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Native health funding hits \$1 billion mark, Fontaine says "it's a good start"

By Lynda Powless
Editor

OTTAWA- Assembly of First Nations leader Phil Fontaine says a \$1 billion commitment in new federal aboriginal health care funding that includes \$700 million announced Monday and another \$500 million in escalating costs to improve native health across Canada is "a good start."

Fontaine, in an interview with Turtle Island News said Tuesday (yesterday) not only did the AFN manage to help secure the \$700 million announced by the Prime Minister Paul Martin Monday but another \$500 million in catchup dollars will be coming. Fontaine said "when you analysis what happened here yesterday, the only good news was for aboriginal

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One of the three little pigs got caught by young Allen Scrivens, 13, of Six Nations in the greased pig contest. Allen won not only \$25 for his efforts, but lucky mom he also won the pig.

Rama Funds spent on governance protest, deficits, hospital

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Band Council has spent more than \$1 million of the Casino Rama funds paying off debts for its governance committee's travel, program deficits and even a donation to the Brantford General Hospital expansion

Band council released the Casino Rama Fund audit at its Monday night meeting that showed \$107,500 was spent on expenses accumulated by the band council's governance committee.

Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson was on personal leave. Jamieson is expected to attend the opening of the Smithsonian Museum in

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Slain activist's relative testifies he was warned about police at Ipperwash

FOREST, Ont. (CP) - Aboriginal elder Clifford George said he was warned by two local police officers hours before activist Dudley George was shot dead by an Ontario Provincial Police officer, that he had better beware of a special squad of police being brought into Ipperwash Provincial Park.

Turtle Island News chosen to represent "Canadian" aboriginal newspapers in Washington

Turtle Island News has been selected by Foreign Affairs Canada to represent "Canadian" aboriginal newspapers at the historic opening of the Smithsonian Institute's Native American Museum in Washington. Our reporter, Edna Gooder will be on site for the opening. Turtle Island News is pleased to have been selected. "It shows the importance that aboriginal media is gaining in Canada and in particular our newspaper, the only aboriginal weekly newspaper in Canada servicing our communities nationwide and with on reserve bureaus in test markets" said publisher Lynda Powless.



Edna Gooder

"He said, 'Watch it Cliff, these people are coming. We're gone at six o'clock. These people are specially trained,'" George, 84, testified at the public inquiry into the September 1995 shooting of his distant cousin at southwestern Ontario park.

The late night confrontation in which Dudley George was killed came after native protesters occupied the park at the end of tourist season, saying it was on a sacred burial ground.

A judge found in 1997 that Dudley George and other natives in the

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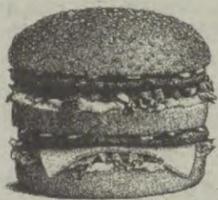
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Tutelos and Cayugas looking for recognition from Confederacy

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Confederacy Council has told two groups of people, claiming to represent the Tutelos and the western band of the Cayugas they would not get a letter of recognition from the council.

Instead Confederacy told the representatives, research would have to be conducted into their claims before any recognition would come from the Confederacy.

The group members had been attending the recent Elders' Summit at Chiefswood Park.

Ariy Dixon, a senior lecturer at the State University of New York told council he is a Tutelo descendent.

He told Confederacy Council the city of Ithaca has designated a park on a former Tutelo village site known as the Coreorgonel or "The Place where the Sacred Pipe is Kept" but he said it turned out to be an "outcamp not a village site."

But he says Tutelo descendants know where the actual village is but "we have no authority to protect it. We are not recognized by the state."

"So anyone can go and take things

from the site."

A letter of recognition from the Confederacy would help protect the site, he said.

He also invited Confederacy Council to attend the Tutelo Indian Nation commemorative ceremony Sept., 26 in Tutelo Park in Ithaca.

The Tutelo Tribe lived in the valley, three miles south of Cayuga Lake from the early 1700s to 1779 when their village was destroyed by General Sullivan's troops during his slash and burn campaign. There had been a "town" of 25 longhouses in the area.

The Tutelo, who had migrated from southern Virginia, were adopted by the Cayuga and later followed the Cayuga to Canada and the Six Nations of the Grand River territory where they took shelter.

Vicky Heithcock told Confederacy Council she was also a descendent of the Tutelo and wanted permission to live at Six Nations with her 10 year old daughter and would like to be adopted.

She said she was currently living here with friends and needed a letter from the Confederacy council in order to get OHIP

She told Turtle Island News she loved living at Six Nations. "It's so peaceful here. Back home, in Ohio, where my daughter and I lived, there is so much racism. My daughter faces it in school everyday. In the schools there, they tell her that we're just black people who learned to Indian dance. They don't accept us for what we are, Tutelos."

Two women representing the Western Band of the Cayugas from Oklahoma asked Confederacy Council for a letter of recognition for their band.

They said their band had been trying to break away from the Seneca-Cayuga band of Oklahoma for a number of years but have been unable to get State recognition.

She said there were about 700 Cayugas in the western band who are led by an elected chief and council.

"We are asking for your support and acceptance," Terry Whitetree said.

"We do not agree with that tribal leadership. We want to be able to govern ourselves in a more appropriate way and incorporate our teachings. We aren't interested in a casino in New York. The others are."

She said, "a letter of support from



Airy Dixon and Rikki Heithcock are descendants of the Tutelos. They had been living in NY and Ohio. Rikki and her mother Vikki are seeking permission to live at Six Nations. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

your council would help us to get State recognition We could take it to the U.S. Senate and it would help us alot faster to be recognized as the western band of the Cayuga Nation." She said they had been

attending the Elders Summit and hoped to take the letter home. Confederacy told them no letter would be drafted until research was completed.

Council paid off the Stoneridge Day Care bank loan of \$421,945, a \$300,000 fire department deficit, a \$233,446 economic development deficit accumulated he said by departments including tourism and Chiefswood Mansion museum, over \$152,000 for legal fees.

The legal fees, he said included lawyers hired for the election code review and work, residency bylaw work, taxation work and Red Hill Creek agreement.

He said there are numerous burials in the area dating to the late 19th century. He said he took archeologist Gary Warrick with him to the site.

Warrick told him when Highway 54 was widened the remains of 24 people were uncovered and taken to the University of Toronto where they still sit in a box.

A pit with up to 200 people is also located nearby. "We are going to have to address how we deal with this," he told council.

He said the homeowner on discovering the remains attempted to reach band council's burial committee member councillor Barb Harris. "But she didn't return any of her phone calls.

He said eventually the Confederacy was contacted.

Confederacy Council to develop archeological and burial policy

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Confederacy Council will be developing a policy to deal with burials and archeological artifacts after a mass grave site was stumbled on in the Middleport Village area.

Secretary Tom Deer told council Saturday a burial was uncovered by accident when a family was digging under their trailer in Middleport, along the Grand River, and uncovered a skull.

He said the remains were removed by police sent to OPP and eventu-

ally to McMaster University for study.

He said the remains have since been returned and reburied in the same spot where they were found.

"We took care of this as best we could but we need to come up with something to deal with this."

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Local man apologises to Confederacy?

By Lynda Powless
Editor

A Six Nations man who had garnered the anger of some Confederacy supporters with recent letters to local newspapers complaining about Confederacy protocol and failed attempts to get on the agenda, apologized Saturday for his behavior.

Wes Elliott, who has had an ongoing paper war with Confederacy secretary Tom Deer told Confederacy chiefs in a bizarre, loud, apology that "no one here has a greater love for the Confederacy and the Great Law than I have. Not one of you here has a greater love than I do."

He said he wrote letters that caused concern among some residents. "When I wrote what I did, in terms of describing what one person said about the (Red Hill) agreement, that it includes all status Indians it does not cover status Indians." He said he wrote about 37 nations that came under the Great Tree of Peace, "I have a list of those 37 nations here that I will leave with you." He finally told Confederacy, "If I have offended anyone with what I said, or if I have caused any hurt to anyone here, I apologize. I believe in the people here and in the Law." He said he will continue to write and the next letter will be about the lack of attendance at Confederacy Council meetings. Onondaga Royanni Pete Sky told Elliot "that's our problem not yours!"

Confederacy Council Briefs

No gaming approved

Confederacy Council will send the elected band council a letter explaining it has never approved any kind of gaming at Six Nations. The letter comes after elected chief Roberta Jamieson sent Confederacy a letter about an internet gaming site purporting to operate out of Six Nations and approved by a Six Nations Gaming Commission. Six Nations band council operates a provincially unlicensed bingo hall and the local radio station operates radio bingo game.

Edinburg Square volunteers needed

Six Nations Confederacy council supporters will be out during the Caledonia Fair parking cars on Edinburg Square (unceded Six Nations land) and offering information about Six Nations. Volunteers are needed to help with parking, and handing out information Call 905-765-1749 for information or to volunteer.

Confederacy says no meeting with current band council

The Six Nations Confederacy says it will hold off any meetings with the elected band council until after the November elections. Current band council chief Roberta Jamieson had requested a meeting with the Confederacy Chiefs and a meeting date of sometime in November had been considered. The Chiefs will not be available in October.

Secretary Tom Deer said the earliest date would be November 15th. But some chiefs said Saturday there was no point in meeting with the current council.

"They may not be there the next week," said Cayuga Chief Steve Maracle.

Cayuga sub chief Leroy Hill agreed. "We should wait until after their elections. It could be all new faces."

Mohawk Chief Allan MacNaughton said the Confederacy's position is consistent with past decisions. "We go through this with them every so many years when they have their elections. It's too close to the end of their terms."

The Six Nations Band Council's elections will be held in November.

The elected council has a three year term.

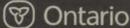
Confederacy council will send the current council a letter explaining it will meet with the new council.

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Band council Rama funds eaten up by deficits, governance committee

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Washington this week with her husband noted Woodland Cultural Centre curator Tom Hill.

Finance director Tom Darnay said the governance committee expenses include travel and accommodation for the group of people that travelled to Ottawa and for buses that were used to launch a protest in Ottawa.

He said a band council resolution approving the expenditure from the Casino Rama funds was available.

Band Council still controlled \$8,329,447 in Casino Rama funds at the end of the 2002-2004 fiscal year March 31st.

Those funds broke down from a total of \$24,434,020, of which \$16,104,573 was turned over to the community trust fund last year. That left \$8,329,447 under band council control.

In addition another \$3,933,737 came to band council from the casino as its yearly allotment between March 31st 2003 and March 31st 2004.

Of that \$12,263,184 council spent almost \$900,000 paying off program deficits for band programs, Darnay said.

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The legal fees, he said included lawyers hired for the election code review and work, residency bylaw work, taxation work and Red Hill Creek agreement.

"Council doesn't have anywhere else to get the money from so when they go over budget on their legal fees it had to come from here," Darnay said.

In addition council had already spent \$21,865, he said, on legal and administration fees to set up the community trust fund.

He said council paid off an Iroquois Lodge deficit of \$149,260 and library deficit of \$90,000.

Council also took \$25,000 of Rama funds as a donation to the Brantford General Hospital. The previous council had agreed to provide the hospital with a \$100,000 donation, paid \$25,000 a year for four years. The hospital apparently held an open house for the addition Six Nations contributed to on the weekend but no information was available.

In addition band council had already spent \$2,049,797 on Grand River Mills buildings, \$2,043,161 on the new community hall, another \$1.5 million on the Oneida Business Park, \$300,000 repaying GREAT, \$59,984 on its proposed business/health complex planned for the old Wellington hospital site. That left \$4,809,058 in Rama funds.

Of that, council set aside \$2,250,000 for Six Nations Polytechnic loan.

Darnay said Polytechnic has not paid back the loan. He said the agreement loaning the money is "vague". He said no re-payment plan has been set up.

Councillor George Montour asked if Polytechnic wasn't required to report back to council on how it spent the total over \$4 million in a grant and loan. "That's all commu-

nity money don't they have to report back to the community on how they spent it."

Councillor Dave General, acting chair, said, "I would think so."

Council has also set aside \$907,544 for its business/health complex, \$28,078 for the Iroquois Lodge and has \$14,252 in interest.

The \$3,199,874 in set aside money left band council still in control of \$1,609,183 from the last fiscal year.

Councillor Carl Hill put a motion to the floor to send the \$1.6 million to the community trust. It was seconded by councillor Glenda Porter.

Councillor Dave Hill said "I understood that's what we were here for tonight on this. To make a motion to send what's left to the community trust."

Councillor Dave General said he understood council was to check with its various departments first to see if they had any "shortfalls or in band support funding and then transfer the balance to the trust."

Councillor Carl Hill disagreed. "I agree with Dave Hill. I thought we were going to discuss this and transfer the full \$1.6 million to the trust."

Councillor Ladd Staats said in a

meeting "a week ago we said we were going to see which one of the departments needed money first."

Councillor Dave Hill told them that has already been done. "They already got money. This is dollars left from last year, not this year."

Resident Barb Smith asked the council "how come you's get to decide what to do with it."

Councillor Dave General told her when the Rama money comes to Six Nations it comes through band council first. He said council looks to see if any of the departments need the dollars first, then what's left goes to the trust.

"It gets to the community one way or the other," he told her. Councillor Roger Jonathan agreed with Dave Hill. He told council, "We're in a new fiscal. This is last year's money."

Councillor Ervin Harris said he wanted the funds put on hold until they found out if there were any other deficits. Councillor Susan Harris agreed with him.

Council voted 7-2 to send the \$1.6 million to the trust. Voting for the transfer were councillors George Montour, Dave Hill, Glenda Porter, Carl Hill, Terry McNaughton, Ladd Staats, Roger Jonathan. Opposed

were councillors Ervin Harris and Susan Harris. Councillor Barb Harris and Sid Henhawk were absent.

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Band Councillor goes to trial next year

CAYUGA- Six Nations band councillor Ladd Staats will face trial on a series of charges ranging from obstructing police to impaired driving next year.

Staats appeared in court in Cayuga last Wednesday.

A trial date was set for March 23, 2005. It was Staats eighth appearance. He appeared before Justice of



Ladd Staats

the Peace K Boon.

Councillor Staats is facing charges of obstruct police, uttering threats, impaired driving and refusal to take a breathalyzer.

Cayuga OPP charged Staats after a vehicle was spotted going through a red light on Fourth Line and

Chiefswood Road at about 4:30 a.m. March 7th. OPP stopped the vehicle and an altercation occurred. According to information filed with the court Staats is accused of uttering a threat to Gord Hill to cause serious bodily harm. He is also accused of resisting arrest when OPP officer Andrea Watt attempted to arrest him for impaired driving.

Six Nations police to appear in court

Three Six Nations police officers and a director of band housing, all charged in connection with a failed eviction on the reserve will be back in court today (September 15th)

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An expensive bandaid

In a hurried meeting Monday Prime Minister Paul Martin and his group of Liberal cheerleaders announced an astounding \$700 million in new funding for aboriginal health care.

The dollars are for infrastructure, to secure more doctors and nurses, to sort out jurisdictional wrangling that has gone on for decades between the provinces territories Ottawa and First Nations to mention a few of the items highlighted in Monday's announcement.

While everyone is happy to see the money flowing, it may just be another expensive bandaid covering a quagmire rooted in bureaucratic red tape that will continue to see federal funds disappear down the health care well.

What's missing is exactly what Assembly of First Nations national leader Phil Fontaine called for.

A comprehensive, thoughtful approach to aboriginal health care built not on just throwing money at an obvious problem but on the details of building sustainable wholistic health care systems in our communities.

It doesn't do us any good to have more money for doctors and nurses if they won't go to the north.

It doesn't do us any good to offer more money for dental services if someone in the north has to travel by plane three or four times to a southern location to get a tooth drilled all because the bureaucracy in Ottawa will only approve a limited amount of spending per visit. Which means the dentist has to do a partial job, send in another long form, wait for its approval and then tell the person in the north to take a plane down south again. After four trips and thousands of travel dollars the tooth may get filled. But that's Ottawa's policy.

Ottawa bureaucracy is killing aboriginal communities.

And no where is it more obvious than in health care.

Last year in Ontario alone health care ran into a deficit and when Ottawa announced amid great hoopla that new dollars for aboriginal health care was coming where did it go. To pay off the debt created at regional levels by bureaucrats who are underestimating the true costs of health care services, to make themselves look good to their bosses. \$700 million...633 First Nations across Canada.

The odds of this being just another game of catchup are pretty good.

The problem is government needs to start taking aboriginal leadership seriously.

The AFN presented a comprehensive plan for health care needs that should have been looked at before the \$700 million was announced.

That plan would have helped Ottawa focus the dollars where they are needed.

And more importantly launch First Nations onto the road of health recovery.

It will give them the opportunity to build workable, sustainable health care systems within their community that partner with surrounding community's and their health care needs.

It will give First Nations the chance to work together in partnership to determine what their needs are, where to point First Nations students looking for a health career and put in the services that are actually needed in our communities.

It will give First Nations a chance to build a federally funded health care system reflective of their needs culture and spirit and one that doesn't trample on their rights.

If Martin's gang wants to move this nation forward they can start by not making speeches they don't live up to and pull out a chair for First Nations leaders at all government tables. Until they do, they will never solve the issues facing First Nations in their country. And how could they if there is no one at the table is telling them.

Letters: Youth enjoyed summit, Munsee councillor defends actions

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I then had to take a step back and think about exactly what was going on here and why. It made no sense to me that such atrocities were and are going on, that the only ones that are trying to put a stop to it are white, non native, and it's not even their ancestors that are being awoken. They are currently camped out by a longhouse that has been found tending to a sacred fire.

When I met these individuals I had to thank them, I then stated that our people could learn a lot from their example. I said this because these white people are doing what our proud people cannot. They have put their own lives on hold and took it upon themselves to be the ancestors protectors, dedicated 24-7 to what they believe is right, keeping a watchful eye and informing the people of any wrong doing that may occur whether they listen or not, just like the eagle.

I shouldn't be the only one asking why is this happening, isn't there some kind of law that could put a stop to this outrage (such as the Nanfan treaty)? This is our heritage and ancestors that are being sh*t on, doesn't anybody care? Shouldn't we care? I can speak on behalf of our youth group that was assembled during the Elders Summit when I say that what is happening is totally unacceptable no matter how you look at it, but what can we do when all but one of

us are from different communities? Some people would say this is not our problem, to go back home and take care of our own business. I realize now that we are all divided by our own internal struggles, every single one of our native nations are dealing with genocide, it's like a never-ending story. Something has to be done to unify all our people, soon, so that we may stand together as one to overcome anything that is bringing harm to our people and Mother Earth, because divided we fall.

I hope you now understand why I took it upon myself to write this letter. I know a day is coming when we can all gather under the Great Tree of Peace and show to the world that we are not an extinct people, that our beliefs do not belong in the stone age, and once and for all finish the job the Peace Maker bestowed upon us by unifying the different nations of the world through the use of the good mind.

It's time for change! It's time for world peace!

Kahenti:io
Kahnawake

Re July story-Munsee council's first meeting stormy

New councillor defends actions
I would like to take this opportunity to correct your recent news coverage concerning our Nation, in particular our first council meeting held on Monday, July 12th, 2004.

Your readers should be informed that neither you nor Lindsay Doxtator attend our full council meeting held on July 12th. Lindsay Doxtator, a student photographer, did take the photograph featured in your article, but was asked to leave our Council meeting by our Chief Roger Thomas before the meeting began.

More importantly, Chief and Council are elected representatives for First Nations communities as such have a responsibility to serve the interests of their community.

As elected representatives, we do have a duty to ensure that our Nation is governed fairly and efficiently. In doing so, Chief and Council have a duty to question the administration and management practices of their Nation's affairs. The Munsee-Delaware Nation Chief and Council meetings are not open to the public, but rather are meetings where our members and employees can address their issues, either individually or collectively.

As such, persons attending these meetings have the right to express their opinion, raise questions and participate in the discussion of our Nation's affairs. This is a right that is protected both in law and according to First Nations cultural beliefs.

Concerning the comments in your article, it is my opinion that no one was verbally attacked in our meeting. Any Chief and Council have the right to request information relating to the affairs of their

Nation. On July 12th, 2004, the Munsee-Delaware Nation Chief and Council exercised this right and it is the role of any Band Administrator to coordinate and provide such information.

Chief and Council did not discuss the Munsee-Delaware Nation's use of any law firm.

Your article quotes Jan Martin as saying: "We just got out of third party management." Indian and Northern Affairs Canada have confirmed that the Munsee-Delaware Nation has never been in third-party management. This misrepresentation has obviously caused our Nation to be improperly labelled and led to many frustrations within our small community.

A new election was not called during this meeting. Many community members questioned the delivery of mailed ballots, the handling of our election ballots and the management of our elections-in particular, the justification and cost of bringing in non-community members to conduct our election.

Regarding our Nation's post secondary program, a community member questioned the transfer of our Nation's programs to the Southern First Nations Secretariat. No one discussed terminating any Munsee-Delaware Nation employees.

No one demanded a doctor's certificate from Jan Martin on July 12, 2004. Jan Martin said she was late for work on this particular day

because she had a doctor's appointment. She was asked if she was able to provide a doctor's note and she said that she would be able to.

A community member expressed concern over the use of our Nation's official logo for personal and unauthorized use.

No one accused the Chief or anyone else of committing fraudulent practices. Community members raised concerns over the spending and use of our Nation's monies.

Finally, what your article does not say is that approximately 50 community members attended our first Chief and Council meeting. At the end of this meeting many community members congratulated and hugged individual councillors. Some even claimed that it was "the best council meeting in 20 years."

In the spirit of truth and journalism, I request that you retract your article published on July 14, 2004 and publish this letter.

Jodie-Lynn Waddilove B.A. MA. LLB Munsee-Delaware Councillor
Ed Note: Turtle Island News was not asked to leave the meeting. Comments in July article were from the meeting and those interviewed after. Jan Martin was not quoted as saying the community was in third party management. We stand by the story. However, we appreciate councillor Waddilove's opinion and encourage her to write more.



Letters: Enjoyed Six Nations New Credit

To the Editor

Hmmm where do I begin. I will begin I guess by telling you who I am and where I am from. My name is Andrew Meawesige. I am from Serpent River First Nation, a small native community in Northern Ontario. We are situated about half way between Sudbury and Sault Ste Marie. About seven hours drive away.

I have never been to New Credit or Ohsweken before. But I must say, I love it here. Never before have I met a more warm and compassionate people. Everywhere I went whether it be the "Hugs and Drugs" "The Three Fires Powwow" "The Fireside Powwow" or the "Elder's Summit" I have met such wonderful people. You's all took me into your community with open arms and embraced me. It was a wonderful feeling. I am truly grateful for all the hospitality.

I have been a community member at Native Horizon's Treatment Centre for the past five weeks. During my stay there, my eyes were opened to once again appreciate the finer things about myself and our peoples. I was a lost soul wondering aimlessly without any real direction. I am forever grateful to all the counsellors and support staff for opening my eyes and for their help in guiding me on a new journey in my life.

I learned alot about myself and once again I can look into that mirror and be proud of who I see standing there. The positive energy I felt from all the peoples from these two communities also gave me strength and courage to want to better myself. I learned about traditional teach-

ings, sweat lodges and the medicine wheel while at Native Horizons. Thanks Isaac. There is so many people I would like to say thanks to but I am afraid I would end up forgetting someone. So I will say thanks to everyone who helped me in my recovery. Peace, love and God Bless you's all Andrew Meawesige Serpent River First Nations

She:kon, Kahenti:io iontiats. Waskarewake. Kanien'kehaka nitia'toten. Kahnawake tewawkatetion.

I found my way to Six Nations to take part in the Elders' Summit. I could not miss the opportunity to be a part of something so historic. I learned that there were numerous native nations from across Turtle Island who had come together to take part in a unity ride traveling from as far away South Dakota, and that the summit would be geared toward discussions on nation building, which in my opinion was long overdue. I discovered that there was going to be an elder's declaration put together to be read at the UN which would once and for all represent our unit-ed voice as indigenous people.

I was surprised to find out when I arrive here that the summit was not just focused on the elders but also included a youth agenda, where we were being given the opportunity to come up with our own youth declaration that would also be taken to the United Nations and be read.

I was honoured to work with such talented youth representing various native nations from across Turtle Island. This was the first time I ever worked with so many individ-

uals (at the same time) who were as high spirited and dedicate to rebuilding our nations as I was. I will never forget the friendships I made and the connections we shared. On the second day of the Elders Summit we gathered into a sharing circle, which was not planned on the youth agenda but took place nonetheless. We shared our frustrations concerning the many problems our nations were currently facing. That is when we were then told about the Red Hill crisis (which happens to be going on right in your very own back yards if you don't know).

One of the girls participating in our sharing circle was from here and able to share with us just enough information to ignite all of our interests. She informed us that this horrific reality has been taking place for more than 20 years, and only a handful of people from down here just started (around a year ago) their attempt to save it. Also that no one else in this community has put in any effort what so ever to save our ancestors place of eternal rest, no effort to stopping the desecration of our people's heritage. I was told that Hamilton would delay their previous highway if one of our ancestors' bones were to be uncovered. I was also informed that archaeologists were called in one time to excavate a certain area for the highway and indeed found artifacts belonging to our people, but neglected to go dig any further then two feet, fearful of unearthing any of our ancestors remains. They then built their highway over the site and continued on their merry way.

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Letters to the Editor

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Six Nations Band Council briefs

Auditors are conferring
The public presentation of the financial audit of the Six Nations Band Council will be made public to community members as soon as a date has been picked by the auditors involved.

Delegations
Sharon Smoke received a certificate of competence to practice Midwifery from Six Nations Band Council. Ruby Jacobs received a Health Accreditation Recognition from the elected band council.

Parks and Recreation/Public Works
Approval of Six Nations Parks and Recreation/Public Works request to install a concrete conduit from Chiefswood Road crossing the school properties of Jamieson and J. C. Hill Elementary Schools was voted unanimously by band council. The second reading was waved so the next phase of the recreation master plan can be completed by the end of the year. A power point presentation will be provided to band council in October by Cheryl Henhawk of Parks and Recreation and a public meeting is planned for September 22 at the community hall.

Health and Safety Committee
Council approved the Health and Safety committee's proceeding with its funding application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for \$10,000. The funding sought is to offset the cost of holding the All First Nations Health and safety conference to be held October 19 to the 22 on Six Nations. \$15,000 has already been approved by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for the conference. Second reading was waved by the band council.

Arts and culture
Council deferred decision of funding four Arts and Culture committee members to attend annual language conference in Brantford on October 21 to 22 until the next, general, finance meeting.

Recognition of business'
B&J Construction owned by Brent Hill was approved by council. Deb's Unisex & Hairstyling owned by Debbie Kinniburgh was approved by council. Nancy's restaurant owned by Rodney Allen Hill was approved by council.

Council deferred Skye's Auto Repair and Skye's Drums & Rattles owned by Marvin Skye until the September 21 session of band council.

Scheduling matters
Councilor Susan Porter will be representing Six Nations Band Council September 12 at the grand opening of D Wing at the Brantford General Hospital. Councilor Terry McNaughton will be representing band council on September 12 at the grand opening of the Haldimand County Caledonia Arena.

Councilor Sid Henhawk will be representing band council at the Western Region Ontario Provincial Police Awards Ceremony September 27 at the Paris Fairgrounds.

Upcoming events
A public meeting on business taxation will be held at the community hall September 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
The Pauline Johnson Regatta and Tea Party will be held September 18 at Chiefswood Park.
The grand opening of Stoneridge Day Care will be September 27.
Council session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Six Nations community remembers victims of September 11 disaster



In memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 representatives from fire, police, veterans and emergency personal paid their respects in an impromptu ceremony last Friday. (Photo by Jim C. Powless)

By Edna J. Gooder
Staff reporter
An impromptu ceremony remembering the victims of the 2001 September 11 disaster was held in Veteran's Park last Friday.

About 50 community members attended the third anniversary of the day the United States was attacked by terrorists. Representatives from the Six Nations Veterans Association and Six Nations police, fire and rescue personal paid homage to their fallen comrades during the short service.

As a lone piper and bugler mournfully played *Amazing Grace* people bowed their heads for a moment of silence. Chief Arnie General then came to the microphone and gave a Thanksgiving address in Cayuga and as he spoke his words rose and floated above those gathered. Leaning on his cane, General said, there still is

lots of turmoil happening in the world, such as the conflict "across the water" and its all over money. He said it's time "to wake up to what the Creator has provided for us."

Looking at the small crowd gathered, he said, it is time people use "common sense" and work together in comradeship.

Other speakers spoke about the loss of life, for many Canadians lost loved ones in the disaster that shook the vary core of North

America. Bob Johnson representing the veterans said the attack has changed the way of travel into the United States, for the U.S. remains on alert.

After the speeches a contingent of representatives placed a wreath remembering not only those who lost their lives, but the brave people who brought down a plane into a Pennsylvania field preventing further loss of life.

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Health Services receives full recognition from Health Council of Canada

By Edna J. Gooder
Staff reporter
Finally, after a long hard year Six Nations Health Services received full accreditation in August from the Canadian Council on Health until the year 2006, when the process will begin all over.

Ruby Jacobs director of Six Nations Health Services on behalf of her staff accepted a certificate of recognition from Six Nations elected band council early last week. Jacobs said she and her staff had been working diligently throughout the year and completed the task according to a predetermined time schedule.

She said besides herself working on the accreditation process her program managers also worked on it. Now - she said "they know how to do" the self assessment process.

The accreditation process, Jacobs said, includes filling out many surveys making sure they are meeting the standards set by the Canadian Council on Health.

She adds a task team made of staff members worked on a set of standards, which was then sent to the accreditation body to be reviewed. Next, she said, a surveyor came to go over "our documentation" and tour the facilities plus interview clients using the services.

Jacobs said the surveyor also reviews the finances and policy and procedures of the Health Services as well.

The review for accreditation, she said, is "quite extensive," but even though the accreditation process is over there's always "room for improvement."

She said part of the process also includes self assessment, correct the areas that needed to be changed and assessing the needs of the



Ruby Jacobs and her crew of hard workers received accreditation and a certificate of recognition from Six Nations Band Council last week. (In no order) Loris Bomberly R.N., Lorraine Garlow R.N., Rina Chua-alamag Health promotions supervisor, Ruby Jacobs director of Health Services, Laurie Montour R.N., and Marilyn Wilson and other staff members. Jacobs said the Health services accreditation will be in effect until 2006. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)

community. Services provided by Six Nations Health Services include: the birthing centre, community support, personal support, mental health, healthy babies and children, long term, home and community care, visiting nurses and school nurses. Another service

provided is health promotions. The service focuses on raising the community's awareness on such important health issues as diabetes, alzheimers, HIV/AIDS and the need for utilizing a healthy diet and exercise regime. Jacobs said at present she and her staff are

working on "a study on the status of the health of the community." Jacobs said people seeking information on any services can call the health service's 24 hour number leave a message and someone will call back. (519) 445-0077

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Aboriginal health care gets \$1 billion boost, Fontaine secures First Ministers meeting on aboriginal issues

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health care. We have secured a \$1 billion commitment from the federal government to improve aboriginal health care. "Fontaine said "don't forget when we arrived here Monday we had zero. We had no commitment for anything. Today we have \$1 billion."

Prime Minister Paul Martin called the meeting between federal officials, provincial premiers and territorial leaders and aboriginal leaders Monday an "historic opportunity" to improve native health, noting that aboriginals have a shorter lifespan than average Canadians and suffer from more disease.

"Together, we can and we must close the gap in health status,"

Martin said in announcing a five-year federal plan would include a \$200-million health fund and \$400 million for disease and suicide prevention. Martin also promised increased annual funding to keep up with rising costs.

Fontaine, welcomed the proposal, but called for more.

"It is time to put First Nations first. We are not second-class communities or second-tier citizens. We must be an integral part of the decision-making process."

Fontaine said during negotiations Monday, "we had no commitment for additional resources or for a First Ministers meeting. When we emerged we came out with a commitment for a first ministers meeting on aboriginal issues and a \$700 million base amount with an escalator, and an initial calculation means that adds up to another \$500 million. That's a package over a billion dollars. That's not a bad start. It's a good start."

He said "when you build on the existing base, in the prime minister's comments the \$700 million plus additional dollars we had a very good day."

Fontaine, who is known for his diplomatic skills, said "we're in this for the long haul. I didn't approach the meeting hoping we'd fix everything that needs to be fixed over a three hour meeting. We did pretty good we have to admit."

He said he was very pleased with a federal commitment for a special Minister's meeting on aboriginal issues.

"There hasn't been aboriginal people at a Ministers meeting since 1982, and that was under the failed Charlottetown accord process. We were able to secure a commitment to convene a First Ministers meeting just on aboriginal issues. This is a first. We're very happy with this," he said.

That meeting will talk about things like "housing, education, health, economic development, jobs, all of the major challenges that we face."

Fontaine said while he did not get a full seat at the federal-premiers table on health, "We have secured our position there. I knew that we weren't going to get it. That we would not be present for the duration of the meeting, but we were satisfied because we didn't want our issues to be lost in the mix, we

didn't want that. We wanted our discussions to be focused on our issues, and that's what we managed."

Fontaine said while he is content with the results he is not completely satisfied. "No, I'm not completely satisfied, I can't be but we did pretty good, there was absolutely no expectation at one point that we would be in the meeting as we were or that it would be televised as they were or that we would secure the commitment for \$700 million plus the escalator, and then still ensure a followup to the April 19th roundtable. That's a lot of work there."

Fontaine and other leaders will be part of the federal cabinet retreat on aboriginal issues. "We will be there, that's part of the commitment."

Fontaine said AFN staff have been working diligently. "I am really proud of our staff, they are very professional, we managed ourselves very, very, well and I'm proud of the way we conducted ourselves. It was dignified, compared with the behaviour of premiers, we didn't whine, we just did what needed to be done."

The AFN was hit by cutbacks during Matthew Coon Comes term. AFN lost 92 positions, 74 people lost their jobs.

Fontaine says they will be able to handle the workload that is coming.

"We lost 92 positions, 74 people lost their jobs, but we are slowly getting back to capacity." Jose Kusugak, an Inuit leader from Nunavut said the first minister meeting to deal with aboriginal issues is vital. He said all the factors of housing, education and other program issues are linked. He said his communities face inadequate and crowded housing for example, that explains the high rate of tuberculosis and other infectious

Highlights of the federal government's five-year, \$700-million aboriginal health package:

\$200 million for a transition fund to co-ordinate local native programs with federal, provincial and territorial services.

\$100 million to recruit more aboriginal doctors and nurses to rural and remote locations and to retain health professionals and train aboriginal health-care workers

\$400 million to boost care in targeted areas, including preventative programs such as mental-health services to reduce suicide rates, maternity education programs and infant wellness clinics diabetes, prenatal and child care.

respiratory disease in native communities in the Arctic.

The announcements came Monday when the first ministers began their session to try to chart out a long-term national health care funding arrangement.

The speeches from aboriginal leaders were hard to listen to.

They talked about birth defects, outbreaks of tuberculosis, infant deaths, suicide rates, diabetes leading to limb amputations, by almost every description.

Premiers heard that aboriginal people are sicker and die younger than average Canadians.

Hearing the grim numbers Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said he found the facts "are more than disturbing. They are devastating."

Premier Lorne Calvert of Saskatchewan said governments need to commit themselves to specific targets for improving aboriginal health care. Saskatchewan is a province with one of the fastest growing aboriginal populations in the country.

He proposed setting as a target the reduction of aboriginal infant mortality rates to the same level as the Canadian average within a decade. The national average is now 5.3 deaths per thousand birth but the aboriginal infant mortality rate is eight per thousand.

Several premiers reminded Martin that under the Constitution, financing for aboriginal health care is a federal responsibility.

Terri Brown of the Native Women's Association of Canada said the responsibility is older than the Constitution. She said many old treaties promise native bands medicines. In Ottawa, she said, has tried to limit access to many modern medicines. Brown, the only woman at the conference table, noted that aboriginal women are more likely to be victims of violence than non-aboriginal women.

Prime Minister Paul Martin promised to improve health care for aboriginals with the \$700-million injection in new health programs for status Indian bands, Inuit and Metis people over the next five years.

He said the gap in health care is a "huge moral issue" for Canada.

While the \$700 million seems like a lot of money British Columbia premier Gordon Campbell said it works out to the cost of only a single visit a year to a medical spe-



AFN leader Phil Fontaine greets Prime Minister Paul Martin at the opening of the special health care summit

cial plan that includes six elements aimed at transformative change and immediate results. Our plan is supported by the pillars of sustainability and integration to create a system that gives us maximum return on our investments and works to improve the lives of our people and the health care system for all Canadians.

The six elements of the plan involve a sustainable financial base; integrated primary and continuing care; health human resources; public health infrastructure; healing and wellness; and information and research capacity.

Fontaine called Prime Minister Paul Martin's response "a blueprint that responds to many of the elements in the AFN's Action Plan."

"We are pleased with the response of the Prime Minister to our plan. An investment of \$700 million dollars in the key areas of the First Nation Action plan is a very positive beginning and demonstrates the kind of commitment that we are looking for."

The Federal blueprint includes reference to the following elements of the AFN's First Nations Health Action Plan:

\$200 million for an Aboriginal Health transition fund to ensure improved coordination of Federal, Provincial, Territorial and First Nation health jurisdictions.

\$100 million for Aboriginal Health Human Resources.

\$400 million directed to critical areas including diabetes, youth suicide, maternal and child care

Fontaine said: "We are encouraged that many of the Premiers and Territorial Leaders agree that to be successful real solutions require greater First Nation control of First Nations health systems."

The Prime Minister also committed to ensuring a reasonable rate of growth in First Nation health systems.

"This commitment to sustainability is critical to us. Sustainability is the anchor for all the improvements that must be made in the future," said he said.

"First Nations must be involved directly with the federal government in determining a 'reasonable rate of growth' based on accurate demographics and real costs."

The National Chief said that

today's session is a positive start, but First Nations are mindful of the Prime Minister's commitment to a "full seat at the table" in order to make real progress and take real action.

"We are seeking fundamental change which will require partnership and greater focus on our issues," said Fontaine. "Three hours out of a three day meeting is clearly not enough and I called today for a full First Ministers Meeting on our issues, including health and the determinants of health. I am encouraged that many of the Provincial and Territorial leaders directly offered their support for this."

It is positive that we were at the table this morning, however, we firmly believe that we should have been included throughout the meeting.

Minister of Indian Affairs Andy Scott told Turtle Island News, he saw the announcement as "extremely important as a benchmark along the way to dealing with commitments the Prime Minister and government made around eliminating that gap" between aboriginal and non-aboriginal health statistics and indicators.

He said one of the immediate challenges facing the provinces, territories, aboriginal communities and federal government is jurisdiction.

"This is one issue that everyone was mindful of and knows we have to deal with."

He said none of the ministers or territorial leaders or the Prime Minister or his ministers spoke against Fontaine's call for a First Ministers meeting on aboriginal issues.

"The reality is no one spoke against a First Ministers meeting on aboriginal issues. Premier Campbell spoke to it, no one spoke against it. The Prime Minister spoke about the need to do it. I would argue we need to take advantage of today's meeting, it clearly gives a great deal of momentum to that particular undertaking, we need to look at economic development, accountability and legal issues. We're planning our meetings now followed by a retreat and a First Ministers meeting on aboriginal issues."

"My job is to make sure we keep

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Aboriginal health care gets almost \$1.2 billion injection

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this thing on the rails."

He said details will be worked out by the regions and provinces but "it is the desire of the people who made the decisions that this make a difference. Part of the solution, or response to that challenge is to make sure the dollars makes it way to the groundlevel."

The commitment is being measured not on how much is spent but on results."

"It is everyone's responsibility to make sure problems don't happen, this is not just about spending money, it's about changing health and wellness outcomes where it falls well behind the rest of the country. That requires us to make sure it gets to the ground."

He said diabetes came up to the table as a number one health concern from across the country.

He said while regions mentioned particular health issues of concern, diabetes came from all regions of the country. "It is their principal health issue." He said others mentioned HIV and AIDS, drugs, youth, mental health, the one thing everyone agreed on is this is not a one size fits all solution. Some



Prime Minister Paul Martin smudges with Kanawake elder Billy Two Rivers during the opening ceremonies Monday

areas are very different than others, but diabetes transcended that, everybody spoke to that. I'm alert to this, recognize there's some need."

He said, "the chief of the Metis National Council spoke about the needs in more traditional ways, in terms of diet."

He said they need to keep in mind regional differences as well as

national needs.

"Now that we're set out in this direction officials from aboriginal organization will be sitting down to work out details."

He said he did not see the special health meeting with aboriginal leaders as a cop out to offering aboriginal leadership a full seat at the Federal-provincial-Territorial health meetings.

"I'm not sure one has to interpret it that way. The government of Canada has bilateral meetings all the time, this was a three way meeting between the province, federal government and aboriginal leadership. We will have subsequent meetings as it relates to aboriginal issues generally."

Scott said, "we're not taking about studying anything. We're talking

Aboriginals half as likely as Caucasians to get kidney transplant: study

TORONTO (CP) -Aboriginals have double the risk of developing kidney failure but less than half the likelihood of receiving a kidney transplant compared with Caucasian Canadians, a study of dialysis patients in three western provinces suggests.

Dr. Marcello Tonelli, a kidney specialist at the University of Alberta and lead author of the study, said the life expectancy of patients on dialysis was found to be no different for aboriginals than for Caucasians after taking other health problems into consideration.

"But aboriginal people are less than half as likely to receive a kidney transplant compared with white people after they start dialysis," Tonelli said in an interview from Edmonton. "And the reason this is an issue, all things being equal, is that kidney transplantation is the preferred form of treatment for kidney failure."

That's not to say there is any anti-aboriginal bias at work, said Tonelli, whose study appears in Tuesday's issue of the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ).

In fact, a subsequent study of patients in northern Alberta found that the rates of physician referral

for kidney transplants were equal for native and non-native Canadians, he said. "However, aboriginal people were less likely to be successfully placed on the (transplant) waiting list. So this suggests that there may be a barrier that occurs after the time of referral."

The researchers followed 4,333 adults in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba for 10 years after they first began dialysis, a procedure that takes over the kidneys' job of cleansing the blood when the organs fail.

About 16 per cent of those patients were aboriginal, while most of the others were Caucasian. Diabetes, the most common cause of kidney failure among all Canadians, is rampant among aboriginals and at least three times the national average. As a consequence, there has been a dramatic jump in the number of native Canadians needing dialysis.

While the 1990-2000 study didn't address reasons for the yawning gap between kidney transplants for native patients compared with non-native, Tonelli speculated a number of factors may be at play.

-Aboriginal people may have other

serious health problems that develop after they start dialysis that make them unsuitable medical candidates for a kidney transplant.

-Geographical access: Many aboriginal Canadians live in rural areas far from major treatment centres, where numerous tests are performed before someone is put on the waiting list for a donor kidney. Difficulty in travelling to these centres may act as a barrier.

- Once on the transplant waiting list, the possibility of finding a suitable kidney from a deceased donor might be lower in some groups because of blood-group and tissue-type differences.

There is a shortage of available organs for all blood and tissue matches.

There is also a shortfall among living donors - relatives and friends who might consider giving one of their kidneys - among all ethnic groups in Canada, said Tonelli. But the shortage may be exacerbated in aboriginal communities because of a higher risk of kidney-destroying diseases among potential donors.

- Cultural attitudes: Some aboriginal people may mistrust the notion of organ transplantation based on religious and/or cultural traditions.

Sociologist Jerry White, director of the University of Western Ontario's first Nations Cohesion Project, said for aboriginals living in remote areas, travelling for health services can be so disruptive that some end up moving from their community to be closer to medical centres.

"Often what we find is that many people forego the kind of treatments they need because they not only have to go through the difficulty of the treatment itself... they also have to go through all the travel and family arrangements and

reasons for this difference and we need to do it in consultation with aboriginal people and aboriginal communities to determine what these potential barriers are and, if appropriate, how we could overcome them."

Allen Deleary, a spokesman for the First Nations Centre of the National Aboriginal Health Organization (CAHO), said a boost in federal funding may provide an opportunity to take a closer look at diabetes and associated kidney failure, as well as ways to improve aboriginal access to such procedures as transplantation. "I would also say quite clearly that from a First Nations perspective (as part of CAHO) ... we'd certainly want to be in the driver's seat in doing that research with our community ... in partnership or collaboration with both the academic research community and the medical practitioners," Deleary said from Ottawa.

The study was conducted by researchers at the universities of Alberta, Calgary, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

"So, we really need to do more research to find out what the

about having people from various levels sit down and actually get the job done.

"The government put \$700 million on the table today to dig holes and do things. But we can't do it all by ourselves. There has to be a collaborative approach."

"I believe my colleagues have given me the tools. We have no interest in seeing resources, hard sought, hard achieved that are available used in ways other than getting the best outcomes we can get."

"I believe, we believe this has to be done collaboratively to be done best, to get from where we are to where I would have us be, improve the well being on the ground."

He said the government wants to see tangible outcomes.

"There's \$100 million for more doctors and nurses. That's a very measurable outcome, to get them to be more willing to locate in places we need to see them."

He said government officials are working out details to ensure the dollars actually get to the communities. "Those are details the prime minister asked officials to solve now."

Aboriginal health issues hard t.v. to take

OTTAWA (CP) - Prime Minister Paul Martin looked into the television cameras Monday afternoon and invoked the pride of Canadians in their universal medical insurance system.

"Over the last half century, medicare has become a vital aspect of our shared citizenship," Martin said as he opened the three-day first ministers conference on reforming health care.

In turn, each of the 13 premiers and territorial leaders followed with equally sincere and compelling mission statements.

As political theatre, the first tele-

vised first ministers' meeting in 14 years had its moments - such as catching the New Brunswick and Quebec premiers rolling their eyes at Martin's overblown rhetoric.

The pre-conference hoopla had the look of the Juno awards.

By the end of a morning session on aboriginal health, the bloom was off the rose.

"It hasn't been easy to watch," CBC host Peter Mansbridge intoned, referring to the litany of native social ills listed by the speakers.

Most viewers probably nodded agreement.

Six Nations Wildcats Women's Box Lacrosse champions for second time

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

SIX NATIONS- The Six Nations Wildcats won the 2004 Women's Box Lacrosse Association championship for the second year in a row Saturday afternoon shutting out

Oneida Thunder.

The game got off to a very slow start until Wildcat's Kylee Williams scored their first goal at the 5:05 mark with an assist from Julie Hill.

The only other action of the first



Joanna Miller earned an assist in the shut out game between the Wildcats and Oneida Thunder Saturday afternoon.



The Six Nations Wildcats earned their second Women's Box Lacrosse Association championship after defeating the Oneida Thunder Saturday afternoon in a 7-0 shut out game. The Wildcats are Nince Hill, Laura Church, Senia Hill, Joanna Miller, Karen Garlow, Tiff Bomberry, Ashly MacDonald, Chuck Hill, Lindsay Squire, Jodie Rohowetz, Jannah Squire, Jolly Smith, Stacy Smith, Kylee Williams, Jennelle Jacobs, Niki Skye, Corey Hill, Julie Hill and Roxanne Miller. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

Both received five minute fighting penalties. Chuck Hill received a two minute slashing penalty. The third period saw a goalie change but the results were the same. Oneida was shut out. Rohowetz and Senia Hill scored their final two goal giving them a 7-0 final score.

Brantford Golden Eagles win season opener against Orangeville Friday

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

BRANTFORD- The Brantford junior B Golden Eagles took the ice in their season opener Friday night beating Orangeville Thunder in a close 5-4 game.

It was rough start to Friday night's game in Brantford at the Civic

Centre when a near brawl started in front of Orangeville's net at the 36 second mark of the first period.

The Eagles were off to a slow start not scoring any goals until late in the second period.

They did receive a few penalties giving Orangeville an advantage.

Orangeville's first goal came at 10:19 from Jonathan Southgate on a power play off of Geoff Fullerton's cross checking penalty.

The second period didn't get off to such a rough start. It started with another power play goal at the 31 second mark from Orangeville off of Stuart Naylor's holding penalty from the top of the period.

The Golden Eagles did manage to hold off Orangeville from scoring the rest of the period and went on to score a power play goal at 12:58 from Johnny Weedon with assists from Andy Secore and Brandon Maloney.

The rest of the period remained scoreless.

After another scuffle in front of Orangeville's net including members of both teams, Peter Montour of the Golden Eagles was the only player to receive a penalty for roughing.

The third period had more action in the net than the previous periods with the Golden Eagles tying the

game and taking the lead. It started with a goal from Weedon at the 3:57 mark tying the game at 2-2. He got help from Montour and Mac Cook.

Montour came from getting assists on goals to getting a goal of his own at 6:57, giving Brantford the one goal lead.

He was assisted by Brad Jones and Weedon.

Orangeville tied the game at 8:18 with a goal from Travis Bland.

Both teams were fighting for the next goal to regain the lead but it was Brantford's Mike Nemeth who scored at 11:44 with an assist from Cook.

It was another fight for a goal for Orangeville as they tied the game again at 14:21 with a goal from Matt Velton.

It looked like Eagles' season opener was going to go into overtime when Maloney scored the winning goal giving them a 5-4 lead.



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Six Nations Fall Fair brings out big crowds for annual demolition derby

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

OHSWEKEN- It was a hot, sunny, Sunday afternoon but that didn't stop the people coming out to watch the annual demolition derby at this year's Fall Fair.

The derby was scheduled to start at 2pm, but due to late drivers, it didn't get going until 3pm.

It turned out to be a good thing, as the later it got, the more people showed up in the stands.

The derby started off with the first heat featuring six cars.

Ryan Hess came in first place followed by Les Johnson and Cole Jamieson Jr.

Blaine White, Kyle Montour and Stacy General were the three other participants.

The winners of heat one went on to the championship round and a chance to race in the Simcoe Demolition Derby Thanksgiving weekend.

Heat two featured six more drivers. Jeremy 'Gete' Bomberry

came in first, followed by Landon Curley and Tony VanEvery.

Terry McNaughton, Shawn General and Garret Johnson were also in the heat.

Up next was the Figure Eight heat. Originally scheduled for Thursday night, it was delayed until Sunday because only one driver showed.

Guy General came in first, followed by Paul Martin and Kevin VanEvery.

Rick Silversmith came in a close fourth.

The second to last heat was the consolation heat, giving the winner a chance at the championship.

Shawn General, Stacy General, McNaughton and Montour competed in the heat and Shawn General came out on top, advancing to the final heat.

Bomberry came out on top and will be heading to Simcoe for Simcoe's annual demolition derby on Thanksgiving weekend.

Go Gete Go!



Jeremy 'Gete' Bomberry (left) was the winner of heat two and the final heat. Ryan Hess (right) was the winner of heat one. They were presented their trophies by the new Miss Teen Six Nations Danielle VanEvery (second left) and Miss Six Nations Jesse Brant. (Photos by Samantha Martin)



Smoke is a common sight at demolition derby's as engines heat up and tires wear down. The cars and drivers are monitored very closely by derby officials and the Six Nations Fire Department.

A car got caught in between Landon Curley and Cole Jamieson Jr. at this year's demolition derby in the final heat. It was car #70, driven by Shawn General.

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Six Nations 137th Annual Fall Fair & Pow Wow

By Edna J. Gooder
Staff reporter

Attendance was down and there were a lot of disappointed faces at this year's 137th Annual Six Nations Fall Fair held over four days last week at the fair grounds in Ohsweken but organizers are already working on fixing the problems that came with the new facilities for next year. Various activities were held, such as a demolition derby, grandstand concert, chariot race, midway, home show, agricultural displays and baby contest not to mention the annual kids day and family night. The fair was spread out more this year due to the removal of the old community hall and construction of the new hall but it did cause some confusion. Local resident and well known actor Gary Farmer of Six Nations, who was manning the wheel of fortune said he was disappointed because there wasn't any "barns for people to show their animals, or farm equipment at the fair. The four day event drew less people then expected. President Glenda Porter said the fair tried a few new ideas "this year" It didn't work. The Miss Six Nations pageant was crowded, we had to move the baby show outdoors. She said they lacked a headliner for the entertainment portion and work needs to be done on the demo derby but she said fair attendees shouldn't be discouraged "WE know what went wrong and we're going to fix it for next year."



(above) Alva Martin of the advocacy group SNAG sells corn soup to help pay the printing cost her organization incurred.



(above) Newly crowned Miss Teen Six Nations Danielle VanEvery, 15, performed her first duty by helping out at the annual baby contest. Danielle was crowned before a packed audience Thursday evening at the Six Nations community hall.

(below) The Hill family jump for joy with the prizes they won during children's day at the 137th annual Six Nations Fall Fair. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)



(above) Newly crowned Miss Six Nations Jesse Brant begins a year of duties by attending the Six Nations baby contest. Jesse was crowned Thursday evening before a packed audience at the community centre. (left) A grass dancer wears sunglasses as he dances at the annual powwow held during the fall fair. The powwow, which was held Saturday and Sunday drew the most people over the four day event. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder).



Teams of families entered various games and races, such as the wheel barrel race and tug-of-war at family night at the 137th Six Nations Fall Fair. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)



Miss Six Nations and her court pose for photos after winning their titles at the annual pageant held at the community hall.

(below) Children chase a little pig trying to snatch a yellow ribbon from its tail. Alisha Montour, 6, won \$25 for nabbing the ribbon. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)



(above) One of the performers at the big grandstand show Saturday afternoon at the fair. (right) A huge sunflower was one of the many agricultural exhibitions held at the Gaylord Powless Memorial Arena (left) Willow the psychic of northern Ontario spends about 20 minutes telling various people about their past, present and future.



Chariot and Chuck Wagon races entertaining crowds at annual Fall Fair



It was a photo finish in the western chariot race between Lorne Lewis, Dustin Monture and Wayne VanEvery. Lewis came in 1st followed by VanEvery and Monture. (Photos by Samantha Martin)



In the Roman chariot races, racers were dressed up in authentic Roman costumes, like the ones Derek Briston and Dustin Monture are wearing.



Rene Solmon came all the way from Alberta to participate in the chariot and chuck wagon races at the fall fair over the weekend.



Marvin VanEvery received a few pointers from Alberta Chuck Wagon race champion Rene Solmon before his race Saturday afternoon. Despite the help VanEvery came in a very close second place to Josh Beaver.

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

OHSWEKEN- It was a perfect day Saturday as people took to the stands to watch the chuck wagon and chariot races.

The races were scheduled to start at 1pm but didn't get underway until 1:30pm.

Western Chariots:

1st-Lorne Lewis of Tyandenega
2nd- Wayne VanEvery of Ohsweken

3rd- Dustin Monture of Ohsweken
Roman Chariots:

1st- Dustin Monture of Ohsweken
2nd- Derek Briston of Simcoe
3rd- Jeremy 'Gete' Bomberry of Six Nations

Chuck Wagons:

1st- Kyle Miller of Ohsweken
2nd- Rene Solmon of Alberta
Mini Chariots/Chuck Wagon:

1st- Josh Beaver of Ohsweken
2nd- Marvin VanEvery of Ohsweken

Western Chariots:

1st- Dustin Monture
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Housing development site planned for burial site, Oneida chiefs

By Lynda Powless
Editor

A London area developer's plans to put a housing subdivision over known burial sites in an area known as the Dorchester Village site came to Six Nation Confederacy Council Saturday.

Paul Williams, lawyer for the Oneida Council of Chiefs, told Confederacy his report was merely for information.

"The position of the Oneida Chiefs is simply the burial will not be removed."

He said "the Chiefs believe there are just too many burials to move."

He said the developer has known about the burial sites.

"The developer has been told he will have to make adjustments."

He said the developer is propos-

ing mediation to try to resolve the issue. "The developer wants to move the burials, the chiefs said no."

He said the Dorchester Village Site is about 10 km east of London on the Thames River.

The village site is about 700 years old and was the home of the Neutrals who's descendants later became Haudensaunee people.

The village site was in the area in about the 1300s.

He said so far 23 different burials have been found, one contained seven people.

He said they are fairly close together.

He said the Oneida Nation council doesn't want the burials moved. The burials occupy eight of 34 lots. "They are simply saying the developer can develop

around them."

He said the developer has claimed they are not Oneidas. "But they were Neutrals who's descendants became Cayugas and Senecas" Williams said.

Williams said the Confederacy's standing committee on burials and burial regulations is still working on a policy outlining the kind of conduct they expect from developers.

"It has to include what we expect if they bump into human remains."

He said this particular developer "should not have been surprised. He knew this going on. He said while the issue isn't a major public project yet, "it could become one and we don't want the Confederacy Council to be surprised."

"This is an issue of someone wanting to make money. It's not an issue of public access, public rights or a public project. It's a real estate deal."

In a letter to the developer Oneida council of Chiefs Belanger Brown Sr said, "these village sites were known for many years, and that as a result you should have been aware of the likelihood that there would be burials associated with the villages. There is no pressing public need for the use of these cemeteries as landfill housing. We do not believe there is justification for moving or removing large numbers of graves to accommodate private dwellings. Nor do we believe that it is desirable to have the graves in people's gardens or yards. We tried to find a balance between the need to protect the

peace, dignity and integrity of the people who were buried in that place, and your legal entitlements as a landowner. We believe that with every right comes a set of responsibilities, and as the registered owner of the land in which these graves are located you share our responsibility to respect and protect them."

He said hte Oneida chiefs suggest the land set aside for buials should be jointly owned by the Oneida Nation Council of Chiefs and the municipality, if themunicipality is not interested, the council will take ownership directly.

The developer had claimed moving the remains was the only option to protect them, in private lots they cannot be protected laong term and must be registered as cemeteries.

"We are going to be hearing a lot of evidence about this particular intersection and what went on," Millar said.

Ipperwash tapes, George family backs off demands to release

(Continued from front page)
confrontation were unarmed when seven police officers opened fire on them.

Clifford George testified Friday before Justice Sidney Linden that he considered a team of paramilitary officers who arrived at the park that day to be a "hit squad."

Wearing a chest full of war medals and holding an eagle feather, a native symbol for truth, George testified that he and his two brothers were emotionally devastated when they returned from fighting overseas in the Second World War to find their family home had been bulldozed in 1942 to make room for a military base, and that their mother's grave site had been dug up to make way for a trench.

George, who was held as a prisoner of war by the Nazis in the final months of the Second World War, described himself and his brothers during their first visit to their mother's grave site in 1945 as, "good, hardened soldiers, crying their eyes out."

Under questioning from commission counsel Donald Worme, George said the return home was particularly rough for his older brother, Kenneth, who was shell-shocked from heavy fighting overseas.

Immediately after returning to Canada in 1945, Kenneth George skipped a party held by his military unit in Guelph, Ont., to hitchhike to their former home at Stoney Point, Clifford George said.

"He looked around and found that it (the former home) was a barracks, and he couldn't understand that," George said. "He slept in a ditch for the rest of the night, because he didn't know where to go."

There was a heated exchange after Mark Sandler, a lawyer for the OPP, cautioned against Clifford George being allowed to give hearsay evidence about violence in the park the night Dudley George died.

"I am telling the truth," George replied sharply, pointing his finger at the lawyer.

"I think I'm getting too close to the truth for you ... You people

don't want to see the truth."

George also testified that the day after the helicopter was reportedly shot at, the OPP moved onto the army base, Camp Ipperwash, adjacent to the provincial park, and searched the homes of the native occupiers for weapons.

None were found and there never were any at the base that had been a reserve before the land was seized by the Canadian government in 1942 under the War Measures Act, he said.

Both Clifford and Dudley George were part a group of aboriginal protesters who occupied the army camp in 1993, setting up tents and later moving trailers onto the site.

From the start, George said the group was careful not to have weapons at the camp.

"We knew there were spies around," he said.

He said the protesters "had sticks and stones for protection and that was all."

George is scheduled to be back on the witness stand when the inquiry resumes on Sept. 20.

On Thursday the public inquiry into the 1995 shooting at Ipperwash Provincial Park in

southwestern Ontario moved from the hearing room to a sandy parking lot. Lawyers for the 17 parties represented at the inquiry were loaded into a bus to get a first-hand look at the scene where aboriginal protester Dudley George was shot by provincial police during the Sepr 1995 clash.

They also got a look at the adjacent army camp that was aboriginal land before being seized by the federal government in 1942.

The tiny parking area which barely had enough room to park three cars has changed since the fatal clash, commission counsel Derry Millar told the group.

Sand has blown up around the lot. The only indication of the confrontation nine years ago was a memorial of cedar boughs where George fell after he was hit.

Lawyers and journalists were shown the location where George lived after natives seized the camp back from the military in 1993, the cemetery where George was buried, and a school bus and car with bullet holes that had been part of the clash.

The inquiry tour was greeted by native guides at the army camp security gate. Millar said the tour

was important to help inquiry participants understand the area, particularly the intersection where police and natives clashed.



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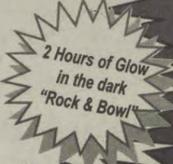
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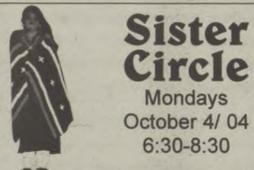
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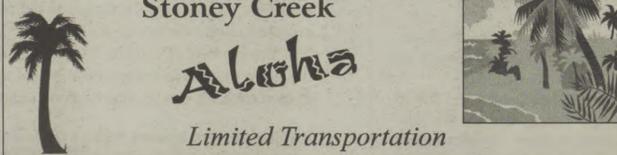
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Caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease means sharing

(NC)-A family's life can be turned upside down when a loved one is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease can be overwhelming. As a caregiver, whether it is for a spouse, a sibling, a child or even a friend, you will need patience, respect, teamwork and even creativity to manage this disease. Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. It is a progressive and ultimately fatal disease that robs a person's memory, along with their ability to think, communicate and take care of themselves. As the person's ability to

understand deteriorates and their day-to-day function declines, their world can become confused. No matter how the disease affects someone, it is important they be treated with dignity and respect. Alzheimer's disease doesn't take away the person's ability to experience feelings of love, joy, fear or sadness. The need for companionship and belonging remain.

Treating Alzheimer's disease today

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now, although these medications are approved for the mild to moderate stage of Alzheimer's disease, some studies have shown that they may be effective in more severe stages of the disease and in other types of dementia. While medications can help some people improve, maintain their abilities or slow down the progression of symptoms of the disease, it's very important that everyone in the treatment team establish realistic goals for the medication being used to treat the patient.

A major Canadian study - The Atlantic C a n a d a Alzheimer's

Disease Investigation of Expectations (ACADIE) study - showed that treatments for Alzheimer disease are able to address patient, caregiver and physician treatment goals. "We wanted to gain further understanding of what was happening with Alzheimer's disease patients treated with medication," explained Dr. Kenneth Rockwood, the study's lead investigator and Professor of Geriatric Medicine at Dalhousie University. "The study allowed us to find out whether the patient (after treatment) was better in a way we could see and understand." NC


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Doing something about your weight problem will definitely make you feel better. If you are over weight and have felt down or depressed for two weeks or more, talk to your doctor.

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Fisheries and Natives sign deal outlining how to handle frisky killer whale

VANCOUVER (CP) — A deal to watch over Luna the orphaned orca has been signed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation.

"The goal of the Luna Stewardship Plan is to provide a safe environment for Luna while the killer whale resides in the Nootka Sound area and to increase public safety for boaters and other marine users in the area," said a DFO release Friday.

The plan will see both sides trying "to reduce human interaction with Luna and to advise boaters on safe boating practices around the whale," said the release.

As well, Luna will be monitored by Mowachaht/Muchalaht observers who will report violations to DFO officers, who will also conduct marine patrols in Nootka Sound.

Interfering with a marine mammal carries a fine of up to \$100,000. DFO is contributing \$10,000 to the program. The deal, which was reached in principle at the beginning of August, comes after months of confrontation between the whale and boaters, including fishing boats, causing thousands of dollars in damage.

Luna became the subject of a custody tug-of-war between aboriginals and federal Fisheries scientists in June when Fisheries tried to capture the 1,360 kilogram whale in an effort to reunite him with his pod off southern Vancouver Island.

But local aboriginals intervened, taking to the ocean in canoes to lure Luna away from the capture pen.

Yukon First Nations chief ordered to pay \$1,000 for wasting bison meat

WHITEHORSE (CP) — A Yukon first nation chief must pay \$1,000 to a conservation fund after being convicted for wasting wood bison meat.

Kluane First Nation chief Robert James Dickson, 42, changed his not guilty plea to one of guilty last week on a single charge of wasting the meat from a two-week hunting trip in the Borthwick Lake area.

On top of the payment to a conservation fund, the Burwash Landing resident must pay a further \$250-fine to the court. He must also forfeit the bison meat.

In photos presented as evidence at the Sept. 1 Burwash Landing court circuit, nearly 40 plate-sized steaks and several far larger chunks of meat are displayed by the conservation officer who laid the charge.

Brothers' suicides; Labrador Innu call for help

NATUASHISH, Nfld. (CP) — The leaders of this relocated Innu community renewed their call Tuesday for emergency action to treat alcohol and solvent abuse following the suicides of two teenage brothers over the summer.

A 19-year-old hanged himself July 6 in Natuashish, a newly built community in the remote Labrador wilderness.

His 17-year-old brother, also from Natuashish, killed himself in the Innu community of Sheshatshiu on Aug. 24.

"How many of our children have to die?" asked Simeon Tshakapesh, the former chief and now spokesman for the band and council.

Tshakapesh said both brothers were known to sniff gas to get high, a problem that plagues dozens of children in Natuashish and attracted world attention when it came to light a decade ago.

In 1993, news broadcasts showed children in Davis Inlet sniffing gas in an unheated shack, screaming that they wanted to die. The footage shocked Canada and the world about conditions in the dilapidated shantytown, where most of the nearly 700 residents lived without running water.

In December 2002, the residents were moved to Natuashish but the rampant alcoholism among adults and solvent abuse among children moved with them, Tshakapesh said.

Despite promises from Health Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs, there is no treatment centre in Natuashish.

There is no safe house for children and not nearly enough mental health and addictions resources to deal with decades of alcoholism, sexual abuse and social dysfunction, Tshakapesh said.

The band wants an emergency mental-health team brought in to assess the situation and they want immediate steps to provide counselling and addictions services, he said.

"We're more in crisis than I've ever seen," Tshakapesh said. "We need help desperately and we need it now."

Nobody from Northern Affairs was immediately available for comment.

In June, Lloyd Wicks, the province's child advocate, called on the federal and provincial governments to take emergency measures after a teenage girl was held captive for three weeks and severely assaulted.

The 13-year-old girl was never reported missing to police. It wasn't until she was discovered badly beaten with broken bones and injuries from a pellet gun that police were notified.

Tshakapesh said the Innu leadership is still considering bylaws for a dry community, a bylaw they've been considering for six years.

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Search half finished at Saskatchewan reserve, still no clues to Tamra's fat

BALGONIE, Sask. (CP) — Police combing a Saskatchewan reserve-said Wednesday they've covered about half of the search area without finding any clues to the fate of a young Regina girl missing for two months.

Tamra Keepness was last seen in her Regina home on the night of July 5. Exhaustive searches of her downtown neighbourhood have failed to find any trace of the girl, who missed celebrating her sixth birthday with her twin sister last week.

Regina city police spokeswoman Elizabeth Popowich remained tightlipped about what new information led police to search part of the Muscowpetung reserve north-east of Regina. The only known link to the Keepness case is the fact that a van stolen from her neighbourhood around the time she disappeared was later found abandoned and burned on the reserve.

"Any information gained or any steps in the investigation have to be thoroughly and completely examined and we really won't know until we get to the other end of this," Popowich told reporters who were being kept off the reserve by band officials.

"We have to be able to say that we've done a thorough job. There's obviously enough of a reason for our investigators to feel that a search was necessary."

The search began Saturday morning and Popowich said it will likely continue at least through Thursday.

Cpl. Jim Pratt showed reporters a

detailed map of the area as he explained the painstaking search. "In these coulees, there's beaver dams, there's muskeg-type terrain down there, that's why it takes so long to search," Pratt said. "You can't just walk like on an open field. You have to look at everything because there's dense vegetation."

Pratt, the Regina force's cultural liaison officer for native groups, estimated about half of the 20-square-kilometre area has been

searched over the last five days.

Back in Regina, Tamra's stepfather made a brief court appearance. Dean McArthur, 29, is charged with assault causing bodily harm to Russell Sheepskin, a 33-year-old man who was staying at the Keepness home the night before Tamra disappeared. Sheepskin went to hospital with a cut to his head and received stitches.

McArthur has told reporters that whatever happened was unrelated to Tamra's disappearance.



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Atlantic native leaders say new history textbook riddled with errors

HALIFAX (CP) — Native leaders in Atlantic Canada are demanding that a social studies textbook being prepared for Grade 7 students be delayed due to concerns about historical errors and stereotyping.

"There is a great deal at stake to ensure history is correct; for the general public to clearly know who we are and why specific issues are of great importance to our people," said Stewart Paul, co-chair of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs.

The chiefs said they were not asked to participate in designing the book, called Changing Your World: Investigating Empowerment, which will be in classrooms throughout Atlantic Canada by the fall of 2005.

The book is scheduled to be published by mid-November. The chiefs said the draft they viewed earlier this year was filled with serious misinformation, distortions and omissions regarding Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy history.

Andrea Bear-Nicholas, who teaches native studies at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, said it's a matter of the truth being told. "Let's get it out there so it can be debated. Why do we have to always be fighting the ignorance that's out there?" she asked.

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Addictions treatment available for Labrador Innu: Health Canada

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Health Canada has no plans to build a second addictions treatment centre in the Labrador Innu community of Natuashish despite repeated criticism from Innu leaders.

There is no wait list for treatment at a centre in the Innu community of Sheshatshiu, said Sarah Archer, acting regional director for First Nations and Inuit health.

The 12-bed facility opened in 2000 and there is no capacity to build another, she said. "We feel the services are available," Archer said Wednesday from Halifax.

Since relocating from Davis Inlet nearly two years ago, the Natuashish council has repeatedly criticized the federal government for failing to build a treatment centre in the \$152-million community. Earlier this week the council renewed its call for a centre, along with a safe house and a community centre, following the suicides of two teenage brothers known to be among the many youth addicted to sniffing gasoline.

A 19-year-old hanged himself July 6 in Natuashish. His 17-year-old brother, also from Natuashish, killed himself in Sheshatshiu on Aug. 24.

"How many of our children have to die?" said Simeon Tshakapesh, the former chief and now spokesman for the band and council. Natuashish garnered international headlines in 1993, when news broadcasts showed children in Davis Inlet sniffing gas in an unheated shack, screaming that

they wanted to die. The footage shocked Canada and the world about conditions in the dilapidated shantytown.

The federal government agreed to build a new community for the nearly 700 residents, on the mainland, with homes with electricity and running water that most lacked in Davis Inlet.

In December 2002, the residents were moved to Natuashish but the rampant alcoholism among adults and solvent abuse among children moved with them, Tshakapesh said.

There is not enough mental health and addictions resources to deal with decades of alcoholism, sexual abuse and social dysfunction, he said. But the approximately 2,000 Innu in Labrador received \$5.4 million in health funding this year in addition to the regular funding provided to them as First Nations communities, Archer said.

"It's not just a matter of staff and counsellors and nurses," Archer

Manitoba Metis Federaton at odds with province over hunting rights

WINNIPEG (CP) — The Manitoba Metis Federation and the provincial government are headed for a showdown over hunting rights.

The federation will begin issuing harvesting cards Thursday that they claim will give Metis the same hunting rights as status Indians — meaning they can hunt on Crown land or private land with the permission of the owner.

The move is not only a direct chal-

said. "There's an obligation on the part of parents and on the part of the leadership in the community to create an environment that is safer for their children than currently exists."

The department funds full-time alcohol and drug counsellors, nurses and a community health director. No exact number of health employees was available but at least one position has not been filled by the band council, which does the hiring, she said.

Jobs in Natuashish, where conservative estimates are that 70 per cent of the population suffers from addiction, have proven difficult to fill, Archer said.

"Sometimes it's a challenge. It's a challenge sometimes to attract people to Halifax, never mind Natuashish," Archer said.

There are some success stories, she said, such as cultural programs run by elders for the community's youth.

lence to the Manitoba government's authority over hunting rights but is also designed to affirm the status of the Metis people as a nation, according to MMF president David Chartrand. "We are saying that we are the ones that issue laws, not you," said Chartrand. But provincial officials said Wednesday they will charge anyone who doesn't adhere to the Manitoba Wildlife Act.

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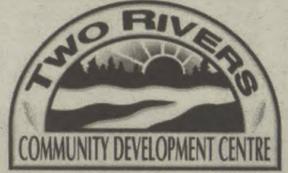
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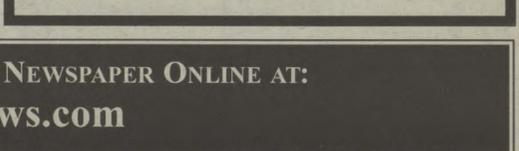
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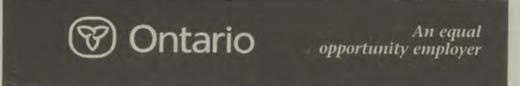
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Six Nations 137th Fall Fair Baby Contest

By Edna J. Gooder
Staff reporter

It was just too successful an event. More than 50 babies enrolled in this year's annual baby contest coupled with a change in location to one of the smaller rooms in the new community hall meant the organizers had to move the popular contest outside. Proud parents and grandparents watched as the crowd of babies smiled, giggled and cooed their way into the judge's hearts.

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Winners in the zero to 12 month category of the annual baby contest were first place Johnna Garlow, second place Hallie Martin and third place Logan Hill.



Winners in the 13 to 18 month category were first place Devon Montour second place Brooke VanEvery and third place Jadine Squire. (below) 19 to 24 month category were first place Shanon Marie Bomberry, second place Mercedes Hill and third place Ludia Farmer. (Photos by Edna J. Gooder)

