

The 8th North American Fur Trade Conference

"Aboriginal People in the Fur Trade"
May 24-28, 2000

A'nowarakowa Arena
Kawehnoke/Cornwall Island, Ontario
Hosted by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
In partnership with the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs
Akwesasne Mohawk Territory

Agenda for Wednesday, May 24, 2000

10:00 am - Delegate Registration-All Day
Set up of Arts & Crafts Displays, Books, Education & History Displays
12-1:00pm - Light luncheon catered by local caterers.
1:30-4:00pm - Guided tour of Akwesasne including stops at the Akwesasne Museum, Native North American Travelling College, Ekohawk, St. Regis Church and Kanatakaion.

5-6:30pm - Greeting of delegates and prayer - Elder Ernie Benedict Supper

Guest Speaker from Environmental Conference
7-9:00pm - Introduction To Akwesasne - Aboriginal Rights & Research
History of Akwesasne Presentation - Joyce Mitchell, Mike McDonald
Historical Film Viewing Featuring Akwesasne - NNATC

(*Thursday & Friday's agenda will appear in next week's issue)

Other Topics to be covered throughout the Conference:

Oral Memory and the Fur Trade
Presentations by Elders and Native Leadership
Oral Traditions and Written Records
Women and the Fur Trade
Indigenous Trading Patterns and European Traders
Iroquois and the Fur Trade
The Question of International Borders
The Haudenosaunee and the Western Fur Trade
The Fur Trade and Cultural Exchange
Trading Posts and Trading Policies in the West
Impacts of the Fur Trade
Aboriginal Trappers and the Fur Trade Today
Communication and Transportation in the 17th Century
Voices from the 18th Century

There will be a "Wild Food Extravaganza Banquet"
at the upcoming 8th North American Fur Trade Conference,
"Aboriginal People In The Fur Trade"
on May 27th, 2000 at 6:00 P.M.

at the Akwesasne Mohawk School on Kawehnoke/Cornwall Island,
Ontario

Tickets will be on sale beginning April 5th, 2000

Advance tickets prior to April 30th, 2000 will be sold for \$35.00 per plate

After April 30th, 2000 tickets will be sold for \$40.00 per plate

Deadline for ticket purchase is May 15th, 2000

Banquet Meal will be prepared by noted Native Culinary Chefs Gary LaFontaine, (Ojibway) and Arnold Olson (Cree), who is also a World Gold Medalist of the 1992 Culinary Olympics at Frankfurt, Germany. Also Terry Nixon (Metis) and Cliff Gaze (Inuit).

Menu

Traditional Corn Soup
Three Sisters Soup
Roast Buffalo au Jus
Caribou Stew
Poached Artic Char
Wild Rice Casserole
Fiddle Head Salad
Sea Food Salad
Mixed Green Salad
Creamy Potato Salad
Assorted Cheese and Pickle Trays
Assorted Rolls and Fresh Bannock
Homemade Pies, Assorted Cakes & Pastries
Fresh Fruit Salad
Cranberry Punch
Coffee & Tea

Please call 613-575-2377 for further information or should you wish to reserve your "Wild Food Extravaganza Banquet" Dinner Tickets.

Turkey Demands More Traffic Control

by Joyce Mitchell

The Cornwall Police Service has been frequented with several calls concerning a roaming Turkey strutting all over the streets of Cornwall.

As one would assume, this lone character is of the male species - wild, carefree and is disconcerted about the spectacle he makes of himself.

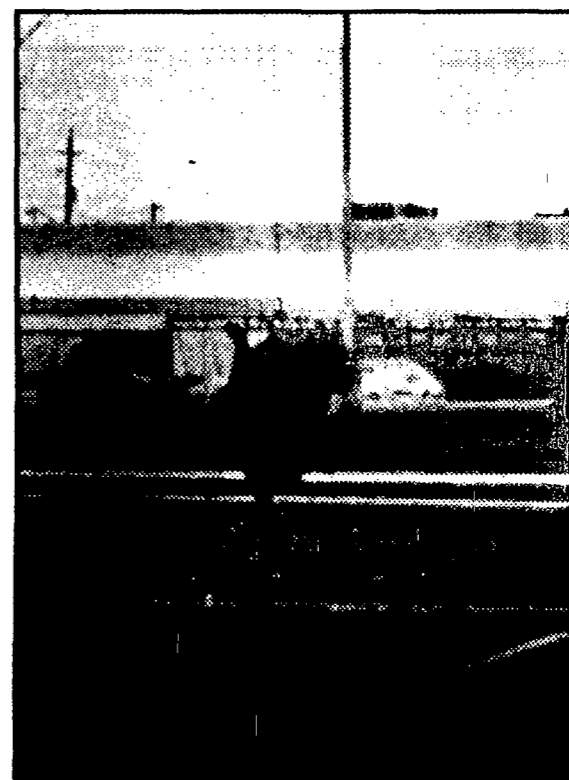
Constable Foley of the Cornwall Police Service was on the scene Wednesday, warning traffic about the meandering fellow. She said the Turkey, as well as a Moose, has become quite a problem in Cornwall. This particular turkey was busy making the traffic congested along Ninth street until he found his way to Cornwall Tire. Constable Foley told Indian Time newspaper that the dog catcher was being called in.

Calls into the Cornwall Police Service said the Turkey has become quite a traffic problem. The Cornwall dog catcher did not have a facilities to remove or trap the turkey for its re-entry into the woods. On Thursday, the Turkey moved onto McConnell and 11th Street and eventually moved into the fields.

On the other hand, Henry Lickers from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne said this was a great opportunity to open people's eyes about the dilemma wildlife is facing. Their natural habitat is being eroded by housing and industrial development. The turkey sighting should create dialogue for environmental awareness. Henry also thought Cornwall residents need to be considerate of the Turkey's needs. He met one Cornwallite who fed the bird apples in her back yard. He is extremely pleased with the patient drivers who have allowed the bird its due pace across the streets of Cornwall.

From the Turkey's perspective, he is probably well aware of his surroundings and is casually displaying all he has, waiting for that special female. Whoever she may be, he is on the look out for her. As long as traffic is on his side, he's in control.

The moral of the story? It depends on whose eyes you see this through.



Hamilton Estate Cultural Center

NAME DEADLINE APPROACHING
& NEW VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DATE

AKWESASNE - The Hamilton Estate Cultural Center is searching for name. A contest is currently underway to find a Mohawk name that best represents the center and the surrounding area. Located along the St. Regis River in Hogansburg, the estate includes a two-story mansion, three barns, and 12.5 acres of lush farmland. The contest is open to all Akwesasnon. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at noon. Drop boxes have been distributed around Akwesasne, in the following locations: CKON, Bear's Den, Jock's Grocery, Iahkihsosha, Kanonkwa'tsheri:io, Atomic Place, Tsiionkwanonso:te, St. Regis Post Office and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Senior Citizen's Building (Rt. 37).

Due to bad weather conditions our volleyball tournament scheduled for Sunday, April 9, 2000 was postponed. The new date is Saturday, April 29 and it will be held at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center. Raffles and concession will continue throughout the day. Come and support your team for a great cause.

Operation Salt Water Sampling Schedule

Hogansburg, NY, April 5, 2000 - The following is a revised schedule for the final round of water sampling being conducted in the Area of Concern.

Operation Salt Water Tests April 3rd - 21st

Schedule of Sampling	Area of Concern
April 3rd-7th	Drum St./Phillips Rd.
April 10th-14th	Cook Rd. and McDonald Rd.
April 17th-21st	Tarbell Rd./River Rd.
April 24th-28th	Missing Water Samples

Note: Times are not always going to be correct and if we cannot get a water sample from the home, we will need to make special arrangements. If you feel that we cannot get a sample from someone at home at this time or from an outside hose bib please call. Phone 518-358-5937 and ask for Shawn or Jim.

Roadside Cleanup

To celebrate Earthday, the annual **Roadside Cleanup** will be held on:
Saturday, April 29th starting at 9am
Last trash pick-up at 4pm

Garbage bags, gloves and lunch will be provided at the Akwesasne Library for all who participate. We wish to send out a challenge to all organizations in Akwesasne: all Councils, Chiefs, departments, firemen, skating and hockey clubs, lacrosse teams, youth, teachers, veterans, legionnaires and businesses to help pick up trash and make every day Earthday. We will offer \$100 to the organization that picks up the most trash on April 15th. Be sure to register your group and identify the road you will be working on with ATFE on the morning of the event.

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