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New Year's Greetings!

Cheers to a new year
and another chance
for us to get it right.

-Oprah Winfrey

Hope smiles
from the threshold
of the year to come,
whispering,
'It will be happier'.

-Alfred Lord Tennyson

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes,
then you are making new things,
trying new things,
learning, living,
pushing yourself, changing yourself,
changing your world.

You're doing things you've never done before, and
more importantly, you're doing something.

- Neil Gaiman

Write it on your heart
that every day
is the best day
in the year.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

And now we welcome
the new year.

Full of things
that have never been.

- Rainer Maria Rilke



Events/Gatherings:

29th Annual Mamowihitowin of the Omushkego (AGA)

January 26-28, 2015 Kashechewan First Nation, ON.
<http://www.mushkegowuk.com/?p=3469>

Sustainable Communities Conference

February 10-12, 2015 London, ON
www.fcm.ca/home/events/sustainable-communities-conference.htm

NAN Women's Forum 2015 Honoring Our Life Givers - Past, Present and Future

February 13-15, 2015 Thunder Bay ON
www.nan.on.ca/article/nan-womens-forum-2015-2036.asp

Sault College Annual Pow-wow 2015

February 14-15, 2015 Sault Ste. Marie, ON
<http://www.nativeeducation.ca/>

March for Missing and Murdered Women

February 18, 2015 Sault Ste. Marie, ON Courthouse
www.facebook.com/pages/Womyn-4-Social-Justice-SSM/725899524108927

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Messages from Council

Melew Ooshkey Peepoon (Happy New Year)

Just a short note. This past December, I had the opportunity to be involved in counting moose in our traditional area. The weather was not very cooperative and we were able to fly for only 2 days. The first day we counted 35 - 40 moose, the next day only 5. When all the info is compiled, I will forward the information on to the band office

for all to review.

I would like to thank the MCDC members who attended our GTA Christmas Potluck. A good time was had by all.

As always in spirit of our community, Chi-Miigwetch .

Les (Gee) Nolan aka Red Bear

"Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and rang in the New Year with loved ones. For 2015, I look forward to my continued service on Council and to Missanabie Cree First Nation. Specifically, I look forward to an action focus on the education initiative ideas presented by membership at the Gathering, and I commit to providing regular updates to the membership.

Please be aware I have been regularly participating on council meetings, and am committed to attend an in-

person council meeting and the open band meeting being planned for February. Please contact the band office if you have any questions about the logistics.

Although my newsletter article is quick and brief this month, I look forward to an engaged open band meeting, and as always please feel free to contact me anytime with your questions, suggestions, or ideas."

Victoria Pezzo, Deputy Chief, MCFN

From the desk of:

BAND MANAGER

Following is a list of the staff that are currently working at Missanabie Cree First Nation:

Band Manager – Jean Sayers
 Governance Coordinator - Elizabeth Angecone
 Bookkeeper - Louise Campbell
 Community Economic Development Officer -
 Janet Esquimaux
 Program Development Officer - Lesley Gagnon
 Executive Assistant - Glad Hawkins
 Receptionist - June Markie
 Business Development Officer - Scott McCabe
 Registration Administrator - Ted Ouellet
 Comprehensive Community Planning Coordinator -
 Chelsie Parayko
 Education Director - Lori Rainville
 Cultural Coordinator - Mathew Wesley

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year's celebration with family and friends.

It's been a year since I started working for Missanabie Cree First Nation. The time has sure gone by soooo quickly.

After two weeks of Christmas vacation, we were slated to return to work on January 5th; however that did not happen due to a toilet tank leak on the second floor that created considerable damage to sections of the second and ground floor. Luckily Louise dropped by the office on Sunday, January 4th to discover the water leak. After she called the insurance company, Service Master arrived on the scene to start the clean-up and a plumber removed the leaking toilet. The clean-up took longer than anticipated because the water-logged rugs and sub-floor had to be removed and the plywood flooring dried. Although there is still quite a bit of renovations required, we were able to return to work on January 12th. Now we

are back in full operations.

I hope the closure for a week did not cause too much inconvenience for the membership.

The renovations to the **Multi-Purpose Facility**, in Missanabie are just about complete. Converting the kitchen into a commercial facility was the last part of the project as the custom range hood was on back order. The project completion date is now at the end of February. At the annual gathering, the new commercial facility will be ideal for cooking for a large group.

The **Circle of Creative Arts** supplies and equipment have been relocated to the Castle building in Echo Bay.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Happy New Year to each and every one of you from the staff of the Economic Development Department. We are starting our new year off in the right direction by acquiring the consulting firm of MacLeod Farley and Associates to determine the viability of transforming Island View Camp into an all-season tourism facility. He brings a wealth of experience to MCFN to complete the task of evaluating this venture to generate economic growth and prosperity. His past projects include the Cree Village Eco Lodge for MoCreebec, Tom Thomson Art Gallery – Owen Sound, and the Hope Island Lighthouse – Beausoleil First Nation.

Following the selection and the conclusion of the RFP (Request For Proposal) process, we were delighted to meet and greet Member of Parliament, Brian Hayes and Tracy Forsyth of FEDNOR in our office on December 18, 2014. They were here to record the “live” Funding Announcement with Chief, Jason Gauthier, of their investment into Island View Camp, totalling \$90,00 of government approved financial support. FEDNOR is committed to allotting additional funds should our team arrive at a dynam-

ic business case, comprehensive feasibility study and expansion plan!

Since the Castle building is quite spacious, this is an ideal space to hold the arts, crafts, cultural and traditional events. We will be recruiting committee members to re-activate the COCA activities within the next month or so.

Please feel free to contact the respective staff if you have any questions or concerns.

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Jean Sayers

Band Manager

The project scope includes the following:

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- Review of the current and past operations from top to bottom including financial performance, business operations and condition of the site, facilities and systems
- Identify new target markets based on current and potentially improved assets
- Develop an improvement plan (including cost and funding) for needed upgrades to the facilities and, if viable, new four season accommodations
- Develop an overall Business Plan to reflect upgraded and expanded facilities, financing sources, improved management and marketing and year round operations.

Scott McCabe, BDO, and myself also accompanied Rick MacLeod and Mechanical Engineer, Richard Lay to complete an initial site inspection on January 13th and 14th, 2015. We were also grateful to Rick

From the desk of:

and Carol, the current caretakers of Island View, who made themselves available to guide us through some of the earlier history of the camp and its local surroundings.

CULTURAL COORDINATOR

Wa-che-yeah me-sa-weh!!

It has been an interesting year, with good times and bad times, and just plain weird and confusing times. Now that 2014 is behind us, let's remember the ones we lost and the ones that came into our lives.

As I recall when I told you guys about the traditions that I've come to know and love, the Christmas eve Bag drop offs and Christmas morning pick up's, and the New Year's day Community wide door to door greetings. Those are what I miss most. There would be lots of laughs and stories told on these visits, that was how eve-

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

Happy New Year!

In this article I will give an update on the Post-Secondary Education Funding we receive and the application process for funding.

If you are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution for the upcoming fall 2015, you should be applying to the school of your choice now. For this reason, you will have all documentation needed for your application for funding with Missanabie Cree by the deadline date of June 15, 2015. This includes secondary students, too, as your acceptance into a college or university will be conditional upon graduating from grade 12.

So the first step is to apply to the colleges or universities that offer programs of interest. There will be an applica-

In closing, I would just like to thank the Chief and Council, Staff and membership of Missanabie Cree First Nation for their continued support for the project. Together, we can make a difference!

Janet Esquimaux

ry body in the community knew who was who and what was happening in their lives. I got a sense of strong unity.

Santa was good to me this past year, he gave me what I asked for and am grateful for it, good health and a roof over my head. You are all in my mind when ever I pray and want to say let this year be a great year of positive experiences.

Meeg wetch.

Matthew

tion fee and this will vary from province to province.

Once you receive an offer of admission and you accept one, then you will receive an acceptance letter.

The acceptance letter is what is needed for the application for funding with Missanabie Cree.

Call me, Lori Rainville, and ask for an application for funding. The following is needed:

A letter from you stating your education plan and goals. Tell me why you selected this program. Tell me what your plans will be once you complete your program. Do you require a degree or diploma to obtain employment?

- A copy of your acceptance letter from college or university.
- Official transcript may be needed if you did not sub-

From the desk of:

mit a final one previously.

- Completed application form funding, this requires information as to whether you are married, have dependents etc. You will have to provide verification if you are claiming your spouse as a dependent and this will also verify any children as well.
- All the above documentation is to be received by our office no later than June 15, 2015.
- If your application is late it will not be reviewed until all documentation is received and it will be subject to availability of funds.

All applications received by June 15 are reviewed and prioritized by categories. The costs of tuition, allowance & books for both new and continuing students are calculated to reach a balanced budget. Sometimes we don't have enough funds to cover all requests so these people will be placed on a wait list in the event that there are funds recovered.

The post-secondary budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year is \$340,760.00.

Typically this budget will allow us to fund approximately 20 to 24 students depending on the type of program and institution. Tuition can vary from province to province, Ontario has the highest rates to date. This fiscal year we were able to fund 23 students, 9 new students. This year we are estimating 8 graduates.

MCFN RECEPTION

Dear Family, Friends and Relations:

Hope everyone had A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Myself, I had an awesome Christmas and Santa was really good to me.

I also apologize for anyone who had tried to call in from Jan. 05/15 to Jan.09/15. We were closed for an extra week due to a water flood in the office and I just forgot to come in and change the message.

The post-secondary funding received annually covers tuition, books & living allowance. Living allowance is for full time students only. For example to fund a full time student to attend a university can range from 13,000 to 20,000 a year. So as you can see funds are limited.

To see the how Canadian tuition fees have changed in the last 5 years by province please visit this interactive webpage:

<http://www.macleans.ca/interactive-how-canadian-tuition-fees-have-changed-in-the-last-5-years-by-province/>

If you have any questions regarding post-secondary education and our application process please contact me by phone or email.

On January 14, 2015 the Band Manager, Victoria Pezzo and myself were able to meet regarding recommendations that came from the past gatherings. We have to follow up with some research before we meet again. Three items we discussed were an Education Conference, bursaries and increasing allowances. These are all very important items and we will do the best we can to make these happen. When you ask? Well, all of these three items require funding, so we will keep you up to date on our progress via the Bear Fax.

Lori Rainville

It was really nice to get back to work and to see the staff again (missed you guys).

Well, I have to sign off now and get back to work. Take Care and May the Creator be with you and hope everyone has a good year in 2015.

From the desk of
June Markie

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



Hello, Every One:

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, It was great to see family and friends from far and near.

I am planning a Healthy Living Challenge for the families of

MCFN. It will begin on March 1, 2015 and end at the Annual Gathering in August.

This challenge will consist of daily activities and challenges, that anyone can participate in. Each day of the month will consist of an activity, You would complete the activity and send the photo or an email of your family participating in the activity. The monthly calendars with the daily list of activities can be found on pages 11-13

(after the MCFN Events Calendar)

Each day you complete an activity, (listed in the calendar) you (adult) have a chance to win the prize of the week. Note: (If you are a child 18 or under, you have the opportunity to win daily prizes.)

Register by completing the form below and mailing it to me. Or you may register by phone or email.

Each week/day you would send the information/photo of the activity in which you or your family member participated in. Our grand prize winners will be announced at our next annual gathering. If you have any questions, please call me.

Lesley Gagnon

Healthy Living Challenge Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

List of your family members participating and age if under 18

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Community News and Notes



Circle of Creative Arts

An invitation to participate in the reactivation of the Circle of Creative Arts.

Put your name forward as a volunteer for the COCA Committee.

Past members are encouraged to participate.

Please leave your name and contact information with June Markie

Community News and Notes

Announcement - Ratification of the Election Code

- The Ratification of the Election Code will be taking place over the next few months.
- It is important that all voting members ensure that their address is updated with June Markie, Registration Administrator Ted Ouellet, or Lori Rainville.
- Even if your name is on the voting list, if we do not have the correct address, we will not be able to mail you a voting package.
- If you are approaching voting age in early 2015, please ensure that your mailing address and other contact information is updated with the Band Office.

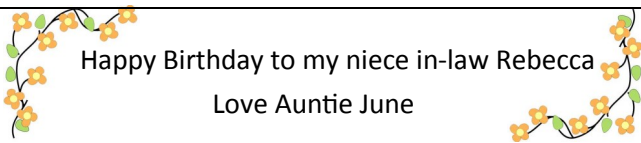
Happy Birthday
to Margaret
who's in my thoughts
Love Auntie June



Happy Birthday
to my Nephew
Ted Ouellet
Love Auntie June



Happy Birthday to my niece Judy Wilson
and her husband Donald.
Love Auntie June



Happy Birthday to my niece in-law Rebecca
Love Auntie June



**From the Office of
Grand Chief Lawrence Martin,
Muskegouwk Council**

January 12, 2015

Mushkegowuk Grand Chief Lawrence Martin is in Ottawa today meeting with AANDC regarding on 1. Infrastructure Project 2. Water and Sewer P3 and Chapleau Cree Water Treatment Plan upgrades applications.

For matters requiring the attention of the Grand Chief, please contact Deputy Grand Chief Leo Friday at (705) 658-4222 extension 106 or Pauline Veenstra, acting Executive Assistant at ext. 105.

Elders Speak

UNITING ALL ELDERS

Whatchay, Fellow Elders:

I wish to thank the Elders for voting me in as the Elders Representative to Chief and Council. It is a honor and a privilege.

To all of you registered MCFN Members that are 55 years of age or older. This is a plea to get involved with your Community. Do you want to express your ideas, voice your concerns? Well, come on and let me help you!

It is your given right to be heard. We want our Youth to get involved but, it is the Elders that the youth look up to for guidance and direction.

So Elders that want to know the happenings of our Great Missanabie Cree First Nation, please forward your contact information to me. My purpose to set up a network of MCFN Elders, so please provide as much information as you are willing to share, including your mailing address, phone number, and your email.

I cannot do my elected job without you, our Elders.

Contact me by my email address:

lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com or contact the MCFN office.

Miigwetch, Elders

Laura-Lee Fletcher Rawlyk (Lolly)
Elders Liaison

Governance Project

Missanabie Cree First Nation is planning to hold a **Ratification Vote on the draft MCFN Election Code**. If you are or will be of voting age in early 2015, please ensure that your mailing address and other contact information is updated with Ted Ouellet, the MCFN Registration Administrator. Forms to update your address can be found on page ? of this newsletter. Please inform any family members that you know who need to update their contact information.

Below, you will see some information concerning a common question about the election code. A newsletter will be included as part of your ratification package. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth, 705-254-2702, Ext. 230.

Miigwech. Governance Coordinating Committee

Q. What happens if a vacancy occurs on Council, including the Chief's position?

Process of Determining a Vacancy

If any position on council becomes vacant for any reason under the provisions of sub-section 13.1.1, then the following process shall be followed, as outlined under Section 13 of the Election Code: Vacancies of the MCFN Custom Election Code

1 - Notice Notice with valid evidence to be presented at regular Council meeting, calling for position to become vacant.

In order for the position to be declared vacant, a quorum of council must pass a resolution.

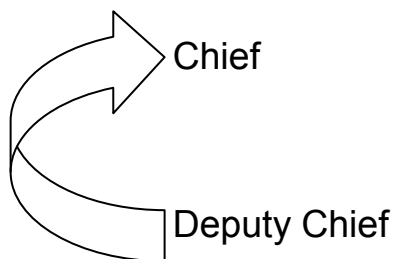
2 - Interim Appointee

If a vacancy is created in the Office of Chief, the Deputy Chief shall assume the office of Chief until the next election.

If a vacancy created in the office of councillor, the position shall remain vacant, if 6 months or less remain until the next election, unless it is necessary to maintain a quorum of council.

If there are more than 6 months remaining in the office of councillor, the candidate who ran for election, and received the most votes next to the last councillor shall be designated as councillor.

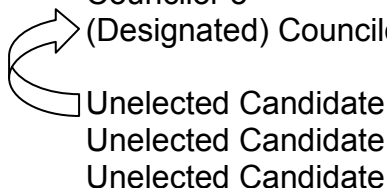
If office of Chief becomes vacant:



If the office of a Councillor becomes vacant: e.g., Councillor 3:

By number of votes received in the last election in descending order (most to least):

- Deputy Chief—Councillor 1
- Councillor 2
- Councillor 3 (declared vacant)
- Councillor 4
- Councillor 5
- (Designated) Councillor



Unelected Candidate
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News Items

LAWRENCE MARTIN ELECTED MUSHKEGOUWK GRAND CHIEF



On November 14, Lawrence Martin was elected Grand Chief of the Mushkegowuk Council.

A Swearing in Ceremony took place on November 26, 2014 at 9 am at the Delta Waterfront Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie prior to the Mushkegowuk Chiefs Meeting.

Archie Nolan, MCFN Elder, conducted the ceremony which was attended by the Mushkegowuk Chiefs as well as MCFN staff and members.

Grand Chief Martin will serve the remainder of the term for the position of Grand Chief which was left vacant by the death of Dr. Stanley Louttit.

Lawrence Martin, who is a member of the Moose Cree First Nation, beat out six other candidates in a by-election. He has also served as Mushkegowuk Grand Chief before, from 1998 to 2001.

The grand chief position has been open since the death of long-time leader Stan Louttit, who lost a battle with cancer in June.

"We have a lot of the housing issues, we have a lot of the water and sewage problems," Martin said of the challenges he will face as Grand Chief.

"But there's all kinds of money out there. Minister Rickford just announced the Canada Build program that has millions and millions of dollars and now we can actually start applying for those funds for the infrastructure in the communities."

After Martin served a term with Mushkegowuk Council, he was active in off-reserve politics. He served as mayor of the towns of Cochrane and Sioux Lookout.

Martin is also an accomplished musician. He won a Juno music award for Best Music of Aboriginal Canada Recording in 1994, and was co-nominated for the Juno for Aboriginal Recording of the Year in 2003.

The Mushkegowuk Council represents eight Cree communities in northeastern Ontario: Attawapiskat First Nation, Chapleau Cree, Fort Albany First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Missanabie Cree, Moose Cree First Nation, Taykwa Tagamou First Nation (formerly New Post), and Weenusk First Nation (Peawanuck)

(from the CBC News online, Sudbury, Nov.17, 2014)

COMMON EXPERIENCE PAYMENT RECIPIENTS NOW HAVE MORE TIME TO APPLY FOR, REDEEM, AND USE PERSONAL CREDITS

December 17, 2014 - Ottawa, ON - AANDC Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, today welcomed the decision of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to grant Canada's request for an extension to the deadlines to apply for, redeem, and use Personal Credits. Parties to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement requested the deadline extension in order to give Common Experience Payment recipients and their family members the best opportunity to access Personal Credits to support education opportunities.

The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement provides that Common Experience Payment (CEP) recipients may apply for Personal Credits. Personal Credits have no cash value and can be shared with up to two family members. They are redeemable for either person-

al or group educational services provided by approved educational entities and groups. Personal Credits have a maximum individual redemption value of \$3,000.

New deadline dates will be determined once the court order is signed by all parties, but today's court decision allows for a two month extension from the date of the court order to submit an application for Personal Credits. It will also allow for a five month extension from the date of the court order for Education Entities and Groups to submit redemption forms for payment. August 31, 2015, is the new deadline for CEP recipients, or their family members, to complete courses or programs for which Personal Credits are used.

From:

<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=915499&tp=1>

MCFN Events Calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 5	 <p>Kacha papi watakinum Peesim Tree exploding (by frost) Moon</p>				1 New Year's Day	2	3
	4	5 Office opens at 8 am.	6 Chief and Council Meeting 6:30 pm	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13 Language Class 9:30 am Craft Class 1:30 Chief and Council Meeting 6:30 pm	14	15 Healthy Snacks After 1:30	16	17
	18	19	20 Chief and Council Meeting 6:30	21 Elders Tea 12 noon	22	23	24
	25	26	27 Craft Class 1:30 Chief and Council Meeting 6:30	28	29	30	31
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
F E B R U A R Y 2 0 1 4	 <p>Ki sha Peesim Great Moon (Hope of Spring)</p>				Healthy Living Challenge begins March 1, 2015		
	1	2	3 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM Craft Class 1:30 Finishing Projects	11	12 Healthy Snacks After 1:30	13	14
	15	16 Family Day	17 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM	18 Echo Bay Building: Cultural Teachings at 10 am: Feasting the Dead Elders Tea: Noon Please contact MCFN if you require a ride ahead of time	19	20	21
	22	23	24 Language Class 9:30 am - Online on USTREAM Craft Class 1:30 Finishing Projects	25	26	27	28

Healthy Living Challenge 2015

March 2015

More information from the Program Development Officer on the Healthy Living Challenge can be found on page 8.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Family sliding day	15 minutes family walk	Paint a family picture	Snow Angels	Dance to the beat of a drum	Your choice of activity with your family	Singing Saturday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sit down and help make a family dinner	Dance away the night 15 minutes	Your choice of activity with your family	Family walk 15 minutes	Read a story together with your family.	Make a family evening healthy snack	Try a new healthy recipe.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Your choice of activity	Jumping Jacks! It's Monday	Make a craft Tuesday	Write a family story, Wednesday	Family board game night	Walk away the day 15 minutes	Let's see your Saturday Snowmans
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Healthy snack making day. Yummy lunch choices for the week	15 minute family walk	Skip away, it's Tuesday	Your choice of activity with your family	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Your choice of activity	Sing a song Saturday
29	30	31				
Yoga stretches	Family painting day	Elder teaching day. Listen to a story from your Elders				
				All recreation activities are 15 minutes or more		

Healthy Living Challenge 2015

April 2015

More information from the Program Development Officer on the Healthy Living Challenge can be found on page 8.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			April Fool's! Laugh the day away	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Healthy snack night	Sliding Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday Snowmans	Jumping Jacks! It's Monday	Family craft day	Family game night	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Your choice of family activity	Family fishing day, be creative if you can't find a lake
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Make a healthy dessert with your family	Dance the day away	Your choice of family activity	Wicked Wednesday explore new flavors in your food	Family game night	Yoga stretches	Swimming Saturday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Try a new recipe with your family	Read a family story Monday	Paint a picture Tuesday	Family game night	Dance the day away 15 minutes	Your choice of family activity	Make a healthy family breakfast together.
26	27	28	29	30		
Write a family story	Munchie Monday Healthy Snacks	Your choice of family activity	Walk away Wednesday 15 minutes	Elder Teaching day		

Healthy Living Challenge 2015

May 2015

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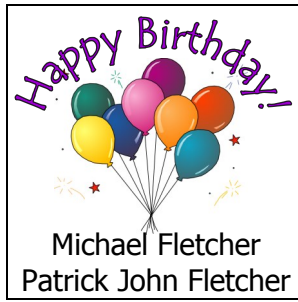
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Family activity of your own choice	Family planting day (sprouting seeds, veggies, yum yum)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Help your family make a healthy dinner, Family dinner time	Walk away the day Monday	Making healthy snacks	Walk away Wednesday 15 minutes	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Dance away the day	Creative art day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Swimming Sunday	Jumping Jacks! It's Monday	Family activity of your own choice	Family board game night	Dance the night away	Munchie Munch Friday Healthy snack activity	Stretchy Saturday yoga
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sight seeing Sunday	Walk away Monday	Family activity of your choice	Making healthy snacks	Throw back Thursday Get grooving	Family Activity of your own choice	Families, Plant your garden day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Family Activity of your choice	Healthy snack making	Family craft day	Walk away Wednesday	Read a book with your family Thursday	Family Activity of your choice	Saving Saturday Learn to budget for the future
31						
Elder Teaching Day			All exercise activities are 15 minutes in time	Please refer to the next news letter for the following months		

January Birthday Greetings

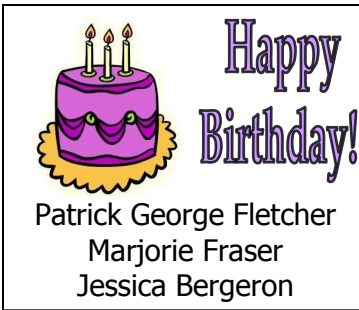
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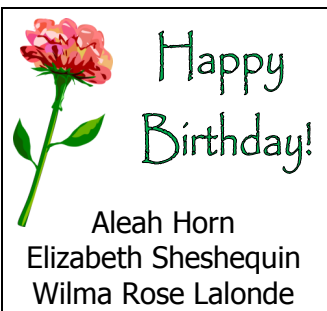
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JANUARY 11



JANUARY 14



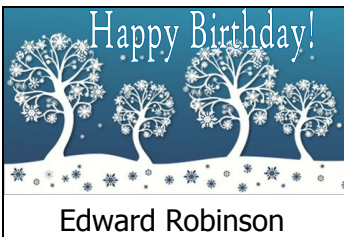
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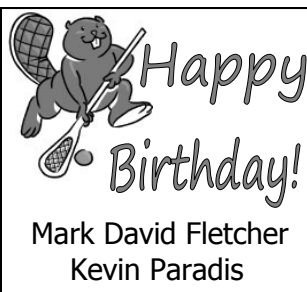
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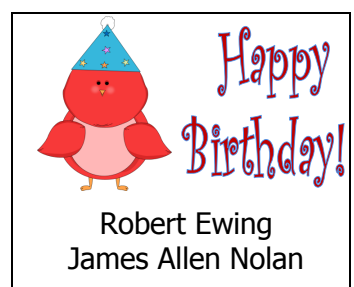
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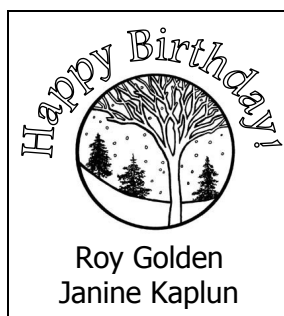
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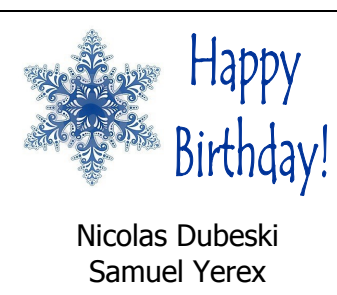
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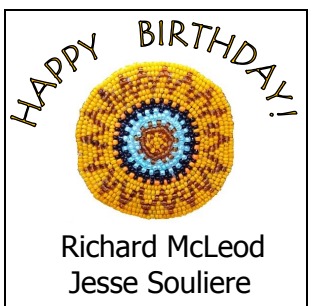
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Opportunities



**Ontario
Aboriginal**
Housing Services

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ASSISTED HOME OWNERSHIP & HOME REPAIR

PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you identify yourself as a First Nation, Metis or Inuit person, you are eligible to apply for program funding. If you would like more information, drop in between 6pm to 8pm for full details or to pick up an application.

Cochrane	Tuesday, January 13, 2015 Best Western – 189 Railway St., Cochrane
Timmins	Wednesday, January 14, 2015 Native Friendship Center - 179 Kirby Ave., Timmins
Midland	Tuesday, January 27, 2015 Georgian Bay Native Friendship Center - 175 Young St., Midland
Parry Sound	Wednesday, January 28, 2015 Parry Sound Friendship Center – 13 Bowes St., Parry Sound
North Bay	Tuesday, February 10, 2015 North Bay Indian Friendship Center – 980 Cassells Street, North Bay
Sudbury	Wednesday, February 11, 2015 N'Swakamok Friendship Center - 110 Elm Street, Sudbury
Sault Ste. Marie	Wednesday, February 25, 2015 OAHS Office - 499 Queen Street, Sault Ste. Marie

ASSISTED HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

A forgivable loan opportunity providing up to \$30,000 to assist individuals and families in the purchase of an Off-Reserve home in Ontario (outside of the GTA). Applicants should be low to moderate income, qualify for a mortgage and may not own real estate. Priority applicants include people escaping situations of violence and living in Social Housing.

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

A forgivable loan opportunity providing up to \$25,000 to assist low to moderate income homeowners to repair their Off-Reserve homes. Applicants are reviewed in order of receipt. Priority will be given to homes with emergency repair such as health and safety concerns, accessibility repairs, energy efficiency upgrades and those below the poverty level.

Opportunities



Nominate an Artist or Arts Leader for the Ontario Arts Council Aboriginal Arts Award!

January 13, 2015 – The [Ontario Arts Council](#) (OAC) invites you to nominate an Aboriginal artist or arts leader for the [Ontario Arts Council Aboriginal Arts Award](#).

The nomination deadline is Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

[About the Ontario Arts Council Aboriginal Arts Award](#)

- The annual award honours outstanding achievements and the distinguished career of an Aboriginal artist or arts leader in Ontario.

The winner receives a \$10,000 award and is invited to nominate an emerging Aboriginal artist who best exemplifies the next generation of Aboriginal leadership in the arts. The nominated emerging artist receives a \$2,500 award.

[Who is eligible for this award?](#)

- Ontario-based professional Aboriginal artists and arts leaders.

Nominees can work in all customary/traditional and/or contemporary art practices: craft, dance, integrated arts, literature, media arts, multidisciplinary arts, music, theatre or visual arts.

[Who can submit a nomination?](#)

- Nominations can be made by anyone, regardless of Nation or citizenship.
- Nominators can submit only one nomination at each deadline.

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

[Nominations will not be accepted from:](#)

- **members of the nominee's immediate family (spouse or equivalent, son or daughter, parent, sibling or member of the immediate household);**
- members of the nominee's organization's board of directors;
- or from the nominee's employer or employees.

[How to nominate a candidate](#)

[Download the award guidelines and nomination forms](#) for information about nominator and nominee eligibility criteria and the nomination process.

To have a paper copy mailed to you, contact us at 416-961-1660, 1-800-387-0058 (toll-free in Ontario) or info@arts.on.ca.

[For more information:](#)

Carolyn Gloude, Associate Awards Officer, 416-969-7423 or 1-800-387-0058 ext. 7423, cgloude@arts.on.ca

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 upfront 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



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

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

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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