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by Samantha Boyer**

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to You
and Your Family*

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Christmas wishes from Chief Doug Daybutch

Christmas Holiday Hours for Missis- sauga First Nation Health Centre

**Office will be closed
Friday, December 19,
2008 @ 4:00pm**

**Office will re-open
Monday, January 5,
2008 @ 9:00am**

Anyone who needs to see a Health Care Professional during this time can redirect themselves to the Blind River District Health Centre.

**Have a Safe & Happy
Holiday**



2008 has been a trying year for all concerned at Mississauga #8 First Nation. It brings me back to the times before the Northern Boundary settlement, where we were inundated with angry protests on the outside to stop fighting for our rights and interests, we worried for the safety of our children.

But, we were also concerned about their future. Settling for less in terms of tangible things, like the trust and the lands we received would have been a mistake. While I am disappointed that the land is still not under our complete control, I am optimistic that we can prioritize the complete implementation of the settlement agreement and get those lands within our complete jurisdiction.

In 2008, the most challenging experience our community had faced is hopefully behind us. We can again look at our neighbours with the forgiveness and understanding that is expected in this holiday season and look to 2009 to start anew. Ultimately, everyone is needed. Everyone that is part of this community is here to be part of this community, we all share a common enemy – lack of opportunities for our youth and challenging economic times ahead.

I want to revision our land claim agreement for the future. Our trust was set up to invest in ourselves, the opportunities that we may find or the challenges that we collectively think we can overcome.

We need to focus our collective efforts as Mississauga #8 on making this the community that was drawn by our Elders and leaders in 1995 after the settlement agreement was signed – we focused on our children, youth and families.

Safe travels and enjoy the most important thing we have in this life, each other. Meegwetch!

Smoke Signal Editorial

Mason Dixon Line opens for Chrystal Shawanda

by Clifford Niganobe

The Mason Dixon Line band was formed during the early 1980's by Roger Daybutch who at the time was working in North Bay, Ontario. Throughout the past 28 years, this versatile group has performed in a variety of venues ranging from small clubs to opening for such acts as: John Anderson, The Kendalls, Earl Thomas Conley, Michelle Wright, Johnny Rodriguez, Tom T. Hall and was the backup band for Crystal Lynn Shawanda. The roots of their music range from traditional country standards, bluegrass, southern rock and 50's and 60's rock and roll. Their showmanship of talent and humour has satisfied crowds both young and old throughout Canada and the United States.

Within this past year, the band has recorded their first C.D. and is currently working on a music video which we hope will capture a more personal view of their talents.

The Mason Dixon Line currently hosts an annual Aboriginal Music Festival in Mississauga First Nation. During August's festival, Georgina Toulouse, who volunteered at the festival and who is one of the best fundraisers in the business suggested that Roger and his band host a Christmas Gala at Kewadin Casino. Roger was apprehensive at first but when Georgina told him that she could get Chrystal Shawanda as the opening act and could use her talents as a fundraiser he quickly got on board. They will be hosting a concert at Kewadin Casino in the Dreammakers theatre on Saturday December 20, 2008

Don't miss the raffle draws that will be taking place at the concert – 2 guitars, one will be signed by Chrystal and the other by Roger and his band. Roger's sister Jean and businesses in both Mississauga First Nation and Manitoulin Island donated the items to be raffled off at the concert.



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Band Office Staff



Happy Holidays to you and your families and all the Anishinaabe in Indian Country and our relatives elsewhere!



Secure Status Card Initiative

The United States introduced the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) to increase border security in response to terrorist attacks in the U.S. on September 11, 2001. In May 2007 Indigenous, Canadian and U.S. representatives met at the International Indigenous Cross Border Security Summit (Akwasasne) to discuss border crossing rights related to culture and identity. The current Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Status Card has been recognized as an approved identification document, until June 1, 2009, for land-sea travel between Canada and the US. A new INAC secure certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) card, to be introduced in 2009, has been designed to meet Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) travel document requirements. The United States Department of Homeland Security has been given ``conditional`` acceptance to INAC's SCIS card, and the implementation date for WHTI travel documents is June 1, 2009

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Notice to Community

All Band Office Operations will be closed beginning December 22nd 2008 to January 2nd 2009.

Band Office Operations will re-commence on January 5th at 9:00am

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Have a Safe and Happy Holidays



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Canadian Wrestling Federation Puts on a Great Show at the Mississauga FN Sports Complex by Clifford Niganobe

Eight wrestlers from the Canadian Wrestling Federation, owned by Ernie Todd, put on a show filled evening of action and comedy. The Federation is 100% native owned. The CWF promotes an alcohol and drug free lifestyle. There was close to 150 people in attendance at the wrestling event. People were even bused in from other communities such as Elliot Lake, Serpent River and all along the North Shore.

It was a non-profit event to promote the Sports Complex and Addictions Awareness week being held the week of November 17th – 21st. Moose FM made the announcement over the radio free of charge as their contribution to the event. Other sponsors included the Misswezahging Development Corporation, Woodland Studios...

Chris Thorn was the main highlight of the wrestling event held at the Mississauga First Nation sports complex on Ball Park Road. Mr. Thorn gave a 20 minute testimonial of his life struggles to get where he is today. This was the 2nd time that the event was held here. The last wrestling event was held back in 2003.

*Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season
from Mississauga DayCare Staff and Children
See you, January 5, 2009*



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Seasons Greetings from the RED PINE LODGE and ELDERS



Health and Social Services Staff
Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind.
To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy,
is to have the real spirit of Christmas.



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*Mississauga Women`s Shelter
May the Spirit of the Holiday Season bring you warm memories
from our home to yours*



Mississauga F.N. Health Fair 2008

by Samantha Boyer

On a beautiful and sunny morning November 18th the Mississauga First Nation Health and Social Services held their annual Health Fair at the Sports Complex. The festivities started at 10 in the morning, and ended around 3 in the afternoon. There were many booths (community programs & businesses) present - some presented information on the services within our community (i.e. - Kids for Life Centre, Red Pine Lodge, Mississauga Women's Shelter, etc.), and as well as other outside service providers (i.e. - Nog-Da-Win-Da-Min, the Blind River Treatment Centre, Health Canada, etc.). Many questions were asked to the people in the participating booths, and they gave away FREE mementos with their business logos on them.

Many programs and businesses were highlighted during this fair, and there were also many people who gathered to get re-acquainted with these businesses and programs. There was a Chili and Scone lunch (with an extra Scone Dog on the side) courtesy of the Brother Bear/Sister Bear Club (they were fundraising for their upcoming future activities). Not to mention there was a Poker Walk in the afternoon after it warmed up (a little) outside. The Poker Walk winner was Sherri Requette and Carmel Boyer won the skunk hand. The hole in one was won by Pattie Sue Daybutch.

Every participating business/program also held separate door prize draws for participants. The Health & Social Services table was also collecting names for a door prize which were:

- 1st Place – Handmade Quilt ~ Marie (Tootsie) Corbiere
- 2nd Place - \$100.00 Canadian Tire Gift Certificate ~ Paul Taillifer
- 3rd Place - \$50.00 Valu-Mart Gift Certificate ~ Elaine Johnson.

And of course.... a Health Fair isn't a Health Fair without something health-related – they also offered FREE flu shots on-site given by the Nurse Practitioner (Lori Russon) for all the ones still contemplating on whether to get it or not. They also offered free Blood Sugar tests administered by Perry-Joe Boyer as well.

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