



Smoke Signal



MISSISSAUGA FN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FEAST 2015

By: Clifford Niganobe

On Thursday, December 3rd, Mississauga held it's yearly Community Christmas feast beginning at 5pm at the Sports Complex. A lot of great food was served by the Health and Social Services Department, Chief and Council as well as the Blind River Beavers hockey team. There were a lot of community members at the feast to enjoy this delicious meal!



The feast included ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, turnips, carrots, and coleslaw. For dessert cake was served along with an assortment of beverages such as coffee, tea, water

and juices.

You could feel the spirit of Christmas in the air with Christmas music playing in the background and everyone enjoying themselves.

After the meal, the afterschool



program got up on stage and sang a song for the audience. The song they sang was "Up On A House Top". They sang the song effortlessly and the audience enjoyed it as they clapped in appreciation.



Band Office will be closed from December 18th, 2015 to January 4th, 2016

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM DAYCARE AND STAFF

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM THE SMOKE SIGNAL EDITORIAL BOARD

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DAYCARE GARAGE FIRE ASSESSMENT CAUSED BY VANDALISM**Submitted by: Ken Mcleod (Public Works)**

88	D 4.5 siding—beige	703.12
12	Siding J-Trim—beige	101.88
4	Siding o/s corners—beige	71.96
1	Siding Drip cap—beige	8.49
1	Typar house wrap	119.99
1	36" Man Door—6 pnl white	159.99
1	9x7 Garage door	849.99
14	Soffit-White Gentek	307.86
12	Soffit J-channel	17.88
12	Facia 6" ribbed—Brown	119.88
6	Primer—Bin Zinzer (kills Char Smell)	535.92
1	Electrical wiring (installed)	500.00
	Total:	\$ 3550.96
	Total Estimated Labour	\$ 3000.00

**Notes:**

- **Upon inspection the structure is sound. The damage to the building is mainly smoke interior and melted siding. Both doors are damaged due to Fire department entry.**
- **It was suggested by Steamatic Northshore to pressure wash the interior of the garage then cover the charred material with BIN primer (covers smell)**
- **The Riding lawn mower may be repairable- will need 2 tires and seat recovered. (need further inspection)**
- **The garden tiller is in working condition.**



Ontario Provincial Police
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l'Ontario

News Release/ Communiqué

FROM/DE: East Algoma Detachment

DATE: November 10, 2015

POLICE SEEK ASSISTANCE WITH SUSPICIOUS FIRE INVESTIGATION (MISSISSAUGA FIRST NATION, ON) –Mississauga First Nation Police Service with the assistance of East Algoma Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Mississauga First Nation Fire Department are investigating a suspicious fire that occurred at an address on Ella Drive at approximately 5:00a.m.on November 1,2015.

Investigation revealed that the detached garage was set on fire by unknown person(s). No injuries were reported and the damage is estimated to be approximately \$15f00.

Police received information that there was a social event in the community on the evening of October 31, 2015.It is possible that people attending the event may have noticed suspicious activities or person(s) in the area of Ella Drive in the hours leading up to the fire. The investigation is continuing and anyone with information is asked to please contact the Mississauga First Nation Police Service, OPP or Crime Stoppers.

Any person with information regarding the person(s) responsible for this fire should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at www.tipsubmit.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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Contact: Bev Gauthier Constable
Media Relations Officer

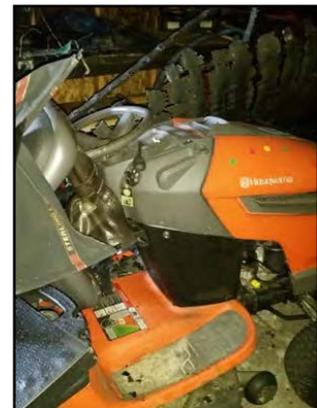
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- All other items (Toys) will be considered lost due to smoke damage.



Letter of Introduction: Laura Mayer Chi-Naaknigewin Manager

Bozhoo Misswezahging

I would like to start off by thanking Mississauga for extending me this opportunity and for welcoming me back to the community.

As many of you know, my mother is Debbie Mayer and my father is the late Doug Mayer. My grandparents are Peggy and the late Peter Besiallon. My younger brother Michael and I grew up in Blind River, and I went away to university when I was 18. I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Gender Equality & Social Justice at Nipissing University in 2011. This where I met my now husband, Bryan Bellefeuille. After Nipissing, I went to Osgoode Hall Law School at York University for my law degree (Juris Doctor). In the middle of all of that our son Leland choose us to be his parents in the spring of 2013. We moved back to North Bay and I commuted to Toronto for my final two years of university, finally graduating this June 2015. Bryan finished his Bachelor of Arts in Math and then a Bachelor of Education that he recently completed; he is currently working as a Gladue writer for Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto in North Bay.

As Chi-Naaknigewin Manager, my job is to organize, coordinate and support Mississauga First Nation constitutional implementation. A constitution is the fundamental law of a nation, which in our case was ratified March 9, 2015. Among other things, a constitution creates, empowers and regulates government; it sets out the basic principles government must confirm to and the rights of the citizens of the nation in the context of establishing the extent and manner of the exercise of sovereign powers.

This ties into my research that I conducted at school, which was concerned with Anishinaabe legal theory. In fact, this last semester of law school I spent in the Chippewas of Rama First Nation outlining the legal aspects of custom band election codes, matrimonial real property laws and research on establishing an appeals tribunal. Beyond the procedural aspects, I have also considered how communities may incorporate Anishinaabe legal theory into all law making endeavors—researching traditional teachings, cultural resources and historical documents. My family has been working on our Anishinabemowin language skills, which I consider critical to the understanding of Anishinaabe Naakingewin.

I look forward to working hard for this endeavor and to introducing the new members of my family to our community. I am available to the community to discuss any ideas, questions or concerns. Please give me a call at the Band Office or send me an email at laura.mayer@mississauga.com.

You aren't wealthy until you have something money can't buy.
Garth Brooks

As the soil, however rich it may be, cannot be productive without cultivation, so the mind without culture can never produce fruit..
Seneca



Niigaaniin Update

Before you apply for any (on or off rez) job, find out the process involved. Do you apply; in person, mail, fax, email or telephone? Do you need a cover letter? Does your resume NEED to include references? Failure to do may result in your application being screened out of the interview process! To avoid disappointment, read posting *carefully* so that you do follow the process. For more information on job summary posting, please call Sandra at 705-356-1621 ext. 2351 or stop in the Niigaaniin office. For resume, cover letter and interview prep, please call extension 2237 or visit Niigaaniin to see Robert our Employment Counsellor.

Lately, I have come across two valuable resource persons “Darcy and Myril Lynn Brason-Lediatt”, who provide me with valuable information regarding our First Nation. Whatever information they provide, It will be published in our newsletter for all to see. Here is an example of what was reported in 1906 about our First Nation: Transcribed from The Sault Star Thursday, December 10, 1908—The Indian Reserves REPORTS OF THOSE IN ALGOMA DISTRICT—(SOME VERY INTERESTING FACTS ARE GIVEN)----- By Indian Agents Nichols and Hagen The Populations Seems Stationery

Mississagi River Band

Reserve. – This reserve is situated on the east side of the Mississagi river and west of the Penewabkong river, and comprises an area of about 3,000 acres.

Population. – there are 123 of this band on this reserve; some are at Biscotasing.

Health and Sanitation. – The health of this band has been fairly good during the year; no epidemics of any kind were reported.

Occupations. – They work in sawmills and at loading vessels during the summer, and in the lumber woods in winter.

Buildings. – Their buildings are fairly good and clean.

Stock. – Their stock is not much good.

Farm Implements.– They have a few hoes and rakes.

Education. – They have a good school house on the reserve, and a good teacher. They are taking more interest in education than they formally did.

Characteristics and Progress. – These Indians are fairly moral. Some of them are fond of whisky, but the majority of them are temperate and law-abiding.



Santa Visits the Children of the Mississauga First Nation

By: Clifford Niganobe

On Sunday, December 6, Santa paid his yearly visit to the children of the Mississauga First Nation. There was a lot of fun and excitement for the children before Santa's arrival. Even I remember these days when I was very young and Santa came to visit us as children. It was exciting times, even back then, to see Santa arrive for a visit before Christmas day. It was as noisy back then as it is today. The excitement of getting a candy and gift. I remember sitting on his knee and telling him what I wanted for Christmas, and he always asked if I was a good boy? I told him I was and then would I received my gift from him. I opened it and began playing with my new toy grader I received. What fun that was!

The event started off with a breakfast for all in attendance. Scrambled eggs, sausage, fruits, muffins, and a variety of fruit juices, water, coffee, and tea for all to enjoy.

After breakfast was served, they began the activities. The activities planned for the event were cookie decoration, build a bear workshop and Christmas crafts. Everyone enjoyed the activities that were planned for the event. The children as well as their parents were totally focused on the activities and enjoyed making the crafts, and I think the parents enjoyed them even more. As I was filming the events, I noticed that during the cookie decorating event, some of the children were eating the decorations and putting what was left on their cookies. They were having so much fun!

Santa finally arrived to the delight of all the children. They told Santa what they wanted for Christmas, and that they were good little boys and girls. It was the very young children that were afraid of him, and a few of them even cried at this new experience of sitting on a white bearded man's lap for the first time. All in all, everything went smoothly. They all received a candy cane along with a gift from Santa. A lot of them opened their gifts right away so that they could play with them.

Photographs were taken by Erin Chiblow and myself, also I used the video recorder to record the children with Santa along with the other events. The photos and video will be stored at the library. I will convert the video to dvd format so copies can be burnt onto dvd discs at your request. A big thank you goes out to The Parent Resource Co-coordinator, Amber Niganobe and her many volunteers who helped with the event.



The stage is set and ready for Santa's arrival for the children.



Two young girls receiving their gifts

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

INDIAN ADVANCES MISSISSAGUE POST OUTFIT 1898

Below is a list of Mississauga members and their transactions with the Hudson Bay Company 1898.

Advances	Hunts	Balances	Dr.	Cr.
Negonahbure	26.25	26.25		
Matooshess	66.50	66.50		
Kitchaniahnabe	124.00	124.00		
Wobananing	86.90	86.90		
Occriosh	15.85	15.85		
Paul Boyer	34.00	34.00		
Magwinabe	135.50	135.50		
Sahgutchewaykejuk	133.50	133.50		#50
Sahsahbuts	65.00	65.00		
Winnabagesse	3.50	3.50		
Shabodonee	58.25	58.25		
Kotabashie	49.25	49.25		
Mayowosaga	17.50	17.50		
Pegemasas Son	28.25	28.25		
Wegomosaga	10.00	10.00		
Schahbrick's Son	67.50	67.50		
Keeshaygweewen	62.50	62.50		
Patenamanding	22.00	22.00		
Shabodoes widow		.05		#50
Joe White Eye	19.00	19.00		
	\$1,025.05	\$1,026.05		\$1.00

To view more information about the Trust, visit us at <http://www.mississaugi.com/trust> or you can also visit our Face book page Smoke Signal and the official Mississauga Trust Facebook page.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR
FROM CHIEF AND
COUNCIL

You may be eligible for assistance through the **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION STREAM**



EDUCATION—Books up to \$250 per year

Equipment up to \$250/year

Tuition up to \$500/year

HEALTH

Items not covered through NIHB or Private insurance such as: Prescriptions, Braces, eyeglasses, Medical Devices (prescribed by a health professional)

SMALL BUSINESS Start-up, Capital Expense, Expansion & Summer Student Business Venture.

If you would like more information regarding any of the above, please call Claudette Boyer at the Mississauga Trust Office at 705-356-1621 ex. 2206 or 1-877-356-1621

"We did not think of the great open plains, the beautiful rolling hills, and winding streams with tangled growth, as 'wild.' Only to the white man was nature a 'wilderness' and only to him was the land 'infested with 'wild' animals and 'savage people'. To us it was tame. Earth was bountiful and we were surrounded with the blessings of the Great Mystery. Not until the hairy man from the east came with brutal frenzy heaped injustices upon us and the families we loved was it 'wild' for us. When the very animals of the forest began fleeing from his approach, then it was that for us the 'Wild West' began" (Lame Deer 1994:xxvii).

Literacy Program—Making Applique Bags

By: Clifford Niganobe

Two new workshops in the Literacy program began this Fall. They were “Basic Vehicle Maintenance” and “Sewing Class—”Applique bags.”

The instructor for the Basic Vehicle maintenance was Don Blondeau—engineer instructor and it was very informative and everyone enjoyed themselves. The participants learned to change fuses, air filter, the oil, tires, wiper blades, and to disconnect and reconnect the battery. They also learned the warning signals and their meanings when they light up on the dashboard. They were also taught to tell if you have a faulty battery, alternator, check the fluids such as brake, oil, transmission, antifreeze and washer fluid. They also learned to check tire wear and brake wear.



Barbara Manitowabi is the instructor for the sewing class and it runs from November 23rd to December 16. The class has 10 participants learning how to make applique bags. Applique bag is a bag with designs on the front of it (see photos below) and it can be made from various materials such, canvas, felt, and satins for the designs. You have to be present to explore how it is really done.



Instructor Barbara Manitowabi instructing two participants.

We would like to thank Niigaaniin for providing the extra sewing machines for our program.



Samples of more applique bags



Dianne working hard at her project.



“Drum bag—our spiritual items carry only as much reverence or importance as we give them. Feasting our drums, protecting her, keeping her warm and safe, essentially we are honouring her spirit in this way. Each and every drum is special to that family. It may be their clan or dodem but every drum is unique to that person. It may seem like simple crafts and sewing but intention is everything when dealing with our spiritual items.”

Barbara Manitowabi (I am located on facebook or barbarasfire@yahoo.ca for custom orders.)



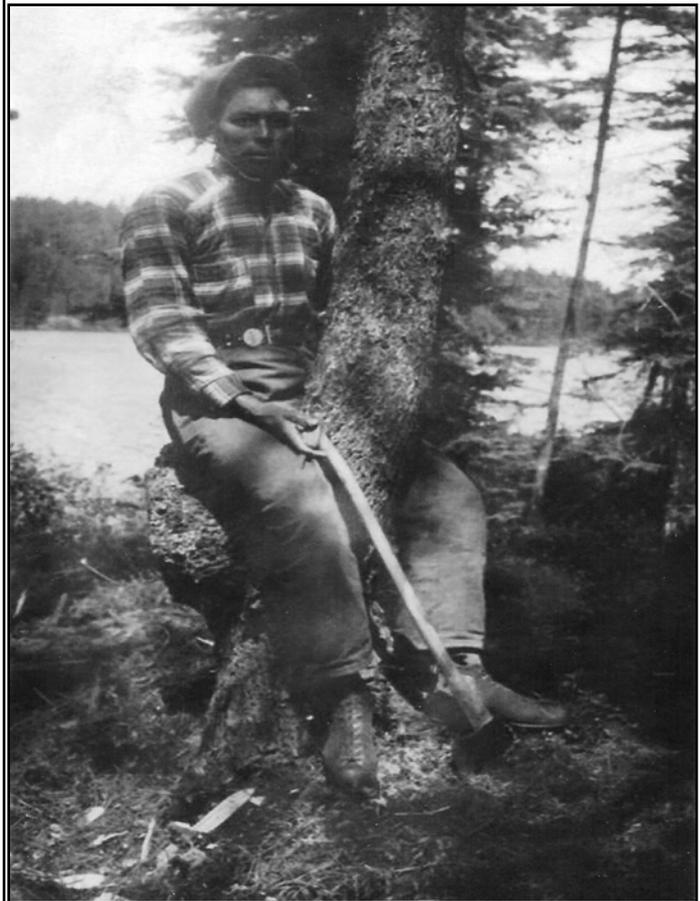
The Library asks for your help in identifying the people in the above photo. We are in the process of identifying our old wooden framed photos. In this set of framed photos we have already identified the people in some of them and they are hanging on the wall next to the entrance at the Library.

The Enjikaandaasang and the Library are two of the programs that collect these old photographs. Some families and departments within the Band Office have donated their old photographs to the library. They will all eventually be digitized and stored in our database here at the Library.

Names would make it easier to bring up the photos with the identities attached to them and to know what family they are from. If you can identify these people in the photographs above and to the right, it would be greatly appreciated.

All old photographs are touched up with our photo editing software we have at the library. They are given a number and categorized into the data base and are used as resources for all community members both on and off the our First Nation.

***You can contact the library at
705-356-3197 ex. 2205
or email mfnllibrary@mississaugi.com.***



Can you identify this Person? Contact information is to the left.

Miigwetch

Genealogy Trivia:

If you figure there's 25 years between each generation, 500 years ago there were 1,048,576 people involved in creating You! YOU are special!

Teach Me Genealogy - Genealogists Quotes

Nuclear Waste Management

Organization Update

By: Dana Boyer

On December 7th, the Lands and Resources Department and Committee held a Christmas dinner, as well as, a discussion and vote on accessing funds from the NWMO. The dinner was catered by Joan Much and the roast beef meal was enjoyed by the 44 people in attendance (not including staff).

After supper, there was a short introduction given by Alesia Boyer to refresh our memories on the subject before the floor was open for discussion. In short, MFN has already said NO to the nuclear waste Geological Deep Repository (GDP) being placed on our traditional lands, and that accessing these funds in no way means we support the NWMO GRD. Anyone who wished to comment and/or voice their opinion on accessing the \$250,000 available to our First Nation was given a chance to do so. The results of the vote is: 22 NO votes, 15 YES votes, 7 people needed more information, and 1 spoiled vote.

The Lands and Resources staff would like to thank everyone who came out and participated on Monday night, and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Home Trivia

Welcome to the Smoke Signals Home Trivia! You will find the answers in the past issues of the Smoke Signal. Older issues are posted on the Mississauga website for you to search the answers.

1. In what issue was the "One Dish, One Spoon Treaty" in?
2. Who was the elder profiled in the Christmas 2012 issue?
3. Name one new councilor elected in the 2014 election for Chief and Council?
4. Name the Elder profile in the 2014 Christmas Issue?
5. Who was the winner of Movember in 2013?
6. The "Faces In The Trees" appears in what issue?
7. Ouimisagai translates to _____ ?
8. Baouichtigouaiaian translates to _____ ?
9. Amikouai translates to _____ ?
10. Wausau translates to _____ ?

Answers on page 19

HOW THE FORECAST A COLD WINTER Source: *guysports.com*

One day in early September the chief of a Native American tribe was asked by his tribal elders if the winter of 2011/12 was going to be cold or mild. The chief asked his medicine man, but he too had lost touch with the reading signs from the natural world around the Great Lakes.

In truth, neither of them had any idea about how to predict the coming winter. However, the chief decided to take a modern approach, and the chief rang the National Weather Service in Gaylord Michigan.

'Yes, it is going to be a cold winter,' the meteorological officer told the chief. Consequently, he went back to his tribe and told the men to collect plenty of firewood. A fortnight later the chief called the Weather Service and asked for an update. 'Are you still forecasting a cold winter?' he asked. 'Yes, very cold', the weather officer told him.

As a result of this brief conversation the chief went back to the tribe and told his people to collect every bit of wood they could find. A month later the chief called the National Weather Service once more and asked about the coming winter. 'Yes,' he was told, 'it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.' 'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked. The weatherman replied: 'Because the Native Americans of the Great Lakes are collecting wood like crazy.'



Mississauga First Nation Sports Complex

Monday—Friday 9:00 am—9:00 pm

Saturday—Sunday 9:00 am—7:00 pm



Student	Price	Adult	Price	Senior	Price	Family	Price
Day Pass	\$5	Day Pass	\$10	Day Pass	\$500	Day Pass	\$25
1 Month	\$30	1 month	\$50	1 month	\$30	1 month	\$100
3 months	\$75	3 month	\$120	3 month	\$75	3 month	\$175
6 months	\$130	6 months	\$200	6 months	\$130	6 months	\$300
1 year	\$200	1 year	\$250	1 year	\$200	1 year	\$500

Gymnasium Rental Fees

Type of Event	Gym Only	Gym and Kitchen	Kitchen	Gym with Kitchen (48 hrs.) (\$200)
Licensed	\$40/hr.	\$75/hr.		\$300 you clean, \$500 we clean
Non-licensed	\$35/hr.	\$60/hr.	\$40/hr.	\$250 you clean, \$450 we clean
Rec./Sports	\$30/hr. or \$75/day	\$40/hr. or \$150/day	\$40/hr. or \$100/day	\$200 you clean, \$300 we clean
Meetings	\$35/hr. or \$100/day	\$45/hr. or \$125/day		\$250 we clean, \$350 we clean
Kitchen Rental	1 day \$30 added to invoice			

FOOD BANK

OPEN THURSDAY AFTER-NOONS FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM AT THE CHILD & YOUTH BUILDING

GARBAGE PICK UP

**WINTER MONTHS
EFFECTIVE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH 2015**

Garbage pick up will be on Monday's only!

ELDERS BINGO

Mississaugi Bingo Hall

**Every Sunday evening, doors open at 5:30
Minis at 6:30 pm, Regular Start at 6:45 pm
Come out and support the worthy causes!**

Beaver's BINGO

Mississaugi Bingo Hall

**Every Thursday evening, doors open at 5:30
Minis at 6:30 pm, Regular Start at 6:45 pm
U-pickem, Toonie, 4 Ball
Come out and support the worthy causes!**

Mississauga First Nation Word Search NGO - ONE

Note - only the Ojibway Spelling appears in the puzzle

Words can be forward, backward, diagonal, up, down

N	N	N	N	A	A	W	K	M	E	D	A	G	N
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E	R	N	G	O	D	N	A	A	G	A	A	N	S

Word List

Ngobboon - One year

Ngodbaabaan - One mile

Ngodbik - for one night

Ngodgamig - one house or roomful

Ngoding - once at one time

Ngodnaagaans - one cupful

Ngodnik - one armspan

Ngodninij - one hand width

Ngodzid - one foot

Ngodwaasbiigan - the six (of cards)

Ngodwaakwaagan - one hand span

Ngademkwaan - One spoonful

Ngodbaagaans - one hour

Ngodoode - One family member

Ngodsag - One barrel full

Ngodwaabik - One string full

Ngodooshkin - One bag full

Ngodwaak - One hundred

An Adventure in the Mississauga Traditional Hunting Territory.

Based on a true story

By: Clifford Niganobe

It was a beautiful Sunday to take a drive up to the Mississauga Traditional hunting territory to do some hunting. Our ancestors have been hunting the territory since time immemorial. My father and I had our lunches packed and we loaded the truck with what we needed and set off for the day to look for moose. We drove my truck north of Iron Bridge to the White River road, up to the Elliot Lake crossroads to just about a mile past to the Black Creek road which takes you to the 129 highway to Aubrey Falls Trading Post.

We enjoyed our ride and saw a few partridge on the way. I tried to shoot them, but the peashooter (22 calibre) I was using needed to be sighted. Of course, I missed both of them and they flew off into the bush. They were probably laughing at me as they flew off. At some point along the way, there was a couple that was ahead of us and she had her gun out trying to shoot a partridge. In fact, there was more than one partridge. I would say about 6 to 8 partridge that she was after. So, I slowed down and stopped for a little bit so as not to disturb her hunting and scare the partridge off. She got off a shot and missed and she reloaded to shoot again. At this point, my father then suggested we leave, "maybe she doesn't want an audience, we could be disturbing her" he said. So we started on our way again. We didn't see any more birds at all after that.

It was lunch time when we reached our destination, so we ate our lunch and explored the area a bit. We did see fresh moose tracks around where we were but there were no moose to be seen. After we ate we drove around the area to our other spots to look for more signs. We did not see too much sign of moose in the other areas. At this point, we

decide to go up to the Lake Duval area, where the area was logged in the past. The drive to the area was uneventful and we reached the end of the road and drove up the mountain to look around. We went to the west side of the mountain first and saw no sign or tracks.

We then drove around the east side of the mountain, and drove the access road to the top of the mountain. It was a rather rough road but we made it. Once at the top, we got out and looked around and saw fresh tracks cross the road in the direction we came up. We decided to go back down the mountain and locate where the moose went. Of course he crossed just below the mountain and off into the bush.

We then decided to head on home as it was late afternoon. On our way out, we looked for medicine which grows off the yellow birch tree called chaga. We spotted a yellow birch tree which appeared to have some on it. Where I stopped, it was a washed out part of the road on the side of another mountain. I turned the truck off, got out and went to investigate the yellow birch tree for the medicine, my father stayed in the truck and waited. It wasn't the medicine at all but a scraping of the bark caused by the skidder when it was logged which turned black over the years.

I jumped back in the truck, started it and then I noticed that my tire sensor light came on (LF tire low, check air). Also, my other sensor lights lit up showing my ABS sensor and Stabilink sensor showed I had problems. I then got out of the truck and saw that my left front tire was almost flat. It was a good thing my father brought the portable air pump with him. I hooked it up to the electrical connection in the truck and then to the tire. It began pump-

ing air into the tire and about half way through this, I noticed the tire wasn't inflating anymore. I turned off the pump and I could hear the hissing sound coming from the tire. I cursed at this and asked now what? I didn't feel like changing the tire but knew I had too. But I wasn't going to do it on the side of the mountain, so my father suggested that I drive down the mountain and onto a level part of the road below the mountain. He said to drive slow so as not to damage the rim. We made it to the level spot and by time we got down to the level spot it was close to 4 o'clock and it was just before mile marker 7 that we finally stopped.

We both got out to assess the situation and began an attempt to take the spare tire out from under the back rear of the box. I hooked up the crank and began to crank the tire down. Half way through this, I noticed that the cable was coming down but the spare tire was staying up in place.

We both got out to assess the situation and began an attempt to take the spare tire out from under the back rear of the box. I hooked up the crank and began to crank the tire down. Half way through this, I noticed that the cable was coming down but the spare tire was staying up in place. So, I cranked the cable back up into place in hopes that it would catch the tire, so that when I began to crank back down the tire would come down also. This did not happen and we tried everything after that to get the tire down. Everything we tried like prying, hitting it to loosen it did not work. That spare tire would not budge from its resting place. We attempted this for about 2 hours without any luck. We decided to stop for a bit and eat what we had left over from lunch. It wasn't much but it had to do and we saved just a bit of food for the morning. It was

about an hour after that we again attempted to free the spare tire down from its perch, but were unsuccessful. By the time we gave up, it was close to 7:30 pm and it seemed to be getting dark.

We looked at each other and knew that we would have to sleep in the truck for the night. It was a good thing I had a full tank of gas, as I had to turn the truck on and off to keep us warm during the night. I began to get worried as my father is 76 years old and a diabetic. He has to take insulin shots and I wasn't sure if he had brought enough insulin with him to last until we got out of this mess. We did not get a good night rest because the truck is not made for sleeping in.

Morning finally came, and we ate what we saved from the previous night. We attempted again to pry the spare tire from its resting place and were unsuccessful. I took a walk ahead to see what was ahead of us and noticed the tree farm that was but a mile ahead of us. We decided that we would drive on the flat to that area as there was another road branching off of it in hopes that some hunters would come along to access that road. We waited for about another hour or two and no one showed up. We also attempted to release the tire again and were unsuccessful. It was then and there that we both decided that we had to get out of there at whatever cost. I knew I had to get my father out of there because of his condition and we weren't going to spend the whole day there let alone another night.



White River Road heading south

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We both decided that this was the only thing we could do to get out safely. "Drive slowly, take your time", said my father. I drove at a slow pace, from just past mile marker 7 to the forks at the main road. I parked the truck on the side of the road at the forks and just as I turned the truck off, a pickup truck drove up and asked if we need help. We relayed to him what had happened and he asked, "How can I help?" We told him we both had cellphones but no reception. He suggested that he drive one of us to Flack Mountain as there is phone reception there and we could call home for someone to come and get us.

It was close to 11 am when we got to the mountain, and I was able to call my daughter Tracy and let her know what had happened to us. I could hear the distress in her voice as she was in tears from worry. She was imagining the worst scenarios as she told me. I calmed her down and told her what had happened and told her that we did not get lost, but had a flat tire and problems with the spare and that we were ok. She then informed me that her uncle Don was on his way up for we had let him know where we going before we left on Sunday.

Don said he came looking for me at work and I was not there. My co-workers told him that I did not phone in and usually I phone work to let them know I will not be in. That's when he realized we did not come home and he called my daughter to say he was coming up to look for us. My daughter also told me that they were forming a search party to come out and look for us. The emotions that were running through me when I heard this at that time are hard to describe but what I felt the most was relief and realized how important family are in times like this. Family really does come together in times like this and for this I am very grateful to have them.

My new-found friend drove me back to the location of my truck and when we got there, my brother-in-law Don was there with my father. What a relief! My father told me that Don had come whipping around the corner and just about passed him. Don realized that it was my truck that was parked on the side of the road and he pulled over. While I was gone, my father told me that another truck had stopped before Don arrived, to see if he was ok, and he related to them what had happened. They gave him an apple and a few other treats to eat and a bottle of water. He says he has found some new friends and he is forever grateful to them. He has plans to repay them for their kindness.

Don and I jacked up my truck to get the tire off and again we attempted to release the spare tire and were unsuccessful. The plan was to drive back to Blind River, fix the tire and travel back up to put the tire on and drive it home. On the way out, we met up with other family members who were on their way up to look for us. Let me tell you, what an emotional time that was. My son-in-law out of respect drove me to Elliot Lake to look for a used tire for the truck so I could drive it home. We did not find one for the size of my truck and we decided to go to Milltown Motors in Blind River and asked if they had a spare tire I could borrow. Sure enough they just happened to have one and they loaned it to me. I drove the truck to the dealership and they removed the spare tire from the back with great effort on their part. Apparently, they had to cut the hook to release the tire. The rim was also damaged to the point where it could not be put back on my truck.

This would not have happened if that spare tire wasn't stuck in place. It was just last year that I got a flat tire and at that time I was able to release the spare tire to change the flat

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without any problems. After that I took it to Milltown motors to replace the tire and put the spare back in its carriage. Obviously this was not done at any of my service appointments. If this was done, then my spare would have been free and easy to remove and this incident would not have happened.

REPORTING SCAMS AND FRAUDS

Have you received something in the mail (or email) from Canada Revenue Agency stating you are eligible for a refund, even if you haven't filed you taxes this year? Also, the one where you receive a notice from Canada Revenue Agency that a warrant is issued for your arrest for fraudulent information you entered into your last tax return. Here they ask for all of your personal information including your bank account number. **Watch out for this one!** Why would Revenue Canada ask you for this information when they already have it on file?



AANHNI NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

We appreciate your patience & understanding, this new system will help us serve the community more efficiently.

The areas involved with the new phone system are:
Mississauga First Nation Band Office, Child & Youth, Sports Complex, Library, Literacy, & Education buildings.

*****IMPORTANT*****

The main telephone number has **NOT** changed. Continue to use 705-356-1621 or 1-877-356-1621 as normal. **Please listen & follow the options carefully when calling**

****Note****

All Outgoing calls from MFN show up "Mississauga First Nation" on land lines with a number 705-805-4674. That line is for **outgoing calls only** & does not accept incoming calls.

Please inform us if you experience any issues with the new system. Report any issues to 705-356-1621.

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LITTLE NHL FUNDRAISING

Bantam Girls & Midget Boys

Tickets are on sale for the prizes (2 cords of wood and decorated prints). See Nancy Whitehead if you would like to purchase any tickets.

Please watch the community flyers for future fund raising announcements.

MICHI-NOODIN MCHJIBAGAK— (Bad wind—Where it Comes From) MFN Ambient Air Monitoring Program—Cameco Update

All samples have been analyzed show that levels of uranium in the air are well below the regulatory standards set out by the province of Ontario listed in schedule 3 419/05 Air Pollution—Local Air Quality. After July 1, 2016 the standard uranium and uranium compounds will be 0.03 ug/m3 (Uranium in PM10) PM 10 is terminology where PM stands for particulate matter (PM) and the number 10 is referring to the size of the particle captured on the air filter.

Since uranium has had no previous *Ministry of Environment* standard or guideline, industry is in the “phase-in” period where emitters must ensure, as a minimum, that they do not exceed the phase-in concentration limit.

Sites—MFN Daycare—0.007, Elizabeth Chiblow—0.008, Willard Pine—0.001, MFN Sports Complex—0.001. Also, there are other sites but data is not given on the graph of the report. B&C Morningstar, G&B Boyer, E. Chiblow, MFN Sliding Hill, and T. Cada and the reason being that they all remain well below the standard.

Peace and happiness are available in every moment. Peace is every step. We shall walk hand in hand. There are no political solutions to spiritual problems. Remember: It the creator put it there, it is in the right place. The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had not tears. Tell your people that, since we were promised we should never be moved, we have been moved five times. An Indian Chief, 1876



MFN Daycare learning the language. Pictured here are some of the Daycare children with Paty Bissiallion and Anishnabemowin instructor Linda Assinewe. This is where we begin to teach our children our language.



FROM THE LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

LAND USE PLAN – Reserve Lands	LAND OCCUPANCY STUDY Historical Lands
A tool for taking care of the land that will guide decision making providing consistency for policy development and assist with competing land priorities	A study of where people were, what activities they were doing on the land, name of places,
Reserve lands only	Historical territory
Purpose is: establish policies to guide land development; provides guidelines for development on the lands and; establishes development processes	Purpose is: determining shared use areas to resolve conflicts between neighboring First Nations; determining impacts from development; supporting lands use permitting; negotiating protective measures and benefits from industrial development; supporting land claims and; developing education curricula.
Uses land zoning to avoid conflicts of how lands are developed and used	Is a collection of data from community citizens to map MFN’s historical territory including uses of resources such as medicines, animals, fishes and spiritual places.

WHAT IS A LAND USE PLANNING?

- ⇒ A tool for taking care of the lands
- ⇒ Guides land use decision making
- ⇒ Provides consistency for policy development about the lands
- ⇒ Assists with competing land priorities

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A LAND USE PLAN?

- ⇒ To protect the lands by:
 - ⇒ Establish policy to guide development on the lands
 - ⇒ Provides guidelines for development on the lands
 - ⇒ Establishes development of an approval process for development

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- ⇒ Healthy lands
- ⇒ Health and safety of community
- ⇒ Sustainable development

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GOALS ARE:

- ⇒ Follow our inherent rights and responsibilities
- ⇒ Prevent and reduce land disputes
- ⇒ Guide future land decisions
- ⇒ Maintain our relationship/connections to the lands
- ⇒ Preserve and Protect the lands
- ⇒ Respect the lands, the waters, all wildlife and their habitat
- ⇒ Provide availability of lands for the future



WHAT IS LAND ZONING:

- ⇒ Lands supply everything that is needed for human survival
- ⇒ Need to identify areas to be protected & type of protection
- ⇒ Describes areas that restrict/limit certain types of activities
- ⇒ Based on MFN values, teachings and responsibilities
- ⇒ Zoning assists in avoiding conflicts of how the lands are used/developed

Forest Responsibility zone

- Managed for uses such as;
- Cultural
- Forestry activities
- Harvesting activities
- Tourism
- Outdoor education

Wild Spirit Places (Zone)

Managed to retain their wilderness values for cultural & Spiritual uses such as:

- Powwow grounds
- Fasting areas
- Burial mounds, burial grounds
- Other special beings spaces

Public Use Zone

- Managed for uses such as:
- Residential
 - Institutional
 - Commercial
 - Waste management

Water quality and quantity zone

Managed for specific protection such as:

- The water source area for the community well
- Specific communal fishing areas (the falls)
- Boat launches

Sensitive zone

- Managed for uses such as:
- Protection of wildlife
 - Cultural values (fishing, hunting, trapping)

Restoration Zone

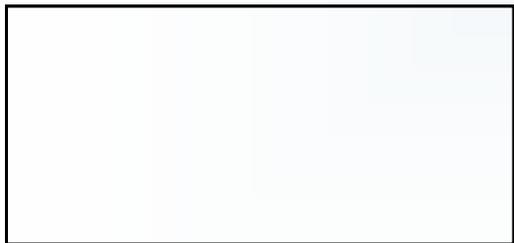
- Managed for restoring areas back to their natural system
- Abandoned mines
 - Erosion
 - Flood prone zones

Trivia Answers:

1. Christmas 2012 issue
2. Sharon Cada
3. Ty Cada, Doug Daybutch, Ryne Boyer-Denis
4. Leona Boyer
5. Kenny McLeod
6. Christmas 2013
7. Mouth of the Mississagi River
8. People who live at Bawating
9. Beaver People—Spanish River Area.
10. Georgian Bay

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