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Baby Kristy Lee "Iakonatarens" Smoke

Kristy Lee "Iakonatarens" Smoke, infant daughter of Christina Smoke and Peter Lazore, died at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall, Ontario on Wednesday, April 26, 1995 at 4:45 a.m.

Kristy Lee was born on April 10, 1995 in Cornwall and leaves 5 sisters: Chiara, Martika, Corrine, Karakwenta and

Karakwinch and 2 brothers: Karakonkie and Karakwiio all of Tsi:Snaihne, Quebec.

Kristy's Maternal Grandparents are Cecelia and Joseph Smoke; her Paternal Grandmother is Minnie Lazore and her Paternal Great-Grandmother is Annie Lazore, all of Akwesasne.

Calling hours were at the home of her Aunt

Peggy Lazore, River Road, Tsi:Snaihne. Funeral services were held at her Aunt Peggy's home on Friday, April 28, 1995 at 2:00 pm with Speaker Richard Cook, with burial at the Longhouse Cemetery, Cornwall Island, Ontario.

Funeral arrangements were with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, NY.



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EDITORIAL

Open Letter to the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council of Chiefs

As a community citizen of Akwesasne I feel compelled to write in regards to the inability of the Tribal Council Chiefs to support financially the youth of Akwesasne who are trying to raise funds for their trip to the North American Indigenous Games.

This event is the most prestigious game for Native Athletes to compete in. The result of these games will further promote pride and growth in our young native athletes from Akwesasne.

This year the Tribal Council has shown its true color by stating to the

steering committee that they can't support the athletes who will be competing in the Indigenous Games. Yet the Tribal Chiefs continue to use the Youth Platform every year in the political campaign to gain support.

Maybe the Tribal Chiefs should stay home once in a while and quit flying to Washington, D.C. every weekend and quit hiring these high priced consultants and lawyers who we understand they owe 1.5 million in outstanding bills. May if the Tribal Chiefs would put as much effort into our youth as they do the gambling

issue, there would be money available for our youth.

As the Steering Committee, Coaches, and the youth continue to canvas the Community, lets support them in their effort because we sure know the St. Regis Tribal Council Chiefs aren't going to.

Let's just remember, these young athletes are the future leaders of Akwesasne and if anyone wants to use the Youth Platform this year for political gain they better be ready to walk their talk and stand behind their words. *May Cole*

Winners of Longhouse Raffle

The winners of the New Longhouse Building Fund raffle were: Oak Cabinet Chest: Missy King
Picnic Basket: Gail Moses
Wool Blanket: Annette Seymour
Dream Catcher: Paul Terrance
The Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. Your support helped the Committee have a successful fundraiser.
New Longhouse Building Fund

The new Longhouse

Building Fund has been busy in April with fundraising events. The following was revised:
Steak & Cornbread breakfast.....\$1,300.00
Raffle..... \$1,120.00
Bake Sale..... \$ 617.00

The Committee gives the community a big niaweh kowa for your continued support. The fundraising continues to fix the road and parking lot, insulate the floor, purchase cellar windows, purchase stain and sealer for logs and con-

struct a new Cookhouse.
The fundraisers scheduled for the coming months include:
1. Pie Sale - May 7th
2. Mother's Day Prime Rib Dinner: May 14th
3. Lobster Feast: May 20th
4. Father's Day: Steak & Cornbread Breakfast: June 18th
5. Chicken Bar-B-Que: July 16th
Hope to see you at the events.
Niawenkowa S'akwekon.



Pictured: Barbara A. Gray (Kanatiyosh). Photo: Submitted.

Arizona State University Graduate

Akwesasne - By: Wathl Iohstha, staff writer.

Barbara A. Gray (Kanatiyosh) formerly of Akwesasne will graduate from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies. She is graduating with a point grade average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0.

Barbara is currently living in Glendale, Arizona while attending university. She plans to continue her education and has been accepted at Arizona State University's College of Law. Barbara wants to concentrate her efforts on Environmental

Law/Criminal law. Her plans are to someday return to Akwesasne and assist the Mohawk people in their struggle against environmental destruction of the earth. It is Barbara's belief that as custodians of this planet we must protect the Mother Earth for the next seven generations to come.

Barbara gives special thanks to John and Eva Fadden who were quite instrumental in helping her with Mohawk lesson plans to fulfill the university's language requirement.

