

# Partridge Drum Of Akwesasne Moves to Hogansburg



Photo: Derrick Paul

Violet Naytowhow in front of the many different Mandelas' at the Partridge Drum of Akwesasne Giftshop on Route 37 in Hogansburg.

Mia Martin and Violet Naytowhow opened up the new store at the former C & R Restaurant on Wednesday.

The official grand opening will not be held until they get more set up.

Local Akwesasne artists and craftspersons have their artwork and designs for sale.

The store is lined with paintings, drawings (oil, sand and sketchings) that are for sale which were purchased from local artisans.

Other items include necklaces, cradleboards and tee-shirts.

The shirts are not available at the Partridge Drum but can be ordered.

The move was simply to get a busier location than when they were in Kanatakon and the opportunity presented itself quite suddenly.

"We were thinking of getting a new place for awhile now," says Violet Naytowhow. "we went to many places that were for rent and

we wanted somewhere busy."

The Kanatakon business was just Mia Martin residence and they wanted to open a store somewhere.

They choose the former restaurant and are renting it from Roger Tarbell.

The grand opening is set for May 26.

Because they just opened they want to build up business and inventory before introducing new ideas such as traditional outfits. In the very near future they will be introducing Atakai pottery which although expensive it's a very popular item to Akwesasne folk.

This weekend both owners are making trips: Violet to Hamilton and Mia to Oklahoma for a buying trip.

They are also looking into Drums from British Columbia and Moccasins from Tyendinaga These are deerskin with the design burned onto them.

One of their big projects in the

future as well is the "End Of The Trail series. This is from Utah and includes Navajo, Hopi and Mohawk pottery.

Their partnership included Nettie Cook but she preferred to work at home. In the past they travelled to different areas to well their wares. Their line of crafts were on display at the St. Lawrence Center Mall over the Christmas holidays.

Some of the articles are at the store on consignment. (the artist gives it to the store and they display it until the items is sold).

The locals include Liz Perkins, "Gesso" Thomas and Roger Perkins.

The shop is closed on Monday but open the rest of the week from 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.

The sign in front is presently being designed by Jerome Cook and a official grand opening will be announced.

Their phone number is (518) 358-9018



## Education Is the Key to Preventing Child Sex Abuse, Helping Victims

Protecting children from sexual abuse and helping those who have been abused are difficult tasks that parents, educators and other adults should face squarely, says Jane F. Gilgun, a University of Minnesota social work professor who has studied child abuse since 1985.

The incidence of child sexual abuse, Gilgun notes, is staggering, with tens of thousands of cases reported in the United States each year. Many more go unreported for various reasons, often because adults fail to recognize the signs of child sexual abuse.

"We could do a lot more to let kids know how to recognize sexual abuse and to help them get over it when it does happen," says Gilgun. "Every kid deserves a chance to have a decent life, free of the threat of sexual abuse."

A through education about both sexuality and child sexual abuse, including using the correct names for body parts and sex acts, at an early age, may help abuse-proof children, Gilgun notes.

In addition, warnings about persons or situations need to be very specific. For example, Gilgun says, a mother should tell her daughter not to let anyone touch or rub her breasts, rather than a more general warning not to let people touch her.

Gilgun cites a study she conducted of 20 girls who had been sexually abused. And three who had been given vague warnings about strangers were abused by relatives. Another girl, warned about a great-uncle, was not given enough details to understand how he was likely to abuse her sexually, which he later did.

Gilgun also recommends that role play be used to help children

learn how to reject adult sexual advances. However, she adds, children should also be told that they might not be able to prevent some abuse. Children should be reassured that sexual abuse is not their fault and that they should tell about the abuse as soon as they can, even if the abuser has threatened them with dire consequences.

parents and other adults should be alert for signs of sexual abuse in children, although they may sometimes be difficult to detect, says Gilgun.

Gilgun, whose research in child sexual abuse is funded in part by the university's Agricultural Experiment Station, says adults may need to use care in discovering whether a child has been abused and in helping children recover from it.

Children who have been sexually abused may wet their pants or masturbate frequently, although both can also indicate non-sexual problems.

If they suspect sexual abuse, parents should try to provide a trustful, non-threatening environment, so the child feels comfortable in talking about the abuse. "Children are not going to talk unless they feel safe. That's why therapy may not work at first," Gilgun explains.

More parent education programs regarding the prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse are needed, Gilgun adds. If parents have questions about child sexual abuse or think their child may have been abused, they should call help lines at children's hospitals or contact their pediatricians or school social workers, Gilgun advises.

## Need for Qualified Native Teachers

As Native people in Canada assume increasing responsibility for the education of their own children, and as they strive to preserve their own languages and cultures, the need for qualified Native teachers increases. Currently, fewer than half of the teachers teaching Native children are of Native ancestry themselves.

In order to help meet the demand for Native teachers, Nipissing University College in North Bay has enacted a Native student affirmative action policy for entry into the Bachelor of Education program. Native persons who wish to become teachers and who hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, or will hold this degree upon entry into the Bachelor of Education program, are eligible to apply. Candidates who evidence good academic achievement and who possess the personal and professional attributes necessary to become a successful teacher are being sought.

Currently, twenty spaces per year are being reserved for qualified Native applicants. In the event that all of these spaces cannot be awarded to Native candidates, the remaining spaces are offered to non-Native applicants.

Detailed information regarding application procedures is being mailed to the Education Counsellors in every First Nation in Ontario, and every regional office of the Ontario Metis and Aboriginal Association. It is the college's goal to fill all of the designated spaces with qualified Native applicants every year.

For more information: Nipissing University College 100 College Drive Box 5002 North Bay, Ont. P1B 8L7

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## Iroquois Indian Museum

The Iroquois Indian Museum is devoted exclusively to the Iroquois people and their culture. Displays emphasize the contributions of living Iroquois artists and craftspeople to the continuations of Iroquois traditions. Archaeology and history exhibits detail the development of Iroquois culture. Daily dance performances, craft demonstrations, or storytelling during July and August. Children's Museum with hands-on exhibits. Outdoor amphitheater. 45-acre Nature Park with educational trails. Reference library. Museum Shop sells only Iroquois made arts and books on the Iroquois. New Museum located on Caverns Road, just down the road from Howe Caverns. Open all year, 10 am to 5:30 pm, closed thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day.

1991 Calendar of Events  
Opening of the New Iroquois Indian Museum-May 30, 1992  
"Visual Voices of the Iroquois" - June through November, 1992- a retrospective exhibition of painting and sculpture by Iroquois artists who have been interpreting their traditions from the early 1800's to the present quicentenary year of 1992.  
"How the Iroquois Traditions Endure" - daily in July and August - a series of craft demonstrations, dance performances, or storytelling.  
Iroquois Indian Festival - September 5&6, Labor Day Weekend - held at the New Iroquois Indian Museum on Caverns Road, Howe Cave - Festival hours; 10 am - 7 pm

Saturday; 10 am - 6 pm Sunday. Lacrosse tournament with the Iroquois Nationals - held at Crittenden Field, SUNY Cobleskill - 11 am & 2 pm both days.  
Festival features demonstrations of social dancing performed by the Jim Sky Dancers who dress in tradition Iroquois clothing. Crafts such as moccasin making, basket weaving, pottery making, silversmithing, and stone carving are demonstrations. Both an archaeology and art exhibit are mounted for the Festival. Iroquois foods are served and films and videos on the Iroquois culture are shown throughout the two days. Special lectures by Iroquois speakers. Children's activities planned to make learning about the Iroquois an exciting challenge.



## Lacrosse News

A series of Clinics will be open for anyone interested in Lacrosse. On May 9 the Earl Armstrong Arena will be hosting a clinic. On May 25, a Technical Level one will be held in Malotte Arena in Nepean. Cost is \$30.00. On April 25 & 26 a coaches clinic involving theory only will be held at Algonquin College in Ottawa. For more information call Jeanine at 575-2980. \*\*\*\*\*  
The Akwesasne Minor League is holding another registration this weekend at different points on the Rezz. Hogansburg/Tribal Bldg. Snye/School Island/Community Center St. Regis/Angus Mitchell Bldg. The registration session starts at 10:00a.m. and goes until 2:00p.m. Sticks can also be bought at this time. \*\*\*\*\*  
The Old Sticks will be having their selection draft at the Cornwall Police Club on Marlboro Street. This is on Thursday April 16 at 7:00p.m. For those who still wish to register you can do this at the following: Rayco Team Sports Sportec He and She Hairstyling Okwarine Fuel Station Trails End Restaurant For details call Ernie at 937-0611 or Alex at 938-7151.