

Films and videos about native themes such as Piecing Together Our Knowledge, Wiping the Tears Ceremonies and Race Against Time will be shown and people such as Hopi elder Thomas Bany-

## OUR TOWN



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# Native issues to be discussed

cya, Lakota elder Arvol Looking Horse and Rainy Jobin will be on hand to aid understanding.

The program will continue until 5 p.m. The registration fee is \$10 for each day or \$25 for the weekend.

There will be a traditional Iroquois social at Chiefswood Park on Friday evening. It will be at the Community Hall in Ohsweken if the weather is poor.

The conference will continue on Saturday at Chiefswood Park with Seneca Faith Keeper Amos

Medicine Society and Eddie Benton Benai with ancient treaty belts, Dakota elder Chris Leith, Lakota elders Dave Chief and Arvol Looking Horse, the 19th generation Keeper of the Sacred Pipe will speak of various native prophesies.

Native elders prefer the natural setting of grass, trees and sunshine rather than indoors to make their speeches. Let's hope for nice weather.

### SENECA CLANMOTHER

On Sunday, Seneca Clanmother Sadie Buck will be the mistress of ceremonies. Her excellent women singers will sing traditional songs. Eva Otter Eyes and Susan Neeposh will be two of the speakers.

There will be a play by Ground Zero Productions called Stolen Land, and Orang Asli from the rain forest of Malaysia and others from UNPO (Unrepresented Nations and People's Organization) will attend.

Vans and buses from Oregon, British Columbia, Lubicon Lake, Saskatchewan and New York City are expected.

Professor Dawn Hill of McMaster and the other organizers hope to wind up the conference with a large social and give away on Sunday so if you have a nice souvenir for our visitors, bring it on Sunday. It will be appreciated.

*Our Town is an Expositor feature which provides a forum for news and views from some of the smaller centres in the region. George Beaver is a freelance writer who lives on the Six Nations reserve.*

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Keye as the master of ceremonies. Continuing the prophetic theme, there will be a speaker from the Chiapas region of Mexico talking about Mayan prophesies, Amalia Escovar of Peru, William Comanda with Algonquin wampum belts representing an ancient treaty with the Six Nations. He will also discuss prophesies.

From the Anishnabe (Ojibway) Archie Mosay of the Midewin

## The Six Nations Confederacy was formed in the days before the arrival of white Europeans in North America.

After the Peacemaker had a tall pine tree tipped over and the weapons of war thrown into the large hole underneath, the tree was replaced. This symbol, the Great Tree of Peace, has been easily remembered just as the Peacemaker knew it would.

Another symbol that the Peacemaker used was of an eagle atop the Tree of Peace which would cry out a warning if enemies approached.

This is the image which the Cry of the Eagle conference hopes to evoke in people interested in native issues and the environment. The eagle's cry should alert us and cause us to stop our everyday routine and examine our surroundings.

Our environment — the land, the water and the air — is being poisoned and polluted. We need to wake up and heed this threat to future generations.

There were many native prophecies spoken years ago to help the present generation prepare for the changes which are now starting to affect us.

The upcoming conference on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Six Nations and McMaster University in Hamilton will feature native elders and speakers from many nations.

The subtitle for Cry of the Eagle is Prophecies and Preparation. Many native prophecies and how the present generation can prepare for Mother Earth's counterattack of modern society's many assaults and outrages will be discussed.