

# Bear Fax

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Festival Season Moon  
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Missanabie Cree First Nation

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Starting in March 2020, all those who received the Missanabie Cree First Nation Bear Fax through the mail, will no longer receive a copy in the mail.

This will reduce our waste and our foot print on Mother Earth.

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If you are a member of the website, you may send a message to the website editor requesting a Bear Fax posting notification to be sent to your email for when it becomes available each month. **Mikwec/Meegwetch**

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### Events/Gatherings:

**First Nations Housing Conference**

February 11-13, 2020, Thunder Bay, ON  
<http://firstnationshousingconference.com>

**Indigenous Prosperity Forum**

February 26 & 27, 2020, Gatineau, QC  
<https://nacca.ca/about/events/indigenous-economic-prosperity/>

**First Nations Languages Conference**

February 24 - 25 2020, Vancouver, BC  
<https://10times.com/first-nations-languages-conference-vancouver>

**Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum**

February 26-28, 2020, Toronto, ON  
<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/event/chiefs-of-ontario-13th-annual-health-forum/>

**Gathering at the Rapids Pow Wow**

March 7-8, 2020, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.  
Algoma University

## Messages from Chief and Council

### *Watchay,*

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday time with your families.

We are still lobbying to have our settlement transferred into our account as soon as possible. We meet with some of the government officials soon in Ottawa to complete this part of the settlement process.

Our Business Corporation is thriving, as our JV agreements are showing some new dividends. This allows us to keep the lights on and support requests from our members such as sponsorships.

In the new year, we have begun to support new investments and will be having information sessions on resettlement and reserve creation. We are looking forward on getting some work started in 2020 in our reserve lands.

*In the spirit of Community,  
Chief Jason Gauthier*



### *Hello!*

This is my first submission to the Bear Fax, since my election in August 2019.

I had placed a thank you on a few of the Facebook sites, but I wanted to say thank you to all of you who had the confidence in me, to cast your vote for me.

I have attended Chief and Council meetings regularly, but I have missed a few due to my career as a Child Welfare worker – sometimes even my best laid plans go awry when something needs attending to.

I have travelled to Toronto in August, and Sault Ste. Marie in September, for face to face meeting. I look forward to attending many more!

I am now carrying the Governance portfolio, and I am second on the Cultural portfolio. I find the Governance portfolio fascinating. I am lucky enough to have attended the face to face meetings of the Governance Committee, at the end November 2019, and recently January 2020 (both were held in Toronto). I truly believe that this committee is tasked with building the foundation with which our First Nation will grow.

I look forward to working with others who have (or will be) submitting their resumes to sit on this committee.

*Wishing you all well!*

*Bobbi*

*Wachay, Awnee and BooZo*

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MISSANABIE MASKWA TEAMS

GO

I look forward helping and cheering on  
our teams

Thank you in advance

Dominic Fletcher, Coaches, Parents,  
Volunteers and Players

Winter is a period of decline, dreariness, and adversity, but, I am looking forward to a new beginning. With that being said, I looking toward continuing my ongoing work for the future of our MCFN membership and their families.

I have to say, this past month not much has been going on. I have been here in the Soo working a bit with the Family Services Team, helping with a few families and been available for all scheduled Chief and Council meetings.

We are continuously trying to plan the process of working to make a decision as to where the designated home land will be located. This will be a tedious task. As we need to decide which area is best suited for our infra-structure and then move on from

there. Also, many issues need to be answered before that is to happen, for example, living facilities, 4 season homes, cabins, trailers, etc. Are some the members willing to live without amenities; e.g.; running water, hydro or propane? As I stated earlier there are many concerns that have to be addressed before we can consider those who wish to move forward to the land. Possibly consult with members, as to who would like to move to the area when the immediate infra-structure is completed.

I do understand that a few members who wish to build on their selected lands/site but, please think about it? Is it fair to all other members who wish to build a prosperous community for all?

I would like to welcome Jana as the new receptionist to the Family Services Team.

Please, if a member have any comments, questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call or email me. I look forward in addressing any issues brought to me.

*Continuing our journey,  
Deputy Chief Les Nolan*

## From the Desk of:

### *Band Administrator Report:*

We are in the throes of winter now and hope that all are staying safe and warm!

Our administrative offices are keeping busy with day-to-day tasks and offering programs and activities for our membership. We have recently recruited additional personnel to work in the capacity of MMIWG Event Coordinator (Deanna Heyde) and Family Services Receptionist (Jana Harris). Both positions are working from the Family Services Team office located at 477 Queen Street.

Being the new year, funding application proposal opportunities are being reviewed and completed for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Where permitted, we incorporate employment as part of our application request so that we can give members an opportunity to work for our First Nation. Job opportunities will be posted on the MCFN website and Facebook page and placed in the Newsletter (if it meets the timeline of newsletter production).

As noted previously, our current Facebook Group will be moving to a Facebook Page on February 1<sup>st</sup>. This shift will allow members of staff and council to post without having to utilize personal accounts. Pages will be more for information sharing, posting jobs, sharing links, creating events and can be interactive between Page Administrators/Contributors and viewers.

Another initiative that we will be pursuing is going digital with our Bear Fax newsletter. We understand that not all members have access to computers so there will be an option to receive a paper copy if required by contacting our office (Please see cover for details).

**Revisions to the Post- Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) application forms are being completed and the new forms will be posted to the MCFN Website in early February 2020. Please contact the Education Officer if you require a paper copy of the new application forms.**

**Education: 705-254-2702, extension 227 or email: [education@missanabiecree.com](mailto:education@missanabiecree.com).**

Stay warm and enjoy Mother Earth's winter wonderland!

*Meegwetch*

*Doreen*

**W**atchay, I would like to introduce myself. I am proud member of MCFN. I have a loving partner of ten years Andre, and we have three beautiful boys Hector, Jack, and Link. After ten years of working as a PSW at the F.J Davey Home, I made the decision to move on and have accepted the Family Services receptionist position located at the MCFN Family Services office. I can't express how grateful I am for this opportunity and I look forward to learning alongside the Family Services Team who have been very welcoming and grateful for my presence. Looking forward to your calls.

*Peace and Love ,*

*Jana Harris*



#### FAMILY WELL-BEING WORKER

*Hey all you wonderful folks!*

The month of February is fast approaching. The theme for this month is Elder and Youth connections! There will be sharing circles and teachings, games, prizes and some good food!

We are now accepting requests for gym memberships, please call us for sign up! We have YMCA passes for Elders. Families can apply for funding towards family gym passes as well.

As well, any Elders who would like to receive weekly updates as to event details and reminders, and birthday cards, please forward me your email address at:

**[swhite@missanabiecree.com](mailto:swhite@missanabiecree.com) or call the Family Services office @ 705-253-3506**

I will be away for training from February 10th and will return to the office February 17th.

Please call the Family Services team if you need assistance during my absence.

Please note: If any youth or elders would like the opportunity to co-facilitate these events, call us! We want your wisdom and guidance, your youthful incite and outlook!!

*Sincerely,*

*Sally White*

## *From the desk of...Cultural Facilitator*

Note: I want to acknowledge the death of my niece Julianna Wesley (Deschamps) on January 18, 2020. I started this report before her death, and I am in deep grief and thank all those who have expressed their sympathies.

All the best of the New Year to everyone! I am blessed to have so many loved ones in my life that continue to bless me with their good energy, encourage me to good health and love me unconditionally. Siblings, partners and ex-partners, children, grand and great grand that fill my heart with such joy. My parents, aunties and uncles instilled in us and made it happen that we cousins are close in heart, loving and supporting one another day in and day out. I write this today because I feel the gratitude and it goes further on to my circle of friends and colleagues.

Gratitude is attitude!

December was jam packed with activities and events that required hard work and implementation but was also so gratifying with laughter and harmony. Some may say I am wearing rose coloured glasses, but I seen it and felt it... positive community building.

I'm keeping this report short as others will share details of all the events. For next issue, pictures will be posted.

*Gloria Harris*



## *Watchay Missanabie Cree Families, Members and Elders*



*You could gather a million treasures  
You could search from coast to coast  
The most valuable thing you'll find  
Is that family matters most.*

It's a brand new year, 2020, and I hope the very best for everyone. Christmas and New Years came and went pretty fast. The Missanabie Cree Community Christmas Dinner was fun with the children singing Christmas carols to entertain us all. The pot luck dinner was tasty and Ole St. Nick arriving to hand out the presents to the children, added some excitement to the feast. The Winter Solstice event beginning with a social gathering as participants arrived. Saturday morning began with a continental breakfast, then a bus ride to the Marconi club for activities of the day. There were crafts for children to do, storytelling, and movies for them to watch. The elders and some of the parents were learning how to make moccasins for their children and in the afternoon there was snowshoeing or cross country skiing available for the participants at Hiawatha Park. In the evening we had our traditional feast to commemorate Winter Solstice and drumming/singing around the fire. Sunday, we continued on with activities for the children, movie night at the theatre, and socializing with family. Monday we all went back home to settle in for Christmas with our families.

We have two new staff members joining our awesome team. Jana Harris is our new receptionist and Diana Heyde is our MMIW events coordinator. Welcome aboard we are happy you are here with us.

This year, now that we have a venue to bring in more participants, we will be adding more programming for families, youth, and elders. For some of our events we will be requesting that you register for them as it is important to have the stats of each event for reporting purposes. Also, it provides a number of participants we can expect and aids in making plans accordingly. This year, March spring break will be done a little different. Each hub will put on events for their members in their area. Sault Ste Marie will be presenting an activity function for each day of the March break. This will be posted in the on the new Missanabie Cree Facebook page and MCFN website.

I am on vacation from February 1<sup>st</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and I will also be away February 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for a conference in Timmins. I will be back at my desk February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. During my absence Supervisor Eva Dabutch will be the contact person for any child welfare matters.

I look forward to seeing sunshine again as the Sault this winter has been more gray and dismal then most years.

*All My Relations*

*Bonnie Wiebe: Family Support Worker*

# *MMIWG Events Coordinator*

*Deanna Naveau-Heyde, BA Hons.*

Wachey, aanii, my name is Deanna Naveau-Heyde. I'm a mother of five and a status member of Mattagami First Nation. In 2016, I graduated from Algoma University with a Community and Social Development (Honors) Degree and, also achieved three years of Anishinaabemowin program instruction at Algoma University (AU). I have over thirty years of diverse work experience and transferable skills. I'm currently a part-time AU student studying in the psychology program working towards the goal of achieving a doctorate in Psychology.

I am very humbled and blessed to have recently accepted the MMIWG Events Coordinator position with Missanabie Cree First Nation (MCFN). A very important issue and concern for all communities.

The position of MMIWG Events Coordinator is a resource personnel hired to help plan and support the development of the Honoring Our Sister's MMIW Gathering to be held in early 2020. This initiative is led by the Indigenous Women's Anti-Violence Task Force (IWAVTF) in partnership with Missanabie Cree First Nation. The proposed plan was to host two events from 2019-2020, one event was completed last year, and one is planned to be hosted in early May, date to be determined. Other duties are to assist in networking with various community partners and providing outreach for education and awareness in the Baawaating area. Community outreach activities will include MMIWG Sharing, not healing circles. The sharing circles will be carried out with various groups in a safe and respectful space that connects people in talking together circles for more in depth discussions, such as the sharing of general MMIWG information to create awareness and education.

Discussions may include identifying impacts of oppression, racism, and discrimination to understanding the affects. A place where we can gather your thoughts and determine together how we can further protect and provide a safe community for our women, girls, LGBTQ2S people.

For more information or to chat more on how you participate, please contact me at:

Tel. (705)253-3506 x206  
dheyde@missanabiecree.com



## Community News and Notes

I would like to wish my Dad a Happy Birthday.

Hope the Creator and all your family have a Big Big party for you.

Love you Dad and miss you every day.

Love June



## Emergency Food Support

For more information, please call

MCFN Family Services @

705-253-3506

Bonnie, Family Support Worker

Sally, Family Well-being Worker



### ATTENTION: Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings for each month will not be posted as per the Privacy Act of Canada.

If you would like to include a birthday greeting in the newsletter or would like to have your birthday acknowledged in the newsletter, please email [bearfax@missanabiecree.com](mailto:bearfax@missanabiecree.com) or send your request to Bear Fax c/o Missanabie Cree First Nation, 559 Queen St. E., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

### 2020 Annual Gathering

Please be advised that the TENTATIVE DATE for the Annual Gathering has been set as August 8 – 15

### Attention: Changes to the Canada Pension Plan

There are new changes to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Benefits toolkit and the new online application. Here is the link to our Canada.ca website where you can access and explore the new interactive online [Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefit Toolkit](#).

Below are some highlights of what you will find in the toolkit.

- What are the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) disability benefits?
- Who is eligible?
- What is the Disabled Contributor's Child's Benefit?
- How and when to apply.
- How long until I receive my benefit?
- Returning to work?

For more information on these new changes, visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/pension-plan-disability-benefits/reports/toolkit.html>

# In Loving Memory

One of our beautiful Butterfly Kwe is on her journey to the Spirit World, where her loving Grammas Beatrice and Christine await with open arms to take her in. With a sadness unlike any other, Mike and Holly Deschamps share the sudden passing of their eldest child, Julianna. Julianna Holly Wesley (Deschamps), born August 2, 1979 in Marathon, Ontario, passed away on

January 18, 2020 in Thunder Bay, Ontario at the age of 40. As a small child, Juls was entertaining with her antics and imitations. She was close to her grandparents, aunts and uncles. She grew up alongside her cousins and they were inseparable throughout the years. Grandma Chris was often heard calling for her 8-9-10, April-Juls-Jana. Our # 9-Jul won the hearts of all she met, with her smiles, giggles and laughter. She could be shy and quiet or bold and boisterous. Juls enjoyed the many camping and picnic days at Neys Park with family and relatives. A big moment from her childhood was her 2-week holiday to Florida and Disneyworld. She picked up traditional ways early in her life by spending time with her Granny Beatrice, eating wild game, visiting her trapline and Juls knew how to pow wow dance. She developed a close loving relationship with her Grandma Chris, spending time with her whenever she could. Juls will be remembered for her protective and feisty nature.



Juls will be forever loved and missed by her 2 sons, Alex and William Deschamps, parents Holly and Mike Deschamps, brother Mikey, (Joanne) and nephew Michael, Aunts, Uncles and many cousins and friends.

Predeceased by her grandparents Steven and Beatrice Deschamps and James and Christine Wesley.

Cremations has taken place and a memorial celebration of her life will take place in the spring.

*"I'll see you again".*

## MCFN Chief and Council invite:

### JOIN THE GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC)

The Governance Coordinating Committee oversees the review and development of codes and policies of the Missanabie First Cree Nation, as outlined in the Governance Strategic Plan. The Governance Coordinating Committee encourages the participation of those who have skills to bring to the discussion, and of those, (especially the youth), who wish to gain experience and increase their understanding of committee work and governance in a First Nation perspective. Committee members must be a member of MCFN.

#### Committee Member Responsibilities:

- To commit to attending 3-4 face to face weekend meetings a year, and monthly teleconferences on a weekday during the evening
- To work with the Governance Coordinator to develop an understanding of Indigenous governance
- To review and develop codes and policies for MCFN

Please send **your resume and letter of application** to:

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Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1  
By Email: [jmarkie@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jmarkie@missanabiecree.com)  
By Fax: 705-254-3292

**\*\*\*Youth are encouraged to participate and sit in on meetings\*\*\***

## February 2020

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## Kakoekakee shi kak Peesim

## Festival Season Moon

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2	3 Medicine Wheel Teachings  5-7pm Call Sally & Gloria	4	5	6 Counselling  1:00-4:00pm  By appointment	7	8
9	10 7 Stages of Life Teachings - Youth and Elders  5pm to 7pm Call April	11	12 Healthy Snacks  1:00pm-4:00pm  Call Sally	13	14 Round Dance  7-11pm  Delta  Call Deanna	15
16	17	18	19 Elder's Tea  12:00-1:00pm	20 Counselling  1:00-4:00pm  By appointment	21	22
23	24	25	26 Day 1 9-5  Mental Health First Aid  Mandatory attendance  Call Lesley	27 Day 2 9-5  Mental Health First Aid  Mandatory attendance  Call Lesley	28	29 Wachay: Honoring Youth and Elders Celebration  11am-4pm  Dynamics of Health  TBA

**Medicine Wheel Teaching & Sharing Circle** - Youth and Elders**Date:** Monday, February 3**Time:** 4:30 pm to 6pm**Location:** Family Services, 447 Queen St. E., Suite 200

Please call Sally to confirm attendance, 705 253 3506

This event will be centered around the Medicine Wheel Teaching of how and why the Youth are paired with Elders. The focus will be on sharing experiences, traditional teaching, and storytelling. This event will open with a smudge and prayer, followed by a sharing game.

A lunch and refreshments will be provided. Lunch will be a traditional root stew.

Rides are available, please call ahead.

**7 Stages of Life Teachings** - Youth and Elders**Date:** Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**Time:** 5pm to 7pm**Location:** MCFN Family Services, 447 Queen St. E., Suite 200

Please call Sally to confirm attendance, 705 253 3506

This event will be centered around the 7 Stages of Life Teachings. We will be wrapping feathers and learning those teachings. There will be tobacco ties making along with the sharing circle.

We will have a few games and prizes. This is a great opportunity for everyone to make those connections and share in our culture.

A lunch and refreshments will be provided. Something yummy!

Rides are available, please call ahead.

**Elders Tea****Date:** Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**Time:** 12pm to 2pm**Location:** MCFN Family Services, 447 Queen St. E. Suite 200

Please call Sally to confirm attendance, 705 253 3506 ext.200

This Elders Tea will focus around a sharing circle. We will be having homemade stew and bannock. A beef stew and a vegetarian stew will be provided, along with a dessert, and refreshments. This is a time of sharing and storytelling.

**Wachay: Honoring Youth and Elders Celebration****Date:** Saturday, February 29th, 2020**Time:** 11am-4pm**Location:** Pending (TBA)

Please call to confirm attendance: Sally 705 253 3506 Ext 200 or Gloria 705 949 6818

This event will be for the Youth and Elders to celebrate each other. Everyone in the community is encouraged to come out and share with us. There will be a feast! Other than that, the details will be posted online, or call our office.

Rides are available, please call ahead.

MISSANABIE CREE FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS

# Naloxone 101

COME ENJOY LUNCH AND A HARM REDUCTION PRESENTATION



**FEB 5, 12:00-2**  
**Draws and Prizes**  
**Open to Missanabie Cree Band Members Only**

**477 Queen St E Suite 200**

Call: Danielle Moore @ 705.253.3506

**Honoring our Missing &  
Murdered  
Indigenous Women and Girls  
Round Dance**

**February 14th, 7:00 pm-11pm**

a National Day of Action

**At -Delta-**

**208 St. Mary's Dr. Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

*We must all work towards an environment free of violence, but also towards the fulfillment of Indigenous women's valued place in society.*

**Pipe Ceremony -  
Feast-  
Opening Song-  
Round Dance-  
MMIW Honor Song-  
Giveaway Protocol-  
Apple Dance-  
Go Home Song-**

**We invite people to wear ribbon skirts,  
moccasins and wear Red to honor our**

**MMIWG2+**

**THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT**



**MC**

Joel M. Syrette

**STICK MAN**

Joseph Syrette

**PIPE CEREMONY**

**WE ARE LOOKING  
FOR SINGERS**

Please message  
[iwavtf@gmail.com](mailto:iwavtf@gmail.com)

Or contact Eva @  
705-253-3506

**ALL SINGERS WILL BE  
ACKNOWLEDGED**

# MCFN Membership

**Card Renewals.** The MCFN office can only handle in-person appointments. If you are unable to come in person to the Band Office, you can get your card renewed at a local First Nation or consider obtaining a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS). You can request the Band Office to mail you the required forms. Shereena Campbell and Louise Campbell will be handling card renewals on a temporary basis.

**Appointments for Card Renewals.** Please call to make an appointment. There are 3 time slots from 1:30 to 3:30 pm on Fridays only. Please ensure you have all the required information before you come to your appointment.

**Until further notice,** Indian Status Card renewals will not be accepted from non-band members.

**Updating Addresses.** Members, please keep your address up-to-date so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business. Please use the form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation. You may also call the Band Office or email June Markie at [jmarkie@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jmarkie@missanabiecree.com).

**PLEASE NOTE:** A Change of address Can Only BE processed with information provided by the individual involved, not from anyone else.

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 Shereena or Louise at the MCFN Band Office.



## MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

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



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### Missanabie Cree Family Services

705-253-3506

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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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