

The Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment
& the MCA Agriculture Department
will be sponsoring a

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

Wednesday, April 19, 2000
From 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

At Solomon Cook's Residence, down by the River
Jim Henry from the Ministry of Natural Resources will instruct us
on the correct way to prune fruit trees.

Dress appropriately for the outdoors.

For more information contact:

Dave Arquette at 358-9513 or Marita Skidders at 932-9768

Akwesasne Thunder Lacrosse

2000 Ontario Major League

Home Schedule

Sat. May 13 - 8:00 Six Nation Chiefs
Sun. May 14 - 2:00 Six Nations Chiefs
Thurs. May 18 - 8:30 Peterborough lakers
Sat. May 27 - 2:00 Ohsweken Wolves
Thurs. June 8 - 9:00 Brooklin Redmen
Thurs. June 15 - 8:30 Peterborough Lakers
Sat. July 8 - 8:00 St. Catherine A's
Sat. July 22 - 7:00 Brampton Excelsiors
Sun. July 23 - 7:00 Brampton Excelsiors

Away Schedule

Sun. May 21 - 2:00 Ohsweken Wolves
Sun. May 28 - 4:00 Brampton Excelsiors
Sat. June 17 - 7:00 Brooklin Redmen
Sun. June 25 - 2:00 Ohsweken Wolves
Sat. July 1 - 7:00 Six Nations Chiefs
Sat. July 15 - 7:00 Brooklin Redmen
Thurs. July 27 - 8:30 Peterborough Lakers
Sat. July 29 - 7:00 St. Catherines A's
Sun. July 30 - 4:00 St. Catherines A's

TEEN DANCE

Friday, April 21, 2000
at the Kanatakon School Gym
Cost is \$5.00
Black Lite Dance
Music by Seaway Valley
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Dance 8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
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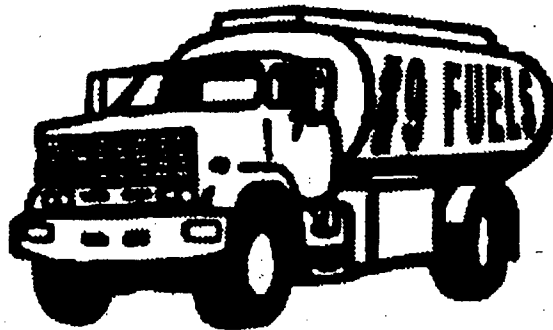
Benefit Walleye Dinner & Dance

18 Racing Team
Friday, April 21, 2000
American Legion Post 1479
Hogansburg, NY
Walleye Dinner NOON - 6:00
pm
Dance 9:00 pm - 1:00 am
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Kahswentha continued

part of Mohawk values.

This new relationship will share that knowledge with the outside world. It would include traditional knowledge and values to help us to heal physically, mentally and spiritually. The elders of our Nation wish to be recognized as equals within the various facilities. They have been put down for a long time by the outside. There is a spiritual connection to healing and we struggle to maintain that connection. The people on the outside must relearn with one another. The sharing of the knowledge will be as equals and it means we are investing in our people, our minds.

Our values, our traditions, makes us complete. The sacred belt reminds us of our words, as a report, of the agreement we have reached, the agreement within.

Mike further stated that the Kahswentha should be used as an example of a protocol for all First Nations people throughout Canada. It will be an example establishing a relationship with other Aboriginal People.

The Kahswentha Agreement is to "set out a framework for a partnership amongst the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Royal Ottawa Hospital (ROH) and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and to outline the principles upon which it is based. The partnership, jointly referred to as ARC (Akwesasne, ROH, CHEO), signifies a unique and innovative approach to Traditional First Nation approaches to wholistic mental health issues with those of mainstream organizations.

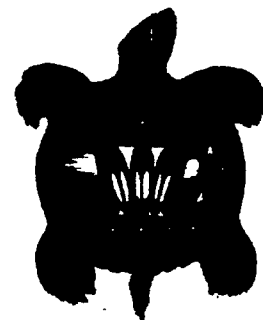
This Agreement represents a commitment to develop and implement a collaborative model of assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation that explicitly values, respects, and integrates the contributions of Native and Mainstream healing traditions." The agreement explains the traditional philosophy and concepts of the Two-Row. It's historical significance in establishing a relationship with the Europeans and the [Haudenosaunee] Natives. It also presents that "service options for community members will be represented by the Kahswentha. This

concept will encompass Native Traditional Services as well as services by the non-Native medical model. The outcome of the Kahswentha means, "equal access to Wholistic Mental Health Programs by community members, and as well, Wholistic Mental Health Programs accessing equally, community members".

It puts forward safeguards towards protecting the Traditional Spirit from which Healing Practices have been passed out on to Native Peoples with the hopes of perpetuating them for the future.

The Kahswentha Framework includes a commitment by ARC to:

- share a collective responsibility for mental health and resilience of First Nation families;
- 'balance' of mental, emotional, spiritual and physical well-being for individuals and community;
- work cooperatively, removing barriers;
- respect of each societies unique contributions;
- enhanced services of Traditional and Mainstream services;
- culturally specific responses to needs based on trust and understanding;
- choice of service options and supports, incl. Native Traditional and culturally competent health and social services;
- work in partnership with Native Healing Practices and mainstream clinical practices to interpret appropriately
- support amongst First Nation Peoples to decrease crisis situations and develop enhanced culturally wholistic preventative services;
- parity between Native and non-Native service providers;
- acknowledge, value and strengthen the role of the Native communities and links to individual's community;
- creation, strengthening and management of relationships for ongoing effectiveness of the partnership and responding to issues;
- building and sustaining trust;
- decisions through open discussions and trust;
- strategize and working together to secure enhanced funding;
- acknowledge the need for culturally specific wholistic mental health services and are committed to the protection and promotion of Native Traditions and Healing Ceremonies.



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