

BEAR FAX

Paskiwa Peesim
2011



Missanabie Cree First Nation

www.missanabiecree.com

"The bones and spirits
of our ancestors
are there, in Missanabie."

-James Frederick Fletcher - "Uncle Fred"

(January 24, 1924 - June 25, 2011)

Events/Gatherings:

AFN 32nd Annual General Assembly

July 12-14, 2011 Moncton, NB
www.afn.ca/uploads/files/aga-2011.pdf

9th Annual CreeFest 2011

July 13-17, 2011 Moosonee, ON
CreeFest 2011 on facebook

Live Green Toronto Festival

July 16, 2011
<http://www.toronto.ca/greentorontofestival/>

National Cree Gathering

August 5-7, 2011 Fisher River FN, MB
<http://www.fisherriver.com/ngc2011/index.htm>

International Day of the World's Indigenous People

August 9, 2011
<http://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/>

XXX Keewaywin Conference

August 16-18, 2011 Nibinamik First Nation
<http://www.nan.on.ca/article/-694.asp>

Eco-cities World Summit

August 22-26, 2011 Montreal, QC
<http://www.ecocity2011.com>



MCFN ANNUAL GATHERING
AUGUST 13 - 20, 2011

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Message from the Chief

Boozhoo, All my Relations,

I hope everyone is well. Preparations for this year's Gathering are well under way; many have already registered. As mentioned in past editions of the Bear Fax, this year's Gathering's business agenda will focus on Community Visioning and strategic direction as well as the development of basic land use policies.

Four days certainly doesn't seem like enough time to dedicate to the work we need to do, however, it does provide for an excellent start. I hope those of you attending will participate in the working sessions in order to ensure your input into the development of our community's Vision and strategic direction as well as land use policies. Upon your arrival to the camp, we are planning to poll as many of you as possible to ensure your input into the development of our business agenda.

Mid week, on Wednesday, August 17, we are going to focus on celebration and commemoration. We will be celebrating our strength, courage, patience, perseverance and survival; as well as commemorating the signing of the Land Transfer Legal Agreement this past January, with a ceremonial signing of the agreement and the feasting of our accomplishments as a community. We have sent invitations out to government officials as well as many First Nations dignitaries and business associates to come and help us celebrate this significant time of our history.

We are still faced with challenges moving forward. The Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) as well as Chief Joe Buckell of Michipicoten First Nation continue to challenge the province on the transfer of lands to Missanabie Cree. The UOI is contending we are outside of Treaty #9 boundaries and are impacting the treaty rights of the Michipicoten First Nation. Chief Buckell has been so bold as to advise mining and mining exploration companies we have no treaty rights or interests within the region and are not required to consult us.

We understand our connections to Wabatongushi, Dog lake and the Big Missinaibi watersheds; to communities like Lochalsh and Missanabie and surrounding areas. We also understand the kinships with the many surrounding communities, Brunswick House, Chapleau Cree, White River, as well as Michipicoten, tied to each of these places by water and blood. We also acknowledge a shared interest in the region. We may not have treaty rights in the region, but I firmly believe we continue to hold our constitutionally protected aboriginal rights as we never negotiated to give up our interests within this region.

I don't believe the land transfer is threatened; however the province has been in contact with us suggesting we remove the set-aside status of lands which fall within the Robinson Superior treaty area. The province is suggesting lands within the Treaty #9 area are available, that they have had inter ministerial discussions and will provide us with some options in the next while.

The Multi-purpose Facility, Keekanaw is nearing completion. We are hopeful that we will be able to open the building during our day of celebrations. Once it is completed, I am proposing we relocate our administration as soon as possible, using the facilities at Island View camp over the winter if necessary to ensure the province and others understand that we are serious about our intention to reestablish our community within our traditional home lands.

I hope everyone has a safe journey up to Missanabie, and I look forward to seeing you there...

Kim Rainville,
Chief, Missanabie Cree First Nation

Sacred Items



When we carry sacred items we carry them for the people and they do not belong to us essentially but remain in our care until they are passed on and/or their work is complete. Eagle Feathers, Eagle Staffs, Prayer Pipes, Drums, Drum Sticks, Sweat Shakers, Medicine Rattles, Medicine Bundles, Eagle Whistles and any type of Sacred object are to be cared for like a living being; they are Manidoo (Spirit).

Feasts are put on for these items seasonal or annually to feed their spirit for the work they are doing for the people and for the person that is carrying them.

When we carry sacred items, we carry them with the understanding in our hearts that everything amongst Original Family (Creation) has a Manidoo (Spirit). The animals, birds, fish, plants, Grandfather and Grandmother Rocks, Grandmother Moon, Grandfather Sun, the Stars, acknowledging the elements (Air, Fire, Earth and Water). All of these very important things are always acknowledged when we pray with our Sacred Items and their connection to our Original Family.

When we start that Sacred Fire or begin that ceremony we pay respect to the Four Directions and those Sacred Items that help us in our lives. We call on those Sacred Items for guidance and

direction in our lives; guidance for the leadership in our communities. As people of earth we seek guidance from the Manidoo for balance.

It is important to be clear as to what these Sacred Items mean and their purpose for our people. They are to be respected, cared for, prayed with, talked to, feasted or fed, treated like the living beings they are.

When handling Sacred Items it is said that your body and mind must be clean; clean of any substances. Alcohol or drugs have no place around Sacred Items just as Alcohol or Drugs have no place around Ceremony.

At the Annual Missanabie Cree Gathering, we are in ceremony as soon as we post the Eagle Staff and light that Sacred Fire. We are calling the Manidoo to help us in our thinking and vision for the people. We are trying to move forward on this good path with a clear vision for the Missanabie Cree First Nation and the consumption or abuse of substances has no place in that ceremony.

We carry these traditions close to our hearts for the next seven generations and for the generations that have passed who gave up their lives to ensure we have this good way of life. These Sacred Items are here to help us on our life journey and we must ensure that they are taken care of.

(Edward Robinson, MCFN Councillor)

Messages from Council

Watchaye MCFN Family and Friends

I hope all of you and your families are well. It has been a very distressing time for many of us who have been coping with illness, injury and loss of our family members. It is times like these that remind us of how fragile life is and how important we are to one another. Regardless of the differences that we may have, we are family and we all need to love and support each other during these difficult times. My heart goes out to those who are hurting or healing and I ask that the Creator be with you.

As for office activities, we have been busy making preparations for our family Gathering which is quickly approaching. There is much to do and we have been dividing up the tasks in order to ensure we are ready. As there are only a handful of us in the office, we are all working hard to carry out the day to day band business while taking on the additional tasks required to make this year's Gathering a special event for all of us. As we get closer to the Gathering date, I ask that you please be patient and kind to those who are doing their best to accommodate our members' needs and if there is anything you can offer to assist please do not hesitate to "step up" to the plate and volunteer your services. Any assistance would be welcomed.

As part of the registration package that we will be distributing to members at the Gathering, we will be including an annual report of the activities of the past year. This information will reflect the progress that we have made on our treaty land entitlement claim, the land transfer and our economic and social development initiatives to date. It has been a whirlwind year, with many developments and challenges, much like every other year that has passed before us. As we continue to grow, this is only a natural part of the process of re-building our nation. We are a strong family, with determination and conviction. And it is these principles and values that have brought us to where we are today and will lead us to where we will be tomorrow.

I am proud of our people and the progress that we have made as a nation. I am honoured to have served the Missanabie Cree First Nation over the years as E.D.O, Band Councillor, President of the Development Corporation and as our Land Negotiations Coordinator and I value all that I have learned. I say "Chi miigwetch" to all of you. I love you all, and look forward to spending time with you at the Gathering. Safe travels everyone.

Jutta Horn

From the desk of:

MUSHKEGOWUK LAND USE PLANNER FOR MCFN

We have been busy for this month, attending the Gordon-Cosens Forestry Management plan in Hearst doing an assessment regarding the implications upon our traditional lands. Also, attended the Land Use Planning conference in Timmins addressing issues regarding our relationship to the regional First Nations in our inherent land designations. I continue to stay active within my designated portfolio and am looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Gathering.

I will be doing GIS work at the end of July in Timmins and I will also be doing some clearing at the Base of Manitou Mountain for ceremonies. This will be reported on in the next report. Just for some background though, Geo-

graphic Information Systems, or GIS, is a very useful and important tool in land use planning. It uses aerial photography to show land parcels, topography, physical features, and other pertinent information. GIS systems contain layers of graphic information and their relational databases that may be projected into maps that allow the user to view a composite of a specific area, adding an array of graphically-oriented decision making tools to the planning process.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact me at jgauthier@missanabiecree.com

Jason Gauthier

CULTURAL ASSISTANT

Hi, Everyone,

Another month has passed and we are staying busy here at the Circle of Creative Arts. We have been doing a lot of preparation for the Gathering such as making tobacco ties, medicine bags, and tobacco pouches. Our bi-weekly Elders' Tea is still very successful.

I would like to welcome Dayna as our summer student. Dayna will be starting her 3rd year at Algoma University as a Fine Arts major. With her schooling and her excep-

CULTURAL ASSISTANT

Hello, my name is Dayna Rainville. I am a third-year Algoma University student majoring in Fine Arts. I was hired on as the Cultural Assistant at the Circle of Creative Arts Centre, which is a 10 week contract that started June 18th. I have been assisting with the workshops that are held at the Centre and have also helped set up various art shows as well.

Before I got hired, I was an avid volunteer at the Centre, it was such a perfect place to be, and there was extra

GATHERING COORDINATOR

Wahchay!

We are now only a month away from our 19th Annual Gathering taking place August 13th- 19th 2011 in Missanabie. I am asking that you please:

- Send back your registration forms by August 5th 2011.
- If you are flying, you are asked to send in your registration forms no later than July 22nd 2011.
- Also when completing your registration form, fill in ALL the blanks including the Health Form, and date of arrival and departure.
- Also, please list any allergies you or persons that you will be arriving with may have.

It is very important you complete the registration forms as it gives us the information we may need in case of an emergency.

We will also be having a giveaway table at the Gathering. If you wish to participate, we ask that you bring an item, in order to receive one. These items may consist of an

tional aptitude for the arts, she is a great asset for us here at the Centre.

We haven't done a lot of workshop due to all the work we are doing for the Gathering, but we will be starting the workshops again soon. I will be posting on our Facebook group regarding upcoming workshops. Don't forget to join our Facebook group Circle of Creative Arts.

James Nolan

studio space for painting when I needed it. It is such a great environment to work in, and I am really enjoying working with James Nolan and Auntie Shirley. The three of us make a great team!

If you live in the area please stop by and tour the Circle of Creative Arts Centre. For all others you can visit Circle of Creative Arts on Facebook. We post all events that happen along with pictures.

Dayna Rainville

old piece of jewelry, or something of sentimental value. Anything you would like to pass on would be appreciated, as you will be receiving something as well. We have not had a Giveaway table in a long time, and would like to arrange for one this year.

There will be a variety of Missanabie Wear available for sale including T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, jackets, carrying bags, and other miscellaneous items. So don't forget your dollars if you wish to purchase these items.

We have a lot of activities planned and many tasks to carry out. Your cooperation and speedy registration would be appreciated as time is of the essence. Looking forward to seeing everyone, safe travels.

Chi-Miigwetch
Kayla Church

If you have any questions or concern, feel free to contact me at MCFN Band Office—(705)-254-2702 or by email: kchurch@missanabiecree.com

Also, I have taken the time to make a checklist to help you gather extra items you may not have already thought of. These items are listed on the following page 6.



MCFN Annual Gathering and Celebration

Camp Check list:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash Light | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing, Swim wear, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bug Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling Card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Bite | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Coils | <input type="checkbox"/> Own Pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Screen | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries, deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Money \$\$\$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Running Shoes, Sandals, and
extra pairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels, washcloths | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal medication | <input type="checkbox"/> Detergent for Laundry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Games, Cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Rods, tackle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | |

Additional Considerations:

For the Spirit Project, a picture of loved one who has passed on. A scanner will be available for one day, please check your agenda.

MCFN Group picture will be taken. Please check your agenda for the time.

Please remember to bring your ceremonial clothing to wear for the Signing Ceremony on Wednesday, August 17.

Be prepared to participate in the sessions on Community Visioning and strategic direction.

Community News and Notes

MCFN

**ANNUAL GATHERING
AUGUST 13 - 20, 2011
CERMONIAL SIGNING
OF THE LAND TRANSFER
AGREEMENT
AUGUST 17, 2011**



Congratulations to my Grandson Robert on his Grade 8 graduation. I was so very proud of him. It seems like he went from a baby overnight to a little man. Where has the time gone!



Love you, Robert.
Nanny June



I want to say how proud I am to be a Great Grandma to a Great Grandson, Rowan. Congratulations to the parents, my granddaughter Ashley and her partner Matt. I hope to see them soon. The proud Great-Grandma June

SPIRIT MEMBERS PROJECT

We are reminding community members to send in pictures and bios of their relatives who have passed on to the spirit world.

The photos will be hung in the new Multi-Purpose Facility, as part of the celebration of the signing of the Land Transfer Agreement.

A scanner will be available at the Gathering for one day only. So if you have a family member, and wish them to be included in this ongoing project, please bring a picture and a bio to the Gathering.

Miigwech, Shirley Horn



Happy 2nd Birthday, Lillian
July 12, 2011
From
Grandma & Grandpa Ouellet
Uncle Kyle & Auntie Kasia

REPOSTING!

The MCFN Chief and Council invite applications to the Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC).

The Governance Coordinating Committee will oversee the development of governance components of the Missanabie First Cree Nation. The work of the Committee gives support to the Chief and Council and ensures the involvement of the membership.

Responsibilities:

- To commit to attending 3 meetings in Sault Ste. Marie, and 6 teleconferences over the fiscal year 2011/12.
- To review and develop codes for the governance of MCFN.
- To prepare a work plan, budget, governance information and reports for the use of the Missanabie First Nation.
- To develop a consultation and communications strategy to ensure informed decision-making capacity of the membership.

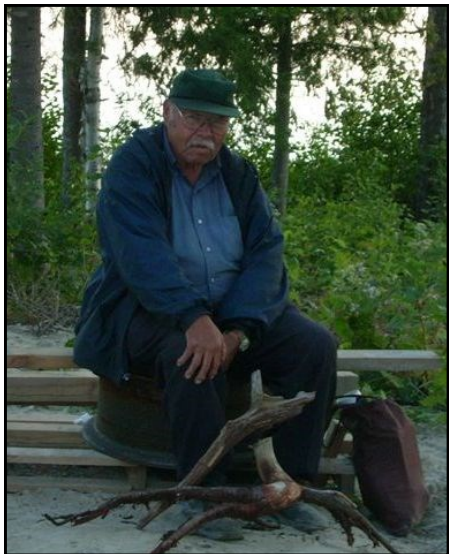
Please send your resume and letter of intent by July 30 to:

Lori Rainville, Band Administrator
174B Hwy 17 East
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

By Fax: 705-254-3292

By Email: lrainville@missanabiecree.com

IN MEMORY OF UNCLE FRED FLETCHER



**At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.**

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion are requested to assemble at Northwood Funeral Home on Thursday June 30th at 11 am.

James Frederick "Sonny" "Jim" Fletcher

Peacefully at the Finnish Rest Home on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the age of 87 years. Son of the late Dinah Sheshequin and Gilbert Fletcher. Brother of John (Hazel), Stanley (Mavor), Fran Luther, Shirley Horn, Jackie Fletcher, June Markie, William and predeceased by Florence Nolan (late Alphonse), Alice Souliere and Arnold (Pat). Uncle Fred will be fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, friends and acquaintances throughout Sault Ste. Marie.

Known to many Saulites as "the man who pushed his bicycle all over town." James attended Shingwauk Residential School (Algoma University) as well as Sault Technical School. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. James was a constant source of information and local historian. James was an outstanding Elder of the Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Friends may visit at Northwood Funeral Home Cremation & Reception Centre (942 Great Northern Road 705-945-7758) on Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. Funeral service in the Chapel on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 11 a.m. Feast to follow at 648 Queen Street East at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the James Fletcher Bursary Fund (Payable to Paytahpun Fund Raising Group) would be appreciated by the family. www.northwoodfuneral.com

FRED

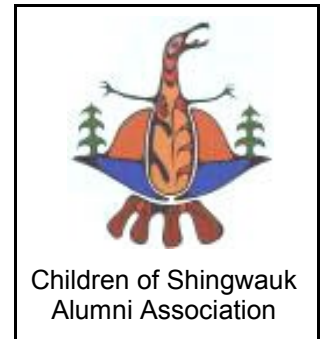
He is gone, but not far
His spirit lives on in his people's hearts.
He is content. For he knows that the land is won,
And soon, at the Gathering's day of truth, that seal will be honoured.
The grandmothers and fathers, they will be with him.
He as they will smile amongst his beloved people
Who stand united, the sacred drum's beat celebrating
This time of the Nation's return home.
In the swirling dust of Missanabie's soil, we will see Fred dancing a jig,
His harmonica quickening to the smoke of his breath.
Then as happy tears fall down his cheeks,
He will sigh his fond farewell and wave to say:
"Waaciye, Gizaagi."
And we will watch him as we always have
Walk his bike up into the trail of the stars
Ah, what a great man you are, Fred
We will miss you.
And you will think this funny, we know
Value Village will miss you too.

-By Stephen Hawkins



This year, the Echoes Drum Festival was held in conjunction with the Residential School Survivors Gathering at Algoma University. The Gathering was hosted by the Children of Shingwauk Alumni and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

A special dance was created to mark this partnership. The Serpent Dance - Butterfly Dance tells the story of the residential school era, a dark period in our history as First Nations peoples, The mythical creature, the Mishu Pizheu, has a black skin and represents *“this hard time in our history as residential school survivors. The colourful skin underneath represents that we have gone past that, that we’ve been liberated to come out of that. The butterflies represent the younger generations to come.”* (Jackie Fletcher)



The Serpent Dance represents the era of residential schools.



Matthew Wesley from Kashechewan First Nation created the Serpent.



The Healing Lodge Singers provided the song for both dances.



The presentation ends with the Butterfly Dance

NOTICE TO MCFN MEMBERSHIP



SHORT TERM POLICY MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS AT ISLAND VIEW CAMP

Cabin Rentals to Membership

Cabins, RV Parking Lots, and Bunkies at Island View Camp are available to the MCFN membership at discounted rates. The following conditions apply:

- A discount rate of 25% is applicable for each member.
- Discount applies to only one lot or cabin per member/ members may not book multiple cabins at the discounted rate.
- A **DEPOSIT** of 25% of the total is required at the time of booking.
- Two (2) weeks advance notice is required for the booking, and is dependent on availability.
- The discounted rate may be applied up to a maximum of two (2) weeks per member per year.
- The full rate applies after the two week discount period.
- Cabins and lots may be rented for pro-rated stays of less than a week. The same conditions apply.
- The 25% discount is offered with the understanding that members will undertake some of the housekeeping duties for the cabin.
- Housekeeping Duties List will be developed and provided to each member accessing the discounted rate.

Boat/Motor Rentals:

- A 25% discount on rentals is offered to membership.
- Members must pay for their own gas.
- For safety reasons, we encourage all members to obtain a **BOAT LICENSE**. Members may apply online at www.boatsmartexam.com.
- Members must bring personal flotation devices for their children.



(Approved by the Board of the MCFN Community Development Corporation, July 7, 2011.)

AUGUST 30th is ELECTION DAY

MUSHKEGOWUK ELECTIONS
for the Office of
Grand Chief
Deputy Grand Chief
(4 year term)

CAST YOUR VOTE

POLLING STATIONS:

Parish Hall, Attawapiskat First Nation
Arena Lobby, Kashechewan First Nation
Community Hall, Fort Albany First Nation
Lobby, Moose Cree Complex, Moose Cree First Nation
Foyer, Northern College, Town of Moosonee
Community Complex Hall, Taykwa Tagamou Nation
Boardroom, Chapleau Cree First Nation Band Office
C.O.C.A. Centre, 648 Queen's Street East, S.S.M., M.C.F.N.
Boardroom, Niska Career Academy, Cochrane
Boardroom, Muskegowuk Council, 36 Birch Street, Timmins
Resource Room, K.I..F.C., 41 Murdock Street, Kapuskasing



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Posted June 15, 2011

MCFN Events Calendar

		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
J U L Y 2 0 1 1		 Paskiwa Peesim Egg Hatching Moon		All events are subject to change. Please check our Facebook page - Circle of Creative Arts for updates.			1 Canada Day 	2
		3	4	5	6 Elders' Tea 1:30-3:30 pm Circle Arts Centre	7	8	9
		10	11	12	13 Craft Class 1:00-4:00 pm Circle Arts Centre	14 HBHC Social 1:00-3:00pm Circle Arts Centre	15 Art in the Park Preview Circle Arts Centre	16
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		24/31	25	26	27 Craft Class 1:00-4:00 pm Circle Arts Centre	28 HBHC Social 1:00-3:00pm Circle Arts Centre	29	30
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July Birthday Greetings

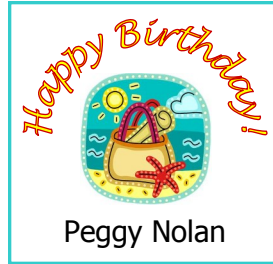
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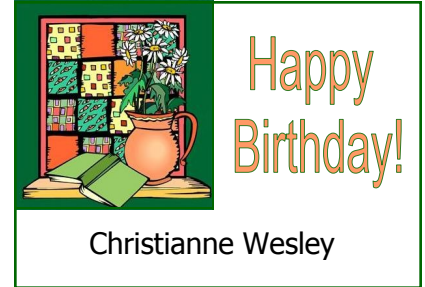
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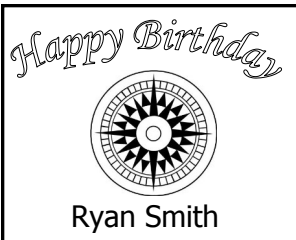
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JULY 7



JULY 8



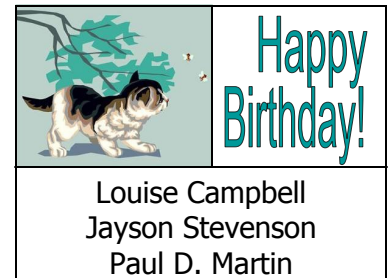
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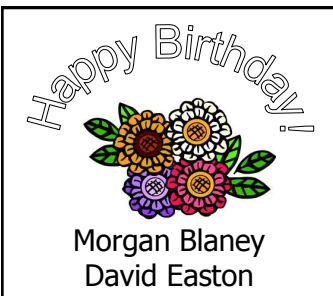
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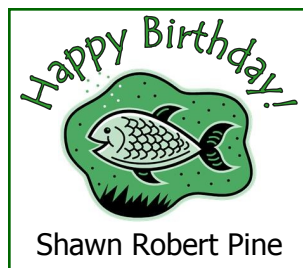
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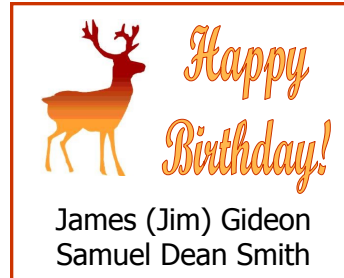
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JULY 20



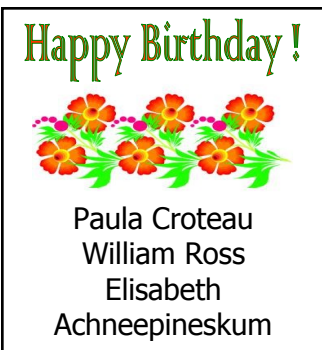
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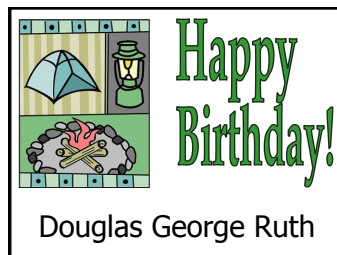
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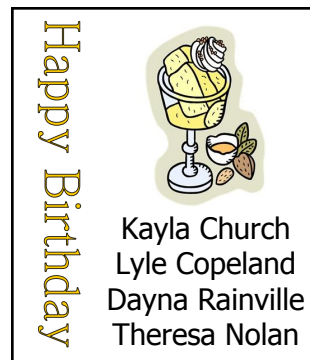
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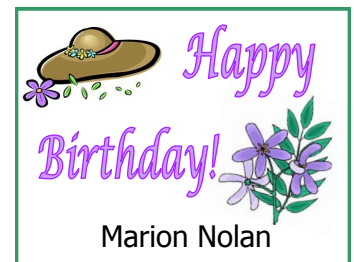
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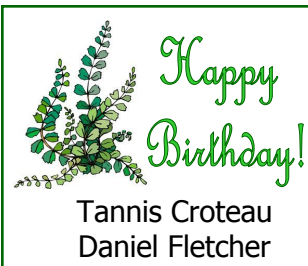
JULY 26



JULY 28




JULY 29



JULY 30



*Happy Birthday wishes
to my sweet granddaughter,
Morgan.
Love Nanny Fletcher.*



Happy Birthday, Scott
July 21, 2011
Happy Birthday, Ashley
July 22, 2011
- Auntie Margaret
& Uncle Ted O.



August Birthday Greetings

AUGUST 2

Happy Birthday!

Jason Shelswell
Juliana Wesley

AUGUST 3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Caroline Legacy

AUGUST 6

Happy Birthday!

Norma Lacroix

AUGUST 7

Happy Birthday!

Iris Jeffries

AUGUST 8

Happy Birthday!!

Jeffrey Fletcher
Carol Jeffries

AUGUST 9

Happy Birthday!

Rebecca Johnson

AUGUST 10

Happy Birthday!

Deborah Clement
Neil Golden
Kathryn Jeremiah
Kim Rainville

AUGUST 12

Happy Birthday!

Melissa Boileau
William Louttit
Alysia Souliere
Sage McLeod

AUGUST 13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Deborah Ewing

AUGUST 14

Happy Birthday!

Leo Bergeron

AUGUST 15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Raymond Kooses

AUGUST 17

Happy Birthday!

Audrey Bateson

AUGUST 18

Happy Birthday!

John McLeod

AUGUST 19

Happy Birthday!

Margaret Bergeron

AUGUST 23

Happy Birthday!

Jordan Fletcher

AUGUST 24

Happy Birthday!

Gregory Fletcher
Lesley Gagnon

AUGUST 25

Happy Birthday!

Craig Pelletier
Daniel Rocheleau

AUGUST 26

Happy Birthday!

Mary Ann Ross

AUGUST 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jordin Fletcher
Bradley MacDonald
Marie Nolan

AUGUST 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sherri-Lynn Astle
John Nemeth

AUGUST 31

Happy Birthday!

Daniel Nolan

MCFN Membership

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If your name appears on the Birthday Greetings page incorrectly, please contact Ted Ouellet.

The following is a list of band members for whom we do not have a current mailing address:

Dorothy Bain (Bignucolo)	Craig W. Pelletier
Lyle Copeland	Natalie Pelletier
Jason Fletcher	Daniel Rocheleau
Steven D'arcy Fletcher	Iana Ruth
Kaleb Jeffries	Jayson Ruth
William Jeffries	Theresa Ruth
Jeremy MacDonald	Victoria May St. Amand (Fletcher)
Allan McDonald	Catherine Wesley
Michael McDonald	Juliana Holly Wesley
Richard Donald McLeod	Michael Wesley
Cynthia Nemeth	

Our **MISSING ADDRESS LIST** fluctuates as members move around and do not send in their new address. When a monthly newsletter is returned by the Post Office, the member's name will be deleted from the mailing list, until I/we receive their new address.

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 at the address noted above.

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.

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Indian 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.

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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	
POSTAL CODE	
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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