off Highway 6

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Confederacy chiefs will be sending notices to smoke huts located on public lands to remove their business operations.

Council agreed Saturday the huts were causing concern in the community and needed to be addressed.

Onondaga benchwarmer Ron Thomas told the meeting the worry over the controversial smoke huts was keeping him awake nights.

He said the community should not confuse the issue of the smoke huts with tobacco issues here. "This is a land use issue, not a tobacco issue," he stressed.

"I couldn't sleep worrying what was going to happen with this," he said.

Confederacy council was told at a recent meeting the presence of three smoke huts on community held lands was creating tension in the community.

Confederacy secretary Leroy Hill said other members of the commu-

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Feds say no to \$500 million Land Rights Negotiations off til 2009

CALEDONIA, Ont.- Negotiations on Six Nations land claims will likely resume in the new year, but Canada's chief negotiator has signalled he will not entertain a \$500-million proposal put forward by Six Nations this fall to settle a claim in Dunnville, Ont. Ottawa offered \$26 million a year ago to resolve payment for the

flooding of land that Six Nations once controlled along the Grand River in the 1820s.

The 10 square kilometres was flooded in 1829 to help build the first Welland Canal. Six Nations had been promised compensation five years earlier but didn't get it.

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It's Christmas! OMSK lights tree

OMSK students lit their Christmas Tree last Friday signally a start to the Christmas season and jolly spirit. The school also donated \$130 and a table load of gifts to the CAS Native Services' Branch's Pick-A-Kid campaign. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

Ont. blames Ottawa after province fails to collect \$500 million in tobacco taxes

TORONTO-Premier Dalton McGuinty is blaming the federal government after the province's auditor reported Ontario fails to collect \$500 million in tobacco taxes each year. Auditor General Jim McCarter's annual report noted Ontario misses out on hundreds of millions of dollars in lost tobacco taxes, in large part because of illegal activities on aboriginal reserves.

McGuinty says the reserves are Ottawa's responsibility, and while he's willing to work with the feds, they have to take the lead on this issue. He says Ontario has doubled convictions since last year and increased tobacco seizures by 365 per cent. However, the opposition parties blame a lack of political will on the part of both governments for

failing to crack down on illegal cigarette sales. The Progressive Conservatives say 50 per cent of cigarettes sold in Ontario are illegal, and people are being encouraged by the government turning a blind eye to illegal sales.

Auditor General Jim McCarter said in his annual report Monday Ontario is failing to collect hundreds of millions of dollars every year in taxes on tobacco, gasoline and diesel fuel, revenue the province will need as the economy slides towards a recession.

McCarter estimated the lost tobacco taxes alone were worth about \$500 million a year, though the Liberal government said that number can't be known with any accuracy.

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AFN details economic stimulus for First Nations

OTTAWA - Assembly of First Nations national leader Phil Fontaine announced the details of an Economic Stimulus Package for First Nations at the opening of the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa that began Tuesday.

The details will be discussed by First Nations leadership during the three-day Assembly. (Continued on page 4)

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Six Nations man among protesters arrested at Edwards land fill site

By Jamie Lewis
Special to Turtle Island News
CAYUGA-A Six Nations man is one of four people arrested late Monday afternoon after blocking a truck from entering a dump site. All four have been released. Wayne VanEvery of Six Nations was charged with mischief, resist

that was sent out Elliott said "I am on Highway #3 at Nelles Corners and am going to be arrested." Elliott was not arrested. Elliott's van had been blocking the corner of Highway #3 and Brooks Road. A Turtle Island News reporter and cameraman were stopped by police on Highway 54 trying to get to the

make the right hand turn," he told police. Three other protesters, including two University of Guelph students, were arrested at the dump site and charged with mischief. One was charged with resist arrest after police and tackled him on top of a parked car. No names have been released.

The arrests came after an injunction prohibiting blocking of the dump site was read earlier in the morning to about 35 protesters, including members of the Haudenosaunee Men's Fire, HALT and students by a sheriff. The court ordered that all HALT Members and all other persons with knowledge of the Order be restrained from: interfering with the use of roadways, obstructing known municipally as Brooks Road and Ontario Provincial Highway 3 [known as Talbot Road), in any way obstructing access to or free and unimpeded travel along the same roadways or in any way prevent the Receiver, its servants, agents, contractors or subcontractors, or any motor vehicles carrying construction materials or waste to the Site from using those roadways. OPP spokesperson Paula Wright said OPP were at the Edwards Landfill site protest "to ensure that peace is kept and community safety and everyone is orderly." Wright said that she could not comment on what the dispute was



Wes Elliott talks with police through his van window at Edwards Dump.



Laurier University student Alexander Hundert, who is taking religious studies and plans to be lawyer, was later arrested by OPP when protesters blocked a truck from Norfolk Disposal out of Waterford from turning on to Brooks Road.

arrest and obstruct police after OPP used a high risk take down and surrounded Wes Elliott's vehicle with about 10 police cars and arrested VanEvery, a passenger in the van when he would not talk to them. Elliott's van was stopped at Highway #3 and Nelles corners. The road was closed to all traffic for about an hour. In a text message

arrest at Nelles Corner. Police held up the them for about 5 minutes, preventing the crew from getting to the scene until after the arrest was made. Reporters were never asked to show I.D. Elliott was asked several times by police to move his van. "I would move the van, but I am really scared to go around it and

about but she did say that there were some issues about garbage being delivered to the site. "The OPP are exhausting every avenue to negotiate a resolution to the situation, we are trying to keep the dialogue open for negotiations," she said. All four appeared in a Cayuga court Tuesday morning for a bail hearing. Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton sat in court during the proceedings. Also appearing were University students Arten Norrel, and Eric Lankin have been charged with mischief. Student Alexander Hundert, is charged with mischief, but had outstanding charges in Brantford from the Hampton Inn site and was on bail



U of Waterloo student Darius Mirshahi is tossed on top a parked car last Monday after he tried to flee police. He was charged with wearing a disguise with intent. (Photos by Jamie Lewis)

from that protest. 28 years old and is a Laurier University student from Guelph.



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Confederacy will send notices to move smoke huts off community lands

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Community have come forward threatening to set up shops on other unoccupied community held lands, if the smoke huts were allowed to continue to operate along the Highway Six lands.

In the meantime two local men Don Tripp and Jeff "Hawk" Henhawk set up smoke huts on the properties without permission from either the Six Nations band council or Confederacy council.

The Six Nations trustees sent letters to the smoke hut owners demanding they leave the properties. The huts are still on the properties and on one, a house has been built on stilts. Thomas told council, "I have had people tell me if we don't do anything about these smoke huts, then they are going to put one up on

Painter Road, or at Birch." He said Confederacy Council was being called upon by community members to deal with the issue of private businesses setting up on community held lands, lands not owned by the business people, without permission or authorization. He said lands are one of the eight points of jurisdiction that Confederacy council holds under its authority. He said, "it is the responsibility of Confederacy to protect all lands. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council (H.C.C.) has no wish to deny anyone the right to

make a living as long as they don't infringe upon the rights of each other. Cooler heads have prevailed so far," he said. He said the businesses have been relatively quiet, "accept for a shooting at one." "If the H.C.C. does not exert its jurisdiction the door will be open for all owners to boost their sales because we all know that location is everything. Then the battle will be on even if it means exerting your right on someone else's communal land." He said "we'll see taverns or entertainment facilities all along Highway 6." He said, he felt if the tobacco law being developed by Confederacy's tobacco committee is to be accepted and enforced, the retailer must be on lands they own or have leased. Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton said Confederacy council agreed with Thomas, and it will send a letter telling the retailers to move off the property. Secretary Leroy Hill said the notice will be formalized and issued next week.

Wet'suwet'en hereditary chief lends support to Six Nations struggles

National Centre for First Nations Governance president and Wet'suwet'en hereditary chief Satsan, Herb George, spoke to Confederacy Royanni Saturday. The centre was holding an executive board meeting here. Satsan, who is aware of Six Nations land rights struggles shared some of the problems the Gitxan and Wet'suwet'en had in their 10 year legal struggle with Canada that culminated in the historic Delgamuukw court case. The Supreme Court of Canada order government to consult with First Nations before development occurs on lands they have an interest in. Satsan told the chiefs he was "honoured" to speak with them and reminded them that he had visited a decade ago. He said the Wet'suwet'en were grateful especially for the message Onondaga chief Arnie General carried to their Nation during their struggles. He said "I bring warm greetings to a very special person in your house who was so generous to support us. My warmest greetings to you

Arnie. You showed your support to us for the work our chiefs were doing as a nation at a time when support was needed." The two nations launched the court action seeking recognition of ownership, jurisdiction and self government of their traditional territories from the governments of Canada and B.C.. The case was launched in 1987 and it would take, 10 years before the case would be won in 1997. That decision, he said gave the two nations recognition of "our legal right to the land including the right to how the land is used, how we choose to live on it, how we choose to govern ourselves. It places a legal obligation on the Crown when they come into our territory to infringe upon our rights they must meet with us, must consult with us and make accommodation of the right. When B.C. asked at what level they needed to consult with us. The Supreme Court said at the strategic level of government, at the highest level, so when you are making



Onondaga chief Arnie General and benchwarmer Ron Thomas welcome Satsan, Herb George to Confederacy Council Saturday. (photo by Lynda Powless)

plans they are legally obligated to engage us. When Canada engages us, what it means is we have effectively regained recognition and jurisdiction of our lands and the right to govern ourselves as nations." He said while band councils also exist in their territory, "the land is under the jurisdiction of the hereditary chiefs." He said they have to rebuild their nations based on the four pillars of nationhood, lands,

history spiritually and language. He said after the experience of being an Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief for B.C., and watching "Indian" politics across the country he put together the National Centre for First Nations Governance to "promote the inherent right, to work to organize strategically our right through the full breath and scope of our homelands and take back the responsibility for every one of our people

and children for our future." He said "we have been put down so bad that we have lost our traditions in some of our communities. There is only a slight outline of a foundation, but the thing we have in common in all our people is, our principals and values." He said the centre has five offices across the country offering a variety of services that are available to communities.

Ontario lost \$500 million in taxes on cigarettes and gas, auditor

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"They're still not doing appropriate auditing on either tobacco or diesel and gas fuel tax returns," McCarter said. "This whole area of tax enforcement, especially in the tobacco area, they have definitely got to strengthen up enforcement procedures." The opposition parties said the government lacks the political will to properly deal with the problems associated with tobacco, from smuggling to taxes to products manufactured on aboriginal reserves. "The evidence is everywhere that the political will doesn't exist within the McGuinty government," charged NDP Leader Howard Hampton.

"They talk a good line on tobacco, but I think anybody that sees \$500 million in taxes not being collected (agrees) there's a very serious problem." Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory said the Liberals could wipe out this year's projected deficit if they simply collected all the tobacco taxes the province is owed. "If we had the \$500 million, we'd either have no deficit in Ontario or we'd be able to hire more nurses, not fire them," Tory said. "There's a host of things you could do with that money; they just don't bother to collect it." Even the auditor general suggested the political will may be lacking to properly deal with the

tobacco issue and the lost tax revenues. "They have to have the will to enforce; there should be increased will," McCarter said. "They need to get a better handle on this, especially given that we're talking \$500 million in tobacco alone." First Nations residents in Ontario are allowed to buy tax-free tobacco on reserves for personal use, up to 2.5 cartons a month for every adult who smokes, but the auditor found those rules were virtually ignored. One tobacco manufacturer-wholesaler alone sold 250 per cent of the total allocation for all adult smokers on all reserves across Ontario, costing the government at least \$100 million in lost taxes. Another \$26.6 million in tobacco

taxes wasn't collected on 76 million cigars sold on Ontario reserves in 2006-07. McCarter said he warned the province in 2001 to update its policies and information technology so it could collect all the tax dollars it's entitled to, but complained the government has failed to make those improvements. A review of one month's receipts on diesel sales suggested the province could have lost about \$19 million in taxes because collectors reported selling 128 million more litres of tax-exempt fuel than they reported purchasing. The auditor also found the government failed to keep any information on Certificates of Exemption for gasoline taxes prior

to 2000, even though they don't have expiry dates. The gasoline tax exemptions are meant for First Nations residents who live on reserves, but McCarter said the government doesn't even know who was issued an exemption prior to 2000. "There is no evidence that the Ministry (of Revenue) has assessed the likely extent and risks associated with various tax-evasion schemes," McCarter wrote. "Based on this and the fact that each inspector issues an assessment on average only once every three or four months, we question whether its current inspectors are being effectively deployed."

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No one's been talking Six Nations won't be returning to the negotiating table any time soon and even when they do federal negotiator Ron Doering has already told us what he plans to offer...the same offer that was on the table six months ago. Doering told the media this week that he still feels the \$26 million offer the federal government made is fair and reasonable even though he doesn't know how they came up with the amount that was scribbled on the bottom of a piece of paper at the last minute. It is indeed unfortunate that after six months with both Six Nations and its neighbours waiting, the federal government has again failed its responsibility to both parties by simply quipping, this is good enough. Six months ago the Six Nations negotiators tabled an offer with the federal government and a lengthy explanation on how they came up with that offer. And it was fair and reasonable, according to Canadian standards. Six Nations negotiators used Canada's own settlement guidelines and relied on court settlements to determine the value of the lands flooded by the Welland Canal construction. The amount wasn't pulled out of the air. It wasn't scribbled at the last minute on a piece of paper. And it wasn't ludicrously touted as fair and reasonable in a media parade, with no explanation on how they came up with it. Federal representative Ron Doering has often touted his negotiating skills and ability to reach agreements with First Nations in the past. Unfortunately he left those skills behind when he dropped in on Six Nations. In the past two and a half years Six Nations has not seen any negotiating going on. What the community has seen is Doering's public speeches and media parades. Doering simply arrives on the scene, listens, yells, hits the table a few times with his fist and off he goes to Ottawa, collecting a huge cheque for stalling Six Nations land rights settlements. And that is what Doering's antics amount to high priced stalling tactics, not negotiations. The only fair and reasonable offers on the table have all come from Six Nations and that is an unusual position for the victims to be placed in while the perpetrator of the crime's representative sits, twirling his mustache deciding what is fair and reasonable. Doering says he wants to see some kind of settlement at Six Nations but appears to lack the ability to reach one. And that should be sending a clear message to the Minister of Indian Affairs that if Doering can't reach a settlement after two and a half years it may be time to find someone who can. Or if not, Ontario needs to push its muscle and demand a mediator be brought in to push the federal government into acting instead of stalling. Stalling while: Six Nations people are arrested. Stalling while development projects to get well underway. Stalling while Six Nations people suffering from the residential school experience will implode causing suspicion to rise. And waiting for the big one, for the Confederacy to lose its support. But on that one the feds have a long wait ahead of them. Canada needs to live up to what is fair and reasonable and get back to the table with a reasonable approach to the proposals being submitted by Six Nations that would establish models of settlement that will bring peace to the entire Haldimand Tract. Or Canadian voters watching a comedy in Ottawa these days can remember it was Harper's government that allowed these tactics to continue and keep Six Nations and its neighbours living in a pressure cooker with no relief in sight...unless of course there's an election or coalition government in January.

Letters: NY reader wants to help My name is Deb Williams, I live in Utica NY (USA). I just received a package from my Grandmother today, she sends me her issues of Turtle Island News after she is done with them. Anyway I just got done reading the story about Amanda Martin and the fire that happened to her home. Amanda lives by my Grandmother and I did see the damage done by the fire when I was visiting with my children on Nov. 6 & 7. I was wondering if the family still needs donations. I am hoping you can put me in touch with Cathy General so that I can find out where I can send my donation to help this family. Being so late in the holiday season it may not be received in time for Christmas but I would like to do something to help out. I would like to thank you in advance with any help you can give with them. Sincerely, Debra Williams Editors note: the information has been passed on. Ruby and Floyd Thank you I cannot tell Ruby and Floyd to keep up the good work, now that they have retired. There should have been hundred of us there instead of only two. Where were you O Garlow? Ruby and Floyd were on the right track, now that I realize, that is exactly how we have been losing our land all those hundreds of years instead of using muskets against bows and arrows to push us back, they now just walk in and take over as though we were expected to say nothing and do nothing. I will repeat my words 'Ruby and Floyd you were on the right track,' If there were more people like Ruby and Floyd, we would still have six miles each side of the Grand River. All I can say now is, thank you Ruby and Floyd for trying to stop this invasion. And have a real great Christmas. You both deserve to have the best. John Barnes Ohsweken

AFN outlines economic package OTTAWA-At the opening of the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa Tuesday, AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine announced the details of an Economic Stimulus Package for First Nations that will be discussed by First Nations leadership during the three-day Assembly. "First Nations are tremendously concerned about the current economic downturn because we are the most vulnerable," said Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine. "First Nations have suffered in good economic times, so we are very concerned about the bad times. We are setting out a proposal that is reasonable, practical and achievable. It is about taking immediate actions that will be guided by a long-term vision of a stable and strong Canada. Our proposal is good for First Nations, for all Canadians and must be part of any broader stimulus package." The economic stimulus package builds on the investments agreed to by all Canadian governments and Aboriginal leaders at the 2005 First Ministers Meeting in Kelowna, BC. The new approach is referred to as "Kelowna Plus". The stimulus investments would be accompanied by structural reform to address the need for reciprocal accountability with First Nations governments and the Government of Canada. "The AFN will be seeking meetings as soon as possible with all the federal political parties to discuss our proposals for a stronger Canada," the National Chief stated. "We know there is a federal budget and a First Ministers Meeting on the Economy coming up early in the new year. We don't want these discussions to be simply a starting point. We want to have met with the key players in advance so we can actually make decisions and get moving on an agenda for action." The plan calls for immediate action on three fronts: Addressing the current infrastructure crisis in First Nations communities, with a particular focus on housing and water systems; - Ensuring First Nations citizens have the necessary education and skills to contribute effectively to economic opportunities in their traditional territories and across the country; -And the need to facilitate First Nations participation as partners in projects to create sustainable, long-term economic benefits based on real consultation and accommodation. "Our approach is win-win. Strong First Nations make a strong Canada. Investing now in education, training and healthy communities for First Nations will result in massive dividends for the entire nation and foster a greater spirit of unity and hope," said the National Chief.

Supreme Court rules no jail for Ontario aboriginal leader OTTAWA-An Ontario aboriginal leader who was imprisoned earlier this year for interfering with a mining site says a Supreme Court ruling that he won't have to return to jail is an important victory for civil rights. Robert Lovelace, former chief of the Ardoch Algonquin First Nation, was sentenced in February to six months in jail for refusing to obey a court injunction to stop interfering with a project by Frontenac Ventures north of Sharbot Lake, about 80 kilometres north of Kingston. The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled in May that he should be released after spending 3 1/2 months in jail, but Frontenac Ventures appealed the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Supreme Court last week dismissed Frontenac's application for leave to appeal. On Tuesday, Lovelace said he and other protesters will continue to resist uranium mining and exploration on their traditional lands and keep pushing the government to consult with First Nations. A few weeks after Lovelace was jailed, six leaders from the Kitchenuhmaykoosib-Innuwug (KI) First Nation were imprisoned for breaching a similar court injunction involving Platinex Inc. Those six were also freed by the Appeal Court decision that got Lovelace out of jail.

Bi-weekly pay schedule Elected councillors are sticking to supporting a bi-weekly pay schedule for Six Nations council employees, saying it will save time and therefore money. Councillor Carl Hill said many employees are unhappy about the proposed switch away from weekly pay. Hill brought forth a motion

for senior administration to consult with employees about it, but councillors defeated the motion 6-5. Councillor Hill said the switch won't come until April, so employees have ample time to plan. 

Negotiations off till 2009, Feds say no to \$500 million

(Continued from front) "Negotiations are the way to go and we're anxious to get back to the table to resolve it," Ron Doering said. "We still believe the \$26-million offer is a fair and reasonable offer and we'll be back stating that when we get to the table." Ottawa, Six Nations and Ontario had aimed to return to the talks Tuesday, but Six Nations chief negotiator and Mohawk chief Allen MacNaughton said some members of his team are unavailable. He said Doering, who plans to present a federal response to the \$500-million offer, had suggested

talks resume in January, but Doering said it could happen before then. MacNaughton said his team is not avoiding the talks, though he admitted he finds it frustrating. He said the \$500-million offer is "definitely" open to negotiation, and he hopes Ottawa has the same view of its \$26-million offer. "I would hope so because, if they're not, that's really not negotiating, is it?" MacNaughton said. "The best solution is a negotiated solution." The three sides have not met since June when talks adjourned, as partly because of Six Nations dismay over developments in Brantford, on land claimed by Six Nations and moves by the city to get an injunction to halt protesters from stopping work projects. The talks began in May 2006 in the wake of a reclamation of lands Six Nations claimed that were being developed in Caledonia as a major housing project and a subsequent failed provincial police raid to oust the protesters. -CP-

"Bullet" gets discharge

Clyde "Bullet" Powless has received a conditional discharge on charges of assault and counseling mischief stemming from an protest that turned violent outside Caledonia a year ago. Powless was one of five people arrested by OPP in the Dec. 1, 2007 smoke shack protest turned riot in Caledonia. Gary McHale, 45, was arrested for counseling mischief. Doug Fleming, 45, was charged with mischief. Kyle Hagan, 36 for obstructing police. Jesse Porter was charged with mischief for blocking the road with the hydro tower and Clyde Powless, 40, was arrested for assault and counseling mischief. Powless received the discharge after presenting a letter of support from OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino and OPP Superintendent John Cain who both said Powless was instrumental in defusing many situations. Fantino wrote "Much of the conflict, confrontation and provocation has occurred during the times that Mr. Gary McHale and his followers have convened on Caledonia that invariably resulted in heightened tensions and conflict that has required extraordinary deployment of police resources in our efforts to preserve the peace." He also wrote "I do feel that but for Mr. McHale's mischief-making forays into Caledonia, the very volatile situations that exists there would not have escalated time and again as it has virtually every time Mr. McHale came to town." Powless conditions related to contacting McHale.

Two Six Nations men charged, RCMP seize cigs

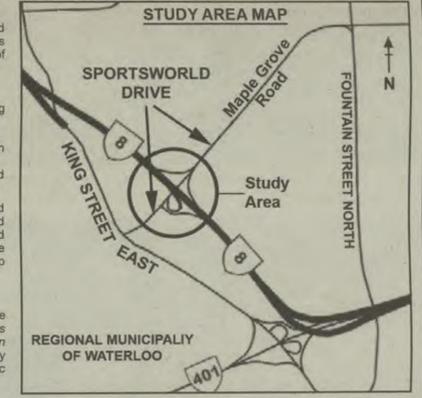
CORNWALL- The RCMP seized 14,900 cartons of "contraband" cigarettes valued at \$327,000 at a truck inspection station last Tuesday that RCMP say were destined for Six Nations. Two Six Nations men, aged 31 and 53 have are facing charges under the Excise Act for possession of tobacco products not properly stamped. Police did not release their names. In a statement released Thursday RCMP Sgt Michael Harvey said "We believe this shipment was being transported from the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory in Quebec to Six Nations." RCMP in Cornwall said the pair were stopped by Ministry of Transportation (Mto) inspectors after the westbound truck rove past the commercial ehicle inspection station on Highway 401 at Lancaster. MTO officers pruned the truck, pulled it over and ordered the driver back for inspection. RCMP were contacted and seized 1,950 cartons of Discount brand cigarettes; 6,250 cartons of Stones brand king size cigarettes; 1,250 cartons of Smugglers brand king size cigarettes and 5,450 cartons of a DK brand cigarette. The truck was returned to a retail company in Brantford.

Hill remanded to next year

BRANTFORD- Kent Owen Hill, General. Paulo Konge acting as agent for Hill's lawyer Dean Paquette of Hamilton waved Hills right to bail. Hill dressed in a black suit wearing glasses never looked up during the court appearance or acknowledged friends or family who attended. Hill is facing a charge of second degree murder in the death Tashina General who went missing in January.

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THE STUDY The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Morrison Hershfield Limited (MH) to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment Study for the rehabilitation of the Highway 8/Sportsworld Drive overpass bridges. The project involved: • Identification and evaluation of construction staging options and detour alternatives; • Recommendation of a preferred alternative; • Development of the detailed design for the rehabilitation of the existing overpass bridges; • Development of a temporary signing, detour plan and detailed construction staging plan. In order to rehabilitate the bridges, the northbound and southbound highway exit ramps at Sportsworld Drive/Highway 8 interchange will each need to be closed for one full construction season and traffic would be detoured by King Street East as required. Only one ramp would be closed at a time. THE PROCESS This Environmental Assessment Study followed the planning process for a Group 'B' project under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (Class EA). There has been an opportunity for public input throughout the project and a Public Information Centre was held on October 8, 2008. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that this study is now complete. The Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) is now available for public information and viewing at the following locations: The Ministry of Transportation West Region 659 Exeter Road, Lobby London, ON N6E 1L3 Tel.: 519-873-4557 Toll-free: 1-800-265-6072 City of Kitchener Clerk's Office 2nd Floor, Berlin Tower City Hall, P.O. Box 1118 200 King Street West Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7 Tel.: 519-741-2279 or 519-741-2286 Region of Waterloo Office of the Regional Clerk 150 Frederick Street, 2nd Floor Kitchener, ON N2G 4J3 Tel.: 519-575-4400 City of Cambridge City Clerk's Office 50 Dickson Street Cambridge, ON N1R 5W8 Tel.: 519-623-1340 Kitchener Public Library 85 Queen Street North Kitchener, ON N2H 2H1 Tel.: 519-743-0271 Government Information Office Kitchener City Hall 200 King Street West, Main Floor Box 1118 Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7 Tel.: 519-578-6517 TTY: 1-800-268-7095 FURTHER INFORMATION Interested persons are encouraged to review the report and provide comments. If, after consulting with the MTO and MH staff, members of the public have serious unresolved concerns, they have the right to request the Minister of the Environment (135 St. Clair Street West, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5) to issue a "bump-up" (i.e. make a Part II Order) for the project. A Part II Order may lead to preparation of an individual environmental assessment. A copy of the request should be provided to MTO and MH at the address noted below. If there are no outstanding concerns after January 7, 2009, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, and may proceed to construction subject to approvals and available funding. For further information please contact: David Ducheck, P.Eng. Project Manager Morrison Hershfield Limited 235 Yorkland Boulevard, Suite 600 Toronto, ON M2J 1T1 Tel.: 416-499-3110, ext. 1861 Fax: 416-499-9658 E-mail: dducheck@morrisonhershfield.com or Scott Howard, Project Manager Planning & Design Section Ministry of Transportation 659 Exeter Road London, ON N6E 1L3 Tel.: 519-873-4568 Fax: 519-873-4600 E-mail: scott.howard@ontario.ca Note: Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.





Christmas was everywhere at ILA annual gift and craft show

By Susannah Schmidt
Writer
Saturday's local bazaar and craft show at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena was a true feast of the senses.

"It's our fourth year having it. It keeps getting bigger and bigger. Even with a snowstorm there probably had to be 400 - 500 people here," he said.
Some vendors said the crowds

But dollars or not, it seemed that the textures, smells, sights and tastes kept people clustered or wandering the booths.
The aroma of sweetgrass wafted from Dot Peters' booth. Peters is



Crowds kept crafters and booths busy all day at the ILA annual Christmas bazaar Saturday. (Photos by Jim C Powless)



From the Guess who's reading us now category, not even Old St Nick can resist reading Turtle Island News!

from Walpole Island, where she runs Naame Nangoog - Ojibway for "gifts from under the stars."

On her table lay two- to three-foot long bundles of sweetgrass, picked at Walpole Island, both braided and loose. She carried also sweetgrass stitched baskets, turtles, and dreamcatchers, as well as black ash baskets and her own hand-made jewelry and beaded barrettes.

Gina Sault's booth was draped with a rich tapestry of chunky, fuzzy knits, all handmade. Sault said after learning to knit as a schoolgirl, turning out gloves for Canadian soldiers during WWII, scarves are a snap.

Barb Martin's booth was devoted to Christmas ornaments, many fashioned of both hide and modern Christmas glitter. Dreamcatchers,

pointsettias, wreaths, teepees -- it was all there.

And for a multi-sensory experience, healer Darlene Daly of Six Nations was offering on-site reflexology.

Daly is a reiki master -- she has trained and is acknowledged as someone who can both do reiki healing and teach it.

"[The healing] doesn't come from ourselves," she said, "It comes from universal energy."

Daly and her sister Donna presented beautiful beaded meditation aids that blend Aboriginal and eastern imagery and understanding -- a dreamcatcher or turtle was twinned with beads representing various chakras or energy centres, to help a person achieve energy balance.

"It just naturally came together, and it just blended," she said.



Saturday's fashion show was an eye catcher.



The ILA's Josh Powless and Rudolph share a secret, but no Josh nor even Rudolph will tell you what you are getting for Christmas!



Andrea Curley's household decorating ideas were popular.

From Debi Jamieson's iridescent glass ball ornaments stuffed with jewel-toned feathers, to buttery icing wafting above Candace Jamieson's cupeake trays, there were plenty of enchanting items at 55 different booths.

Josh Powless, manager of the ILA, said the arena hosts the fair to get into the Christmas mood and to offer the community a chance for items they can't find in the shops.

were good, but the browsing was stronger than buying.

Susan Hill runs a craft business making beaded and deerskin jewelry and vending Native Milly and friend Loretta Jabokwoam.

Hill said people seemed to be holding back spending money this year, and she wondered if it was because of the gloomy economic times.

New status cards coming

Elected councillors agreed to defer a commitment to with The Ministry of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to issue new status cards until the ministry responds to unanswered questions dating back at least to the summer. INAC hopes Six Nations will start rolling out the new secure certificate of Indian Status cards out in April 2009. The ministry says the new cards will help prevent fraud and guarantee more consistent access to services. The same data will be on the new card, but a magnetic strip will allow service providers to electronically read its data.

At a Dec. 2 meeting, Councillor Wray Maracle said a recently received letter from INAC asks for the elected council to sign an agreement by the end of December.

Maracle said INAC is assuming that elected council will agree to issue the cards but that's not the case right now.

Councillor Ava Hill said it was a generic letter and didn't respond to specific concerns she and the council raised earlier.

Councillors passed a motion to send the request to the community development committee for further discussion. They also agreed to send a letter to INAC.

At July 8 and Oct. 21 meetings, Hill told an Indian Affairs representative that she was concerned about getting adequate funding for issuing the cards.

In July, Turtle Island News reported that a spokesperson said the department would fund a salary increase to the Lands and Membership Office that oversees issuing

new cards, but Hill said funding should be given to hire new staff.

Hill and other councillors also asked for clarification and assurance that the new card would be accepted as proof of Native status for people seeking to cross the border or work in the U.S.

Other First Nations -- notably 42 Anishinabek First Nations -- have supported the new card in part on the basis that it will allow First Nations to cross the border without a passport, thereby ratifying Jay Treaty rights.

But in October, Indian Affairs personnel still couldn't guarantee that was the case.

Councillors say they have heard nothing from INAC in response since then.

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Knighthawks clipped by Rock

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

SIX NATIONS- It was a battle of two teams looking to get back on track after missing the postseason last year. The Rochester Knighthawks hosted the Toronto Rock at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena on Sunday morning and were edged by a score of 14-13. "It was a pretty good game," said Knighthawks first-year head coach Paul Suggate. "Toronto played great and they moved the ball real well. Toronto were full value. Their goaltending came up real big. They got a lot of fast break goals." The Knighthawks had a total of 32 players in the lineup and the Rock had 26 players displaying their talents. "We've made a lot of changes and increased the overall athleticism of our group," said Rock second-year head coach Glenn Clark. "We are definitely improved (from last year)." Pat O'Toole started in net for the Knighthawks and Bob Watson started in goal for the Rock. The Rock opened the scoring early in



Knighthawks' goalie Ben VanEvery retrieves the ball after a save in the second period of his team's 14-13 preseason loss to the Toronto Rock on Sunday morning at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena. (Photo by Jim C Powless)



Players from both teams engage in a little scuffle in a rather chippy second quarter of play. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

the first quarter but the Knighthawks came back and led 5-3 after the opening quarter. Ben VanEvery entered the game with 6:04 remaining in the second quarter. Both teams potted two goals to make the score 7-5 for the Knighthawks at halftime. In the third quarter, Phil Wetherup came into net for the Knighthawks and the Rock countered with Mike Attwood. The Rock scored six times in the third quarter compared to only three goals scored by the Knighthawks to lead 11-10. In the fourth quarter, Grant Crawley entered the game in goal for the Knighthawks and the Rock put Derrick Gordon in net. The Rock added three goals in the quarter and the Knighthawks only scored two goals to come up just

short. Luke Wiles had three goals to lead the way for the Rock. Jason Crosbie and John Gignac both had two goals. Joe Walters had three goals and two assists for the Knighthawks in the losing effort. Shawn Evans scored two goals and had an assist and Aaron Wilson netted two goals. "The first half we were ok and in the second half, we put in some guys that we really needed to take a look at," said Suggate. "I think we're going to be fine. Right now, we need to focus on offence a little bit." Both teams hope to have their rosters all but set sometime this week. Natives in camp for the Knighthawks are Jason Henhawk, Logan Kane, Marshall Abrams, Chandon Hill, Mitch Nanticoke, Dan Elliott, and goaltender Ben VanEvery. Goaltender Mike Attwood is the lone native in camp for the Rock. The Knighthawks close out their pre-season this Saturday when they take on the Chicago Shamrox at the ILA. Game time is set for 2 p.m. Following the game, the Buffalo Bandits take on the Minnesota Swarm at 5 p.m.

NLL games open to public

All preseason games for the National Lacrosse League held at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena are open to the public, free of charge. "It's a treat for the kids to see," says ILA co-owner Delby Powless Sr. A fair number of local players are in training camp with a few NLL clubs in hopes of making the pro's. There has been talk suggesting that Six Nations could one day get an NLL franchise and it seems holding preseason games at the ILA is a start.

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Bush League results

In Bush League action this past Thursday night at the Gaylord Powless Arena, Smoothtown sunk the Sharks by a score of 13-3. Cody Jacobs led the way with four goals and Cody Jamieson had a goal and three assists.

In the second game of the night, the Razorbacks defeated the Spoilers 9-4. Moose Monteforte led the way with two goals and three assists. In the final game of the night, the Silverhawks beat the Spirits 7-3. Travis Anderson led the way

with two goals and two assists. Both teams were fined \$50 for not having enough players. Bush League goes again tomorrow night at the GPA starting at 8 p.m. when the Spirits take on Smoothtown in the first game.

Styres honoured with his own Totem pole

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

SIX NATIONS- It symbolizes power, but most importantly it symbolizes family. Six Nations businessman Curt Styres received his very own Totem pole this past Friday morning from friend Don Mathias of the Squamish Nation in B.C.

"It's quite an honour to have it," Styres said. "I had no idea it was going to look like this. I thought it was just going to be a Totem pole not the Totem pole."

The Totem pole was placed on Styres' front yard and it stands around the same height as his mansion on Fifth Line and it consists of quite a few things. On the bottom of the pole, there is a bear (clan) that represents strength holding a turtle (clan) and then, there is a wolf (clan) on top of the bear. A family (mother, father, son, and daughter) is on top of the wolf that has a turtle (Island) on top of it. To top it off, a lacrosse player holding a stick with a ball in it is standing on top of the turtle.

"He's got one hand on his heart meaning his heart's in the game and the other hand in the air representing that he is proud," said Don Mathias, who a long with his brother, Gary, constructed the huge Totem pole.

The pole took two months to make. Both Mathias and his brother worked 10 to 12 hours a day, four days a week. They had some helpers doing the sanding and doing the little stuff that they don't like to do.

"If we worked 10 hours straight, four days a week, it would take a month," Mathias said. Styres had asked where he could get a pole and Mathias told him that he could make him one.



Curt Styres and Don Mathias stand in front of the brand new Totem pole that was unveiled last Friday in the front yard of Styres' Fifth Line home. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

When the Six Nations Arrows won the Minto Cup in B.C. in 2007, Mathias got nine drummers out there to support the team. Styres signed on for five years with the Arrows and it ended a few months ago.

"I haven't said no to renewing it," he said. "I probably will renew it but maybe on a shorter term this time, only due to my boys playing lacrosse." Styres was Director of Team Personnel and basically, what he did was prepare the guys

for practice and make sure they are in good physical condition. Today, Styres is the majority owner of the National Lacrosse League's Rochester Knighthawks and the American Hockey League's Rochester Americans. His good friend, Lewis Staats is the president of both franchises. A few locals are trying to crack the roster of the Knighthawks and there are no natives on the Americans.

Styres was in contact with Ryan Davis, who had a tryout with the team. Also, he was trying to reach

undrafted forward Colton Yellow Horn, who finished third in scoring in the Western Hockey League last season.

Styres is also involved with Grand River Enterprises. The message from the Totem pole ... that lacrosse at Six Nations is taken very seriously and it is played with a lot of heart in all levels.

Styres is well known community member. Now a very special totem pole graces his yard.



The Turtle Island News sponsored Hamilton City HUB Bantam Tigers' defenceman Jamie Hill looks to strip the puck from Cyclones' forward Bradey Prosic during their game last Thursday night at Rosedale Arena in Hamilton. The two teams skated to a 2-2 tie. The Tigers defeated the Spitfires 9-2 last Tuesday night and now have a record of 6-3-1 on the season. Their next game is this Saturday night against the Blizzard. (Photo by Scott Hill)

Bantam All-Stars win Waterford tournament

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

The Six Nations Bantam All-Stars continue to keep on rolling as they won their second tournament of the

season as they went 4-0 in Waterford.

On Friday after against Stirling, the All-Stars won 3-0. Josh Johnson (2G, 1A) and Mitch Green (1G, 2A) led the way with three points each. Austin Hill picked up the shutout. On Saturday morning against Waterford, they won 3-0. Kyle Sault (1G, 1A), James Garlow (1G, 1A), and Colton Miller (1G, 1A) all had three-point games. Spencer Hill recorded the shutout.

On Sunday morning, the All-Stars defeated Langton 6-2. Garlow (3G), Green (1G, 2A), and Kurtis Martin (3A) all had three points apiece. Austin Hill picked up the win between the pipes.

In the championship game on Sunday afternoon, the All-Stars edged Mount Brydges, who were undefeated all-season long going into the game, by a score of 3-2. Sault had a goal and an assist to lead the way. Green had a goal and Quintan Martin was the hero scoring the game-winning goal. Spencer Hill got the win in net.

The All-Stars host Cayuga tonight at the Gaylord Powless Arena at 8 p.m. After that, they host Waterford on Sunday afternoon at the GPA. Game time is at 4:30 p.m.



Turtle Island News Gift Guide

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Christmas Gift Guide

Top 10 tips for shipping gifts

(NC)—Shipping gifts in old shoe boxes, stuffing boxes full of newspaper and even using string on boxes – these are all common mistakes people make that end up preventing the timely delivery of holiday packages. “All good intentions fly out the window if items aren't packaged properly,” says Michelle

Konashewych, manager of centre operations at MBEC Communications Inc., licensor of The UPS Store in Canada, and national packing and shipping trainer for the network. “When you consider that it only takes an extra moment to ensure gifts are packaged well, it's well worth the effort to make sure your gifts are delivered on

time. Here are some of her tips: 1. Always use a new, corrugated box for shipping because used ones weaken and may break apart during shipping. 2. Don't wrap boxes with string, gift or kraft paper if sending an item by courier. Couriers do NOT accept packages wrapped this way because the package could get damaged. 3. Don't use newspaper to protect items in a box; newspaper doesn't have “memory”, which means it doesn't bounce back upon impact to protect the goods. Bubble wrap and styrofoam peanuts are the best packing materials. 4. Secure all seams of your box with two inches of packing tape. Avoid using masking or cellophane tape, which isn't strong enough. 5. Remove any batteries. Batteries must be packed separately. They generate a lot of heat inside an item and if jostled a lot, they can cause a fire. 6. Fragile items should be sent via air service to minimize time in transit and reduce the possibility of damage. 7. Electronic equipment should be double boxed. Ship in its original packaging but add cushioning materials, such as styrofoam peanuts, and then place inside another larger box. The original packaging isn't enough protection because these boxes are meant to be on shelves, not sent through conveyor systems. 8. Ship early. The longer you procrastinate, the longer the lines become – and the higher the prices. Also, planning ahead provides you more shipping options. 9. Track packages. Choose a shipping option which provides

a package-tracking number. Tracking gives you peace of mind knowing your parcel reached its destination on time. 10. Make sure you have a secure mailbox. If you order gifts online or from catalogues, or if you're expecting a lot of packages this year, make sure you're at home to receive them. Alternatively, a mailbox at such places as The UPS Store provides you with a secure delivery location for your packages. - News Canada

Hotest Christmas gifts (NC)—Christmas is still a few weeks away but why wait to find out what the hottest Christmas gifts will be? Getting your hands on these hot items now will save you hours of frustration and disappointment in the days before the Christmas: Karaoke set. With the continuing popularity of Canadian Idol and all of its spin-offs you can bet more people in your life will be dreaming of making it big as a singer. Electronic plush toys. From the classic teddy bear to fuzzy monsters, many stuffed animals are being built with a robot inside, smart enough to interact with your child. Food. Not for you but for someone in need. Believe it or not, this one combines two trends: the increasing popularity of making a charitable gift this holiday season and helping someone deal with the skyrocketing prices of food. Websites like www.ccf-canada.ca, from Christian Children's Fund of Canada, an international children's organization, offer a bunch of unique gift ideas – like a goat or a food hamper—that can be sent to a family in need in the name of your loved one. Digital starters. Parents love their digital cameras and cell phones and many companies are introducing easy to use versions of these popular items aimed at kids. - News Canada

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Christmas Gift Guide

Treat gift cards like money when shipping

(NC)—Gift cards continue to rise in popularity. A recent study actually found that 72% of Canadians would prefer to receive a gift card than a traditional package. “What many forget, however, is that a gift card is like sending cash in the mail,” comments Michelle Konashewych, national packing and shipping trainer for The UPS Store network in Canada. “So how do you protect your investment when you're sending it off, particularly when you're sending a gift card with a large dollar value or a number of gift cards to a family?”

Look for a shipment protection plan, advises Konashewych. “It's an easy question and a very worthwhile investment. You wouldn't send \$200 cash in the mail. But you could send a gift card (or cards) to one destination and have that shipment protected for the face value of those cards up to \$200, along with the cost of shipping. It's an easy solution and a very worthwhile investment.” - News Canada

Holiday shopping ideas for under \$50

(NC)—With only a few short weeks remaining until the holidays, everyone is looking for the perfect gift. But shopping to fulfill every wish on your list can be incredibly challenging and expensive especially with all the parties, get-togethers and added holiday expenses tugging at your wallet. Technology and especially portable

devices continue to be a strong trend this year and are sure to top everyone's holiday list, including those tough-to-buy-for teenagers. However, you don't need to break the bank to give the gift of portable technology.

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of in-ear headphones is sure to please anyone with an MP3 player or mobile phone. Family budgets don't need to be endlessly pinched, as there are easy ways to look for innovative and high quality products that are affordable. Taking pressure off holiday shopping will help everyone relax and enjoy the season with family and friends. - News Canada



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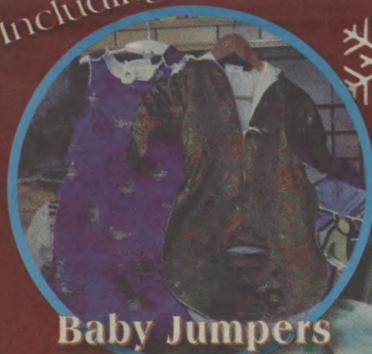
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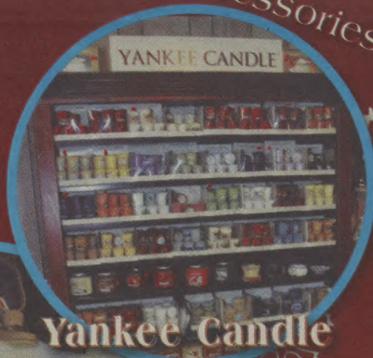
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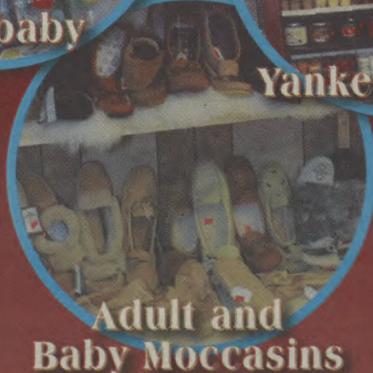
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Blast edged in Dundas

In Major League Hockey action this past Friday night, the Brantford Blast were in Dundas to battle the Real McCoys but had little offence as they left with a 2-1 loss. Brett Leggat made 13 saves to get the win. Chris Houle made 29 saves

to take the loss. Mike Kennedy had both goals for Dundas. Jason Skinner scored the lone goal for the Blast. Next action for the Blast (6-7-0-1) is this Friday night when they host the first-place Whitby Dunlops (10-5-0-0). Game time at the

Brantford and District Civic Centre is at 8 p.m. After that, they head to Baltimore (6-7-0-1) on Saturday night to take on the Clippers.

Golden Eagles earn a split in weekend action

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

The Brantford Golden Eagles of the Greater Ontario Junior

Hockey League are a team loaded with offence and that usually translates to success in shootouts. But the team is now 2-2 in shootouts this season after need-

ing to go shootouts in both of their games this past weekend. On Saturday night in Cambridge, the Golden Eagles picked up a 4-3 shootout win. Defenceman T.J. Fergus scored the only goal in the shootout.

"We shouldn't have had to go to a shootout," said Golden Eagles' general manager Brian Rizzetto. "We outshot them 38-20."

Daniel Savelli made 17 saves to pick up the win. Mark Madarasz had a goal and an assist and Justin Prittie had two assists to lead the way. Matt Garbowski and Luc Boissonneault had a goal each and Luc Van Moerkerke and Fergus had single assists.

On Sunday night in Waterloo, the Golden Eagles suffered a 5-4 shootout loss to the Siskins. Ben Skinner scored the only goal in the shootout.

"We didn't deserve to go to a shootout," Rizzetto said. "We didn't play as good as we could

have." Colin Breen made 29 saves to get the win. Daryl Borden made 46 saves to take the loss. Tanner Pearson had a goal and an assist to lead the way.

Dunham had a goal and two assists in the losing effort. Garbowski and Madarasz both had a goal and an assist. Van Moerkerke had a single goal and Sam Milligan and Brock Smith had single assists.

The Golden Eagles have made a few roster moves.

Defenceman Will Metske was assigned to the St. George Dukes of the Southern Ontario Junior (D) Hockey League. Goaltender Thomas Shelley was traded to the Brampton Capitals of the Ontario Provincial Junior (A) Hockey League. The team acquired defenceman Ryan Moore from the Gatineau Olympiques of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

"He's got a tremendous amount of speed and he's got some grit," Rizzetto said.

The five-foot-nine, 190-pound blueliner had four penalty minutes in three games with the Olympiques this season. He also played in five games with the Sarnia Sting of the Ontario Hockey League this season before joining the Olympiques.

In Listowel this past Monday night, Team DeSilva defeated Team Rex by a score of 17-7 in the Midwestern Conference All-Star Game that featured several Golden Eagles.

Next action for the first-place Golden Eagles (26-4-3) is tomorrow night when they host the third-place Kitchener Dutchmen. Game time at the Brantford and District Civic Centre is at 7:30 p.m. After that, they visit Elmira on Sunday night to battle the seventh-place Sugar Kings.

Hawks blanked at home

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

HAGERSVILLE- It was game that the Hagersville Hawks definitely want to put behind them. On Sunday night at home, the first-place Delhi Travellers came to play as they left with a big 7-0 win.

"It wasn't our best effort," said Hawks' general manager Todd DeMille. "You got to come prepared against the top team and it's something that we didn't do at all from start to finish."

Delhi led 3-0 after the first period and 6-0 after the second period. They added one more goal in the third period. Delhi outshot the Hawks 46-25 in the contest.

Ian Bentley made 25 saves to get the shutout. James Kerst started in net for the Hawks but only lasted a period. He allowed three goals on 18 shots and took the loss. Rob Porter came into the game in the second period and finished the game. He allowed four goals on 28 shots.

The Hawks must submit their final roster to the league by January 10 and they hope to add a couple players to the mix.

"It's just a matter of seeing what else comes around. We're working the phones. Hopefully, something comes a long," DeMille said. "Maybe a defenceman or a goal scorer."

DeMille said consistency is an understatement to describe the Hawks season so far.

"We get on a roll then we seem to switch things up and can't keep rolling," he said. "It's kind of a let-down."

The Hawks (8-13-0) will have a chance to get back on track this Saturday night when they host the Port Dover Sailors (6-11-4) at 7:30 p.m. Both teams are tied for third-place in the five-team McConnell Conference.



Hawks' goalie Rob Porter covers the puck in third period action of his team's 7-0 loss to the Delhi Travellers on Sunday night in Hagersville. (Photo by Scott Hill)

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IN MEMORY



OLIVINE MERLE HILL There is no Death, Only a change of Worlds In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who suddenly went to be with the Creator on December 13, 2007. One year has passed by so quickly And yet so long ago. It seems like forever since we've talked and than; like you've just gone. Your smile, your joy, your loving way. Is in our hearts both night and day. Reminding us of all your love; That surrounds us in every way. Wishing today as we wished before. That the Creator would have spared you many years more. *Forever loved, remembered and missed., Carmen & Cam Good, Lorraine & Rick Nelson.*

BIRTHDAY



LOOK WHO'S TURNING ONE TODAY DECEMBER 13/08 THOMAS CLARK Happy 1st Birthday to our precious Little Man *We love you Pa & Gram*

BIRTH



CONGRATULATIONS to Kristy Hill and Donald Sandy on the safe arrival of PYPYER MARIE born November 12 weighed 7lbs 101/2oz Little sister for Keaten and Keafer she's a blessing from above Third grandchild for Carl & Shanna Hill twelfth grandchild for Moe & Mary Sandy (our three little blessings are so very loved)

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