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Fontaine tells assembly aboriginal people headed for "legislated extinction"

OTTAWA-Phil Fontaine, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations is calling for a new approach to status and citizenship issues, saying existing federal laws defining Indian status as "nothing less than legislated extinction."

Fontaine said he intends to push Ottawa on the issue when he attends an upcoming Cabinet retreat on aboriginal matters, which he expects will be held in February in Vancouver.

Fontaine urged the Special Chief assembly here, to debate the issue during their three-day meeting so he can present a common front to Cabinet and then to a first ministers meeting on aboriginal issues next fall.

Under the provisions of 1985's Bill C-31, which established the most recent definition of who is an Indian under the Indian Act, children born after two generations of marriage between a status and non-status couple are no longer considered status Indians.

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Okay grandma....now say

With her grandchildren watching councillor Helen Miller was sworn in at the band council chambers Tuesday night in an informal swearing in that included six members of the new council. The council members, following the election code wanted to be sworn in on the day they took office instead of earlier in the week when the other half of council was sworn in so they could head to Ottawa. (Photo by Jim C. Powless)

Bill C-20 gets All Party Support in House of Commons

By Lynda Powless
Editor

OTTAWA - The controversial Bill C-20, that will create four financial institutions aimed at helping First Nation communities invest and spur economic growth is on its way to the Senate.

Bill C-20 received all Party support in the House of Commons at Third Reading last Friday and now moves onto the Senate for further consideration.

The Bill is expected to pass through the Senate by Spring.

Bill C-20, led by First Nations, will provide a statutory base for four

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Cozy down home swearing in ceremony:

53rd council is official, everyone sworn in

By Turtle Island News staff

The 53rd Six Nations Band Council became official on Dec. 7, with the remaining half swearing in at council chambers in a small, intimate ceremony presided by deputy electoral officer Lonny Bomberry.

Elected Chief David General was in Ottawa at the time.

The six councillors who had decided against attending the early Dec. 4 ceremony recited and signed the Chief and Council Contract of Office; their promise to the community.

The six councillors were: Glenda Porter, District Four; R. Helen Miller, District Four; Ava Hill, District Two; Lewis B. Staats, District One; Carl Hill, District Two; and Levi White, District Three, who organized the ceremony.

White had called the band council office to book the chambers for the ceremony and was told by the staff

that he had to call elected Chief General in Ottawa, because the staff had been told by General not to let them use the chambers for the swearing in. R. Helen Miller was told the same thing when she tried

to book the chambers. White ended up calling Carl Hill to ask him to go down to the office to book the chambers.

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Government language study claims black and white text meaningless to natives, but we like earth tones...

By Bruce Cheadle

OTTAWA (CP) - A government study on language training in the federal public service says natives can't learn in black and white.

The draft document, part of a \$700,000 report completed in 2001 and obtained under an Access to Information Act request, points to particular difficulties in teaching French to employment equity groups.

"Furthermore, black and white presentation materials carry no meaning to aboriginals," says the study, commissioned by the Public Service Commission and Treasury Board Secretariat.

"Earth tones and aboriginal designs will immediately attract their attention."

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Fontaine says First Nations will determine who their citizens are

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Fontaine noted that by the end of the decade, nearly one in five children born in to First Nations families will not be considered status Indians, a trend he called a "ticking time bomb" that requires immediate attention.

A new concept of First Nations citizenship should be incorporated into land claims agreements, he said.

"The current rules and classifications for status are a direct threat to the future of our citizens and our nations Current government policy penalizes out-marriage," he said.

"We want to do what governments do, and that is to define citizenship and determine citizenship. That's what we want.

We don't want to talk about band membership...Nothing less than the future of First Nations, our nation, is at stake here."

Individuals with Indian status living on-or-off reserve are eligible for Health Canada's non-insured health benefits plan and may also qualify for post secondary tuition assistance. Those with status on reserve can apply for funds related to housing, education and social assistance.

In addition to the upcoming



Phil Fontaine

Cabinet retreat, Fontaine said the next budget and the expected first ministers meeting are key opportu-

nities to get action on issues such as housing unemployment, education and self-government.

After meeting with senior government officials in recent weeks, Fontaine said he has been left with the impression that aboriginal concerns will not be a top priority in the federal budget, expected in February or March, because cities and health care will get top billing.

But Tuesday that possibility sparked the most heated language in his opening address, saying it would be a "bloody shame" if Paul Martin's government fails to put more money toward aboriginals

after bemoaning in the last year's Throne Speech the "Shameful conditions" faced by First Nations.

The national chief appeared to surp Ottawa on a couple of announcements Tuesday saying a two-year moratorium on the taxing of post-secondary education grants will soon be made permanent. He also declared that Revenue Minister John McCallum will announce on Jan. 15, that a committee will be struck to advise Revenue Canada on taxation issues relating to First Nations. Indian Affairs said no decisions have been made in those areas.

Black and white meaningless, native people like pictures, study racist

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The description was panned as "extremely racist" by Taiiaki Alfred, a Mohawk author, scholar and activist who teaches at the University of Victoria.

"What are we, monkeys?" Alfred said after an incredulous hoot of laughter.

"I could probably write a whole dissertation on how racist that is. It's the worst sort of pandering to

romantic notions of what it is to be indigenous.

"Earth tones? Where does that come from, (the movie) Dances with Wolves? What it's saying, obviously, is that we can't read, that we need pictures."

The paragraph was flagged as potentially offensive by a Treasury Board official in a July 2001 memo.

"There are some rank generaliza-

tions about aboriginal learners that I find questionable and may be inappropriate," Sharon Smith wrote in a critique of the draft report.

But a further draft in October 2001 maintained the offensive paragraph verbatim and added more:

On group training and role-playing: "Impersonal story-telling would be more appropriate. Furthermore, aboriginals tend to be

introverted, making adaptation to the learning environment and testing methods all the more difficult."

On language aptitude testing: "Aboriginals are visual thinkers and learners, therefore the auditory nature of this test is a problem for them."

Finally, in a copy of the report that included hand-written editing notes dated December 2001, the sentence referring to earth tones and aborig-

inal learners was scratched out without comment, although an attached annex repeated the entire paragraph.

The "permanent draft" placed on file as a departmental reference document later that month made no mention of aboriginal learning problems.

First Nations-led legislation gets all-Party support, heads to Senate

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public institutions designed to assist First Nations in improving the investment climate and promoting economic growth in First Nation communities.

The Bill creates, the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act.

C.T. (Manny) Jules, spokesperson of the First Nations Fiscal Institutions Initiative, called the all-party support in the House of Commons "a clear and unequivocal endorsement of the benefits of the legislation. This bill is about building infrastructure, attracting investment and creating jobs.

Clearly, Members of Parliament have recognized that First Nations have not been able to fully participate in the Canadian economy.

This is an important step toward removing these barriers."

The legislation creates four institutions which will be operated by and for First Nations. The proposed institutions include a finance authority, a tax commission, a financial management board and a statistical institute.

The tax commission and finance authority will be built up on the established reputations and expertise of the existing Indian Taxation Advisory Board and First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA). The Union of Ontario Indians and the BC First Nations Summit sponsored the First Nations Statistical Institute and Financial Management Board.

These institutions will provide First Nations with partici-

pate, with access to capital markets available to other governments. By gaathering statistics the institutions will lend credence to First Nations seeking funding increases or loans. It will further strengthen the First Nations real property tax system and provide greater representation for taxpayers by basing the financial picture on real statistics. The institutions will also improve the reliability of First Nation financial and statistical information, and build financial and information

management capacity.

Over 100 First Nations currently levy property tax against non-native corporations and developments on their lands, generating over \$44 million dollars a year in revenue. For these First Nations Bill C-20 will immediately offer opportunities to strengthen their property tax systems and enable them to participate in debenture financing through the use of their property tax revenues. They will be able to pool their tax revenue under

the FNFA, giving other First Nations the ability to leverage economies of scale into a better interest rate. Jules says there could even be a premium on First Nations-backed bonds, which could appeal to domestic and international investors wishing to make an ethical investment. Only First Nations whose financial management systems have been certified by the Financial Management Board will be able to access the FNFA debenture system.

Six Nations 53rd council all sworn in, work starts right away

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Hill said the staff had "no problem" with him booking the chambers. "If it wasn't for (councillor) Levi

(White), we probably wouldn't be here," said Helen Miller. "I'm really pleased to have him as a colleague. He is wise beyond his



Councillor Lewis Staats signs the oath of office while councillors Helen Miller and Glenda Porter look on.



Councillor Levi White holds up the Oath of Office. Councillor Helen Miller praised White for making the ceremony happen. "I am happy to be part of a council with such a young councillor, wise beyond his years, he has excellent diplomatic skills Levi worked really hard on this. I think Levi has the making's of a future chief."



The swearing in Tuesday was a much more casual affair with pot luck in the council chambers with lawyer and deputy election officer Lonnie Bomberry overseeing the swearing in. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

years. He worked hard to make sure this happened."

The swearing-in ceremony took about 15 minutes.

After councillors were sworn and

signed, they gathered around to snack on the small potluck buffet with friends and family and discussed their futures on council.

Porter, who served on last term's

council, said she wasn't happy with the way things previously ran.

"I think some of the policies and procedures need to be changed."

Lewis B. Staats said although they needed to keep fighting the issues in Ottawa, Six Nations issues are what he intends to focus on.

"It's here that's important. I think we need to first develop here and see what we need here."

White said he is going to start working immediately on the issues in District Three, particularly the landfill site, which will expire in four years, and the issue of contaminated water for those living in that district.

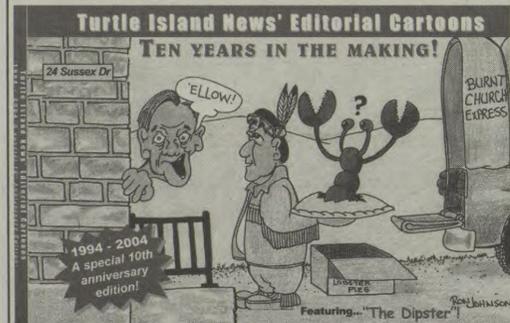
"There are a fair bit of people without drinking water," he said. "We have to get cracking on solving that matter."

Councillors met officially as a whole on Friday at 3 p.m. for orientation at the council chambers.



Councillor Glenda Porter signs the oath of office with councillor Helen Miller looking on

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Councillor Carl Hill chats with community members who attended Tuesday's ceremony



Sworn in Tuesday were councillors Lewis Staats, Glenda Porter, Helen Miller, Levi White, Ava Hill and Carl Hill.

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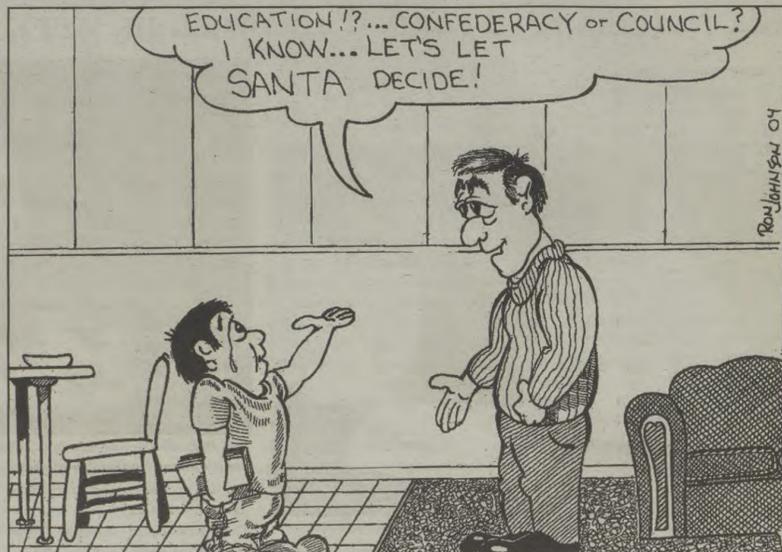
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Current council is in...

The 53rd elected band council is now officially in. After confusion over when to be sworn in and who was heading where, this week the council begins the task of orienting its new members to the work that the previous councils had been engaged in. And its time for them to set their agenda for the next year, two years and three years. Part of that work includes deciding what will be the direction this band council heads. The 52nd band council spent a lot of time away from the community, in fact most of it, trying to work the community up into a frenzy over legislation that has now made its way through the House of Commons and is expected to be law by spring. And let's not forget the First Nations Governance Act that the previous council spent a lot of time and money on and the only thing the community got out of it was a big bill but it did draw a lot of attention to the former band council chief who nabbed some lofty positions on a variety of committees with her vocal opposition. So what's on this council's agenda. From the looks of it, most of the council members are anxious to spend time fixing things at home. Things that have taken a backseat for the past three years, work on the roads, infrastructure, the debt. And for the first time in at least three years (former councillor Alton Vanevery always provided a written report) a councillor took the initiative to provide accountability to the community for her own travels. Councillor Ava Hill, in this edition of Turtle Island News, provided band council last Friday with a written report on her trip to the Assembly of First Nations meeting. The report is interesting, in that it points out the obvious, the opening day of the AFN was mostly ceremony, and as we know the opening day of the House of Commons hearings on Bill C-20 (Monday) heard from witnesses the hearing called on and oh yeah a note passed by elected chief Dave General. We can only hope that maybe General has learned an expensive lesson with his trip to Ottawa. A trip that included "guests" a series of band staff and then of course the council. A trip made so he could pass a note to the standing committee saying he objected to Bill C-20 but never told this community why he objected. The Bill has undergone extensive alterations and is now clearly an optional piece of legislation that has support from all the national political parties. So what is it about the Bill that General now objects to? And shouldn't he have at least asked the community if they objected to the revised Bill before he headed to Ottawa with an expensive entourage. And we have to ask, who is paying for the trip to Ottawa made by "guests" of the council and unusual expense of dragging along a large number of staff. Add to that all the councillors that attended and we have a huge bill. So where will the money come from to pay for the trips and out of town expenses...RAMA...again. The current Six Nations council would do well to remember the RAMA funds are for community use not to pay for travel bills. The last council spent three years fighting with the community and producing nothing tangible in the community. Their three years left nothing behind. We can hope this new council has taken a lesson from that and plans to make sure the community prospers under their direction.



Commentary: Tlicho deal, a bad deal for Canada?

By Jim Prentice
P.C. Aboriginal Affairs Critic

Last week, the House of Commons passed the Tlicho Land Claims and Self Government Act on third reading. The Senate will soon follow suit, entrenching the 208-page Tlicho Agreement in the Canadian constitution. This agreement with the Tlicho, a First Nation of 3,500 in the Northwest Territories, may be the most significant Indian treaty negotiated in the past 100 years. It is the first modern treaty to combine a comprehensive land claim settlement and a self-government agreement. It will create a Tlicho government, transfer 39,000 square kilometres of land to the band's ownership and provide the Tlicho with \$150-million. By and large, Canadians assume that the executive branch of their government will negotiate treaty arrangements that protect our country's long-term interests. But in the case of the Tlicho negotiations, Canadians have been let down—and possibly even misled. The Conservative party has voiced its opposition to the Tlicho legislation based on Canadian sovereignty, contraventions of Charter principles, an absence of finality and jurisdictional confusion. Last week, I obtained a document in which I found unexpected support for our concerns: the 1995 Cabinet Approval that authorized the Tlicho negotiations. Amazingly, the majority of the concerns being raised by our party today were highlighted as concerns for the Liberal Cabinet. The 1995 document is emphatic: Canadian sovereignty is non-negotiable in aboriginal self-government negotiations. So it is troubling that the Tlicho Agreement contains remarkable provisions that obligate the federal government to consult with the Tlicho before signing any international treaties that may affect their rights. Why has a nation of 32-million people accorded such rights to a community of 3,500? Will the other First Nations with which Canada will be negotiating self government win the same right? The 1995 Cabinet approval makes clear that all citizens in the N.W.T. should have equal democratic status—a true "public government". Instead Ottawa is creating a Tlicho government that is founded explicitly upon race. This is the opposite of Nunavut, which will eventually achieve provincial status based upon governance structures in which all citizens are equal. Under the Tlicho Agreement, by contrast, neither a non-aboriginal Canadian nor a Metis can hold office as the chief of a Tlicho community government. The response offered by Minister of Indian and Northern Development Andy Scott in an ill-tempered letter to the National Post was astonishing. He argued that the democratic rights of non-Tlicho citizens shouldn't be a concern because "non-Tlicho make up less than 10% of the local population." Is this the federal government's new policy on the protection of democratic and minority rights—that if a minority is small enough, its rights may simply be ignored? If so, a lot of Canadians should be worried: Black, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and South Asian Canadians comprise less than 10% of our country's population combined. According to Mr. Scott, the protection of individual liberties contained in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms applies to the Tlicho government. But that ignores the fact that Section 25 of the Charter protect collective rights acquired in land claim agreements, and that the Tlicho's own constitution shockingly proclaims that decisions of the Tlicho government are "not open to question or review in a court of any grounds." What happened to the constitutional division of powers that protects the rights of other Canadians? The Tlicho Agreement is also decidedly less final than other modern settlements. The Nisga'a Agreement, which took effect in 2000 is a fair comparison. In return for 2,000 square kilometres of land and \$196 million, the 5,500 Nisga'a people of British Columbia signed off on their rights and entitlements under Section 35 of the Constitution, declared their agreement to be a "full and final settlement," ceded and surrendered their wider aboriginal title and agreed to be subject to Canadian income tax after a transition period. The Tlicho have had to do none of these things. The government's own independent examiner for Smart Regulation has said that the governance of the Northwest Territories is already a "spiderweb" of federal and aboriginal law-making confusion. Unclear jurisdiction and overlapping regulation combine to stifle investment that would improve the lives of residents and help the North prosper. But this agreement will only make things worse: It's provisions are complex, inconsistent, and highly ambiguous with respect to when federal or territorial laws take precedence over Tlicho laws. Most troubling still is the fact that all 208 pages of dense legal text will be constitutionally entrenched under Section 35 of the Charter, meaning they will be beyond amendment by Parliament. The 1995 Cabinet document specifically warned against this. By comparison, the entire Canadian Constitution Act—including the Charter—is only 50 pages in length. There is no point in laying the blame on the Tlicho people; it is only reasonable that they have negotiated the best deal possible from their perspective. My concerns and those of my Conservative colleagues, relate to the failure of the federal government to protect Canada's interests. The Tlicho Agreement will create a precedent. If the Tlicho model guides Ottawa's negotiations with the many other First Nations seeking more power, Canada will become practically ungovernable. No wonder Mr. Scott is so ill-tempered. His problems are just beginning. Jim Prentice is the PC Party of Canada's critic for Indian Affairs.



New Councillor reports on Assembly of First Nations meeting



Ava Hill

Ed Note: Councillor Ava Hill attended the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly and filed this report with council last Friday. She was the only member of the council, its staff and guests who all attended the meeting, to submit a written report. Hill says she feels everyone should file a written report when they travel.

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY AFN DEC., 7, 8 AND 9, OTTAWA

I did not attend on the first day of the Assembly but according to the agenda and discussions I had with other participants, the first morning was spent with welcoming addresses and an opening address by the National Chief, which I understand took one and one-half hours. Delegates I spoke with indicated that the National Chief stressed the necessity for working together. Charter Amendments I understand that the resolution with respect to the Charter Amendments was withdrawn. Round Table Reports/Haida and Taku Supreme Court of Canada Decisions The round table reports on Health, Housing and Education were also available in a booklet, which I picked up. I also picked up some documents on the Haida and Taku Supreme Court of Canada decisions. I did attend the second and third day of the Assembly. Post Secondary Education - Taxation The National Chief reported on meetings he has had with several Ministers concerning a tax on post secondary funding. This whole matter began with the Central Revenue Agency (CRA) writing to DIAND and asking them whether the post secondary funding should be subject to taxation. DIAND stated that post secondary education was not a treaty right and, therefore, should be subject to tax. There is, however, agreement for a two year moratorium to 2006. The National Chief also stated that he has been told "unofficially" that there will be an announcement, in the near future, setting out a permanent moratorium on the taxation of post secondary education. He also addressed criticisms that the AFN was not doing enough to lobby this issue. He said that they worked very hard on achieving this moratorium and that they lobbied extensively. Citizenship The National Chief reported that Federal negotiators have been instructed by DIAND that the issue of citizenship should be deleted from any self-government negotiations. He also reported that there are currently over 100 self-govern-

ment negotiation tables taking place all across the country. The National Chief stated that he had met with the Minister and indicated that we must have citizenship included in any self-government negotiations. He added that every issue related to jurisdictional control should be on the table. What the Government is saying is that we can talk about citizenship, but the authority to determine status will remain with the Federal Government. The National Chief said that the position of the AFN is that it should be an all inclusive definition. Our definition would then make it impossible for them to say "you are a citizen, but you do not have status". There were a number of statements made by various delegates from across the country which all indicated that we have the right to determine who our citizens are. It was suggested that we should look at how each Nation identifies themselves and that we should develop our own codes. AFN Renewal Commission After the lunch break, I attended a separate session on the AFN Renewal Commission. So far the Commission has held 23 public hearings and has had 379 presentations. They are looking for input in a number of areas including: Leadership Selection, Representation, the Role of the Organization, Re-Structuring, Processes, Purpose, and Vision, Communication and Funding. I understand that Six Nations was scheduled to make a presentation at their Hearing in Toronto in October, but that presentation was cancelled and a written presentation was sent in instead. There will be one more date of Public Hearings on January 11th, 2005 at the Novotel Hotel in Ottawa. Written presentations can still be made until the end of January. The Commission plans to have a draft report out to the communities in the spring of 2005 and then to hold a Special Assembly strictly on the work of the AFN Renewal Commission in September 2005. This Council should review the submission that was sent in and make a decision as to whether we want to send anything else to the Commission before their work wraps up. Electoral Reform The National Chief made a presentation outlining that a difference can be made in approximately 63 ridings if our people would go out and vote in the Federal and Provincial elections. In saying this, he pointed out that he was not advocating that we do vote in those elections. It was stated that perhaps we should undertake a public education campaign as there appeared that there might be some value in terms of affecting change in those governments. There was a resolution presented whereby the Chiefs directed the AFN Secretariat to pursue dialogue with appropriate parties (Elections Canada) with respect to an education or awareness campaign for

First Nations people about the significance of voting and that they develop a position paper on electoral reform for presentation to the Chiefs at the next Assembly. Although people did speak against participating in those elections, the resolution was carried. At this stage, it will be a report back to the Chiefs. Legislative Update Roger Jones provided an update on current Bills. Bill S-16 is a Private Members Bill on the Recognition of First Nations Governments. This will likely not achieve status as law because it is a Private Members Bill. Bill C-20 - Fiscal and Statistical Institutions - Passed third reading on way to senate. It is essentially the same as C-23 with two noted amendments. There is a non-derogation clause with respect to treaty and aboriginal rights and the issue of optionality was clarified. The legislation says that the legislation has application to those First Nations who appear on a Schedule. You, therefore, have to be put on a Schedule to have it apply to you. It is the same as the First Nations Lands Management Act. A clause by clause review will tool place on Thursday, December 9th (it was later learned that this only lasted one hour). The Bill will be out of the Committee this week and go on to the Senate. As it goes through the process, it is expected that it will receive Royal Proclamation in the spring. Bill C-247 - Is an Act to provide compensation to Veterans. This is also a Private Members Bill and is not likely to proceed to the status of law. This Bill is not supported by the Government. There was then a lengthy discussion on the Bills, particularly Bill C-20. There were speakers for and against the Bill. Many speakers pointed out that there are issues that we are not going to agree on, but stated that we should still respect each other. There was mention that it was the same people saying the same thing as they did at the Assembly in Halifax when this issue was discussed. It was also pointed out that there is an AFN Resolution in place against this Bill and that resolution should stand unless and until it is rescinded. The last day, which went right through lunch and did not finish until 3:00 p.m. dealt with resolutions. Resolutions I have listed the resolutions below: 2) Establishment of the AFN Games for First Nations 3) Manitoba Governance Centre 4) Establishment of a Police Training Centre 5) Support in Principle for Canada's Walk for Reconciliation 6) Support for B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society's Efforts to Create a National Organization for Aboriginal People with Disabilities 7) Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement Renewal 8) Implementation of National Housing Strategy 9) Provision of High Speed Internet

Connectivity 10) Full Jurisdiction and Resourcing for National First Nations Education and Life Long Learning Initiatives 11) Health Round Table - New Funding for Early Childhood Development 12) United Nations International Youth Peace Summit 13) Political Support for Taku River Tlingit First Nation 14) Support for AFN Collaboration with the Aboriginal Sports Circle (Amended) 15) Title Case Funding for Haida 16) 2005-Year of First Nations Women 17) Electoral Reform and Increased First Nation Voter Turnout 18) Second International United Nations Decade of Indigenous Peoples 19) Support for Central Region Interim Measures Agreement 20) First Nations Child Care 21) Child Poverty in Canada 22) Gaming Jurisdiction and the Criminal Code 23) Non-Insured Health Benefits - Medical Transportation Funding, Reporting Requirements and Interim Framework 24) Cultural Education Centres Program Funding 25) Political Support for Lac Des Milles Lacs First Nation 26) MacKenzie Gas Pipeline 27) Diabetes Epidemic 28) Political Support for the Mikisew Cree First Nation 29) Support for Cowichan Tribes and Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group Seeking Assistance of UN 30) Health Sectoral Session and Blueprint on Aboriginal Health 31) AFN Opposes Government of Canada's Pan-Aboriginal Approach 32) Life Long Learning Round Table 33) Support for the Implementation of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry Report Recommendations on Policing in the Province of Manitoba 34) Political Support for the Namaygoosisagun/Collins First Nation 35) Prohibit Development in the Calving and Post Calving Grounds of the Caribou Herd 36) Solution to the Current Crisis at Twin Rapids 37) Protocol in Support of Self-Preservation - Tabled These resolutions were carried with the exception of the last one (37), which was tabled. I feel that the staff that were present (Johnna Martin, Peter Martin) at the Assembly should review these resolutions and ensure that copies are provided to the appropriate Departments for their reference. Residential Schools - AFN Report on Canada's Dispute Resolution Plan The National Chief reported that he was meeting with the Justice Minister in an effort to secure a stronger demonstration of support and to seek an alternative to the current process. Efforts will continue with respect to this file. I also picked up a copy of the AFN

Report. Assembly of First Nations - 2005 The General Assembly will be held on July 5, 6 and 7, in Yellowknife, N.W.T. Regional Chief Bill Erasmus and Chief Darrell Beaulieu made a presentation with respect to the preparations for this Assembly. They have booked 900 hotel rooms and will also have a Tent City for 1000 people. There will be a cut-off date for the Chiefs to get the hotel rooms and the Northern Chiefs are encouraged to allow the Southern Chiefs to have priority for the hotel rooms. Meals will be provided and there will be social events planned with dancers and feasts. There will also be a Golf Tournament on the last day of the meeting, Thursday, July 7th, which will start at 6:00 p.m. and go to about midnight, since it is 24 hour daylight at the time of year. Other Events *Adam Beach spoke about a Healing Ranch for Youth that he is hoping to open at some time in the future. *There was a blanket dance for Harold Cardinal, former leader of the Indian Association of Alberta and author of Unjust Society. Mr. Cardinal is suffering from cancer. The blanket dance raised \$2,218.89. *There was also an incident with respect to the French translation. One French speaking Chief asked the French speaking Co-Chair to only speak French. He proceeded to do so and then a Chief from B.C. complained that she could not understand and said that a lot of the delegates from B.C. did not speak French. Shortly thereafter, Edward John, Chair of the B.C. Summit made a presentation to the Assembly and asked all the B.C. Chiefs to stand while he made the presentation. He apologized for the statements made by one of the Chiefs and said that no disrespect was meant. The Regional Chief and some Elders also spoke and emphasized that we must respect each other and try to work together. They also made a presentation to the Quebec Regional Chief, Ghislain Picard, who accepted their apology on behalf of the Quebec Chiefs. As I indicated earlier, the meeting did not take a lunch break on the last day and did not end until 3:00 p.m. I, along with Councillor Glenda Porter, were there at the end of the meeting. The other delegates from Six Nations had all left the Assembly by 1:00 p.m. I feel that it is important that we remain at these meetings until they are finished. The last day is always the most important, because that is when the resolutions are always done and the Assembly is continuously checking to see if there is a quorum. The first day, particularly in the morning, is more ceremonial with welcoming and opening remarks. I also feel that in the future, there should be someone designated as a proxy who can vote on resolutions when the Chief is not in the room. Ava Hill Councillor - District Two

New councillors want to see projects previous council worked on

By Turtle Island News Staff

Things got a little testy at the first meeting of the 53rd Elected Band Council last Friday after new council members found themselves facing some opposition when they asked for copies of the previous council's resolutions and closed our minutes.

The mood tensed up quickly when Councillor Lewis Staats asked Senior Executive Officer Paulette Tremblay for copies of resolutions passed by the previous council.

Staats said he wanted to see what the previous council was working on to bring himself up to date when Tremblay said the staff was busy but could provide them.

Councillor Ava Hill agreed and said she wanted to see copies of the minutes including minutes of closed council meetings.

While the majority of council

agreed with the request District Five councillor Chris Martin said he didn't want copies of any resolutions or minutes. Instead he pulled out a copy of the Council's Oath of Office

Martin said the Chief and Council contract of office (Promise to the Community) says council members will "honour respect and uphold the decisions of the Six Nations Council."

Councillor Melba Thomas, said she was concerned with the new councillors reading in-camera minutes of the previous council.

The minutes are from meetings, she said, that happened before the new councillors were council members.

Elected Chief Dave General said the in-camera minutes could only be read at council chambers and not taken outside the building.

All orientation meetings and administration presentations are open to the public.

The new council met as a whole for the first time on Dec. 10 to schedule orientation sessions and presentation hearings from the various administrative departments. There are 15 administrative departments within the Six Nations Band Council.

At Friday's session, District Two Councillor Ava Hill handed out copies of reports she created detailing the activities of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) meeting in Ottawa last week. Hill did not attend the first day of the AFN meeting because she was not yet sworn in, but did attend the rest of the meeting and said she felt councillors should be well informed of the activities that take place during out-of-town trips.

The Six Nations Welfare and Innovations department was the first to make a presentation to council on Dec. 13.

Director Sharon Martin reported that in the past three years, welfare dollars have been reduced by 32 per cent.

The department is also planning to upgrade their technology at a cost of \$76,000. The annual administration budget is \$671,000 and the client budget is \$2 million.

Senior Executive Officer Paulette Tremblay presented the Chief and Council structure, roles and responsibilities.

Councillor Ava Hill said she had concerns about the roles and responsibilities of council but would deal with them at a later date.

When Tremblay told council the agenda was reviewed by herself

and was working well, Ava Hills aid that's not the message she got the community.

"When I was campaigning that's one of the issues people complained about. They can't get on the agenda. They want back in here."

Hill said the agenda was one of the item council would have to discuss at a future date including Tremblay's contract and the division of political and administrative powers.

She told Tremblay, "I don't understand why an administrator is over-seeing a political agenda. That's going to have to be reviewed."

Councillor Helen Miller agreed. "I think we need to review your contract."

Tremblay told them, "I guess as the new council you can do that."

New councilor elected

By Edna J. Gooder

Staff reporter

New Credit - Georgina Sault has been elected as councillor at New Credit after a weekend election.

Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nations went to the polls on Saturday to elect a new councilor in a By-election held at the administration building on Mississauga Road. Sault of New Credit won the position with 54 votes. She replaces Adam Sault, who resigned for personal reasons in October sparking the December By-election. Frances Laforme elections officer said in a phone interview that 184 votes were counted in the weekend election Sharon M. Bonham received 34 votes, Brandon J. King received 17, George L. King received 22 votes, Arland Laforme received 23, Charles Edwad Laforme received 9 votes and Andrea M. Sault received 25 votes.

The new councilor was sworn in to office on Monday morning at the administration buildings.



Elections Officer Frances Lafore and William Clause man voting on the weekend. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)

A good old fashioned visit



By Edna J. Gooder
Staff reporter

They sat around a warm, glowing fire burning brightly in the stone fireplace trying to recapture a past tradition.

About 50 people attended the visit held last week in the student lounge at Six Nations Polytechnic

Terry Lynn Brant Human Resource consultant at Six Nations Education Commission said visiting was the way children learned about history and values. Brant emphasized "we are loosing" the art of visiting because people just don't share anymore."



BUFFALO BANDITS FANFEST 2004



John Tavares

(Above) and Six Nations' Tom Montour (Right) weren't intimidated by the other team as they passed the ball to one of the teammates. (Photos by Samantha Martin)



Bandits Kyle Jamieson jokes around with Jonas Derks during the fan scrimmage Sunday afternoon as Derks' teammate kept his eye on the ball.



Derek General

Powless is never afraid to drop the gloves on the floor and Sunday's fanfest was no exception as he went head to head with a fan on the floor.



Derek General hopped in net for some of the scrimmages with the kids and other Bandits players while fans and families watched some future National Lacrosse League players score on the Bandits goalie.



Buffalo Bandits Clay Hill (left) and Derek General (right) pose with Bandits fans Taima Beaver, 9, and Cassandra Bomberly, 7, after signing their poster at the autograph session of the Bandits Fanfest.

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The Evaluation & Try-out schedule is as follows:

Saturday December 18/04—12 pm-2pm- practice/scrimmage
 Tuesday December 21/04—9 pm-11pm- practice/scrimmage
 Wednesday December 22/04—12 pm-2pm- practice/scrimmage
 Tuesday December 28/04—9 pm-11pm- practice/scrimmage
 Wednesday December 29/04—12 pm-2pm- practice/scrimmage

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 Saturday February 5/05— 12 pm-2pm- practice/scrimmage

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Six Nations Minor Hockey teams unbeaten after weekend of wins and a tie

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

OHSWEKEN - Six Nations Minor Hockey was in full swing this weekend at the Gaylord Powless Arena and five teams earned four wins and one tie.

PeeWee take charge in second period

The Six Nations PeeWee #11 house league team fell behind in the first period, remaining scoreless as Glanbrook scored a single goal.

The second period Six Nations scored two goals, taking the lead and not letting go.

Their first goal came from Tyler Porter at the 28 second mark unassisted tying the game.

Dan Logen scored Six Nations lead goal that proved to be the winning goal at 4:39 with an assist from Marvin VanEvery.

Six Nations closed the game with a goal in the final minutes of the third period with a goal from Josh Curley with an assist from Alex

Martin winning the game with a 3-1 final score.

PeeWee #12 shut out Hagersville

The Six Nations PeeWee #12 house league team defeated Hagersville, shutting them out with a 2-0 score.

The first period was scoreless for both teams.

Six Nations' Lacie Burning scored their first goal in the second period with 4:40 left on the clock.

She was assisted by Michael Johnson.

Ten minutes later in the third period Six Nations' Andrew Hill scored their second and final goal.

He was assisted by Cam Tobicoke and Ronnie Poir.

Bantam follow suit and shut out Hagersville

Both teams remained scoreless for the first two periods of Saturday night's game but there was still some action on the ice.

Six Nations' Jeffrey Hill got into a fight with a Hagersville player and



Lucas Hill of the Midget All Stars team got into a scuffle with a Norwich player after the game finished Sunday night at the Gaylord Powless Arena. Six Nations won the game with a 2-1 score. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

received a five minute fighting penalty and a game misconduct with 5:25 left on the clock in the third period.

With 2:24 left on the clock Six Nations' Chancey Hill scored their only goal with assists from Rocky General and Landon Martin winning the game with a 1-0 score.

Midget boys tie Glanbrook
Glanbrook took an early lead scoring their first goal two minutes into the first period and shutting out Six Nations for the first period.

Glanbrook scored their second goal early on in the second period taking a two goal lead.

Six Nations' Wayne VanEvery scored two minutes later at 1:34 with the assist from Robbie Porter. Porter also received two penalties for roughing keeping him in the penalty box for four minutes.

Six Nations took the lead in the third period with a goal from VanEvery unassisted.

With over one minute left

Glanbrook scored their third goal tying the game at 3-3.

Midget AS win a rough game
The Six Nations Midget All Stars won a rough game against Norwich Sunday night.

The first period was scoreless for both teams.

The second period Six Nations took the lead with a goal from Kevin Bomberry 35 seconds into the period.

He was assisted by Kally Martin and Coalton Martin.

Dustin Monture, Kally Martin, Brandon Maracle, and Bradley Williams ended up in the penalty box during the second period.

Monture and Williams served two minute slashing penalties, Martin served a two minute interference penalty which led to a power play goal for Norwich tying the game at 1-1. Maracle served a two minute hooking penalty.

It looked like they would go into the third period tied at 1-1 until

Kyle Martin scored with one second left on the clock.

He was assisted by Cody Johnson and Monture.

Both teams were unable to score in the third period giving Six Nations the 2-1 win.

Six Nations' Lucas Hill ended the game with a fight.

After charging Norwich's Craig Ormston the two got into a wrestling match on the ice.

Hill was given a two minute charging penalty and a two minute roughing penalty.

Ormston was given a two minute sportsmanlike conduct penalty and both were sent to their dressing rooms.

Other penalties of the third period went to Andy Jamieson for slashing and Maracle for interference. Head out to the Gaylord Powless Arena this weekend for more Six Nations Minor Hockey action.

Brantford Golden Eagles soar over Owen Sound in 4-2 victory Thursday

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

BRANTFORD - The Brantford Golden Eagles won their fifth consecutive home game Wednesday night when they defeated Owen Sound 4-2.

The Golden Eagles got the scoring started off early on with a goal from captain Nathan Gilchrist at 1:27 with assists from Brandon Maloney and Jeremy Ostapuk.

Owen Sound quickly scored their first goal at 3:43, tying the game at 1-1 with a lucky shot from Shawn Walker with the assists from Bobby Raymond and Cody Hamilton.

The Eagles' Gilchrist went on to score their second goal 10 minutes later at 11:52 with an assist from Maloney giving them the lead.

One minute later the Eagles' Jay Grant-Hose scored their third goal with assists from Derek Klein and Peter Montour at 12:52.

The first period was well played with only one penalty.

Brantford's Maloney received a two minute penalty with 49 seconds left on the clock for high sticking but only server 15 seconds of his penalty after Owen Sound's Raymond scored their second goal with the assist from Hamilton on a power play.

The second period was scoreless for both teams but their was plenty of action to keep the fans on their

toes.

Just two minutes into the period Brantford's Scott Duncan received a two minute penalty for roughing and four minutes later he received another penalty. This time it was for slashing.

Six seconds before Duncan's penalty was up, Stuart Naylor received a two minute penalty for checking to the head and a 10 minute misconduct, keeping him in the penalty box until the third period.

Junior B Standings as of noon December 14, 2004					
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Kitchener	27	21	6	0	42
Elmira	29	17	7	2	39
Owen Sound	29	18	9	2	38
Stratford	31	18	12	0	37
Waterloo	30	15	9	4	36
Listowel	30	15	9	3	36
Cambridge	29	14	9	2	34
Brantford	30	14	15	1	29
Guelph	32	5	25	1	12
Orangeville	29	3	25	1	7

With 2:34 left on the clock in the second period, Brad Jones was sent to the penalty box to serve a two minute penalty for roughing after the whistle.

Just as Jones was coming out of the penalty box his teammate Mike McKinley was given a two minute high sticking penalty.

Even with all of Brantford's penalty, keeping them short handed for a good part of the second period and



Brantford's Mike McKinley falls into the net at Thursday night's win over the second place Owen Sound. Owen Sound has moved down to third place in the standings, behind Elmira. The Eagles play Elmira this Saturday at the Civic Centre. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

a little bit of the third, the second place Owen Sound was still unable to score.

The third period wasn't as full of penalties as the second but a few were still handed out, to both teams.

Brantford's Maloney was given a two minute bench minor penalty

and a 10 minute misconduct with 12 minutes left keeping him off the ice for the remainder of the game.

The penalty didn't dampen the Eagles' spirit any.

They went on to score one more goal guaranteeing them the win with 3:04 left on the clock.

Their fourth goal was scored by

Mike Nemeth with the assist from Duncan.

Wednesday night's win brings them to six points from moving up to seventh place in the standings.

They are currently sitting behind Cambridge.

The Eagles' next home game is Saturday against Elmira at 7:30pm.

Brantford Blast win third game of the season after defeating Real McCoys

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

BRANTFORD - The Brantford Blast won their third game of the season Friday night defeating the Dundas Real McCoys 8-4 at the Brantford Civic Centre.

The Blast jumped to a three goal lead in the first half of the game.

Blast captain Tyler Pelton scored their first goal unassisted at 6:43.

Just over a minute later at 7:52 Ryan VanSickle scored their second goal of the period with an assist from Brad Saint.

Thirty-nine seconds later Brantford's Mike Gamble scored their third goal at 8:29 with the assist from Six Nations' Chandon

Hill.

Dundas tried to close the gap between the two teams when Marc West scored their first goal unassisted at 8:53.

Dundas' Norm Dezainde scored their second goal of the period on a power play off of Brantford's hooking penalty given to Will Wellman.

He was assisted by Ryan Lindsay and Bobby Stewart.

The two goals were the only goals Dundas managed to get by goalie Jon Sikkema.

Brantford went on to score two more goals in the first period.

Adriano Fiacconi scored his first goal of the game at 13:12 with

assists from Paul Polillo and Gamble.

Brantford's fifth goal was scored at 16:20 by Brian Turner with the assists coming from Wellman nd Pelton.

The second period both teams went on to score two goals a piece but Brantford kept the lead.

The period got off to a slow start with no one scoring until midway through the period.

It came from Brantford's Fiacconi, his second of the night, with assists from Polillo and Gamble.

Dundas' Mike Aglor was the next to score at 15:50 with assists from Eric Ellis and Scott Kerr.

Brantford scored their seventh

goal of the game with a shot from Darcy Cox with assists from Gamble and Polillo at 17:23.

With just 1:01 left on the clock Dundas' Paul Lawson scored their fourth and final goal of the game with assists from Kerr and Andrew

Plumb.

The Blast scored one final goal in the third period from Wellman with assists from Gamble and Polillo with 3:23 left on the clock.

The Blast's next home game is Friday at 7:30pm.

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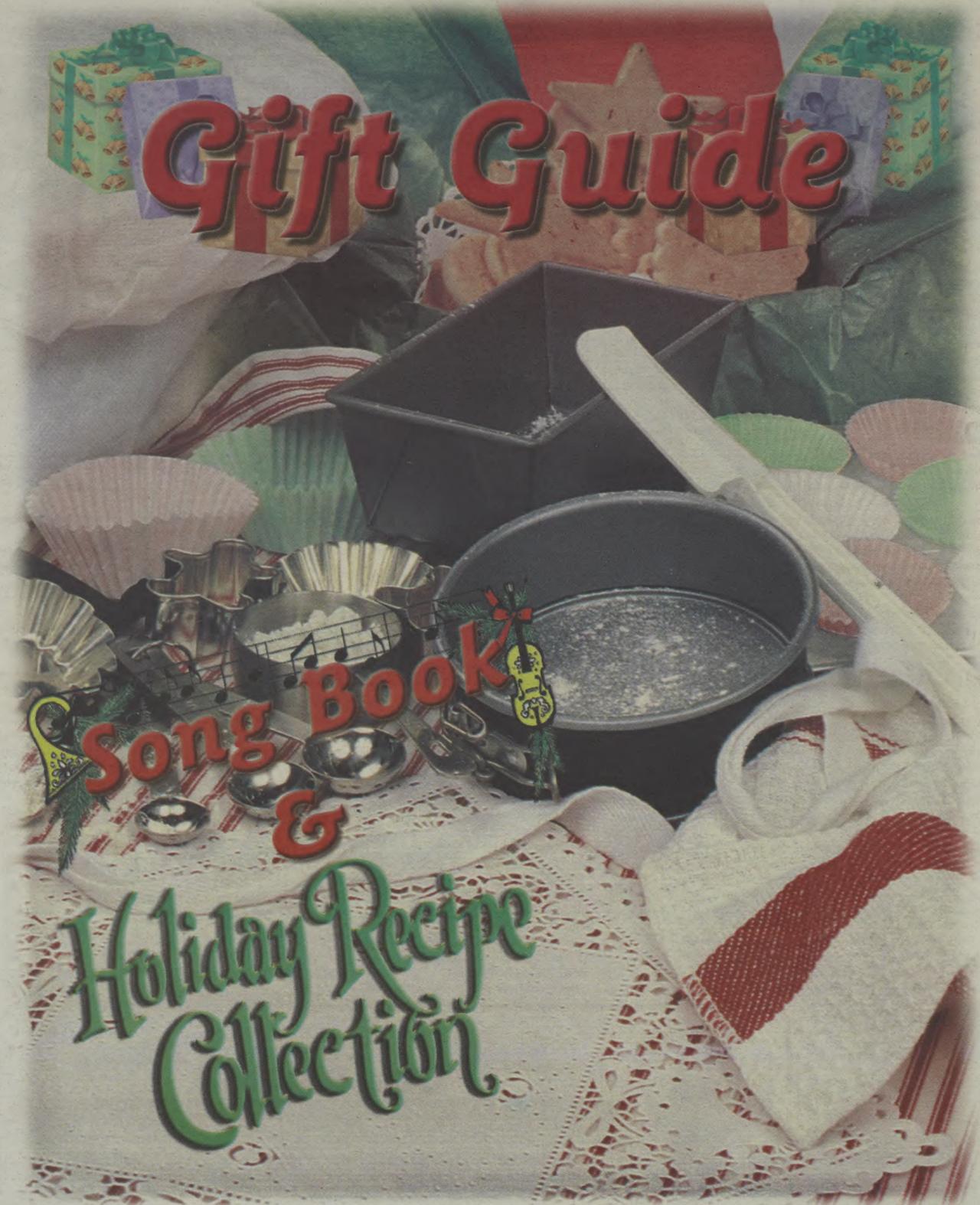
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WILD TURKEY JAMBALAYA
By Brian Skye
Brian Skye began his cooking career with a diploma in the two-year Cook-Journeyman program at Georgian College. After graduating, he worked at a sports bar in Brantford before opening The Café in Middleport. After a year and a half, he decided to go into catering, because he says it is more lucrative. Three years ago, he opened Skye Catering out of his home on Rive Range Rd. He

catered the Elder's Summit in August and the Turkey Dinner for Child and Family Services. Skye specializes in what he calls "Native Haute Cuisine"- that is, he uses ingredients found in North America. He is also trained in French, Italian and German cooking. His love of cooking is inherited from his mother, who was an award-winning Olympic chef Bertha Skye. His favourite dish is Jambalaya, and enjoys cooking with wild game. Skye says the part he

enjoys most about cooking is "taking something from its raw state and turning it into something different and delicious."
Jambalaya (pronounced JAUM-BA-LIE-YAA!) has always been a popular dish in Louisiana even before the Hank Williams song. Jambalaya is getting more popular everywhere. This is an adaptation of my original recipe, for easy preparation at home.

I've made a couple of adaptations to the original ham and chicken or sausage and shrimp Jambalaya by substituting wild turkey and incorporating wild rice. This makes the dish lower in fat and calories but retains the hardy taste.
So to begin, at the heart of all Cajun/Creole... BAM!! The seasoning mix.

- Seasoning mix**
1 tsp sweet paprika
1 tsp onion powder
1 tsp salt
2 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp white pepper
1 tsp black pepper
1 tsp dry mustard
1 tsp dried thyme leaves
1/2 tsp ground cumin
1/2 tsp cayenne

- Ingredients**
3 cups chopped onions
3 cups chopped bell pepper
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup Julienne turkey tasso
2 cups wild turkey andouille Sausage (cut into 1/4 inch rounds)
3 bay leaves
6 cups chicken stock
1 cup lean smoked ham

2 cups chopped peeled tomatoes
1/2 lb Julienne wild turkey breast
2 cups uncooked white rice
1 cup wild rice
Add wild rice to 3 cups cold water in pot and bring to rapid boil cook until all liquid is absorbed. Combine seasoning mix ingredients in a small bowl. Preheat a 5-quart pot, non-stick, over high heat to 330 degrees, about 4 minutes.

Add 2 cups of the onions, 2 cups of the bell peppers (at this point I would use green bell peppers), the celery, the tasso, 1 cup of the andouille, the bay leaves, and 3 tablespoons of the seasoning mix. Cook, scrape the bottom of the pan frequently, until the crust seems to be in danger of burning, almost like blackening, about 12 minutes. Stir in 1 cup of the stock, scrape the bottom of the pot to clear it of all brown bits, and cook for 10 minutes more.

Add the tomatoes, wild turkey, and remaining seasoning mix, and cook for 5 minutes.

Add the remaining onions, red or yellow bell peppers, andouille, and stock, and bring to a boil. Stir in the rice, and the wild rice which should be cooked now and return to a boil. Reduce the heat to a slow simmer, cover, and cook until all the liquid is completely absorbed, about 15 minutes. Serve it with scones and strawberry drink. The dish has some heat to it and as you find your own level of taste increase or decrease the amount of cayenne and black pepper.

*Note: If you can't find turkey tasso, use smoked turkey thighs or wings. If wild turkey andouille is unavailable, substitute any flavourful smoked turkey sausage.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 415, Protein 23g, Fat 5g, Carbohydrates 68g.

This is an introduction and variation to the dish known as Jambalaya. When I cook Jambalaya it takes a minimum of 3 hours if I rush, 4 hours if I want it absolutely right. This isn't exactly a Christmas dish but it is comfort food at it's best. After being outside and coming in to get warm and fed, it can't be beat for flavour and aroma. I hope you enjoy it.
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Holidays are here and Six Nations chefs share their favourite recipes

With the holiday season in full gear Turtle Island News talked to a number of local chefs and cooks

about their favorite holiday ideas. Cooks Virgie General, Brian Skye and Jan Henry supplied these scrumptious recipes.



Virgie General

Holiday Christmas Recipes By Virgie General

MICMAC MEAT PIES

Ingredients (Makes three pies)

Crust

- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 lb. Tenderflake lard
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tsp white vinegar

Filling

- 3 lbs. small lean cubed pork
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 1 tsp sage or poultry seasoning

Directions: Cut lard into flour and work together until mixture is crumbly. Add sugar and salt.

Combine beaten egg, vinegar, and water. Pour into mixture and form six balls. Set aside to cool. Cook pork first. Add onion and water. Cook until it is falling apart, usually about three hours of simmering. Add water as needed throughout cooking. Add spices during last hour of cooking. Allow to cool. Using three of the balls, make pie shells. Pour meat mixture into shells and use remaining three balls to form tops of pies. Make vent slits on top of pies. Brush whipped egg on tops of pies. Bake in oven at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 min., or until brown.

GRANDMA HANNA'S APPLE CAKE

Ingredients

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp nutmeg

1/2 cup chopped nuts
4 cups finely chopped cooking apples (suggested: Spartan apples)

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Chop apples by hand. Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs, flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and nuts. Fold in apples. Bake in a tube pan or cake pan for 45 minutes. Spoon butter sauce over cake slices (see recipe below).

Butter Sauce
On stovetop in saucepan melt 1/2 cup of butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla extract, 1 cup heavy cream over medium heat and bring to boil.

VIRGIE'S SURPRISE DESSERT

Ingredients

- Crust (meringue)
- 3 egg whites
- 1/2 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 18 saltine soda crackers (rolled

fine)
1/2 cup of hickory or chopped nuts
1 tsp vanilla extract

Topping

- 1/2 pint real whipping cream
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tsp well-drained, crushed pineapple (optional)
- Fresh strawberries, blueberries, sliced peaches or cherries to decorate top

Directions: Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Beat egg whites until foamy. Add cream of tartar. Fold in finely rolled crackers and chopped nuts. Add vanilla. Put in pie pan lined with parchment paper and pull up sides to form crust. Crust will increase as it bakes. Bake for 30 minutes. For topping, prepare whipped cream. Add sugar and vanilla. Fold in crushed pineapple. Fill shell with topping and decorate with fresh

(Cont'd on next page)

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Local cooks share their tasty treats and memories of Christmas eating

fruit. Refrigerate until served.

GRANDMA HANNA'S DROP DONUTS

Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp soft butter
- 1 cup milk
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

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Jan's Favourites

Jan Henry has been cooking since she was seven years old. Now, after taking basic and advanced culinary courses at Hamilton's Liaison College, Henry is a part-time cook at the Hamilton Convention Centre and has opened

Ingredients

- Filling
One large bar of cream cheese
One package lemon Jell-O
Two packages of DreamWhip

Crust

- 2 cups graham crumbs
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 1/4 cup of sugar

Directions: Prepare DreamWhip first, and place in fridge to chill. Prepare Jell-O according to package directions and combine with room temperature cream cheese. Add mixture to DreamWhip. For the crust, combine graham crumbs, butter or margarine and sugar. Mold into a 10" springform

pan and pour in filling. Let chill for three hours before serving. You can substitute any flavour Jell-O for the lemon Jell-O. Top cheesecake with strawberries, blueberries or cherries. You can reach Jan's Pies and Things at 905-768-1945



Jan Henry

Scoop one teaspoon of mixture and using another teaspoon, scrape off and drop into hot oil. Place a one quarter piece of raw potato into oil to prevent donuts from absorbing grease. Cook until brown and remove. You may shake them with icing sugar or cinnamon sugar. Recipes will go here when I get them!

a catering business called Pies n Things out of her home in Hagersville. Since opening five years ago, she has catered weddings, office parties, funerals and birthday parties. She says she will cook anything her customers ask for, and enjoys all aspects of cooking, especially the customer's reactions. "If the customer is satisfied, then I'm happy."

Virgie General is probably one of Six Nations most popular cooks. She's been a volunteer running the Champion of Champions Powwow outdoor kitchen for more than a decade, has cooked for several local organizations, major dinners and specialized haute cuisine. She's well known for her creativity and specialities. She is the owner of Family

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ON the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me three frybreads, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

ON the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me four snagging blankets, three frybreads, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

ON the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me five moccasins, four snagging blankets, three frybreads, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

ON the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me six rez dogs playing, five moccasins, four snagging blankets, three frybreads, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

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ON the seventh day of Christmas

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ON the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me eight grandmas cooking, seven ladies beading, six rez dogs playing, five moccasins, four snagging blankets, three frybreads, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

ON the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine fancy shawl dancers dancing, eight grandmas cooking, seven ladies beading, six rez dogs playing, five moccasins, four snagging blankets, three frybreads, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

ON the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me ten deers a leaping, nine fancy shawl dancers dancing, eight grandmas cooking, seven ladies beading, six rez dogs playing,

five moccasins, four snagging blankets, three frybread, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

ON the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me eleven flute players playing, ten deers a leaping, nine fancy shawl dancers dancing, eight grandmas cooking, seven ladies beading, six rez dogs playing, five moccasins, four snagging blankets, three frybreads, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

ON the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

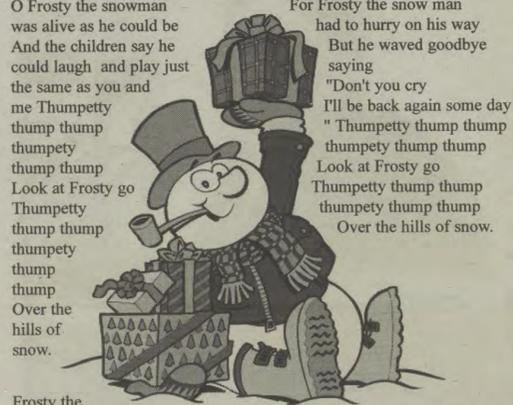
twelve Eyabay drummers drumming, eleven flute players playing, ten deers a leaping, nine fancy shawl dancers dancing, eight grandmas cooking, seven ladies beading, six rez dogs playing, five moccasins, four snagging blankets, three frybreads, two eagle feathers, and Blacklodge on CD

This song was written indian style just for you this Christmas by Benito Rojas from Thunder Creek. Merry Christmas to you all

Frosty the Snow Man

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul With a corncob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale they say He was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around O Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be And the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me Thumpetty thump thump thumpetty thump thump Look at Frosty go Thumpetty thump thump thumpetty thump thump Over the hills of snow.

But he waved goodbye saying "Don't you cry I'll be back again some day " Thumpetty thump thump thumpetty thump thump Look at Frosty go Thumpetty thump thump thumpetty thump thump Over the hills of snow.



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ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...

Everybody stops and stares at me These two teeth are gone as you can see I don't know just who to blame for this catastrophe! But my one wish on Christmas Eve is as plain as it can be!

All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, my two front teeth, see my two front teeth!

Gee, if I could only have my two

front teeth, then I could be with you "Merry Christmas." It seems so long since I could say, "Sister Susie sitting on a thistle!"

Gosh oh gee, how happy I'd be, if I could only whistle (thhhh)

All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, my two front teeth, see my two front teeth. Gee, if I could only have my two front teeth, then I could wish you "Merry Christmas."

I SAW MOMMY



KISSING SANTA CLAUS

I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus Underneath the mistletoe last night She didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep; She thought that I was tucked up in my bedroom fast asleep Then I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus Underneath his beard so snowy white; Oh what a laugh it would have been If Daddy had only seen Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night

I'M GETTING NUTTIN' FOR CHRISTMAS

Broke my bat on Johnny's head; Somebody snatched on me. I hid a frog in sister's bed; Somebody snatched on me. I spilled some ink on Mommy's rug; I made Tommy eat a bug; Bought some gum with a penny slug; Somebody snatched on me.

CHORUS: Oh, I'm gettin' nuttin' for Christmas Mommy and Daddy are mad.

I'm gettin' nuttin' for Christmas 'Cause I ain't been nuttin' but bad.

I won't be seeing Santa Claus; Somebody snatched on me. He won't come visit me because Somebody snatched on me. Next year I'll be going straight; Next year I'll be good, just wait I'd start now, but it's too late; Somebody snatched on me. So you better be good whatever you do 'Cause if you're bad, I'm warning you, You'll get nuttin' for Christmas.

JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow In a one-horse open sleigh Through the fields we go Laughing all the way. Bells on bob-tail ring Making spirits bright What fun it is to ride and sing A sleighing song tonight.

chorus: Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way, Oh what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh, O Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way, Oh what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride And soon Miss Fanny Bright Was seated by my side; The horse was lean and lank Misfortune seemed his lot, We ran into a drifted bank And there we got upset.

A day or two ago

The story I must tell I went out on the snow And on my back I fell; A gent was riding by In a one-horse open sleigh He laughed at me as I there sprawling laid But quickly drove away.

Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young, Take the girls along And sing this sleighing song. Just bet a bob-tailed bay, Two-forty as his speed, Hitch him to an open sleigh and crack! You'll take the lead



Jingle Bell Rock Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun Now the jingle hop has begun

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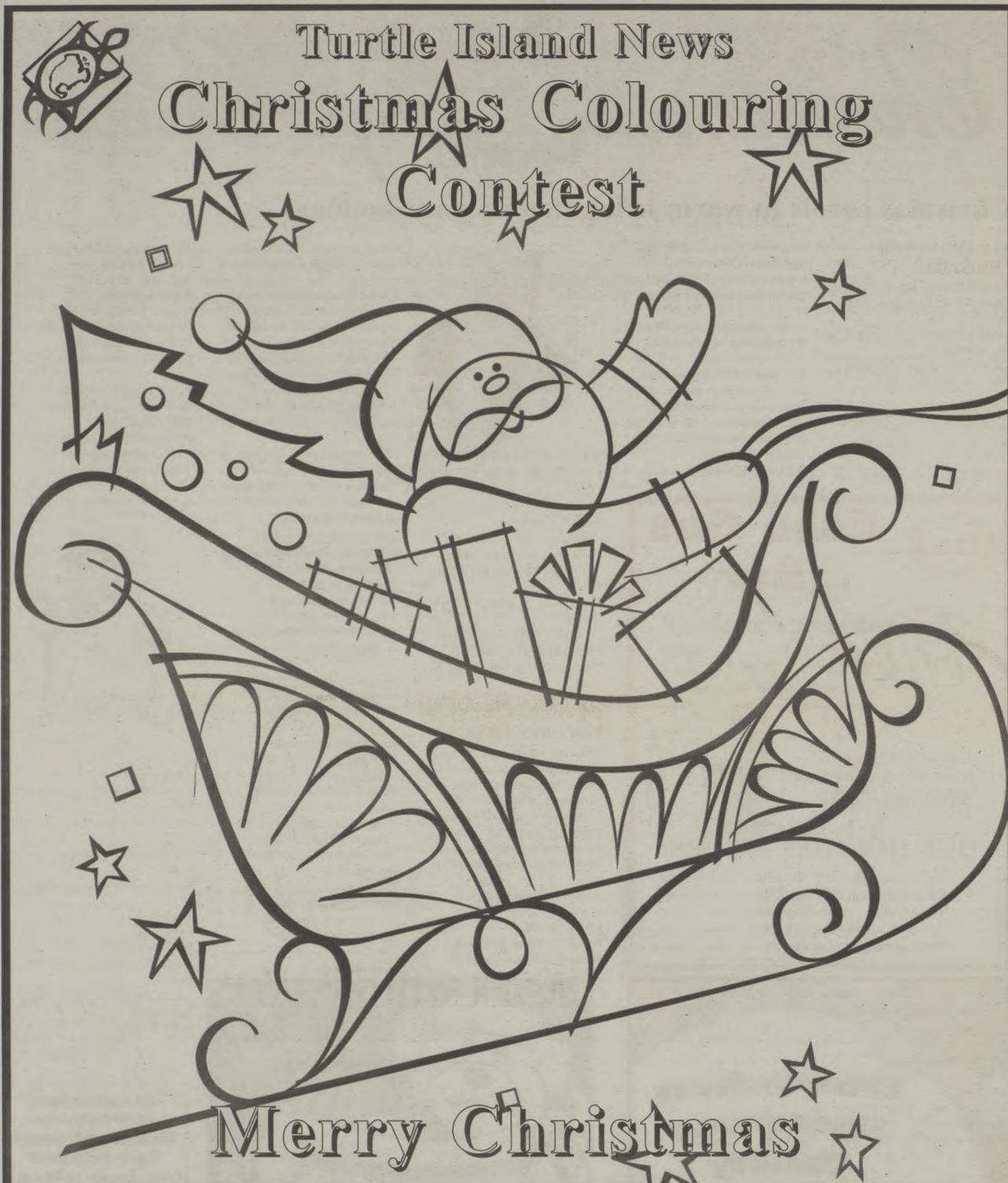
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Holiday stress linked to more serious conditions

(NC)—Although most of us look forward to the holiday season, it can also be a period of great stress. "The holidays are a stress roller coaster," says Dr. Richard Earle, psychologist and Managing Director of the Canadian Institute of Stress. "Family pressures, social obligations, financial worries and sky-high expectations can take their toll on our mental well being at this time of year."

In particular, for the estimated one-in-ten Canadians who suffer from clinical anxiety and depression, the holidays can be the saddest and most stressful time of year. Those are the people Dr. Earle wants to see get professional help. "If you're feeling consistently sad on most days, or find you've lost all interest in events you once enjoyed, like the holidays, then you may be experi-

encing depression," says Dr. Earle. Symptoms of anxiety disorder include overwhelming

worry, often accompanied by tension, restlessness and a persistent feeling of being 'on edge'. Other symptoms, such as changes in sleep patterns and difficulty concentrating, may be hallmarks of both conditions.

Certainly it's normal to feel stress, even disappointment, during this hectic and emotional time of year. But Dr. Earle cautions that it is not normal to feel sad or anxious all the time. "Depression and anxiety are

serious medical illnesses that require appropriate treatment," he says.

The good news is, various therapies have proven to be highly effective in treating both conditions. "Medications that affect both serotonin and nor-

epinephrine levels in the brain, such as Effexor XR, have been shown to be highly effective in reducing symptoms of depression and anxiety," says Dr. Earle. He also recommends patients participate in some form of talk therapy to help them develop coping strategies and new ways of looking

at their problems.

More information on the treatment of depression and anxiety can be found at www.mypeaceofmind.ca.

- News Canada

Beating the winter blues

(NC)—Winter is fast approaching, bringing with it cold temperatures, reduced sunlight and a psychological state many Canadians are familiar with: the winter blues.

What causes this common phenomenon? Simply put, the changes in weather that winter brings can impact our social life and psychological health in several ways. The first key

factor is the loss of daylight, which is thought to affect our internal body clock and cause changes in brain chemistry.

Secondly, there are psychological factors. "During the darker, colder months, we might be tempted to cocoon indoors, limiting the interaction with friends and family that's so crucial to our well-being," says psychologist Dr. Ronald

Clavier. "We also tend to exercise less and eat more, which can lower our overall self-esteem." Add to that the family stress of the holiday season and the financial pressures of post-holiday debt, and you have a recipe for the winter blues come January, Dr. Clavier notes.

Short of jetting off to Florida for the season, what can we do to beat the blahs? For most people, Dr. Clavier says, the remedy is simple. Bundle up and get outdoors, since both the sunlight and the exercise will benefit your mental state. Resist the urge to hunker down at home and instead schedule regular activities, such as volunteering in the community or visiting with friends.

But Dr. Clavier adds that for the roughly 10 per cent of Canadians who are affected by clinical depression and anxiety, more support may be needed. "If you're feeling depressed most days, or have lost interest in activities you used to enjoy, and these feelings persist and impact your life and happiness, then it's time see a professional because there are treatments that can help."

In most cases, the recommended course of treatment for clinical depression and anxiety involves anti-depressant medication combined with talk therapy, and there are exciting developments in this area. Medications that affect both serotonin and norepinephrine levels in the brain, such as Effexor XR, have been shown to be effective in reducing symptoms of depression and anxiety. And the latest techniques in talk therapy, like Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, can help depression and anxiety patients to reframe their problems and see them in a different light.

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Column: Onyota'a:ka Family Healing Lodge:

A safe home for women and children."

By: Kayatalati (Denise Desormeaux)



ONEIDA—"It is a very beautiful place," pronounced Family Development Program Co-ordinator, Suzanne Jacobs. "We can make it more beautiful with more people helping," she added. Suzanne elaborated, "The shelter is for the community, yet we have zero volunteers."

The "Onyota'a:ka Family Healing Lodge" opened its doors on July 1995, to accommodate women and their children in need. It is centrally located within the Oneida Settlement, at 1686 Elijah Road (519-652-0657). The Lodge receives its funding from the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy. Emergency shelter is available for women and their children, for up to six weeks. One-on-one counselling, talking circles, children's activities, referrals to other supportive agencies, developmental goal planning and educational discussion groups, are some of the beneficial services that the

Onyota'a:ka Family Healing Lodge provides.

The Lodge's objectives are to offer a safe and supportive environment for women and their children that are leaving unhealthy domestic situations. Legal, housing, and financial assistance services are provided, if requested.

All First Nations women are welcome to seek assistance and shelter at the Onyota'a:ka Family Healing Lodge. However, priority will be given to the women of the Oneida community, and availability of accommodations will be considered. The Lodge provides seven bedrooms, each with a set of bunkbeds, one of which accommodates those with physical challenges. In addition, referrals for male partners are available. "Family violence is everyone's responsibility".

In promoting the prevention of family violence, various information sessions and workshops are



The caring, warm, kind-hearted staff of the "Onyota'a:ka Family Healing Lodge" will always do their best to assist our families in whatever ways they can. (L-R) Joanne Cheechoo (massage therapist), Jeanine George, Suzanne Jacobs, Yvonne Noah, and Rhonda Doxtator. Photos By: Kayatalati (Denise Desormeaux)

held within the community, throughout the year. During the month of November, which was recognized across Canada, as "Family Violence Awareness Month", a workshop was held at the Oneida Community Center, to address "The relationship between substance abuse and family violence". Suzanne Jacobs explained, "There is a strong interconnection between substance abuse and family

violence, and in Oneida, there is an extremely high incidence of family violence." Upcoming information sessions will be held throughout January to March, and cover such topics as "rave" parties, elder abuse, teen dating, and bullying. Volunteers, donations, and community support are always appreciated at the Lodge.

To this day, our families are still hurting from the detrimental and

longstanding effects that the legacy of the residential schools has left for our people. We are in a time of healing. Throughout this time of our healing, we will shed many tears as we share our stories of our lives. We will relearn our roles as women and men, and will support and carry one another throughout these difficult times. Like our ancestors, we will survive this storm, together.

Has feared police since 1995 standoff, native tells Ipperwash inquiry

FOREST, Ont. (CP) — A 28-year-old native who participated in the standoff at Ipperwash Provincial Park in 1995 says the events of that night "ruined his life" and he still fears police.

Gabriel Doxtator, who lives on the Oneida First Nation reserve near London, Ont., said he stayed at the former Ipperwash army camp for six months after the confrontation with police because he was afraid to leave. "I was afraid that if I left the cops were going to shoot me next," he told the Ipperwash inquiry last Tuesday.

"I always gotta be watching my back now," Doxtator said. "I don't know when (the police) are going to come up behind me and put a bullet in me next."

Doxtator, who was testifying at the inquiry examining the circumstances that led to the 1995 shooting death of native protester Dudley George, participated in the occupation of Ipperwash Provincial Park as a supporter.

He told the inquiry he saw George retreat back into the park when he was shot and killed by a provincial police officer.

"I saw Dudley run back into the park and he said 'I think I'm hit,'" Doxtator said. Doxtator, who was also running into the park when the shots were fired, said when he turned around he saw George holding his chest.

"He was on his feet at that point, then he dropped to his knees," Doxtator also said the protesters heard police say over the scanner "the badgers are in the park," shortly after they arrived clad in full riot gear. A number of witnesses have testified they believed the comment referred to police who had entered into the park.

Admitting he didn't know what it meant at the time, Doxtator said he

later came to a conclusion. "When a badger does its killing it does it at night, so that's what I figured their code word meant," he said.

Another native witness broke down in tears as he described his futile attempts to persuade riot



A 1995 photo (left) of Cecil Bernard (Slippery) George shows the signs of his severe beating. Photo on right is George today (CP-Photo)

police to put away their weapons and stop their march on occupiers of Ipperwash Provincial Park.

"I told them that if they continued to do this to the people they would have no respect and no honour," Cecil Bernard (Slippery) George, 50, testified. "I told them, if you want a fight, deal with me, leave these people alone."

The judicial inquiry was shown graphic photographs of injuries Cecil George, a former Kettle Point band councillor, suffered when he was beaten by the OPP riot squad. His injuries, outlined by lead commission counsel Derry Millar, included cuts and bruises on his head, chest, back, arms and legs.

The police beating, according to testimony at earlier criminal trials, caused George's heart to stop while he was en route to hospital by ambulance. He still has scars on his face from the attack.

Cecil George wasn't part of the 1995 occupation of the provincial

park and he told the inquiry he didn't understand at the time why the natives had moved in.

On the night of the confrontation between police and natives, Cecil George said he went to the park because he was concerned about the safety of his sister and brother,



who were part of the group occupying the park.

His fears increased when he saw officers near the park carrying rifles. George testified he handed out two-way radios to the park occupiers and then headed down the road towards the area where he had seen a police buildup.

Part way there he heard footsteps on the road and could see by the moonlight officers with shields approaching in formation.

George said he decided he had to try to talk to them. "The first thing I told them was to put their guns away," he said. Instead, the police started moving faster. George said he backed up towards the park and briefly thought about getting out of the area, but decided he couldn't. "My friends were there, my family was there. I had to defend them," he said.

Retreating into the park, George said he watched as the riot police rushed up to the fence and tried to

hit the natives on the other side with batons. Sobbing occasionally, George said he struggled for years to understand what he did next.

"At that point I had nothing left inside of me but anger for what they did," he said. "No one would come out to talk to us."

The band councillor said he then picked up a metal pipe and approached the double line of riot police. He heard someone give the command to the riot police: "punch-out." "I knew they were coming to punch me and everyone else that were in the way. They had no feelings," he said.

"They were afraid of the Indians. The Indians had sticks and stones and they had guns," George said he swung his metal pipe at one officer

and heard a sound like glass breaking. Then it was like he was in a nightmare, he said.

"I seen shadows around me, hitting at me, trying to kill me. That was my dream that they were going to kill me," he said. George said he couldn't hear and didn't feel pain.

A voice inside kept telling him to give up. He said he twice told the officers he gave up and tried to crawl away.

Other native witnesses have testified George was hit repeatedly by a group of about 10 officers, who continued the beating after he lost consciousness. George said he later learned he was taken to Strathroy General Hospital, where he was treated for two days before being taken to jail in Sarnia.



NATIONAL BRIEFS

Canadian Pacific Railway halts work on rail line after skeletal remains found

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — Canadian Pacific Railway has stopped work indefinitely on a multi-million-dollar construction project after crews discovered two sets of skeletal remains.

Members of the Skeetchestn Indian Band, who call themselves Secwepemeclew Traditional Peoples Government, were at the site Tuesday and vowed to remain to ensure no further disturbance. About 10 people gathered beside a campfire and unfurled a flag stating "unceded Secwepemc land."

The project is supposed to be complete by summer. "We're still doing some other surveying work," said Ed Greenberg, a CPR spokesman.

"Out of respect to the situation we've ceased operations in that area." Contract crews working for the rail company started work in October on the project which would see a 6.5 kilometre section of track twinned to improve efficiency of train movement.

The project is located near Pritchard, a community about 30 kilometres east of Kamloops, B.C.

Work first came to a standstill Nov. 19 when skeletal remains of a First Nations person were discovered about five metres from the existing tracks.

A contract archeological team already consulting on the project was brought in, Greenberg said.

After discussions with the Neskonlith Indian Band, the remains were exhumed in a private ceremony and given to the band. Work resumed but was halted again when crew members discovered a second set of remains Saturday.

James Sauls, 75, a member of the Neskonlith band, sprinkled tobacco on the reburial site Tuesday as a symbol of respect. "There were pithouses all through here," he said. "Our ancestors lived by the river." Sauls said the band has scheduled a general meeting Friday to determine its next move.

Defeated Metis candidate calls letter from Metis Nation "intimidation"

SASKATOON (CP) — The defeated candidate in the disputed Metis Nation of Saskatchewan election says a letter he received from the organization is nothing more than intimidation and harassment.

Robert Doucette said he and other members of the break-away Provisional Metis Council have received letters asking them to confirm that they wish to remain affiliated with the Metis Nation.

The letter says if they don't respond within 30 days they will be removed from the organization's citizenship registry. "I would say it's an abuse of power," Doucette said at a news conference Tuesday.

Ralph Kennedy, the Metis Nation's provincial secretary, said the letter was written to clean out anyone who doesn't want to be a member of the organization.

If the recipients wish to stay, they need simply respond, he said. "We understand some of these people don't want to belong to Metis society or don't want to be part of the Metis Nation," said Kennedy.

"I merely sent them a letter to ask them if this is their intent and, if not, to send me back a correspondence confirming they want to be a member of the Metis Nation."

After a five-day recount of the May 26 election results, Doucette was declared president-elect. But later that same day, the Metis election commission announced Dwayne Roth as the new president, saying a missing ballot box had led to a mistake.

The provincial government froze \$410,000 in funding to the Metis Nation after a government-commissioned report by former chief electoral officer Keith Lampard found the vote was neither fair nor democratic.

Last week, the federal government followed suit by putting more than \$1.2 million in funding on hold from the Department of Indian Affairs, as well as the second half of a \$517,227 payment Canadian Heritage has been transferring annually to the organization.

Doucette and his supporters formed the Provisional Metis Council to push for a new election. He said he will not respond to Kennedy's letter since he doesn't recognize him "as being the leader of anything."

Bob McLeod of the Central Urban Metis Federation said he won't respond either.

"We're Metis citizens. Once we get our citizenship cards, we're Metis for life," he said. "The only way they can get us out of there is if we request to be removed."

Federal lawyer says dispute at Sask Indian band school not over yet

REGINA (CP) — A dispute which resulted in a month-long sit-in that closed a school on a Saskatchewan Indian reserve has not yet been settled, a lawyer for the federal Justice Department said last Tuesday.

Labrador Metis to become more militant if Inuit land claim ratified: leader

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Labrador Metis will become more militant in their fight for recognition and resource rights if the province and Parliament go ahead with a land claim agreement with Labrador Inuit, says the head of the Labrador Metis Nation.

Todd Russell said Tuesday that there will be "aggressive civil disobedience" by Metis who claim some of the same land if a bill upholding the Inuit land claim passes in the House of Assembly, as expected, next week.

"There's growing frustration," Russell said. "I can see in the months to come a growing militancy within the Labrador Metis Nation."

The land claim agreement signed by the Labrador Inuit Association last year was 30 years in the making.

Once it is ratified by the province and the federal government, the Labrador Inuit will own outright 15,800 square kilometres of land in northeast Labrador they will call Nunatsiavut.

The Inuit will also have limited resource and management rights in another 56,700 square kilometres of land, an area known as the settlement area.

But Labrador Metis, who are descendants of Inuit, say the land claim will extinguish all Inuit rights outside the area.

It also incorporates land claimed by both the Inuit and the Metis, who claim all but the northernmost reaches of Labrador.

Their claim has never been accept-

ed by the federal or provincial governments and efforts to negotiate alongside the Labrador Inuit Association were rejected.

Eight Metis launched a lawsuit in June asking the courts to declare the agreement invalid but it could take years to resolve.

William Andersen III, president of the Labrador Inuit Association, said he's disappointed the Metis would involve the historic land claim in efforts to have their rights recognized.

"This is between them and the two levels of government and it's really unfortunate that we're being dragged into it," Andersen said.

"The only message I have for the Metis is for them to continue fighting for recognition with the two levels of government and not the Labrador Inuit Association."

The land claim bill is expected to come before the House of Assembly next week.

After a "very tense" meeting with provincial Aboriginal Affairs

Minister Tom Rideout on Monday, Russell said he expects it to pass in a single day.

Rideout said it can be amended if a court decides it affects the Constitutional rights of any other aboriginal group.

If the Metis can demonstrate they are a different society of Inuit than those covered by the Inuit association they could have their own claim accepted, Rideout said in the House of Assembly.

"The acceptance or rejection of the LMN land claim is a decision for the federal government to make," he said.

The Metis want a clause in the agreement guaranteeing Metis rights although the rights of non-status aboriginals in Canada have never been clearly established.

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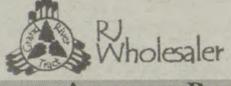
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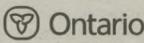
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It's Looks alot like Christmas around Six Nations schools



I.L. Thomas Elementary school kindergarten students performed at the schools annual Christmas Concert last week. (Photo by Jim C. Powless)

By Donna Duric
Staff Writer

Ever wonder why Santa drives a sleigh instead of a car. Or how about why he comes down a chimney instead of

using a door. At I.L. Thomas Elementary school, the festive season was kicked off last week with a Christmas Concert that included a skit that had everyone

roaring. The grade two class' skit (complete with a whole class dressed as Santas), "What Santa can't do", had everyone thinking when Tiffany Bomberry told the audience there are few skills that Santa is lacking. She said he couldn't open a door and that's why he uses the chimney and he can't drive a car, so that's why he uses a sleigh instead.

The audience laughed when a youngster dressed as Santa came on stage with his face covered in shaving cream to demonstrate how Santa couldn't shave. The audience roared with laughter when Tiffany said Santa can't remember everyone's name on his list, but he can't remember what Mrs. Claus told him to get at the grocery store.

I.L. Thomas was the first school to perform its annual winter concert. Students from junior kindergarten to grade eight showcased their singing and language skills during a variety show at the school on Dec. 7.

The concert produced a packed to overflowing audience of friends, family and relatives

who came to watch their little ones sing and perform skits in both English and Cayuga.

As people filtered into the dimly lit gymnasium, decorated with Christmas lights, a medley of holiday songs played delicately in the background. The junior kindergarten class performed Santa's Workshop wearing reindeer antlers and Santa hats. The next few grades performed winter songs and one group sang Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in Cayuga, while babies in the audience clapped in response to all the music and singing. Mrs. Hill, principal of I.L. Thomas, said she was pleased with how the children performed. "I think they did great. The teachers have been preparing them for weeks."

About five of the skits were performed entirely in Cayuga. Hill said she thought that was "awesome."

"I think it was an excellent opportunity for them to show off their language skills." Marilyn Maracle attended the concert to watch her two sons,



A grade two Santa shows off the car Santa can't drive

Chris, eight, and Joshua, nine, perform the song "I want a hippopotamus for Christmas." "It's just wonderful to be here," she said with glowing smile. "I like the fact that the children get to learn something they can perform. That's the best part."



Santa and his elf checked his good and bad list, while toddler watches the action on stage. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)



I.L. Thomas kindergarten performs Santa's workshop



Kindergarten students perform winter songs at the concert



Children sing Oh Christmas Tree at OMSK Christmas concert.. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)