

Greetings From the Chief

Ardoch Algonquin First Nation AAFNA is not a wealthy community in terms of economic standing. But we are rich when it comes to the abundance of good, kind, and sharing people. Fund-raising endeavors by community members are the only source of revenue that keeps our community independent and moving forward.

We have not sold or surrendered Algonquin rights to our territory, including the vast lands and resources. This does not mean that we should not fight to get compensation for the hundreds of years of colonization and theft by the Canadian government and the Province of Ontario. However, we need to fight in ways that are productive and can result in positive outcomes for those of us who are here today as well as the generations to come.

Unfortunately, some Algonquin community leaders do not agree with this position. They feel that we must participate in the claim no matter how much we stand to lose in the process. Those leaders have taken up this position because they have become dependent on handouts or bribes from the Ontario government. The government is more than willing to extend those bribes, since it could result in the full control of our territory and all natural resources.

Harold Perry and Bob Lovelace fought hard to secure Algonquin rights through the courts, and we must not let them down now. We must remain steadfast in our determination to participate in the land claims process when it is conducted in a way that respects our autonomy and sovereignty as Algonquin people.

Fund-raising is therefore very important to our survival as a community and we need every member of AAFNA to get involved in the various events and fund-raising opportunities listed throughout the newsletter.

Wild Game Dinner planning Meeting

Please note that there will be a meeting of those involved in the Wild Game Dinner and Dance and anyone selling tickets, on April 10 at 1 pm. The planned meeting place is the Child Care Centre in Sharbot Lake.

Youth Corner:

Land Claims: Why Are We Being Left Out?

At the last FHCM, elder Harold Perry related that he had received a call from a local Algonquin youth who was disturbed at the lack of attention being paid to the concerns that have been voiced by our youth regarding the landclaim process.

This young man was afraid that his future and that of future generations were being sold down the river without any sort of consultation with Algonquin youths.

As a result, the FHC encourages ALL Algonquin youth (regardless of community affiliation) to come together in a youth workshop to voice your concerns.

If you are interested in helping with the organization of this workshop please contact Elwin Sherman at wequash@hotmail.com .

Spring Potluck/Social

Sunday May 22nd

Plevna Hall
4pm

Immediately Following the
Family Heads Council Meeting

Please Bring a Dish to Share!!

Community Events

Ardoch Algonquin First Nation(AAFNA)

Annual Yardsale

Saturday May 21st, 2005

10am-4pm

Drapeau Fire Protection

(Highway 38, just South of Crow Lake Rd.)

**Proceeds to Ardoch Algonquin First Nation(AAFNA)
Community Centre**

Wedding Announcement

Mr and Mrs Alan Barr
Mr and Mrs Peter Vance
And
Mr George Whaley

Request the Honour of Your Presence
at the Marriage of Their Children

Lindsay Christine
and
Ian George Harris

Saturday June 18, 2005

St. Columbia Presbyterian Church
The Corner of Bridge St. East and Farley Avenue
At 3pm
Reception to Follow at
Knights of Columbus Hall
The Corner of Moira St. East and Cedar Street
Belleville, Ontario

All community members are invited!!!

Come out and support Lindsay and Ian.



Ardoch Algonquin First Nation



Aboriginal Feast and Dance

Saturday April 23rd, 2005

6pm @ Plevna Hall, Plevna

**Master of Ceremonies: Joel Lamoureux
(Ottawa's Best Country Radio Y101)**

Featuring:

Fiddler Extraordinary Patty Lamoureux

Jr. Fiddler Alex Lamoureux

Instrumentalist Geoff Horrocks

Singer Julie Simpson

Auction of Wildlife Prints to Take Place

Tickets are \$25.00 Per Person

Proceeds to the Ardoch Algonquin Education Fund

Call to Reserve Your Tickets: 613-375-6590

*******This is an Alcohol Free Event*******