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Saturday, December 20, 2008

**Dreammakers Theatre
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JURIED ARTS MARKET 10 am – 5 pm

Other fundraising activities throughout the evening for Mississauga Community Radio

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PRO WRESTLING

November 21, 2008
Mississauga Sports Complex
Doors Open: 7:00pm
Adult \$10.00 -
Under 15 \$5.00
Call Guy at 705.356.6499 to purchase tickets
Intermission picture session with your favourite wrestler - \$5.00 per picture, per person

The Sports Complex is always in need of volunteers, whether it's helping with score-keeping, working the canteen or helping with security at dances and other events. Remember some of these volunteer positions may result in part-time employment later on.

Annual Health Fair

Date: November 18, 08
Time: 11:00-4:00 pm
BBQ for lunch - sponsored by Brother Bear/Sister Bear
Raffle
1st - Quilt
2nd - Gift Certificate
3rd - \$50.00 Food Voucher
Plenty of Information Booths & Lots of Activities planned

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Watertrax Training

by Clifford Niganobe

Mississauga Public Works has just finished hosting a two-day workshop put on by Health Canada in conjunction with the Watertrax program based out of British Columbia. This training will enable Public Works employees to keep a more detailed record of the quality of our water supply by checking it against user-defined parameters. It also alerts operators and managers about worrisome results, it schedules various activities including monitoring and sampling, and it generates reports and graphs, pie charts etc. The facilitator for the training session was Bruce Boland, P. Eng., from Watertrax with help from Thuan Chau CPHI, Environmental Health Officer from Health Canada. Also in attendance was Ian Fortin (Circuit Rider Training Program) with the Ontario First Nations Technical Services (OFNTS).

The way the system works is that all meter readings, chemical content, etc., are taken from the M.F.N water plant and entered into an online form and then submitted to a huge database in British Columbia. This system follows the standards set by Health Canada for water quality. In doing so, this allows Watertrax to monitor all aspects of the water system and if there is a problem with the quality of the water, an alert is sent via email to any of the Public Works employees registered with the Watertrax program.

The following First Nations participated in the training: Sagamok, Mississaugi, Thessalon, Garden River, there were 13 participants, including myself. Public works would like to thank our caterer, Elva Morningstar, for providing the outstanding meals for this event. We would also like to thank the Enjikendaasang Learning Center for the use of their up to date computer lab training facilities.

POLLING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Mississauga First Nation that a poll will be held to elect a Chief and nine (9) Councillors on Saturday the 6th day of December 2008 from nine o'clock (9am) until eight o'clock (8pm) in the Council Chambers at the MFN Dreamcatchers Complex

The votes will be counted at the Dreamcatchers Complex immediately after the close of the Poll. The results will be declared immediately following the count. The term of office is three (3) years.

Please note that any Elector may vote by mail-in ballot. If an Elector is unable to be present on December 6, 2008, please call the below telephone number or make arrangements for a mail-in ballot.

If you have any questions or concerns call the Electoral Officer Toll Free (866) 286-7130

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All Souls Day

By: Danielle Cada

Every year after All Saint Day, we Mississaugians celebrate All Souls Day. All Souls Day is held on November 2nd, if the 2nd happens to fall on a Sunday, it is celebrated on November 3rd. On All Souls day, we take the time to remember those who have passed away in previous years. Whether they were younger and just getting to know life or older and wise beyond their years, we take this time to pay our respects to those we once loved and cherished.

All Souls Day was created as a way to ensure that our loved ones would make their way safely into the spirit world. Families of the deceased would then feast and toast in their name in order to cleanse their loved ones spirits, something the spirits may have not been able to do on their own.

Families pay their respect to those who have passed on in many different ways. Each family practices their own tradition. Some families participate in wreath making to put on (their) graves, many people still get together to feast their loved ones spirits and others take the time to pray. Regardless of what their family tradition is, All Souls Day is an opportunity to get together with their loved ones to simply remember and respect those who have passed on.

Employment Opportunity HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT Personal Support Worker

Health and Social Services are currently seeking a Personal Support Worker to join the team in Mississauga First Nation. The Home and Community Care/Long Term Care Program provides services to the elderly, disabled, and care giver relief in the community. The Personal Support Worker will contribute to the quality of life of the client who live in their own homes by promoting their independence, dignity, social, emotional and physical well being, mobility, personal appearance, comfort and to enable them to be active community members.

Please forward your resume in confidence by November 27th, 2008 to: Yvonne Lafreniere , Home and Community Care Manager, Mississauga First Nation,, P. O Box 1299, Blind River, ON P0r 1B0

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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and future Job Descriptions
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Employment Opportunity NIIGAANIIN Program Manager

The NIIGAANIIN Program Manager is responsible for the management, administration and delivery of financial and developmental assistance services and the development of client opportunities that are aimed at helping eligible community members become self-supporting through employment or self-employment while ensuring that they are able meet their basic financial needs; and for the planning and evaluation of these services as it pertains to Ontario Works legislation/guidelines. The NIIGAANIIN Program Manager is also responsible for the supervision of NIIGAANIIN caseworkers for overall program planning and reporting, and for maintenance of effective relationships with other community-based and external agencies/programs.

Please forward your resume in confidence by November 28, 2008 4:00pm to: c\o Niigaaniin Hiring Committee, Mississauga First Nation, P.O. Box 1299, Blind River, Ontario, P0R 1B0

** Only those selected for an interview will be contacted **

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Sally Morningstar Candidate for Chief

Question 1. What do you feel would be your role and responsibility as the Chief?

What I think the role and responsibility of the chief is to have a open mind and good communication in dealing with the different Governments, Ministry's and funding agencies. Having good resources ie. people of the community, program managers, lawyers, other chiefs and business people. Keeping the people informed, making self available for the people and consultations

Question 2. What do you feel are good qualities of leadership that you have to offer as Chief?

The qualities that I have is that I care, helpful, believing in others and self, dedicated worker, standing by our 7 grandfather teaching (truth, respect, honesty, humility, love, wisdom and bravery), balance lifestyle. I earn a degree in Bachelor of Indian Social Work and have work experience holding positions in Mental Health, Community Support Services as well as working as a Youth Coordinator and Band Representative. I have training in Conflict Resolution, good communication and proposal writing.

Question 3. What innovative ideas will you bring to the community that will encourage development?

The ideas that I think will encourage development is looking at a grocery store, Tim Hortons or Country Style, lands manager, conservation officers and forestry workers. I look at our community as being a central location for a Aboriginal Youth facility, that would provide Traditional teachings, life skills and education. We have people that are educated who are able to work towards getting secure funding for a facility. I believe these areas of development are possible for the people of Mississauga, we all need to work together. Voting gives you a voice! It is a voice for our vision of the community which promotes our land, aboriginal rights and supports the development of a healthy Mississauga First Nation. Let us begin and move forward together.

Employment Opportunity

Education Director

The Education Department is currently seeking an Education Director to join the team in Mississauga First Nation. The function of the Education Director is to ensure all education programs and staff receive regular and supportive supervisory services, as well as liaise with external educational institutions to ensure quality education is planned, developed and delivered to our First Nation members.

Please forward your resume in confidence by November 28th, 2008 to the attention of: James Cada, Director of Operations, Mississauga First Nation, P.O. Box 1299, Blind River, ON P0R 1B0. For more information about this position, please go to the Mississauga First Nation website - <http://www.mississauga.com>

****Thank you to applicants, however, only those individuals that are granted an interview will be contacted****

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Christmas is for Giving

Make someone's Christmas Happy!

Please support the Blind River Christmas Baskets by giving food for money. Money donations can be left with:

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by Wednesday, December 10th, 2008

Christmas Food Baskets

Could you benefit from a Food Basket?

To pick up a request form:

Mississauga First Nation Health Wing (weekdays)
Niigaaniin Office (weekdays)
Food Bank (on Friday mornings)

For more information
Contact: Linda Daybutch
@356-1621 ext. 2229

Recipients must complete and sign their own forms. Referrals will not be accepted over the phone. Please include the number of persons in the household.

The Project covers Iron Bridge to Hwy 108.
Please apply by:

Wednesday, December 10th, 2008

Larry Boyer
Candidate for Chief

Question 1. What do you feel would be your role and responsibility as the Chief?

My name is Laurence A. Boyer and I am currently running for the position of Chief within the community, here are just some of the things I plan to bring to the table as Chief. I strongly believe the roles and responsibilities of a Chief is to do PR work with the surrounding communities and establish a good working relationship with the outside communities.

A Chief needs to work collectively with their council, the ultimate authority in the First Nation. This relationship is important between the Chief and Council because when able to work together, more gets done for the community. All community members must be treated equally and with dignity, and should be able to bring forth their concerns. Chief and Council should serve as positive role models for the community and our youth.

Question 2. What do you feel are good qualities of leadership that you have to offer as Chief?

I have fourteen years experience in Mississauga First Nation politics. Four years as a councillor, and ten years as your Chief. During my ten years working with Mississauga First Nation, we obtained our own first nation policing, a conservation officer, a custom code election, a walking path, the Red Pine Lodge, the Dreamcatchers Complex, The Kids for Life Centre, a Sports Complex, Molly and Mikes Park, and approximately 60 Houses.

If elected back in office, our agenda would consist of creating employment for band members, build eight more houses in the new subdivision, bring all band owned homes up to current standards, reviving working relationships with outside communities, and start negotiations with Ontario Government and Government of Canada on all outstanding issues.

Question 3. What innovative ideas will you bring to the community that will encourage development?

About five years ago, we were leader of the North Shore and all surrounding First Nations were calling us to get copies of our housing policy, land code, and membership code. Now we seem to be at the bottom of the list...It's going to take time to get back and higher than we are now, but with constant work I think we can come a long way and bring our community back to self respectability.

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Douglas Daybutch **Candidate for Chief**

Question 1. What do you feel would be your role and responsibility as the Chief?

Being the chief for this community for many years I have learnt many, many things, what I learnt was the role and responsibility of a chief are the protection of its people and their special rights they have as native people. That is the utmost importance.

Question 2. What do you feel are good qualities of leadership that you have to offer as Chief?

The leadership that you have to offer as chief, I feel some qualities are respect, you must have the respect of the people otherwise it makes things very difficult almost impossible to get things done. The chief should also respect its people and its community. There are a lot of other qualities that the chief should have to offer but the respect is the best one to have.

Question 3. What innovative ideas will you bring to the community that will encourage development?

The community must be brought together and we must be a community again. Then again here you have the ideals, expectations that are placed on you, and unless the community is working together as a whole I feel that it makes the task almost impossible. So I think people often have to respect the leadership and its ability or inability to work together, because we have so many outside influences that attempt to govern what were doing that everything must be written, must be done by the people themselves, and must request assistance when and when we require it. Being a chief for this community for so many years, we could have a really bright future I feel. But we must remember that this is our community and no one else's and I'm sure that at some point we will all be together to serve as one and I will strive to make that my first priority. Having said that my house is fine, I'm fine and my family supports me, so with that I look forward to the election.

Joyce Morningstar **Candidate for Chief**

Question 1. What do you feel would be your role and responsibility as the Chief?

Someone who is responsible, who is willing to listen to what the people have to say. Lead by example, I lead a very quiet life, I don't drink, I don't do drugs. Being a Chief is a big responsibility and you shouldn't abuse it either, everybody makes mistakes and be forgiving. I'm a good listener, I learn from my mistakes.

Question 2. What do you feel are good qualities of leadership that you have to offer as Chief?

Qualities that you should look for in a chief are someone who listens, someone who can remain impartial, someone who cares, and is compassionate, can show empathy. Someone who knows what their limitations are.

Question 3. What innovative ideas will you bring to the community that will encourage development?

Why I'm running, I've thought about it and I think we need people with fresh ideas, people who are impartial and people who care about other people. I'm not afraid to voice my opinion.

I can speak and write clearly, I'm an active listener and able to express myself and my ideas clearly and concisely. I am able to do the research, investigate, be specific if needed and decide how any information could be used. I am willing to cooperate, delegate if the need is there and support in whatever capacity is indicated. If I am successful my biggest issue would be to make us as chief and council more accountable to the people. Make those portfolios mean something. If we are voted into the office, make those people who voted for us know that we are working for them.

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Wrestlers tackle each other, anti-drug message

Organizer expects packed Mississauga Sports Complex

By Shannon Quesnel

The Standard

Wrestlers and their anti-drug message will be in the ring at the Mississauga (First Nation) Sports Complex Nov 21

The two-hour plus event will feature the male and female champions of the Canadian Wrestling Federation (CWF), which touts itself as a 100% aboriginally CWF has been around since 1995 and was in Mississauga First Nation in 2003, but the action was held in the smaller, older sports building, says Perry Joe Boyer, the community's health promotions co-ordinator. About 100 people were there.

This year, Boyer expects about 400 people to attend the stranding-room only event. Other First Nations and groups will be sending busloads of wrestling fans to the show.

The co-ordinator also says accommodations will be made for those in wheelchairs or those who have mobility problems.

Wrestlers will be available to sign autographs. There will also be T-shirts, hats and DVD's for sale.

The expected price will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for those under 15 says Boyer. Tickets will be available at the sports complex and on the night of the event.

Children will see drug-and Steroid-free show: owner

Tickets can also be found in Elliot Lake at Quality Flowers and Gifts at 848-8285. and at Alpine Flowers and Gifts at 848-5657.

In Blind River and in Mississauga First Nation tickets can be bought at Mic's Kwik-way at 356-7762; Action Plus at 356-1849; Broke Canoe Trading Post at 356-1927 and the Dreamcatcher Complex at 356-1621 ext. 2203.

Call 356-4656 for more ticket information.

It is also hoped some of the wrestlers who will go to one or more schools to talk about drugs, alcohol and gang life. At the 2003 event, a wrestler named Spyder did just that. He gave a brutally honest description of his young life as a drug dealer and what he did to get children and teenagers hooked on narcotics and the violent events, which made him to change his life.

Owner Ernie Todd says living a drug-free life is also a rule for his wrestlers. The CWF rules state wrestlers are not allowed to drink alcohol while on tour and to treat residents and their communities with respect.

He says the show will have the audience cheering for the good guys and booing the bad guys. As it is a family event, Todd's promotions material promises no excessive violence, no nudity or foul language.

One of the wrestlers confirmed for this show is Chris Thorn who has auditioned for World Wrestling Entertainment several times.

Todd says the audience will see muscled and athletic men and women as his wrestlers do not use steroids. Call the Sports Complex at 356-4656 for more information.

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