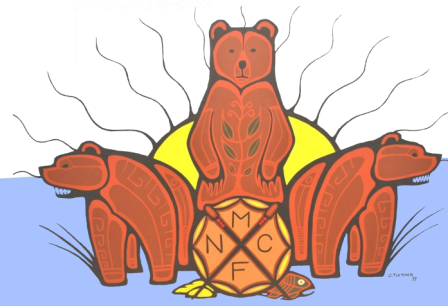


Bear Fax

Pi a oo moo Peesim
Migration south Moon
October 2017



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There is so much going on in the world today, so much turmoil and imminent change, that sometimes we forget that the world itself is so strong. We depend on the plants and the animals of our mother earth to live, and there is no getting around this truth of our existence. The earth is moving and shaking now, to remind us of this. So what can we do to remember this?

By returning to our spiritual teachings and our ceremonies, our people have begun this process of renewal. All ceremonies, it is said, are ceremonies of thanksgiving. For this October Thanksgiving, let us give our thanks to the Creator for these gifts of the earth, those plants and animals who share themselves with us and provide us with the blessings of food and shelter.

It is time to begin to live lightly on our mother earth. The earth can take care of itself, but our existence depends on the plants and animals and the earth is reminding us of this in a very strong way.

Miigwech.

Let us also give thanks for the blessing of water, because water is life.



Events/Gatherings:

Follow MCFN
on Twitter.



World Food Day

October 16, 2017 Everywhere, Earth
<https://www.facebook.com/events/117904115577833/>

Bioneers Conference

Oct. 20-22, 2017 San Rafael, CA
<http://conference.bioneers.org/>



Native Canadian Centre's Fall Craft Fair

October 21, 2017 Toronto, ON
www.ncct.on.ca

Special Chiefs Assembly—Child Welfare Summit

October 23-25, 2017 Ottawa, ON
<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/1594>

National Housing and Infrastructure Trade Show

October 30—November 1, 2017 Montreal, PQ
www.afn.ca/events/national-housing-infrastructure-forum/

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Messages from Council

ANII/WACHAYE,

This has been a busy month for me. We had a meeting with the MNRF and a forestry company regarding the possibility fixing up the road from Missanabie to Dubreuilville. This meeting was very positive and arranged the next meeting for September 29th at 9:00am at the MCFN office. Meeting on the 29th was to bring an update on the road condition. Wawa ministry gave a report on the existing roads, where they explained the roads were not useable, so now they have to go out and do an inspection to estimate the cost of the road repair. Once the cost is determined we will have to decide on what kind of road, an ongoing discussion will be had.

I attended a meeting at the MCFN's band office with Councillor Shawn Pine, Band Administrator Doreen Boissoneau and the EDO (Economic Development Officer) Dalton MacFarlane. We discussed winterizing the existing cabins where we came to the conclusion it would be much too expensive to do so. We went out to Echo Bay to a Mennonite gentleman who builds prefab cabins. There we looked at 16 feet X 40 feet cabins which we were impressed with. The following day we went up to Missanabie to check out the location for 5 new cabins.

I also attended 32nd Mushkegowuk AGA (Annual General Assembly) where we reviewed all that occurred in 2016-2017. According to the presentation Mushkegowuk had its trials and tribulations.

- There were talks about all the First Nations working together.
- Stressed how unity is of the utmost importance

amongst our First Nations and how to work together on making health, safety, and education a stronger issue.

- More talks on the lack of policing in the communities.
- Discussed about to deal with trauma, and how to work with First Nations on dealing with the impact of suicide.
- Talked over the pros and cons of an all season's road, cost of groceries and how to work on a plan to bring the cost of food down.
- Great concerns on drugs and alcohol, and a bigger fear about when marijuana becomes legal.
- Passed resolutions on what has to be worked on in the upcoming 2017-2018 year.

I attended Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services meeting in Timmins where we were introduced to the new ED (Executive Director) Christina Reid. We were brought up to date on the vision and moving forward for taking care of our own children. The new ED filled in the Kunu and the regional elders boards on processes in how, with unity of all nations, we can work together to keep our children in our own communities. Also, for support workers to work with family members. Restructuring is being done for more accessible and friendly environment for families to meet. I am very pleased with the improvements the new ED has made. I am looking forward to working with Christina in the future.

Miigwetch,
Councillor Les Nolan



From the Desk of:

ELDER/YOUTH COORDINATOR

Elder Youth Coordinator - Jackie Fletcher

jfletcher@missanabiecree.com 705 254-2702 ext. 237

Here are some activities I was involved with in September:

- Discussions with Lisa Souliere (Mushkegowuk Youth Worker) on how to do a draw for youth members, the language and youth planned activities
- Lisa also is tutoring me on Facebook
- Gloria and I are planning a Bear Bundle ceremony for February – (see Gloria's posting on this on p. 5.)
- Attend Wellness Team meetings every second Wednesday to stay informed on what everyone is working on and to talk about new initiatives
- Organizing documents and books in the office I share
- Working on honoring solstices and equinoxes. Exploring winter solstice ceremony for December 21
- Meeting with Elder as requested
- Sending out **What Happens Next...** workshop materials to Thunder Bay as requested
- Posting reports and videos to MCFN E/Y hub Facebook page – still figuring it out
- Sending articles to Bear Fax

September 12 – 14, 2017: Attended the **Association of Native Child and Family Service Agencies of Ontario** or ANCFSAO'S Traditional Gathering

- 10 Agencies + ANCFSAO. Many agencies brought their E.D.'s, cultural coordinators and Elders
- Held at Garden River Ojibway Park in a big tent
- Mosquitoes, freezing in the morning, roasting in the afternoon
- Each day culture was the focus. Sunrise ceremony in the teepee and then it took about two hours to do cultural activity i.e. drums, songs and prayers in the big tent
- Every day berries and wild rice were shared
- Lots of Elders who were invited to speak whenever they so chose

Main theme: how culture is being used in some of the groups

Hiring:

- staff go through cultural orientation
- receive a bundle
- 7 grandfather teachings are used by workers
- Incorporate language when they can
- must know the history of the families
- use Elder's Council to develop cultural ways
- talking/sharing/healing/spiritual circles
- cultural coordinator and helper

Cultural resources:

- one agency designed a cultural services manual and is willing to share
- traditional healers brought in
- naming and letting go ceremonies, regalia making, mini pow wows, drum making and birthing, sewing ribbon shirts and skirts, skirt teachings, smudging, tobacco ties, spring/fall feasts, traditional games, children's sweats, medicine teachings and harvesting, language, sacred medicine gardens, land based programming, water ceremonies, circles, Elders Councils, eagle staffs, drums, eagle feathers
- ANCFSAO would like to have cultural protocols with all of the 10 agencies, which could be a bundle or a pipe ceremony
- Main statement agreed by all: **Fit services into the culture, not fit culture into the services**
- Have ceremony when a child is taken from the home with the parents, the child and the parents the child is going to live with – this idea came from Cheryl Macumber, Cultural Coordinator of Kunuwanmano Child & Family Services

Some profound statements that came from the meeting:

“A call out for Elders to come out of the shadows”

“You can only take people as far as you've been yourself”

“Language is about spirit”

“Take no shit but leave no harm”

“Sharing knowledge gives others a piece of your life and this knowledge comes from the Creator”

“Our way is the way it is supposed to be”

“Our pathways are clear”

“Take **apprehension** out of the language” - our children didn't do anything

“Transfer of knowledge rests with the Elders to the youth”

“Parents don't discipline their children as they are a gift from the Creator, uncles and aunties do the disciplining”

“Education is to release you from your ignorance – not confirm it”

“Protection of children is the man's role”

“Don't qualify Elders, if you do, you become part of the problem and you are asserting you sit next to the Creator”

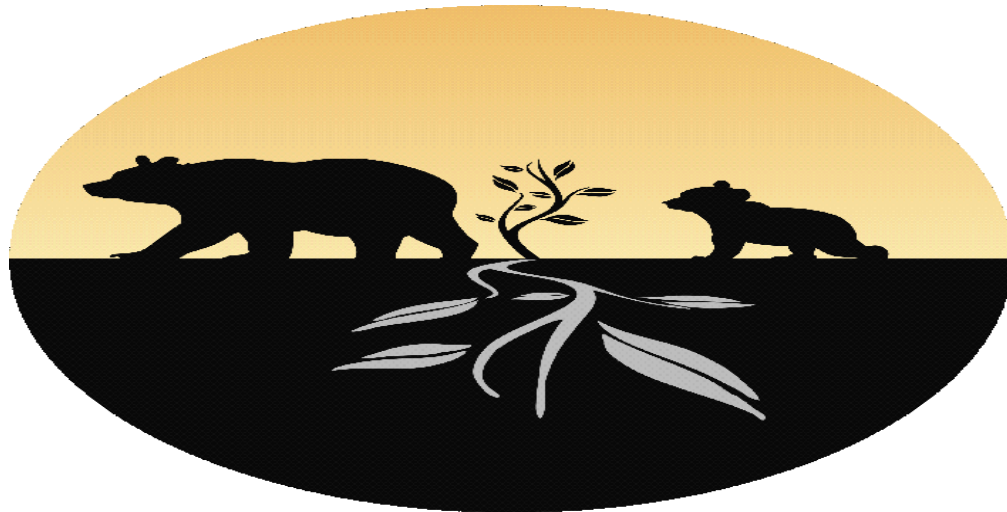
My opinion:

My observation is that there is a strong movement from aboriginal agencies/organizations to incorporate culture into our daily business activities. Here at the band office Robert Pine offers smudge to all employees on a daily basis if they so choose. The Wellness Team and the Governance Coordinating Committee uses smudging, opening and closing prayers for all meetings. I'm not sure what other activity is done on these premises but it is important to practice our traditional ways like our ancestors. Plans are in the works to have a winter solstice ceremony for December 21 and a Bear Bundle ceremony for February. Stay tuned for more information on facebook, newsletter and website.

-Jackie Fletcher

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

BEAR BUNDLE TEACHING



As the seasons change and we begin to move into fall, we are talking about honoring our beautiful culture and the importance of incorporating more ceremonies. We plan to celebrate the 4 solstices, as each season changes and in the spring, when all things become new again, we will host a “Bear Bundle Teaching”. The bear which sits in the west direction awakens after a long winter’s sleep and this was our time to look inside ourselves, a time of introspection. In our lives we experience many ups and downs and we do not always forgive ourselves for any harm done to self...physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally.

The Bear Bundle Teaching is a time to reflect on yourself and prepare a bundle that can be used for self-forgiveness and become part of your healing journey. To participate in this teaching, we ask that between now and when the snow flies, to pick your rocks/pebbles that will go into the bundle. They can be the size of grapes or cherry tomatoes, but not too large. This is to ensure that the 7 rocks/pebbles will fit into a square of material that is 7” x 7”.

Save these rocks/pebbles in a safe place until the Bear Bundle Teaching is ready in February 2018.

Gloria

Gloria Harris

Community Development Coordinator

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

We are here to help.

Happy Thanksgiving All -

The Family Support Program wishes everyone a blessed weekend,
time spent with family and friends,
with good food and good times which call for good memories.

Great Spirit, we thank you. We are happy to be here on Mother Earth,
We thank- you all
In the north, east, south and in the west

Photo courtesy of - R. Smith



We thank our grandfathers and grandmothers and our children
We thank you for the food you provided for us.
Thank You.

Happy Halloween Everyone! Keep safe and remember to come and join us for our Halloween festivities here at Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Here are a few tips! Most important is to have fun.

Be seen! - Carry flashlights, wear brightly coloured costumes or add own reflective tape so motorists can spot you.

Stop at well lighted homes- Stay clear of dark houses

Stay with your crew! - Never accept rides from strangers

There's safety in numbers- Travel in groups and plan the route ahead of time to keep everyone in track.

Avoid the street- Walk on sidewalks or the far edge of the road stay safe.

Know what you are eating - Carefully examine all the treats, by the adults.

Avoid trips and falls - wear well fitting costumes, masks and shoes.

Patti Lesage, Family Support Worker

Enjoy hunting season remember to only take what you need and share with your Elders!

COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER - MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL**Wachey,**

Fall is here and I hope you are all well. I've been working with our Wellness Team, learning about our language and finding new ways to bring the youth together. But before we begin, we would like to hear from the youth.

October events:***Youth Meeting*** - Sault Ste. Marie

(ages 12-20)

October 13th @ 6pm

Soo Blaster

345 Queen St. E

www.soo blaster.com

Facebook: SOO Blaster

We want to hear from the youth!

If a youth didn't make it and have ideas

and feedback, please contact me at

lsouliere_mcfn@hotmail.com, or call me at the band office.

Halloween Draw - Movie passes (for all Youth)

Draw to take place after Halloween and will be mailed out to the winners.

An early congrats to the winners of the Halloween Draw!

***Halloween at the band office -***

Dress up and come to the Halloween walkthrough at the band office.

Staff will be giving out candy and there will be pizza.

October 28th, time: TBA via Facebook, or call the band office.

We are here for you.

*If you need help or someone to talk to, please contact the Family Support Program, or someone within the Wellness Team. We are here for you.

I hope you all have a happy Halloween. Stay safe! And check out the new MCFN Youth Hub Facebook group.

Lisa Souliere, Community Youth Worker, Mushkegowuk Council

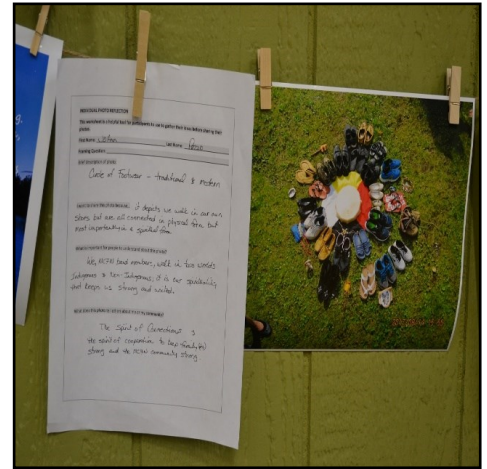
CBA IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATOR

Whachay,
Sadly, the 2017 Gathering has come and gone. And unfortunately for me, the deadline for the Bearfax submissions proved too challenging. The week following the Gathering, my work schedule required me to accompany the Chief on an extensive round of joint venture discussions in Quebec. Over two days, we met with 18 supplier/service companies. The meetings were exploratory in nature with the companies being given a summary of the Richmond-MCFN agreement, and the business opportunities pursuant to partnering with Missanabie Cree in a joint venture agreement. Over the coming months, as we continue to build upon the MCFN Business Registry, I will report on the progress being made on all the joint ventures under review.

The Gathering proved a busy yet rewarding week. Great work was done by the staff, caterers, and volunteers. Everyone had a story to tell. As for me, helping with the garbage dump runs was not necessarily the highlight of my week, but it played an essential part.

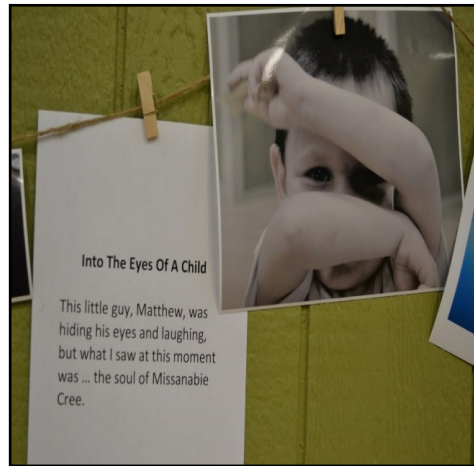
My “photovoice” activity proved to be an enjoyable experience. My wife, and photographer, Glad, helped me with some of the creative photography where we tried to capture expressions of life at the Gathering.

The most pleasing aspect of photovoice was the creativity of participants such as the Pez-zos’ who devised a picture of several pairs of family shoes joined



in a circle of togetherness.

Another favorite of mine and many others was the “Into the eyes of a child” – young Matthew Nolan peering through the shield of his arms depicting what my wife, Glad, described as the “the soul of Missanabie Cree”.



Then we had a neat collage of Fathers nurturing the next generation and, of

course, not forgetting the winner of the photovoice prize draw for an Ipad, Mackenzie Nolan.

The photo of her holding a “joker” firework box was not to be taken in jest.

Well done, Mackenzie.



Photovoice Gallery



As the Implementation Coordinator for the Community Benefits Agreement with Richmond, I cannot end my report without referring to an outstanding Business Day at the Gathering. I set up shop next to the Richmond table. We gave away a number of complimentary gifts, and with the added incentive of promoting a prize draw for an Ipad, we received over 50 community members' completed Skills Inventory forms. I have updated the MCFN Skills Inventory Database with the information. This will help in identifying people profiles that match job and training opportunities available through Richmond and the joint venture partnerships.

As for the Skills Inventory prize draw Ipad, Ty Hourtovenko was the lucky recipient. Well done, Ty or should I say, the former Mr Missanabie?

This brings me nicely to Mr Missanabie night. Much fun had by all. Gloria Harris did a great job in putting on the show, and I played Chef Ramsay of Hell's Kitchen. Something to do with me being from the UK, looking grumpy, and being abruptly spoken, I think. Loved it. ☐

Chef Ramsay on the rampage. And well done, winners Brad and Amanda Nolan. Their pinwheel sandwiches were edible, just!

So much going on. More next month.



Steve Hawkins, CBA Implementation Coordinator, MCFN



From left to right, Maxime Morin, Environmental Supt, Island Gold; Stephen Hawkins, CBA Implementation Co-ordinator, MCFN; Carly Gagnon, HR Generalist, Island Gold; Vincent Ramcharan, Corporate Director, Corporate Responsibility, Richmond; and Danis Janvier, Surface Supt, Island Gold.

'Chef Ramsay' judges Brad Nolan's entry for the domestic art competition.



The winning partnership, Brad and Amanda Nolan, dancing in front of the other competitors for the title of Mr. and Ms. Missanabie.

HISTORICAL RESEARCHER/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

I have been getting the historical documents in order and getting them added to the archives. All seems to be going well. Mind you, I find it gets tedious after days of scanning and digitally filing everything. I have been receiving information and pictures occasionally and this is a welcome distraction. I am very excited as I am down to the last 18 registered members that I need to get pictures of and dates of their passing.

If you can get death certificates and/or memorial cards for your family members to Ted Ouellet, this would be very helpful for a couple of reasons. One, Ted will be

able to process the necessary documentation to update our membership information with INAC and two, I will be able to get your loved ones added to the PowerPoint that I have been putting together for the archives.

I am enjoying the Fall weather and I hope you are all happy to see the beautiful autumn colours. I also hope that all the children have a safe and happy Halloween and I welcome any pictures you take of our little ghosts and goblins!

Be well everyone,
Deb Rogoschensky



Concerning the CCP HUBs

Greetings all MCFN's members especially Soo members.

I would like to introduce myself, I am Marion Nolan. I have been asked to become Sault Ste. Marie and USA HUB Coordinator as a volunteer position, I will be working closely with Gloria Harris. My duties will be to organize social events, such as potluck dinners, Talking Circles and any other events the members would like to be involved in.

There will be HUBs in Missanabie, Toronto (Southern Ontario), Thunder Bay and Sudbury. I would like to keep all our members in the other provinces and USA involved the best I can. Please advise myself or any of the other

HUB coordinators with your ideas and or concerns.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME. We are having a **Talking Circle Thursday, October 19th at my home at 6:00 pm** (lunch will be served).

We are also having our 1st **Potluck dinner on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, venue TBA.**

For more information please contact me at menolan54@yahoo.ca.

There is no strength without unity.

As always, in spirit of community,
Marion Nolan



Elders Speak

The case of the confusing spaghetti dinner

I arrived at Island View Camp for our Annual Gathering around 5:00 p.m. on Saturday only to find out that there was no supper for that day. There was frozen hamburgers and wieners being handed out but I was not settled enough to know where I was staying and how long it would take to cook from frozen. I really started craving spaghetti and I knew where I could get ingredients in Missanabie - at my sister Shirley's home. When I got to

Shirley's place she wasn't there but Bonnie Wiebe, her partner Nick and Fran were there. I asked for hamburger, spaghetti sauce, onion, salt and pepper and Bonnie Wiebe gathered them up for me. I told her I would replace them in the next couple of days.

Once I got the ingredients I headed over across the tracks to my other sister June's trailer, where Elizabeth Angecone was staying as well. Elizabeth offered to make the spaghetti meal. While Elizabeth was preparing

the meal, I decided to go across the trailer court yard to visit the other Fletcher family who were sitting outside in a circle (about 15 people). I was telling them the story of my scrounging for food and Bonnie Guidon offered chili peppers, oregano and cheese, which I took back to June's trailer. We had a wonderful supper about 9:30 p.m. So delicious and with all the condiments we wanted or needed.

On Sunday Debbie Ewing was heading to Wawa and I asked her to pick up what I needed so I could replace the spaghetti ingredients. When she returned from Wawa, she took the supplies to Shirley's trailer and told Fran and Bonnie that it was replacing the borrowed items that Jackie needed.

Fran misunderstood the whole ingredient package return and when Shirley got home Fran told her, "you have to do something with it", which left Shirley in confusion as

well wondering if she had to cook a spaghetti dinner at some point in time. Bonnie Wiebe explained the whole process to Shirley in that the bag of groceries were a replacement from the day before.

It was total confusion again when June told me she took back the spices to Shirley's place thinking that I borrowed them from Bonnie Wiebe. I had to go over there and retrieve the spices so I could return them to their rightful owner, Bonnie Guidon. It's a good thing the two Bonnies were a short distance from each other the same area.

What a memorable, confusing and hilarious adventure. And added to this mix, was the fact that the power went off, and we only had one burner going on the gas stove. So it took awhile for our meal to be done, but it turned out alright; we did not have to eat in the dark...

-Jackie Fletcher

Opportunities for Youth

Indigenous Community Energy Symposium: Call for Youth Art Submissions

Showcasing artwork from young Indigenous artists (aged 19-29) in Ontario!

- **Theme:** Energy - express what energy means to you and your community.
- Accepting all media including, but not limited to drawings, paintings, photographs, videos, poetry, and sculptures.
- Top 3 selections will be awarded \$500 each and top 10 selections will have the opportunity to showcase their work.

Selected artists who wish to speak to their work may attend and display their art at the event in Toronto.

**Submit your artwork to Raina.Crasto@ontario.ca by
October 13, 2017.**



Community News and Notes

ELDER LOUIS PENINSHISH (BIRD)

A master storyteller who has dedicated his life to gathering, recording and learning by heart the stories of his Omushkego Cree people, in order to preserve his community's wisdom and traditions for future generations.

The University of Manitoba is proud to honour him with an Honorary Doctor of Letters (honoris causa), on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 3:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday

to my sister, Shirley Horn



Love you,
Sis June

Happy Birthday

to my Granddaughter, Ashley Pine



Love you,
Nanny June

Happy Birthday

to my sweet granddaughter, Madison.



Love, Nanny
Fletcher

Happy 10th Birthday,
Baileigh,
our sweet granddaughter.
Love you to the moon
and back.



Papa and Gramma XOXOXO

Happy Birthday

to my grandson, Devin Dearing



Love you,
Nanny June



With Special Thanks:



A big hug and thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for Juvenile Diabetes at the Annual Gathering. We raised \$180.00 and with a donation from the Bain family the total raised was \$200.00.

I hope everyone enjoyed your gifts. May God Bless You.

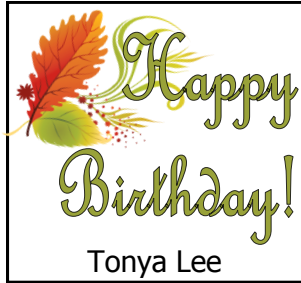
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November Birthday Greetings

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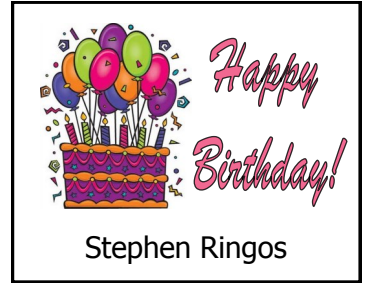
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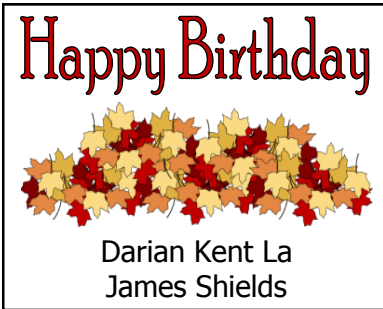
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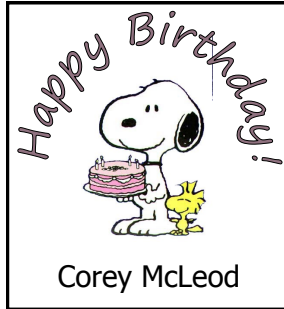
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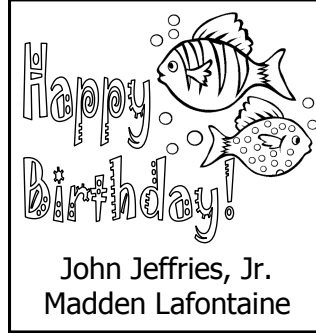
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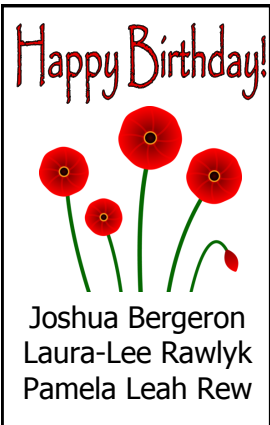
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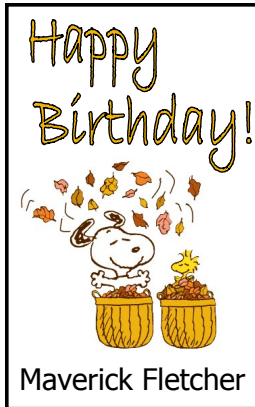
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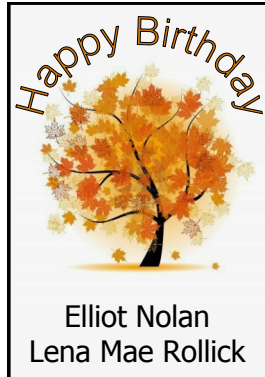
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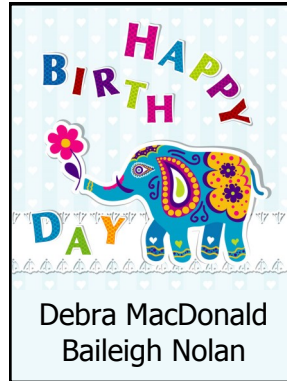
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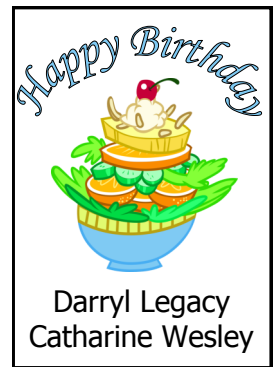
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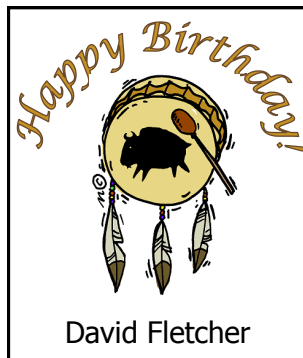
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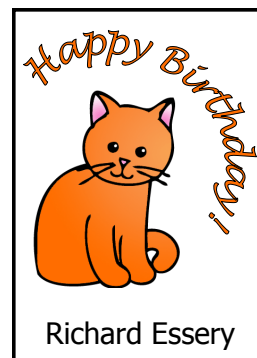
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MCFN Events Calendar

OCTOBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Public Swim 1-3 pm John Rhodes	2	3 Sewing Circle 6-9 pm IFC	4 Beading 6-9 pm MCFN Boardroom	5	6	7
8 Public Swim 1-3 pm John Rhodes Centre	9 Thanksgiving Day 	10 Sewing Circle 6-9 pm IFC	11 Beading 6-9 pm MCFN Boardroom	12 Healthy Snacks After 1 pm	13	14
15 Public Swim 1-3 pm John Rhodes Centre	16	17 Sewing Circle 6-9 pm IFC	18 <u>Elders Tea</u> 12-1pm Band Office Pulled pork menu Beading 6-9 pm MCFN Boardroom	19 Drone exhibition with Isabell Souliere Time & location: TBA	20	21
22 Public Swim 1-3 pm John Rhodes	23	24 Sewing Circle 6-9 pm IFC	25 Craft Class Board Room Time TBA	26	27	28 Halloween Party Details TBA
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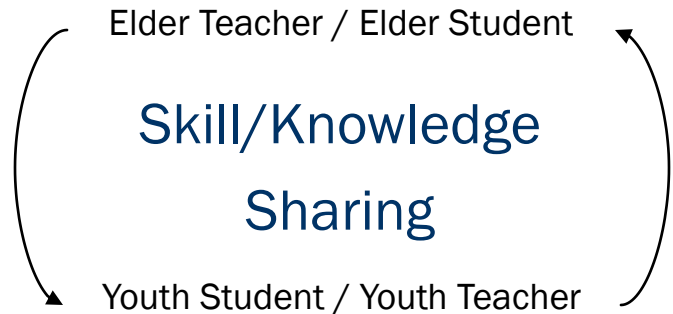
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Bridging the Gap between Elders and Youth

To start the processing of bridging the gap between youth and elders, we can begin with simply sharing our skills and knowledge with each other.

Below is a list of activities, which can be done at the Band Office, at the Gathering, or anywhere that people feel comfortable. Some of these activities might be better done out in the bush. Some of these activities could involve learning about technology and social media.

Some activities can be done throughout the year and at any time. These activities may include cultural teachings, land-based activities, language camps, and ceremonies or any ideas you can bring forward so that our traditions, values, and way of life are not lost. We must start to think in terms of seven generations ahead.



ACTIVITY	TEACHER	WHERE DO YOU LIVE	LEARNER	WHERE DO YOU LIVE
How to make a fire outside	<i>June, e.g.</i>	SSM		
How to look for a rabbit trail/make a snare				
How to get in a canoe/paddle a canoe				
How to track an animal/set a trap/call a moose				
Trapping/Hunting/Fishing				
Shelter building				
How to make bannock				
How to make tea outside	<i>Ivan, e.g.</i>	SSM		
Bear & moose watching				
Butchering a moose				
Gardening				
Chainsaw certification				
Facebook/Twitter/Instagram	<i>Robert, e.g.</i>	SSM		
Power Point /Word/Excel/Outlook/Publisher 2016				
Email				
Cell phone features/ texting	<i>Robert, e.g.</i>	SSM		

This is only a partial list of possible activities. If you are interested in learning or sharing (teaching) any of the skills listed, or if you have a skill or knowledge that you would like to share (teach), please call or email, and let me know. We can work together and come up with a plan of how to make this happen.

Jackie Fletcher, Youth/Elder Coordinator.

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MCFN Membership

Our mailing list for the Bear Fax newsletter is being revised so that only one newsletter is sent to one address, and is part of an effort to reduce costs. However, if you wish to receive your own personal copy of Bear Fax, and you are part of another household, please send me a request and I will add your name to the mailing list.

Office Hours: Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 9 am to 5 pm.

Indian Status Card renewals will now be accepted from non-band members. A fee will be charged up-front for this service. Notices will be forwarded to local native organizations.

Members, please keep your address up-to-date, by filling out the change of address form below so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business.

PLEASE NOTE: I CANNOT RECEIVE ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM ANYONE ELSE; ONLY FROM THE PERSON INVOLVED, the reason being, anyone can call in and report an address change without their knowledge. Please use the change of address form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation or call or email Ted Ouellet.

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Aboriginal Affairs. Anyone with funeral information (i.e. name of funeral home/location), date of death, a death certificate, or anyone who can be contacted for this information, please call or leave a message with Ted Ouellet at the MCFN Band Office.

Miigwech., Ted Ouellet



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

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First Name and 2 nd Name	
ALIAS/BAND #	
DATE RECEIVED	
NEW ADDRESS	
CITY/PROVINCE	
POSTAL CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	

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VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision is to have a united and self-governing body that will determine our destiny guided by the seven laws.

We have a vision of a leadership that is open, honest, trustworthy; a leadership with conviction, accessible to the people; a leadership that is progressive yet respectful of our traditions, values and beliefs; a leadership with confidence, always watchful and assertive in protecting and preserving the treaty and aboriginal rights of our people; a leadership that is directed by our people and with exclusive accountability to our people and our people alone.

We have a vision of our community re-established on the traditional lands that were once the homeland of our ancestors where institutions of our government, economy and education can once again thrive.

We have a vision of a people where individuals and families can stand strong and find healing through tradition and spirituality; individuals and families who are loving and compassionate.

We have a vision of a people who are bi-cultural and bi-lingual; a people who can walk in both worlds contributing to our well-being, the well-being of our brother and sister First Nations; contributing and competing globally.

We have a vision of a Nation of people who respect the dignity of all; a people who find balance through equality of all ages, male and female alike.

We have a vision of people who respect the environment, harvesting and reaping the resources of the land in a sustainable manner as responsible stewards for the use of future generations.

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision it is to regain and restore our rightful place and through the strength of our people, never again be denied our place in society.

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