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PRO WRESTLING

November 21, 2008

Mississauga Sports Complex

Doors Open: 7:00pm

Adult \$10.00 -

Under 18 \$15.00

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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Smoke Signal Editorial

Computers donated from North Shore Tribal Council to Mississauga First Nation Library.

By: Clifford Niganobe

The MFN library has recently acquired 6 used computers as a donation from the North Shore Tribal Council Branch Office out of Blind River. These computers will replace the old, outdated computers that are currently being used at the library. Computers are a must in today's society and some of the students in our community do not have computers at home. The students use the computers at the library for a wide variety of purposes, for example, to do research on their projects, complete their homework, and it gives them a chance to socialize with each other.

As a volunteer for the library, I am responsible for maintaining the computers and computer network and have witnessed the students socializing and communicating with each other both electronically and verbally. I can recall a situation where 2 young men were sitting across the room from each other chatting away on the Messenger chat window when one yells out something to the other and they begin talking with each other across the room. The next thing you know, one of them yells, "Hey, message me on messenger". Come on, I mean you have to see the humor in this situation. They are not losing their communication skills with each, but in fact these boys are actually using 2 mediums to communicate with each other.

Messenger Windows is also a good way to keep in touch with family and friends who live a far distance away from home. I use it all the time with family that I want to keep in contact with on a regular basis. We also have a large network printer made available to all computers, which allows the students to print out their school assignments and research. The library is a great place for the students to socialize, get their homework done and help each other.

I am sure the computers that are coming from the North Shore Tribal Council will be put to good use by the patrons and students of the Mississauga First Nation. We can tell this because our existing computers are so old now that they are constantly riddled with problems and require maintenance all the time from being used to much. A chi-meegwetch to the North Shore Tribal Council for their donation.

Notice of Nomination Meeting Dreamcatchers Complex

Saturday November 1, 2008

Time: 1-4 pm

Nine (9) Councillor positions

One (1) Chief position

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Fancy New Fire Truck for M.F.N

By: Samantha Boyer

Mississauga First Nation recently acquired a more modern, state-of-the-art fire truck. The fire truck was purchased in Tennessee, transported to the border, and picked up by Frank Gionette. The fire truck is currently parked near the Fire Hall waiting for its new home to be prepared and cleaned. An inventory of items are being tallied to see what needs to be purchased in order to get us geared up to once again be in the business of fighting fires.

The fire truck is a 1995 Freightliner with a water capacity of 500 gallons. This particular fire truck can hold more Firefighters, and is also better equipped than the previous truck. Some of the small items that require attention are to get the truck equipped with hoses, ladders, and of course firefighters. Oh, and we cannot forget the detailing (logo)! The siren that is in the Fire Hall is in working condition, and the current radio system is set up for 911 calls.

It was also said that our community is still in need of one more fire truck to make our Fire Department more functional. With the anticipation of the land transfer, the Fire fighters will be required to service the larger geographical area of Mississauga.

Relating to Public Works there are currently three people trained as First Responders, which means the departments are intertwined. The community's First Responders Unit is equipped for rescues within the First Nation, to administer First Aid, and is equipped with a defibulator and oxygen tanks. The First Responders Unit also acquired an A.T.V. and Ski-Doo from the Natural Resources Unit to assist with rescues. It was said that the unit is in need of more individuals to assist with the day-to-day business and emergencies occurring within the community. We were told that a posting for volunteer firefighters will be going out in the near future when everything is ready to go. So keep your eyes open if you are interested in applying!

Employment Opportuntiy HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT Youth Intervention Coordinator

Health and Social Services are currently seeking a Youth Intervention Coordinator to join the team in Mississauga First Nation. The purpose of this position is to provide for the well-being of Mississauga First Nation youth ages 13-30 through crisis intervention techniques associated with prevention and post intervention of youth suicide, self-harm, risk taking behaviors, and conflict resolution.

Please forward your resume in confidence by October 24th, 2008 to Annie Austin, Health and Social Services Director, Mississauga First Nation,, P. O Box 1299, Blind River, ON P0R 1B0

Thank you to all those who are interested in this position. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**To obtain a more detailed
description of this
and future Job Descriptions
please go to
<http://mississaugi.com>**

**All Souls Day
Potluck Community Feast
October 30, 2008
Location: Sports Complex
Everyone come out
bring your family!!**

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

'Traditional medicines pick you'

By Kelly Crawford
Anishinabek News Sept 2008



MISSISSAUGA FN – Elders told Ernestine McLeod that the medicines will leave for a while if they are not being used. McLeod relayed that message to participants in a two-day workshop about the importance and therapeutic uses of medicinal plants in Northern Ontario, and their uses in traditional First Nation healing practices. “It is good to go with Elders... they know the medicine in the language, says McLeod, a Mississauga First Nation citizen who is a consultant with the Mskwa Miikinan Red Path Wellness program. McLeod told participants in the July 25-26 workshop – “Returning to Medicinal Ernestine McLeod points out herbs used for traditional medicine in Mississauga First Nation.

Herbs:Anishinaabeg Traditional Healing” of how she relies on both her formal education and the teachings of her community Elders. “A lot of information was from Elders. What I have found is there is a gap. The knowledge base is limited due to Residential School.” McLeod says Elders have told her medicine plants are growing “because people are starting to use them.” McLeod talked about the connection between the changing of the seasons and sickness, noting that Fall was often a particularly bad time for various ailments. “Antibiotics work quickly right away but they do not heal the ailments. The plants heal the ailments.” She also stressed the devastating effects of today’s fast-paced lifestyle. “When you are giving your body all those processed foods you are going to be sick all the time. “Each remedy works for each person differently,” she says. “There is a strong connection that is built between plants and the person. We use our medicine within our territory.” She also advised participants to “Only take what you need,’ and the appropriateness of offering tobacco when picking medicines. “It is best to pick it when there is nothing around. Then you know it is clean,” McLeod added, referring to problems posed by living near highways, railways, and other sources of contamination. “Sometimes the medicine will come to you in your dream. You didn’t pick the medicine... it picked you.”

Mississagi Trust Annual General Meeting

Date: October 28, 2008

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers

Fact Finding Summary

by: Cindy Vanier

Date: October 30, 2008

@ 7:00pm

Sports Complex

**Membership encouraged
to attend**

JOB POSTING

Employment Opportunity Health and Social Services Director

The Health and Social Services Director will report to, develop and maintain an ongoing working relationship with the Director of Operations. In addition, maintain working relationships with members of the management team, Council, as well as external funding and political bodies.

The Health & Social Services Director has the authority to make program and service decisions within the goals and service agreements. The Health & Social Services Director can make decisions on expenditures in accordance with the Financial Policy and Procedures of Mississauga First Nation.

The Health & Social Services Director, while performing their duties, will typically be in an office setting. The Health & Social Services Director is regularly required to operate a computer, travel to meetings and communities, and work overtime when required. The nature of the position may expose the Health & Social Services Director to a moderate level of tension and anxiety due to deadlines, political pressures, the needs and demands of the limited financial and human resources. Ability to manage stress, along with multiple priorities are key characteristics of the job.

Please forward your resume in confidence by October 24, 2008 to the attention of 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://mississaugi.com>

Thank you to all those who are interested in this position. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Moose Action

By: Danielle Cada

Darren Cada, one of our community members recently shot a bull moose up at Black Creek. Black Creek is located along Hwy. 129, where you can experience some of the most untamed forests along the Mississagi River, this snake like river played an important part in transportation for the people of Mississauga in the 19th century.

The moose was huge although the exact weight of the bull-moose is unknown, which to some may sound like another fish story. To the best of Darren's recollection, the moose had 8 points on each side of the rack. Based on the number of points on the bull-moose's rack, he must have been between 5 ½ and 6 ½ years old.

When Darren saw the moose he was approximately 200-300 yards away. It is speculated that the bull-moose was more than likely the dominate one of the 4 that were spotted there that morning, two of which were calves. Two of the four moose were fighting which would have been a magnificent sight to see I am sure! It's uncertain as to how many shots it took to bring the bull-moose down, but because it was Darren and we all know Darren's ability with a gun, we'll say one shot was sufficient. As all moose stories go, the greatest effort is getting the moose into the truck! They needed a 4 wheeler to drag it down the hill and through the bush. Wow, by the sounds of it, it must have taken more than one shot!

I can say from experience that the meat was extremely delicious as I was offered some as the interview was taking place. It should be noted that the majority of the meat will be offered to the elders.

Mixed Volleyball League

Sign Up @ Mississauga Sports Complex

October 8

From 6 - 8 pm

or CALL

356-4656

Ages 16 - UP

Couples \$50.00

Single \$30.00

Youth Guitar Lessons

Ages 10-18

Monday October 6, 2008

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Where: Child & Youth Centre

There is a limit of 10 youth per class so please call to make arrangements.

More information call:
Christine @ 356-1621 ext. 2242

Flu Shot Clinic

by Appointment Only

Tuesday, October 28/08

3:00 - 7:00 pm

Health Centre

Watch for flyers for the next Flu Shot Clinic

Call Stephany Stevens, Health Records Clerk @

356-16921 ext 2224

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