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LOCAL

Car accident at New Credit

New Credit, First Nation- OPP Haldimand County Detachment are investigating a single motor collision on Mississauga Road at New Credit Road. On Saturday, at about 4:14 am, police said a vehicle had crashed into a tree

and was partially blocking the road. A pick up truck was trying to remove a red Chrysler Cirrus that was stuck on the guardrail. The Chrysler had left the roadway and landed on top of the guardrail with the front tires sus-

pended in the air. The driver and her passenger were not injured. The driver, Jessica Henry, 20, of Brantford, is facing charges of impaired driving and over 80.

Turtle Island News editor attacked by demonstrator while others watch

Turtle Island News Editor, Lynda Powless was attacked by a Six Nations man involved in the Hagersville demonstration last Wednesday.

Powless had arrived at the housing development on Highway 6 in Hagersville and had just greeted the demonstrators when a man approached her and began shouting at her.

Ken Green, a regular in security at the Caledonia reclamation site chastised Powless for coverage of incidents at the site in recent weeks.

The reclamation has been the site of several incidents from fires to assaults to drug use in recent weeks.

Turtle Island News has reported on the events.

Green objected to the coverage

along with several other young men with him, who accused the newspaper of "telling lies."

Green pushed himself forward into Powless, shoving her back three times and threatening her as Powless warned Green to stop or he could face assault charges. Green refused yelling "under who's law."

Local resident and elder Floyd Montour intervened and tried to calm Green down.

As the incident accelerated several Six Nations people stood by watching.

As Powless attempted to walk away Green began shouting and came towards her again only to be restrained by Montour.

OPP who had been watching from behind Powless moved forward in a line trying to calm Green down.

Powless said the incident was unfortunate, "it highlights exactly the kinds of incidents that we have been reporting on in recent weeks about incidents occurring in Caledonia."

Powless has not yet pressed charges.

It's the second time Powless has been shoved while covering an event.

A year ago elected chief Dave General pushed Powless into several reporters as they followed General into a press conference. General has never apologized for the assault.

It's the second time a reporter has been attacked by protesters.

Last year a Hamilton TV crew were attacked while filming Caledonia Reclamation site protesters who had left the site and

were engaged in an incident at the Caledonia Canadian Tire store. Last week protesters approached another Turtle Island News

reporter in a threatening manner during an incident at the Baptist Church that sits next to the site.



Ken Green pushes editor Lynda Powless, several times before local resident Floyd Montour stopped him. Other Six Nations people watched. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

General says "Lawless days to end"

(Continued from front)

During an interview at the band council barbecue at the Bingo Hall last Thursday, General told the Turtle Island News that administrative staff are going to be taking action on a band council resolution three weeks ago asking that the land be cleared.

"They're coming off the property," said General. "Administration would have to call the police. They'll be taken to task in due time."

Six Nations resident Jeff "Hawk" Henhawk, along with his business partner, moved onto a piece of community-owned property on Hwy. 6 and Fifth Line Rd. over three weeks ago and set up a smoke shop saying the land should be free for everyone on Six Nations to use.

Band council has disagreed with the action, but Henhawk said he asked Cayuga chief Cleveland General for permission to open the shop, but he said Cleveland did not tell him to set up or not to set up, so he went ahead.

He says he follows the Confederacy council, not band council. However there has not been a Confederacy Council meeting since he set up the shop.

Henhawk did not appear on the agenda of the last Confederacy Council session.

Elected Chief Dave General said administration is currently investigating whether or not Henhawk got



Dave General

permission from the Confederacy. The elected chief said he believed the people running the shop are "lawless."

"They don't want to obey provincial law, they don't want to obey federal law, they don't even want to obey the Great Law," said General. "They just want to be lawless. Their lawless days are coming to an end."

The smoke hut, called That One Shop, is the site of a shooting incident almost two weeks ago, during which one 18-year-old man received a bullet wound to the arm. Six Nations Police quickly appre-

hended the suspect, 47-year-old Donald VanEvery, at his mother's home on Sixth Line Rd. and he is currently being held in custody.

Henhawk said the shooting had nothing to do with himself, or his business.

He said he wants to help the community with the proceeds of his business by donating money to local elementary schools.

General said, "let's see it. Everyone talks about giving back to the community, but let's see it."

Henhawk wonders why General is reacting this way. "I don't see where he's coming from. Why would I obey federal or provincial law? It's not here on this territory. And where in the Great Law does it say I can't use the land? Why's he talking Great Law to me? The land is here for us to prosper."

Henhawk also wonders why General would support a court order or police action on him and his shop.

"Why would he enforce something like that on his own people? Who gave band council control of the lands? If Dave General wants to start stuff on Six Nations, then I believe he'll do it. If he wants to stir the pot, he will do it."



Local elder Floyd Montour stops protester Ken Green from assaulting editor Lynda Powless at the Hagersville demonstration last Wednesday. Kim Powless yelled at Green to "she's not worth it." OPP formed a line behind Powless one officer's hand goes up as Green pushes forward as Montour steps in and others watch. Green was upset over Turtle Island News coverage of incidents that have occurred at the Caledonia site. (Photo by Jim C Powless)