



"To give a voice to the vision of the Anishinabek Nation."

Volume 20 Issue 9

Published monthly by the Union of Ontario Indians - Anishinabek Nation

Single Copy: \$2.00

November 2008

Sam George engaged in another struggle

Maynard (Sam) George and wife Veronica admire a hand-made quilt presented to him during an Oct. 4 tribute gathering at a downtown Toronto restaurant.

George, 56, has been diagnosed with pancreatic and lung cancer, and doctors say he might not live to see the 14th anniversary of the death of his brother Dudley, who was killed by an Ontario Provincial Police sniper at Ipperwash Provincial Park.

Sam George's persistent search for the truth about what happened Sept. 6, 1995 resulted in the establishment of a landmark commission of inquiry that made over 100 recommendations to improve relationships between First Nations and other Ontarians.

Guests at the tribute included George's lawyer Murray Klippenstein, Ontario's first Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Michael Bryant and his successor Brad Duguid, Toronto Star reporter Peter Edwards, author of a best-selling book about the Ipperwash incident, Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse, and Justice Sidney Linden.

— Photo by Christine McFarlane



IN BRIEF

Chuck Strahl still minister

TORONTO—Chuck Strahl is still Canada's Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Min. Chuck Strahl is Strahl



one of 38 Conservative MPs named to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet which he shuffled after being elected to form another minority government in the Oct. 14 federal election.

Bernard McCue passes away

TORONTO — Bernard McCue, the 2008 recipient of the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Technology and Trades, passed away Oct. 18.



A former Chief of Beausoleil First Nation, McCue made significant contributions to the development of synthetic jet aircraft lubricants.

Anti-drug strategy taking shape

UOI OFFICES — The Anishinabek Nation is taking significant steps in eliminating illicit drug abuse, trafficking and associated organized crime in their 42 First Nations across Ontario.

Grand Council Chief John Beaucage has announced the framework for the War on Drugs strategy that was declared by the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly last November.

"We will eliminate the drug problem on First Nations," said Grand Council Chief John Beaucage. "Our leadership and communities are fully committed to the War on Drugs. This is another significant step in re-claiming our own jurisdiction and eliminating a difficult barrier to wellness, community healing and ultimately, our nationhood."

Last fall, the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation communities unanimously passed a resolution giving First Nation councils the authority to rid their communities of drug dealers. Beaucage stated their First Nations are "prepared to be aggressive, to take extraordinary steps to rid our First Nations of drug abuse, trafficking and associated organized crime. Our Chiefs told their citizens they

are willing to go to any lengths to make their communities safe — to use force if necessary".

The "War on Drugs" will encompass four pillars, based on a strategy developed by the City of Vancouver to combat drug problems in Canada's most notorious area, the Downtown Eastside. Those pillars include the following:

Prevention

A specific focus will be on Youth, including the development

of new youth-specific initiatives, including counselling, recreation, education and community support programs

Treatment

An important facet of this strategy is to establish First Nation-based outpatient and peer-based counseling and on-going medical care.

Ogitchidaawin: Protecting Our Own

The Anishinabek Nation will develop new customary laws to

address who can come onto Anishinabek Nation Land including provisions to forcibly remove drug dealers.

Enforcement

The Anishinabek Nation and member First Nations will support the investigation, enforcement and prosecution of illicit drug activity.

A War on Drugs policy conference will take place February 16-17, 2009 at the Whitefish Lake First Nation near Sudbury, Ontario.



Garden River elders just cruising

Peter Jones, Pat Jones, Bernie Belleau and Jimmy Lewis chat as they cruise along the St. Mary's River aboard the Chief Shingwauk tour boat. Garden River First Nation's elders' program treated them to a breakfast and cruise through the Sault Locks and along the shoreline of the Essar Steel Plant.

—Photo by Margaret Hele

AFN assembly in Calgary

OTTAWA — The Assembly of First Nations has announced that the City of Calgary and Treaty 7 First Nations submitted the winning bid to host the 30th Annual General Assembly next July.



Rama appeals ruling

TORONTO — Chippewas of Rama First Nation is appealing a Sept. 15 court ruling that said it was not entitled to an ongoing 35% portion of Casino Rama's net revenues by virtue of being the casino's host community. The 35% funds will continue to be held in an escrow account until the appeal is heard, likely in spring or fall of 2009.



DNAKMIGZIWIN/SPORTS

Saying 'Good-Bye' to biking and 'Hello' to skiing

By Laura Robinson

Chippewa of Nawash's Anishinaabe Racers had another successful mountain bike season, led by Steve Nadjiwan, who excelled this year with a seventh place at the Ontario Elementary School Mountain Bike Championships at Hardwood Hills, and gold at both the Chippewa of the Thames race on July 11 and the Sixth Annual Nawash Invitational Mountain Bike Race in the Boys 10-11 Category on Sept. 6 in Cape Croker Park.

When he wasn't mountain biking, Nadjiwan was perfecting his skill at BMX racing, winning the novice title at the Ontario Championships in his age category in September.

Joining Steve was his sister Rose, who took the bronze at the Ontario BMX novice championships, and gold in the Girls 8-9 Category at the Nawash Invitational. Steve hopped off the bike and started the month of October with a silver medal at the Bluewater District Elementary School Cross-Country Running Championships. Teammate Kayla Keeshig placed 14th in a large girls' field.

Shania Squires, also a racer with the Anishinaabe Racers, won the bronze medal in her first Ontario elementary school championships and then went onto gold at the Chippewa of the Thames race in July, and first place once more at the Nawash Invitational in the

Girls 10-11 Category in September. Soon after she flew across the line in first place at Chippewa of the Thames, Squires decided to enter the Girls 12 and Over race and had the fastest time in that event too. Her brother Wolf took the gold in Boys 12 and Over, with teammate Cody Campbell scooping silver, Dakota Cutting grabbing the bronze, and CJ Hussen following up in fourth.

But it isn't gold medals that are so impressive: it is the amount of participation by communities, whether at Chippewas of the Thames or Chippewas of Nawash. For instance, many, many little cyclists lined up for the Under Six and 6-7 age categories at Cape Croker Park, while older children volunteered as marshals and "sweepers" to make sure all of the little ones went safely around the race course.

Parents and volunteers fanned out along the 2.5 km circuit in the park to ensure that no one became lost, while Shannon Fillo took care of first-aid, Natasha Akiwenzie and Judy Nadjiwan were in charge of timing, and Bill Salter, Dave Latremouille, Dave Robinson, John Cameron and Sean Laporte were kept busy at the bike repair stands as anxious racers brought broken bikes in need of repair.

Nathan Keeshig, director of the park welcomed the public for the day, and Diane Stevens hosted a picnic for one hundred, under sunny skies.



Steve Nadjiwan won gold at both the Chippewas of the Thames and Nawash Invitationals.



Julia Migwans, 3, was the youngest Bike Championship participant.



Shania Squires took first place at the Nawash Invitational in the girls 10-11 category.

Next up for the team is the cross-country ski season. This year Cape Croker Park has a new 2 km trail. Through the generosity of Mountain Equipment Co-op and Hardwood Hills, and funding from the Ministry of Health Promotion, Nawash has enough ski equipment to provide rentals for the whole community.

Keeshig is opening up an unused building at the park to provide space for rental skis, while Diane Stevens, who owns the cafe and store at the park's entrance, will provide hot chocolate and nutritious snacks for hungry skiers.

Stevens will also open up for weekly "Skiing and Scrapbooking" sessions for the Niish Nobbie Girls Rock program sponsored by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women, Sport and Physical Activity, and the Aboriginal Sport Circle. This is a great program for girls that aims for high activity levels in sport and recreation.

As of 2008, the junior girls cross-country ski team is ranked third among Ontario elementary schools while the boys' team is ranked second. The teams will once again take part in the Indigenous People's Nordic Ski

Training Camp as Inuk coach and former Canadian champion Angus Cockney returns to coach the season's opening camp from December 21-23. Cockney, whose children Jesse and Marika, race for Team Alberta, will have as his assistant instructors Sekwan and Takwakin Trottier, Saskatchewan cross-country ski champions from the Lac La Ronge Cree Nation.

While the Anishinaabe Racers prepare for winter, they ask that everyone "Think Snow."

Laura Robinson, a former member of Canada's national cycling and cross-country ski teams, writes extensively on women and Native issues.



Ted Nolan Hockey School

Chris Simon, Ted Nolan, Jamie Restoule, Denny Lambert at the July Ted Nolan Hockey School in Garden River First Nation.



Chi Miigwetch to Dreamcatcher Fund

This summer I attended the North American Indigenous Games in Cowichan, British Columbia. I played on the Juvenile Girls Basketball team and we came in 5th place. It was a great experience playing at a high level with other First Nation girls. So, I would like to thank the Dreamcatcher Fund, Anishnabek Nation, and Big Arrow Gas Station of Garden River First Nation for their support and sponsorship. I would have not been able to attend without their help. Chi Miigwetch for everything! - Quazance Boissoneau

GOOD CREDIT

Call the CAR EXPERTS

BAD CREDIT

1-800-461-4900

100'S OF CARS, TRUCKS & SUV'S



NEW AND PREOWNED TO CHOOSE FROM



3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU BETTER

SPRAGGE
705-849-2227

ESPANOLA
705-869-3000

ELLIOT LAKE
705-848-2227



ANISHINABEK



Wikwemikong Chief Hazel Fox-Recollet smiles while frying fish with Beverly Osawamick at the Oct. 25 Whitefish Festival.

First Wiky Whitefish Festival attracts over 500 participants

By Melissa Cooper

WIKWEMIKONG – Fish was on just about everybody’s menu in the largest Anishinabek Nation community Oct. 25.

“It was a great community gathering, a real opportunity for people to come together,” said Puc’ne Eshkawkogan during the Whitefish Festival. “Families do not do these sorts of things anymore so it was really great to be a part of.”

“This is what it’s all about – memories of nice outdoor adventure stuff,” he added.

In part, the festival was geared at paying homage to past commercial fishermen of Wikwemikong, and a memorial plaque was installed for Henry (Smuggler) Shawana who passed away on Oct. 8. Based on Rabbit Island, Shawana made his livelihood from fishing and his family has continued on with this tradition of fishing the waters surrounding Wikwemikong with his nets.

Activities for kids throughout the day included a puppet show, a fish pond for goody bags, contests for moose and deer calling, and an improvisational play put on by the Debajemujig Theatre Group. Actors Jessica Wilde, Tabitha Peltier, Barry Beaver, Travis Escoma and Mathew

Manitowabi acted out various skits with some input from their audience.

“We were in character almost all day – I also learned how to skin fish and tried catching a fish with my hands,” said Mathew Manitowabi, 26, from Wiky, who has been employed with Debajemujig for three years.

Three commercial fishermen provided 1,200 pounds of whitefish to feed over 500 festival participants.

“After all the fish we ate here today you can just smell it on your hands and some people are going to take that fishy smell home with them tonight,” said Eshkawkogan.

The event took about six months to organize and was sponsored by the Wikwemikong Lands department, which also contributed the services of eight staff members as volunteers.

“It went very well – we got more people than we expected, said John Manitowabi, one of the main organizers. “Everything turned out other than the rain we got here and there throughout the afternoon.”

Organizers got the idea from band member Stitch Manitowabi who held a similar event last year in Sagamok where he now lives, and hope to make the Wiky festival an annual affair.



Anishinabek Elder Garry Sault from Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation shared his wisdom during the Species At Risk Act (SARA) Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) conference Oct. 28-30 in Toronto. SARA recognizes the essential role of Aboriginal peoples in the conservation of wildlife and that their traditional knowledge should be considered in the assessment of species at risk and recovery strategies.



Elders Russel Abitong Sr. and Joseph Owl from Sagamok Anishnawbek discuss treaty issues and swap hunting stories during a three-day community gathering to discuss the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850, Hunting and Fishing practices and rights, Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Inter-Treaty Harvesting. The event included a community hunt and fishing camp, which involved the harvesting of a moose using proper practices and ethics, and setting trap nets for a feed of fish enjoyed by the camp participants.



Brian Monague, Kettle and Stony Point FN – a board member of the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre – chats with Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse of Sagamok Anishnawbek at the First Nation Water Policy Forum held in Garden River First Nation. The session shared information on water initiatives in Ontario so that First Nations and governments can work more cooperatively. Agenda items included Traditional Ecological Knowledge, aquaculture, the Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem, the UOI/MNR Resource Management Council and the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Rights.



Fisheries biologist Kim Tremblay, a staff member of the Anishinabek /Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre, was the guest speaker at the Serpent River First Nation Habitat Workshop Dinner Oct. 15. The workshop included both in-class and hands-on field experience in local streams.

– Photos by Perry McLeod-Shabogiesic

New UOI Staff



My name is Tracey Armstrong and I am the Governance Administrative Assistant for the Restoration of Jurisdiction Department. I bring with me years of experience having worked for the Provincial Government for 10 years with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office as a Program Analyst. A citizen of Temagami First Nation, I live in North Bay with husband Tony and our three children.



My name is Polly Bobiwash and I am honored to introduce myself as the recently hired AHRDA Manager for the Anishinabek Union of Ontario Indians. My experience in the Employment and Training field includes work experience as Employment Counsellor and Project Officer helping individuals and communities develop programs to assist them in achieving employment goals. I am a citizen of Thesalon First Nation.



Boozhoo! My name is Eric Nahwegahbow, citizen of Whitefish River First Nation. I am currently working as the Tutor Field Placement officer for the Anishinabek Educational Institute. I have lived in The North Bay area to attend school at Canadore College, graduating from the Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Prevention and Mental Health Worker program. I’ve worked at the North Bay Indian Friendship Centre.



Deputy Grand Council Chief Glen Hare and David Perez, a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Ogichedaw Veterans and Warriors Society. The Society is located at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, 7070 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858; (989) 775-4175; AOVWS@sagchip.org



ANISHINABEK NEWS

The Anishinabek News is a monthly publication of the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI). Views expressed are not necessarily the opinion or political position of the UOI.

No portion of this paper, including advertisements, artwork, photos and editorial content may be reproduced without written permission of the Anishinabek News Editor or UOI Executive.

Readers are invited to submit letters, articles, and photos for publication. Please include your name, address and telephone number on all material submitted. All submissions will be reviewed for publication based on priority of interest and edited for clarity of thought, taste, brevity and legal implications. Remuneration will be paid for submissions only if a written agreement with the Editor is made prior to publication.

NOTE: All formal comments and complaints must be addressed to Editorial Board c/o Anishinabek News.

Editor: Maurice Switzer

Assistant Editor: Marci Becking

Coordinator: Priscilla Goulais

Contributors: Rene Abram, Jennifer Ashawasegai, Holly Broadhagen, Heather Campbell, Melissa Cooper, Rick Garrick, Christian Hebert, Margaret Hele, Shirley Honyust, Christine McFarlane, Laura Robinson, Karen Pheasant, Perry McLeod-Shabogesic, Chad Solomon, Richard Wagamese, Sharon Weatherall, Shirley Williams,

Editorial Board: Cathie Favreau

PH: 705-497-9127 ~ 1-877-702-5200

FX: 705-497-9135

WEB: www.anishinabek.ca

E-MAIL: news@anishinabek.ca

MAIL: P.O. Box 711, Nipissing First Nation, North Bay, ON, P1B 8J8

MAANDA NDINENDAM / OPINION

Journalism: a job fit for savages

There used to be distinct differences between what we called the so-called "responsible" press and "the tabloids" – those slippery-sheeted magazines that catch your eye at the grocery checkout counter with headlines that scream "Madonna having Martian's love child," or "How to lose 80 pounds on a jelly-bean diet."

An industry insider once told me that – unlike other businesses – the quality of newspapers is inversely proportionate to the level of competition in their marketplace. And the current state of journalism certainly proves him right. Political leaders, professional athletes, movie stars – they're all treated the same in stories that focus more on celebrity than substance.

The pathetic state of affairs becomes more obvious when it comes to dealing with issues that require some knowledge or research, and Native Affairs is one of those areas where a largely-ignorant public would really benefit from a well-informed press.

So when a Canadian V.I.P like Richard Pound tells reporters that this country was nothing but a land of "savages" 400 years ago, you'd like to think someone in the news business would have enough smarts to set him straight.

Instead, Globe and Mail columnist Margaret Wenthe chimed in that Pound – a member of the International Olympic Committee and chancellor of McGill University – is actually right. From her lofty perch, Ms. Wenthe writes that North American native peoples were "Neolithic", and evidence of their savagery is that they "had not developed broader laws or institutions, a written language, evidence-based science, mathematics or advance technologies." She mocks indigenous traditions and culture as romanticism fuelled by white guilt.



Maurice Switzer

Thank goodness her ignorant myopia was met by a flood of outraged responses, many reminding her that Mr. Pound had already apologized for his inappropriate and inaccurate remarks, and others offering specific historic evidence that refutes her theory.

That someone can achieve such a promi-

nent position in such an important field with so little background knowledge of such a major topic as Native Affairs is more than a sad commentary on Margaret Wenthe.

It is a terrible indictment of Canada's media industry, a business that used to produce information respected by important pillars of society that now amplifies voices which often have nothing meaningful, original or even accurate to say. It is safe to say that many journalists are little better than savages – people with no values, accurate knowledge or ability to discern right from wrong.

Maurice Switzer is a citizen of the Mississaugas of Alderville First Nation. He serves as editor of the Anishinabek News.

BALONEY & BANNOCK By Perry McLeod-Shabogesic



I'd vote for Obama... All Harper wants to do here... Is spread the poverty around!

The trick to making clouds disappear

I used to make clouds disappear.

When I was small I would wander out on high-sky summer days and lie down in the grass to watch clouds skim across the sky. I'd tell myself that there were pirate ships in them, great bears or carousels or that they were the exhalations of a dragon's breath.

I was a foster kid then and I'd grown used to being alone. But the time I spent watching the sky was never a lonely time for me. Instead, I had the company of my imagination and all the incredible stories and creatures I saw in the clouds. It was magical. But I discovered my own particular kind of magic

I could make clouds disappear. I'd lay there and watch and when a wispy cloud appeared, I'd hold my arms up in front of my face and blow sharply on my wrists. Then, while I kept my eyes on that small cloud, I'd rub them together in a counter clockwise circle and concentrate and watch and eventually, that little cloud would vanish.



Richard Wagamese

I always laughed then. Always felt like the world's greatest magician. Always felt happy, content and never lonely.

Oh, I knew that it was just the wind. Even as a kid I was cognizant of the everyday science of things around me. But for that brief moment I allowed myself to slip out of the hold of rules and knowledge and accepted belief. I allowed myself the freedom to believe in the power of ordinary magic, allowed myself to be a kid who lived beyond all of that.

Well, things change as they always do and

life began its swells and buckles and turns and I found myself suddenly a grown man in grownup world that's far too short on everyday magic. There are bills to pay, chores that beg doing, worries, problems and a life to be tended to and nurtured.

It's all so busy. But when I take the time to wander out and find a quiet place in the sunshine, I can still make clouds disappear. I can still move myself beyond accepted rules and order. I can still come to believe in an ordinary magical all around me.

That's the trick of it, really, this life. To never forget that we are stardust. That we carry comets and whirlwinds inside of us. That we are all magical beings.

Richard Wagamese is Ojibway from Wabassemoong FN in Northwestern Ontario. His new novel *Ragged Company* and his collected memoir, *One Native Life* are in stores now.



PUBLISHING CRITERIA

GOAL

To publish a quality newspaper and related publications designed to foster pride and share knowledge about Anishinabek current affairs, culture, goals, and accomplishments.

OBJECTIVES

To provide information that reflects the Creator's four original gifts to the Anishinabek:

Respect: To welcome diversity and encourage a free exchange of opinions that may differ without being disagreeable. Fair and humorous comments are welcomed, but not ridicule or personal attacks.

Honesty: Debwewin – speaking the truth – is the cornerstone of our newspaper's content.

Sharing: Providing opportunities for people from the four corners of the Anishinabek Nation to tell stories and record achievements, and to keep our citizens informed about activities of the Union of Ontario Indians.

Strength: To give a voice to the vision of the Anishinabek Nation that celebrates our history, culture and language, promotes our land, treaty, and aboriginal rights, and supports the development of healthy and prosperous communities.

Advertising & News Deadlines

The current circulation of the Anishinabek News is 10,000 copies, with 9,000 mailed and 1,000 distributed at various events.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER

Advertising

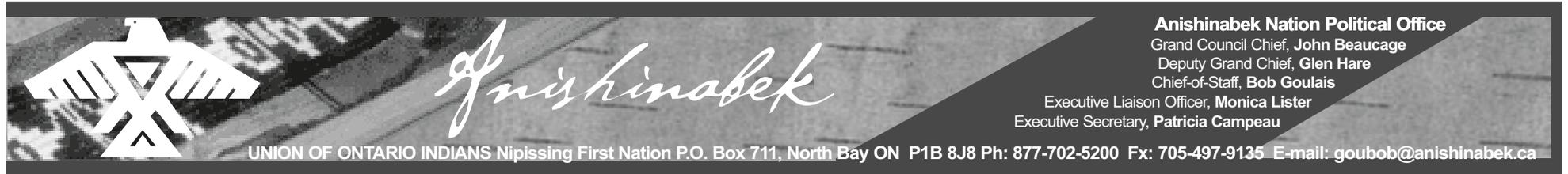
Bookings: November 20

Final Art: November 26

News

News submissions: November 20

For more information or inquiries to the Anishinabek News related to advertising and circulation issues please call our Toll-free number: 1-800-463-6408

**POLITICAL DIGEST****NIIGAN ZHAAMIN — “Moving Forward, Together”**

Anishinabek focus On War on Drugs

By **Bob Goulais**

A fall lobbying session is being planned for Queens Park to support the War on Drugs and Treaty Implementation. Our main focus will be on meeting The Hon. Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotions to support the War on Drugs, as well as youth sports, the possibility of a new Ontario Sports Circle. Possibilities for all of this are looking really good.

On Oct. 30 we distributed a news release supporting the War on Drugs. The framework of the strategies will be based on a strategy developed by the City of Vancouver to combat drug problems in Canada's most notorious area, the Downtown Eastside.

A consultant has been hired to coordinate the strategy and conduct the War on Drugs policy conference that has been set for Feb.16-17, 2009 in Whitefish Lake First Nation. The next War on Drugs steering committee meeting will take place Nov. 17. We're hoping the Chiefs will be pleased with our progress thus far.

•Grand Council Chief John Beaucage delivered a speech to the B.C. Treaty Commission conference Oct. 29 in Vancouver.

“We must use the treaty relationship we already have with the Crown to give us the access and involvement in the greater resource-based economy.

The theme of the speech was Forging Linkages and Finding Solutions.

“Unfortunately, the treaty relationship that exists has a lot to be desired. We must spend time to re-define the treaty relationship between First Nations and the Crown in Ontario.

“We must assert our goals and priorities. And we must also spend time to develop and foster a positive economic and investment environment within

our Nation and throughout our territory. These are indeed our top priorities.”

•Development has begun on the facilitation plan for the Strategic Communications Council retreat that will take place Dec.17.

•The Leadership Council asked the UOI to develop the Strategic Communications Council – a.k.a. “The War Room” – an initiative proposed by Chief Patrick Madahbee. A smaller group of our leadership and executive will come together, identify some high-level priorities, identify some key messaging for our organization and their fellow Chiefs, and give some direction on communications/public relations initiatives. This would be the upper-echelon of our political communications that would set the tone in our messaging of our organization to government and the general public.

•Some lobbying will be taking place at Parliament Hill, November 6-7, starting with the Official Opposition (national caucus chair) and beginning the daunting task of establishing relationships with the new NDP MPs from Northern Ontario. We will be discussing comprehensive self-government.

•Grand Council Chief Beaucage, in his role as chairman of the First Nations Market Housing Fund, will be the keynote speaker at the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association in Quebec City Nov.18.

•In the spirit of solidarity, the Anishinabek Nation has shared information on our Pre-Budget Submission process to the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, who will be presenting their position on the Ontario Economic Statement in London. We are happy to work together to assist our fellow PTOs.

Bob Goulais is the Executive Assistant to the Grand Council Chief.



Grand Council Chief Awards

Deputy Grand Council Chief Glen Hare receives a Grand Council Chief Award from John Beaucage. Other recipients of this year's award were Andrew Arnott, Fiscal Relations Policy Analyst for the Restoration of Jurisdiction department, Marci Becking, communications officer, and Bernadette Marasco, Education Negotiations Administration Assistant. Ray St. Louis, IT Systems Coordinator for the Union of Ontario Indians received the peer-to-peer Grand Council Chief Award for his outstanding staff support..



LETTERS



Sports circle missing

Grand Council Chief Beaucage brings up important points – “Giving funding to our athletes three months before the games start isn't going to win us medals” Sept, 2008.

In fact Ontario finished second at the North American Indigenous Games with 143 medals ! Although winning medals is not the only reason we attend this, the largest cultural sporting event of its kind, it does demonstrate the abilities, strengths and commitment of our youth that we managed to finish ahead of larger, better organized teams.

The next NAIG is scheduled for Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2011. The next National Aboriginal Hockey Championships are in spring, 2009. Ontario doesn't have an Aboriginal Sport Body to enter our teams in these or other events.

I have a stake in this, I volunteered over 2000 hours in 14 months on this project, because I see the value, for our communities, for my extended family and for the many friends made along the journey who share this passion. My wife's time commitment has been the same as mine, and many other sport leaders gave of their time to prepare their teams on shoestring budgets, but without commitment from the Native leadership it ends.

Let your leaders know what the NAIG movement, the NAHC and all-Ontario sports mean to you. This is important, it can't wait.

We love our sports. We need a new sport circle!

Marc Laliberte, chef de mission
 Chair, Ontario Aboriginal Sport Circle
 Cowessess First Nation

Grateful for moose hides

I am writing to say thanks to the staff at the Union of Ontario Indians for the generous donation of moose hides you got for the Native Brotherhood at Beaver Creek Institution. I am still teaching the moccasin-making class and all the guys who signed up are truly thrilled for being able to learn this craft.

Glenn Laginskie
 Native Brotherhood

Not everyone in Canada so happy

Recently I read an article about an international happiness survey and how happiness for Canadians was on the rise.

Denmark came out on top as the happiest country. The U.S. ranked in 16th place and Canada placed ninth on the happiness scale. The authors of the study say the reasons for Canada's strong showing are probably linked to prosperity and political freedom.

So who was at the bottom of the happiness list? Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe is ruled by President Robert Mugabe, who is accused by the international community of massive violations of human rights. Zimbabwe is currently experiencing an economic crisis, with inflation running in the millions of percentile points. Mugabe's critics blame his program of land reform.

Land reform... what's that you ask? Land reform in Zimbabwe began after the signing of the Lancaster House Agreement in 1979 in an effort to more equitably distribute land between the historically-disenfranchised blacks and the minority whites who ruled Zimbabwe from 1923

**Marci Becking**

to 1979. The government's land distribution is perhaps the most crucial and the most bitterly contested political issue today.

In January 2006, Agriculture Minister Joseph Made said Zimbabwe was considering legislation that would compel commercial banks to finance black peasants who had been allocated formerly white-owned farmland in the land reforms.

The newly resettled peasants had largely failed to secure loans from commercial banks because they did not have title over the land on which they were resettled, and therefore could not use it as collateral.

Back in Canada, First Peoples are still trying to resolve land claim settlements. Both money and time are spent while the world keeps moving forward.

First Nations peoples in

Canada face a number of problems to greater degrees than Canadians overall. Higher unemployment, rates of crime and incarceration, substance abuse, health problems and lower levels of education. Suicide rates are more than twice the sex-specific rate and three times the age-specific rates of non-Natives.

Life expectancy at birth is significantly lower for First Nations babies than for babies in the Canadian population as a whole. As of 2001, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada estimates First Nations life expectancy to be 8.1 years shorter for males and 5.5 years shorter for females.

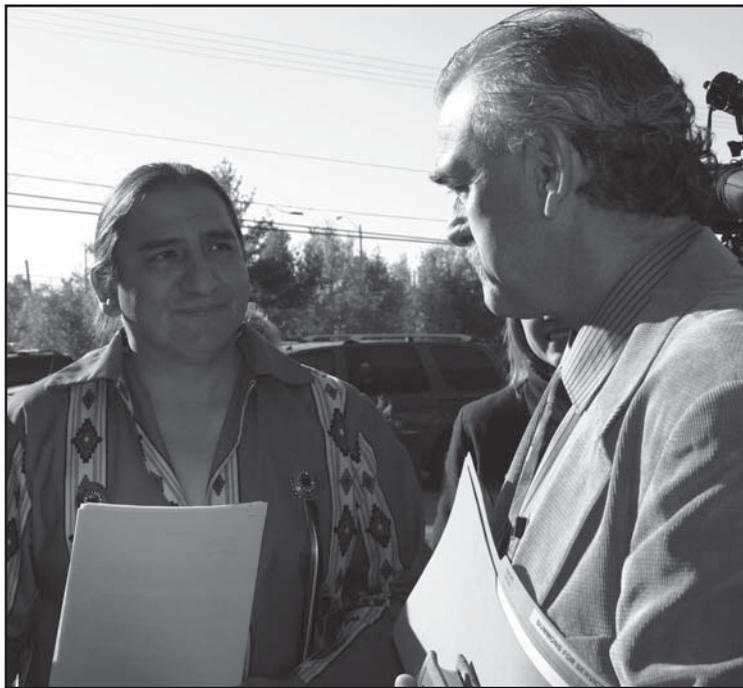
I suspect that if someone surveyed First Peoples in Canada about their happiness quotient it would be somewhat lower than the 9 per cent ranking of the country's general population on the international standings.

They might even give Zimbabwe a run for their money for last place.

Marci Becking is Communications Officer for the Union of Ontario Indians and assistant editor of the Anishinabek News.



LANDS AND RESOURCES



Batchewana First Nation Chief Dean Sayers receives summons from a Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources official on October 10.

Chief welcomes MNR charges

By Nadine Roach

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) laid charges Oct. 10 against Chief Dean Sayers and three other Batchewana First Nation citizens for harvesting timber on Townships that are disputed jurisdiction.

Ten days after logs were seized by MNR, Chief Sayers along with harvesters Phillip Swanson, Gilles Robinson, and Clinton Robinson were served with summonses for unlawful harvest of forest resources in a Crown forest without the authority of a forest resource license.

This harvesting took place within Batchewana First Nation territory in the area townships of VanKoughnet, Fisher, and Palmer.

Despite these charges Chief

Sayers welcomes the actions from the Province saying this is an opportunity to clear up future territorial disputes.

A press release was issued by the Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council on the same day stating that "this is a historic moment for our people."

This most recent action on the part of the Crown is welcomed. We look forward to generating clarity with regards to our treaty relationship with the Crown."

Cutting permits were issued by the Batchewana First Nation (BFN) based on their own forest sustainability plans. In an earlier interview Chief Sayers outlined lack of confidence in the methods of MNR and current license holders in managing territorial lands. This has led the First Nation to

take advantage of this failed attempt at stewardship and begin exercising their jurisdiction as set out in the treaties signed between each respective government.

Chief Sayers also said he hopes the Crown does not drop the charges as a trial date approaches. "Everyone deserves this issue to be resolved in its entirety."

In a counter charge, the Batchewana First Nation served an investigation notice to Minister of Natural Resources Donna Cansfield and other representatives of the Crown stating that charges may be pending once their investigation has concluded.

The ministry was contacted for comments and said they were not at liberty to comment due to the incident being before the courts.

Wasauksing hosts first Green Fair

By Jennifer Ashawasegai

WASAUKSING FN—Wasauksing's Sept. 6 Green Fair was organized by the Wasauksing Women's Environmental Group. Spokesperson the seven-member group, Lila Tabobandung says, "this event has been in the works for a few years now."

"We got together and have been talking about this for a couple of years, our environment and the condition of our dump, and we're also concerned about the water."

Over a couple of years, the group met and discussed what they could do to help the environment and raise awareness in their community—and the idea of holding a Green Fair was developed.

Wasauksing Lands Incorporated donated about \$49,000 to the event. That money went towards purchasing green baskets for all community households.

The kits included a de-humidifier to address mould issues in homes, water heater thermo-blankets, recycle bins, water filters, energy bulbs along with bio-degradable garbage bags.

There were also several different booths at the event. Community member Tracey Pawis had a

booth which showed different ways to recycle tires, such as making a swing and enviro-sandals.

Faith Pegahmagabow showcased traditional medicines that can be found throughout the area. Other booths included information on environmental health issues and endangered species.

Speakers at the event included community member Cheryl Partridge who talked about the elements of Mother Earth, which are all connected and need to be in balance in order for her to be healthy, and Partridge says that human beings all contain the same minerals as Mother Earth. Each direction represents an element: East represents Earth, South represents Fire, West represents Water and North represents Air.

Union of Ontario Indians also sent its Water Policy Resources Analyst Rhonda Gagnon to speak on behalf of Josephine Mandamin, Anishinabek Women's Water Commissioner.

At the end of the day, Tabobandung was very pleased and said there was a lot of community interest, especially in the green baskets. Tabobandung adds, "We want people to start thinking of the earth as Mother Earth and that we have to take care of her."



Wasauksing citizen Faith Pegahmagabow at her traditional medicines booth. —Photo by Jennifer Ashawasegai

Treaty rights explained

NORTH BAY – Understanding Treaty Rights in Today's Society Oct. 21 presentation was well received by an attentive group of about 60 people at the Natural Classroom of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority.

The speaker, Mr Fred Bellefeuille, Barrister and Solicitor, explained the historic and legal roots of modern constitutional decisions around aboriginal fishing, hunting and logging rights in an informative

and engaging way. Afterwards he said, "People want to be better informed about treaty rights, in particular rights related to conflicts over land. I try to make it clear to people that Treaties were not simply real estate transactions involving the trade of land for money. Treaties are institutions that provided distinct nations with what they needed to survive and that they must be understood in this way today."



Fred Bellefeuille

MNR builds capacity with First Nations

TORONTO – The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) has launched a self-directed video series, tailored to meet the needs of Aboriginal Communities interested or involved in waterpower development.

"My ministry understands the need to generate clean, renewable energy for generations to come. And we need to work together with Aboriginal communities to make this happen. This toolkit will open the information door with respect to waterpower projects" said Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources.

"I am extremely pleased with the result of this initiative" said Paul Norris, President of the OWA. "This product is an excellent example of collaboration between industry, Aboriginal organizations and government".

Since 2006, the Ontario Waterpower Association, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Aboriginal Community representatives have worked to deliver a series of "Building Capacity Together – An Introduction to Waterpower" workshops focused on the information and knowledge requirements of Aboriginal Communities. The most recent session was video-taped and edited into a self-directed learning series, now available in English, Ojibwa and Oji-Cree.

"The Wabun Tribal Council and its member communities continue to support every effort to provide First Nations the capacity to participate in waterpower development in Ontario", said Jason Batise, Wabun's Technical Advisor and an instructor in the program. For more information, contact Paul Norris, OWA President at 705-743-1500.

STAFF

Jason Laronde
Director
larjas@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2263

Nadine Roach
Forestry Coordinator
roanad@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2234

Barb Naveau
Forestry Assistant
navbar@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2255

Rhonda Gagnon
Water Resources Policy Analyst
bucrho@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2318

Arnya Assance
AORMC Coordinator
assancea@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2340

MISSION

The mission of the Lands and Resources department is to foster a better quality of life by ensuring access to natural resources in support of the goals, principles and values of the Anishinabek Nation.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS



New rules in place for specific claims

OTTAWA – The Specific Claims Tribunal Act came into effect Oct. 16, a day National Chief Phil Fontaine says marked the beginning of a “new approach” to resolving the long-standing claims of First Nations.

“We have seen too often that ignoring or delaying the legitimate claims of First Nations can adversely affect all Canadians,” said the Assembly of First Nations leader

“This legislation will foster a more fair, just and expedient approach to resolving these important matters.”

The new Act, which creates an independent Tribunal, was the result of a collaborative effort between the government of Canada and First Nations. In addition to the new legislation, a companion Political Agreement established a joint committee between the AFN and the federal government to deal with other important issues relating to the resolution of outstanding specific claims.

“Now that the election is over, we expect to see further progress with the federal government to



Phil Fontaine

address outstanding issues,” said National Chief Fontaine stated. “We are ready to move forward on key priorities identified in the Political Agreement, including effective engagement in a process to appoint Tribunal members as well as the development of a process to deal with specific claims that do not fall within the mandate of the Tribunal.

“I am optimistic that the new government and Parliament will demonstrate the required support and good will to move forward and work together in the same co-operative manner that was critical to the development of the Act in the first place.”



United election front

Members of the First Nation Political Confederacy in Ontario met before the Oct. 14 federal election to jointly encourage First Nations' participation in the election, and to urge all parties that “Not dealing with First Nation issues, not addressing the clear obligations to consult and accommodate First Nations interests will cost Ontario a great deal”. From left, Deputy Grand Chief Simon Forbister, Treaty #3; Randall Phillips, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, Stan Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, Regional Chief Angus Toulouse, Chiefs of Ontario, Grand Council Chief John Beaucage, Anishinabek Nation, and William (Bill) Montour of Six Nations.

Ottawa rejects Peguis attempt to curb drug abuse on rez

CBC News

The federal government has shot down a Manitoba First Nation's by-law intended to curb drug abuse on the reserve, but aboriginal leaders say the reserve should ignore Ottawa's directive on the matter.

The Peguis First Nation, home to about 3,400 people in Manitoba's Interlake region, brought in a bylaw last fall that imposes strict penalties on people caught using or dealing drugs, and that requires drug testing for all band employees.

But in a recent letter, the Department of Indian Affairs rejected the new rules, saying the band is only allowed to write bylaws for minor concerns, such as animal control or smoking. The band can't regulate drug use — only Ottawa can.

“We really do encourage them to work with local police to enforce those existing federal laws,” said INAC spokesman Jeff Solmundson.

Aborigines control coast

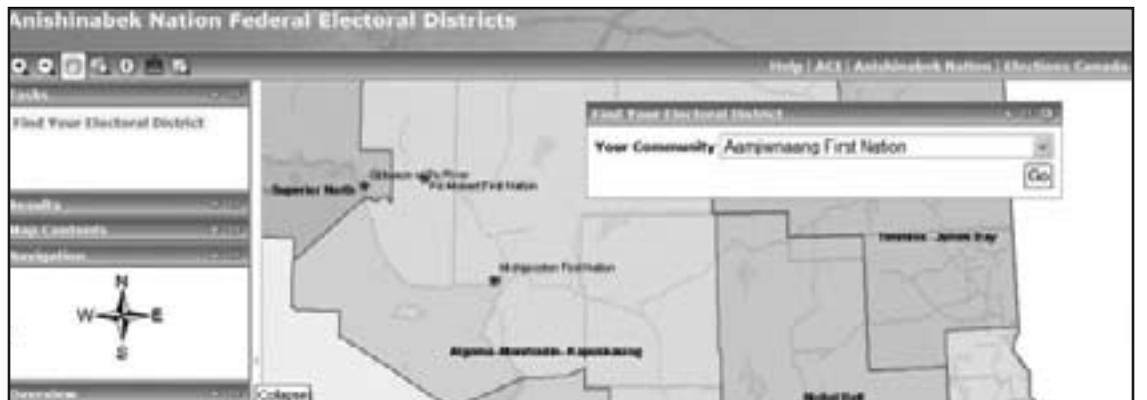
SYDNEY – Australia's High Court has ruled Aborigines control more than 80 per cent of the Northern Territory coast, ending a 30-year battle for indigenous rights to the sea.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd called for calm following the landmark ruling, which has massive implications for Aboriginal people, governments and the fishing industry.

It means traditional owners can control where and when commercial and recreational fishing is carried out, but not catch-sizes or limits.

The decision gives indigenous people unprecedented control over the territory's billion-dollar fishing industry, with the introduction of permits a likely result.

GIS web mapping has many uses



The Mapping a Brighter Future (MBF) project has the capacity to create web mapping applications. For the October 14, 2008 Federal Election, an Anishinabek Nation Federal Electoral Districts mapping application was developed to assist communities in identifying what electoral district their community was located in. This application was beneficial in determining the types of GIS tools that can be developed by the Mapping a Brighter Future Project. The link for Electoral District mapping application can be found on the GIS page on Anishinabek.ca. For further information please contact: Cheryl Recollet (cheryl.recollet@anishinabek.ca).

Anishinabek GIS Day November 19

By Cheryl Recollet

The UOI is celebrating Anishinabek GIS Day on November 19, 2008 in conjunction with International GIS Day. It's of utmost importance for us to ensure our communities are aware of and have access to up-to-date information using state-of-the-art geospatial technology. Communities are encouraged to host information sessions regarding geospatial capabilities and the substantial data it can access for use in community planning and development initiatives.

The UOI is celebrating Anishinabek GIS Day with the launch of the Anishinabek Community Interface (ACI) training video. This step-by-step video demonstrates the tools available on the ACI. The ACI is a web-mapping application that enables Anishinabek communities to access, print, display and query geographic data. The ACI employs leading-edge internet-based GIS mapping technology to begin managing and using geographic information to its fullest. This is the 10th anniversary of GIS DAY celebrations across the globe; 48 countries participate in GIS Day activities (www.gisday.com). GIS Day was developed to create an awareness of geospatial activities. For more information on GIS and the UOI GIS site, please contact Cheryl Recollet (cheryl.recollet@anishinabek.ca).



STAFF

Allan Dokis
Director
dokall@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2251

Kerry Assiniwe
Relations Coordinator
kerry.assiniwe@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2320

Alicia McLeod
Treaty Research Coordinator
mclali@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2264

Cheryl Recollet
Geospatial Project Manager
recche@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2253

Melissa Stevens
Treaty Research Clerk
stemel@anishinabek.ca
Ext. 2237

MISSION

The Union of Ontario Indians Intergovernmental Affairs department is committed to the protection of aboriginal and treaty rights, ensuring access to land and resources, and supporting the political goals, values and aspirations of the Anishinabek Nation.



War should never be glorified. Yet, the sacrifices and achievements of those who participated must never be forgotten. We owe it to all our veterans.

Located in Garden River First Nation
7 Shingwauk St., Garden River, ON P6A 6Z8
website: www.ancu.ca

1-866-775-2628
PROUDLY OWNED AND CONTROLLED
BY THE ANISHNABEK



We Remember

2 Locations to Serve You Better!

24 Hillside Dr. Elliot Lake
848-3949

237 Causley St., Blind River
356-2207



The City

*The Mayor, Council
with heartfelt thanks
to ensure the*



RR6, P.O. Box 178, Rama Rd.,
Rama, Ontario

1.800.832.PLAY (7529)



*We're proud of those who sacrificed
their lives and those who
survived to tell their stories.
Because of you we survive.*

Tribal Custom Insurance Services Inc.
(Aboriginal owned)

1-888-511-2060

"Our Vision - Your Well Being - Our Coverage"

**LAWSON
MOTORS LTD.**

We service what we sell!
**ANCU CREDIT UNION FINANCING
AVAILABLE**

Lest we forget.

Causley St., Blind River **356-2974**
www.lawsonmotors.com



Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow, a citizen of Wasauksing First Nation, served in the First World War. An Ojibwa, he was the most decorated Aboriginal veteran in Canadian History. (Indiana University)



Members of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, located in central Ontario, served in the War of 1812, the 1991 Gulf War, and every major conflict in between. (Gordon W. Johnston/ Maadooki Seniors' Centre)

Native Veterans

By John Beaucage

It is Remembrance Day again, 63 years after the end of what we all hope will be the last world war.

But soldiers wearing the Canadian maple leaf patch on their shoulders are still losing their lives in skirmishes and peacekeeping operations in faraway lands. Roadside bombs and bullets continue to take their costly toll, even if the battles and skirmishes are not classified as global conflicts.

The Anishinabek call them Warriors, and they have ventured forth since the time of Tecumseh to defend this land we now call Canada. In World War I, all the adult males in tiny First Nations like Scugog volunteered to defend their homelands from foreign armies. Natives enlisted in higher numbers than any other identifiable population group, even though they were exempt by treaty right.

Some say that's why they enlisted in such high numbers – to defend the nation they were certain would someday honour her treaties with them.

Warriors like Frances Pegahmegabow were among the bravest of the brave. The sharpshooter from Wasauksing First Nation near Parry Sound was honoured with the Military Medal three times, and became the inspiration for Joseph Boyden's award-winning novel "Three Mile Road".

It was the same story in 1939 when the nations of the world divided into two armed camps. Over the next six years First Peoples once more distinguished themselves by the extent of their contributions to the Allied Forces military effort. This time our heroes were soldiers like Sgt. Tommy Prince and Ira Hayes, whose heroism in a U.S. Marines'



**Mike
Brown, MPP**
Algoma-
Manitoulin

1-800-831-1899

*It's important that we always
remember the efforts & sacrifices
made by our men & women
in uniform.*



Cameco

*How fortunate we are to be here today because
of your efforts and sacrifices.*

Blind River, ON

Countrywide

BLIND RIVER
**1-800-
356**

We



ty of Elliot Lake

ilors and all citizens of our city remember
nks, the sacrifices that all veterans made
e safety of Canada and the World.

The North Shore Sentinel

We have
not forgotten.
We will not forget.
Serving the North Shore

155 Main St.
Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0
705-842-2504



100 College Drive, P.O. Box 5001, North Bay, ON P1B 8K9 • Tel (705) 474-7600
Fax (705) 474-8005 • E-mail knoxj@canadore.on.ca

We remember
all those brave men
who fought and died for us.

ns in Canada

uniform was portrayed by Anishinabek actor Adam Beach in Clint Eastwood's film "Flags of our Fathers".

Each November 11 we set aside some moments, however fleeting, to remember those who have given of themselves to protect this country and each of us individually. Even if those men and women did not face enemy bullets or see fighting action, they were prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice in putting on a military uniform.

Veterans -- all veterans -- are to be honoured for the sacrifices they made and the courage they exhibited just by wearing those uniforms every day.

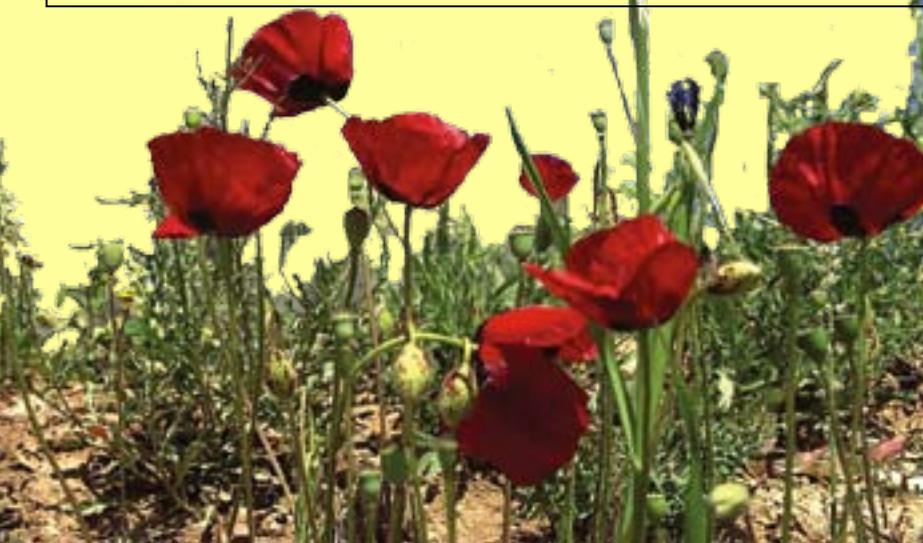
This past year the Anishinabek Nation lost a great warrior. He did not fight in World War II, but wore his uniform proudly and in the years since the war dedicated countless hours fighting to ensure that First Nations veterans received the recognition and benefits they had so justly earned.

His warrior spirit served him well in leadership roles in his community of Aamjiwnaang First Nation near Sarnia, and later as an Elder, a responsibility he carried out with honour and dignity.

On November 11, 2008, it is with both sadness and great pride that I will lay down my tobacco and say a prayer for fallen Anishinabek warrior Ray Rogers. Farewell Ray -- Baa Ma Pi Min Waa.



John Beaucage is Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation, a collective of 42 member communities whose traditional territories span what is now called Ontario. He is a citizen of Wasauksing First Nation.



WWII Veteran Angus Pontiac, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve. Pontiac is a survivor of both the residential school system and World War II. He was the recipient of the Anishinabek Nation Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. (Photo by Alex Peltier)



The late Ray Rogers, Aamjiwnaang First Nation near Sarnia, represented First Nations in Canada, inspects names on gravestones at the Saint-Sever Cemetery in Rouyn, France Aug. 20, 2007. Photo courtesy of INAC.

ELLIOT LAKE DENTURE CLINIC J.J. Ragnitz



'Kahgee pohn
noten took'

It means the,
'the fighting
has ended'

Remote Service
Available

14 George Walk, Elliot Lake, P5A 2A4
(705) 848-0003

ALGOMA CHRYSLER



We will not forget because
of your sacrifice. We live for
our children and the future.

Hwy. 17 West • Spragge **849-2227**
Corner of Hillside Dr. S. & Hwy. 108
Elliot Lake **848-2227**



**SAULT COLLEGE OF
APPLIED ARTS &
TECHNOLOGY**
Sault Ste. Marie, ON



All those brave men and women
who fought and died, we all
remember with so much pride.

Visit us on the web:
www.saultc.on.ca/NativeEducation

Home Furnishings

R Hwy. 17 East
265-2470
6-2071



Remember



Algoma District School Board

Canada's Native Soldiers
overcame cultural challenges and
made impressive sacrifices and
contributions to help the nation in its
efforts to restore world peace.
We remember.



Division of Osprey Media Publishing Inc.

Lest we forget.

14 Hillside Dr. S., Elliot Lake, ON
848-7195
2C Michigan Ave, Blind River, ON
356-3222



Native veterans have reason to be
proud. More than 7000 Native Soldiers
fought in the First and Second World
Wars, and all theatres since.
We Remember



EZHOOSGAGED/ARTS



Older Than America filmmaker Georgina Lightning (left) speaks with Tibetan researcher Alexandra Grigoryeva (centre) and friend after her thriller on the aftereffects of residential school abuse closed the 2008 imagineNATIVE Film & Media Arts Festival.

Festival closes with residential school thriller

By Rick Garrick

Georgina Lightning's 102-minute thriller "Older Than America" closed the 2008 imagineNATIVE Film & Media Arts Festival, held in Toronto from Oct. 15 to 19.

Starring Adam Beach, Tantoo Cardinal and Lightning, the film had the audience cheering along for Lightning and friends as they uncovered residential school abuse and the impacts it still has upon the community.

"People just don't understand these issues," says the actor/director originally from Hobbema, Alberta, whose father attended residential school and committed suicide when Lightning was 18. "All of our difficulties are related to what happened to us in residential schools."

Lightning, who now lives and works in Los Angeles and has acted in "Johnny Greyeyes", "The West Wing" and "Walker, Texas Ranger", rounded up her actor friends and about \$1.2 million in investments from two sources to complete Older Than America over a three-year period, "from conception to completion" she is currently looking at a number of upcoming directorial projects, including a film out of Vancouver.

"I met Adam on Smoke Signals," Lightning says. "I re-

ally looked to all my friends; they said, 'Just let us know where to be and when.' We need to keep getting stronger as filmmakers, producers and actors."

Over 100 Indigenous films and new media works from around the world, including Australia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Russia, the US, Venezuela and Canada, were featured in the 9th Annual imagineNATIVE Film & Media Arts Festival, which was held in various downtown Toronto venues, including the Al Green Theatre, Bloor Cinema, The Royal Cinema, the Native Canadian Centre and the NFB Media-theque.

"Every year the festival reaches a larger audience," says Jason Ryle, chair of the festival's board of directors. "We show the diversity of filmmakers in the Aboriginal community."

Metis director Janelle Wookey's 30-minute documentary "Memere Metisse" (My Metis Grandmother) and Australian director Darlene Johnson's 52-minute feature film "River of No Return" opened the festival at the Bloor Cinema while Coast Salish/Squamish/Kanaka director Richard Story's seven-minute film "Palace" closed the festival along

with Lightning's film at the Royal Cinema.

Nine radio works – including Bob Philip's AVR Arts Review "Norval Morrisseau"; four new media works – including Chad Solomon's Rabbit and Bearpaws, two youth activities – including the Takin' Charge: Filmmaker Panel for Youth, two special screenings – including Alanis Obomsawin's "Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance", two performance art pieces including Terence Houle's "Casting Call", and two installation works, including Ryan Rice's "How: Engagements with the Hollywood Indian," were also featured during the festival.

Just before the final two films were shown at the Royal Cinema, Ryle explains that he was particularly impressed with many of the short films in this year's festival and is looking forward to next year's 10th anniversary of the festival.

"It'll be a big one," Ryle says, explaining that 10 Aboriginal artists, including seven filmmakers, two new media artists and one new radio artist, have already been invited to collaborate on a creative manifesto for next year's festival. "We're going to showcase that next year. While we're here for the filmmakers, we're also here for the community."

In Memoriam

Derek Anthony Restoule

GWIIOWZENS (Little Boy)
One year...
Derek I think about all the things you would be doing; should



be doing.
Playing hockey, playing football, cheering on Jamie and all your cousins.
Derek I can hear you cheering and I can see you...
You are a wonderful big brother and you are a true friend to so many. Derek, you are my SON and I am so proud and honoured to be your mother...
I wake up every morning and pray to the Creator that I will see you and I pray every night that you will come to our dreams. I pray to the Creator...
I trust that you are safe and happy and I trust that you are forever smiling.
Derek, we are on a journey and we will see you again
Miss You, Love You
Mom and Jamie

Post your **SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** in the

ANISHINABEK NEWS

Births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, and obits

Celebrating 50 years!

Ken and Dorothy Fisher are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this July and wish for friends and family to come celebrate with them on their farm on Green Acres Road on July 16th.



Carol Ella Brown

...always remembered



Carol Ella Brown passed into the spirit world last Tuesday in her 96th year. Carol had a great love for her children George (Sally), Beth (Carl) and Dorothy (Ken). She will be missed by her five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations be made to the lung association.



Congratulations to Mary Smith of North Bay who just completed the Anishinabek Governance and Management program at the Anishinabek Educational Institute - Nipissing Campus. Mary will be continuing her studies at Nipissing University in the fall where she will be enrolled in the Regional Planning and International Development Geography program. Your family is very proud of you!

Announcements 2" x 4.5", including photo, can be booked for \$35. Additional inches are \$10.

Send text and photos to the Anishinabek News c/o Elliot Lake Standard, 14 Hillside Drive South, Elliot Lake, Ontario, P5A 1M6 or email anishinabeknews@elliottlakestandard.ca. All ads must be pre-paid by cheque, money order or credit card. For payment information and advertising deadlines, call 1-800-463-6408 or 1-705-848-7195.



RESTOULE, Catherine (née Couchie) - 1915-2008.

The family announces with sorrow her death, peacefully at home in Dokis Bay, Sunday, June 1, 2008, at the age of 93 years.

Daughter of the late John and of the late Edna (née Laronde) Couchie. Wife of the late Andrew Restoule. Loving mother of Dorothy Dokis (Robert), Roy, Charlie (Bernie) and Yukon Jack (Mary-Lynn) all of Dokis Bay, Edna Laliberté (Aimé) of Sturgeon Falls,

Mike (Brenda) of Nipissing, Fred (Jo-Ann) of Cache Bay, Therese Crawford (Nestor) of North Bay, Carol Legault (Shahan) of Hanmer and Jill Daoust (Dan) of Dowling. Predeceased by her son Andrew jr. (Sonny) and by her daughter Margaret Penasse. Dear sister of Delma Sawyer, Evelyn Avery, Barbara Jolicoeur all of North Bay, Theresa Lintner of Columbus Ohio, Ivy Restoule of Dokis Bay and Jack Couchie of Nipissing. Predeceased by her brothers Thomas, Lawrence and Fred as well as by her sister Leda McLeod. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her 29 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and by her two-great-great-grandchildren. Catherine was a devout catholic who served her parish community and prayed for their well being. Her greatest joy was her children whom she wished to keep united in love and respect for each other.



Aboriginal Ontario

Open for Business

A Special Report on Economic Development

www.aboriginalontario.com



Twiggs Coffee Company wins business award

By Nick Stewart
Northern Ontario Business

NORTH BAY— In a market typically dominated by a chain bearing the name of a famous Canadian hockey player, Twiggs Coffee Company has skilfully carved out a space for itself with a name that's become famous in its own right.

These days, owner Jennifer Twigg roasts coffee and the competition at her 13-year-old North Bay location, which offers fair trade organic beans alongside sterling service and perfected passion.

The business, which also features an espresso bar, fresh juice bar and deli, has seen consistent

14 per cent growth in profits throughout the last four years. By the end of 2008, Twiggs is expected to see incomes in excess of \$1.1 million.

In fact, success has been such that the business is in the process of being franchised, with various parties from across the North having shown an interest.

After years of struggling and powering through 15-hour days, Twiggs Coffee Company has finally hit its stride.



Jennifer Twigg, President of Twiggs Coffee Company in North Bay.

"It's been a long road, and we've seen a lot of challenges, but it's all come back in spades," says Twigg.

"I'm really proud of what's been accomplished."

The journey to the company's current caffeinated success hasn't been an easy one, however.

Since she moved to her current home on Nipissing First Nation in 1995, this endlessly energetic entrepreneur has struggled with countless obstacles from the get-go, including the very culture of coffee consumption in the North.

Having spent several years in British Columbia after growing up in Kirkland Lake, Twigg had already been exposed to the higher-end way of approaching the coffee business.

Since she moved to her current home on Nipissing First Nation in 1995, this endlessly energetic entrepreneur has struggled with countless obstacles from the get-go, including the very culture of coffee consumption in the North.

Husband Doug has since left behind his career as an Ottawa-based paper-plant manager to help with the business, which now has 25 employees.

The business also hosts an annual mini-telethon during the Christmas season to raise money for less fortunate families. In its first year, it raised roughly \$3,500; last year, it saw more than \$40,000 in pledges.

Twigg has also developed a "quick pay card" system where five per cent of every dollar spent on the card goes to the North Bay Regional Hospital. Her business has nearly completed a separate \$50,000 pledge for the children's medical treatment room.



BDO Dunwoody's
Rising Talent:
Karen Bird

www.bdo.ca

BDO Dunwoody LLP welcomes Karen Bird to our team of professionals in Sault Ste. Marie. Karen comes to us with 10 years of lending experience in the finance industry with a specialized focus in the First Nation and Aboriginal market.

Karen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies from Trent University and is currently pursuing her Certified Management Accountant and Project Management Professional designations. Growing up in her community, Batchewana First Nation, Karen offers an important First Nation perspective and will be working as a part of our dynamic Aboriginal Financial Services Group and Aboriginal Special Interest Group. Each of these groups concentrates on providing the most practical and extensive host of services to our First Nation and Aboriginal clients differentiated by commitment and understanding from both an internal and external viewpoint.

In addition, Karen also represents BDO on the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association (AFOA) newly formed Corporate Relations Committee. This group will focus on continuing to build solid corporate partnerships and support a long term effort to strengthen Aboriginal participation in Corporate Canada.

We look forward to her future contributions as a part of our team of outstanding professionals. **Contact Karen at 705-945-0990** for all your accounting and financial advisory services needs.

With 95 locations and over 1200 advisors nationwide, we offer a breadth of expertise, innovative thinking, and valuable insight to every client who walks through our doors. Locally, BDO operates a full-service accounting and advisory practice with 6 partners and over 40 client service staff specializing in Accounting & Auditing, Tax, Financial Advisory Services, Insolvency, IT and Management Consulting.



BDO Dunwoody LLP
Chartered Accountants
and Advisors



Former Nipissing First Nation Chief Philip Goulais, Leo McArthur, President, Miller Paving Ltd., Chief Marianna Couchie, former Chief Gerald Beaucage.

— Photo by Joan McLeod

Miller signs lease with Nipissing

NIPISSING FIRST NATION — On what Chief Marianna Couchie termed "a historic day" for her community, the Nipissing First Nation Chief and Council signed a 35-year land lease with Miller Paving Limited and McAsphalt Industries that also included the sale of an industrial building in the Couchie Industrial Park located on Nipissing First Nation, west of North Bay. The signing was held during a public Council meeting in Garden Village, Sept. 16.

"The arrangement that we are signing with Miller and McAsphalt today is a historic event in our community", said Chief Couchie. "We are very proud to have enhanced our partnership with the Miller Group.

The deal expands upon an existing lease that Miller has with NFN to operate a quarry within the First Nation territory. This expansion includes the maintenance of equipment used in Miller's various operations in the North Bay area, the storage of liquid asphalt and asphalt emulsions used in the maintenance of highways and industrial applications and administrative offices.

"We are very pleased to have built upon all of our success we have had with the Nipissing First Nation

over the past number of years", said Leo McArthur, President of the Miller Group. "Our relationship has been built on goodwill and hard work and we look forward to continuing to build on that positive relationship. I want to reiterate my commitment for Miller to be a good corporate citizen within the Nipissing First Nation."

Miller and McAsphalt will now begin planning for development within the industrial park.

Miller Paving is a member of the Miller Group of companies, a diversified, family-owned Canadian enterprise that services North America.

It provides public and private sectors with road construction, paving, road rehabilitation, engineering construction, waste management and recycling services, transit operations, winter maintenance services, aggregate-based materials, cement and ready-mix concrete.

McAsphalt Industries Limited is a sister company to Miller, owned by the same families. McAsphalt develops, produces, distributes and markets asphaltic products, related services and technology. McAsphalt offers the widest range of asphalt products from 21 strategically-located terminals, coast to coast, across Canada.



Has Adoption Touched Your Life?

visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo

If you were involved in an adoption in Ontario, you need to know about an important change to your information and privacy rights.

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information to be kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

No contact notices are also available.

To learn more about your rights to information and privacy regarding adoption, visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).

Paid for by the Government of Ontario.



RESTORATION OF JURISDICTION



Fiscal Policy Analyst, Andrew Arnott, right, led the fiscal sub-committee of the new Governance Working Group through a discussion of its work plan and expectations. The fiscal sub-committee will attempt to put a price tag on the new governance responsibilities that could result from the draft Final Agreement on Governance.

Working Group supports negotiations

SAULT STE. MARIE—Members of the new Governance Working Group (GWG) and the Anishinabek Nation governance negotiation team held their first meeting, Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, to discuss the draft Anishinabek Nation Final Agreement on Governance, a self-government agreement with Canada that will recognize Anishinabek jurisdiction in several key areas.

GWG members represent those 27 Participating First Nations (PFNs) that submitted Band Council Resolutions (BCRs) supporting the signing of the Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) and supporting further negotiations toward a Final Agreement on Governance.

Similar to the Education Working Group, the new Governance Working Group is made up of First Nation representatives who will provide grassroots input into how First Nation governments and the Anishinabek Nation government will operate as a result of a ratified Anishinabek Nation Agreement With Respect to Governance. This will inform the further negotiation of the Final Agreement, and will be especially informative to the negotiation of the Fiscal Transfer Agreement and the accompanying Implementation Plan.

The draft Final Agreement on Governance includes the exercise of law-making authority of First Nation governments and the Anishinabek Nation governments to preserve, promote and develop Anishinabek culture and language, to select

our leadership, determine our citizens, and manage and operate our governments.

Three GWG sub-committees were struck to address key elements in the draft Final Agreement on Governance.

The Anishinabek Nation Government (ANG) sub-committee and the Participating First Nation (PFN) Government sub-committee will be identifying and recommending appropriate governing structures, functions and processes related to each of these levels of government.

The third sub-committee on Fiscal Relations will be taking a look at the financial resources required to manage and operate First Nation Governments and the Anishinabek Nation Government.

The initial meeting produced a workplan and a timeline for completion of activities up to the fiscal year ending March, 2009.

The governance team, which includes chief negotiator, R. Martin Bayer, legal counsel Fred Bellefeuille, and Andrew Arnott, fiscal policy analyst, will be facilitating the deliberations of the GWG.

The next scheduled meeting is Nov. 24 – 26, 2008 in Sault Ste. Marie at the Holiday Inn. If you have any questions around the activities of the Governance Working Group, please feel free to contact Dave Shawana, Working Group Coordinator at (705) 497-9127 or by email at shadav@anishinabek.ca.

Constitution workshops for specific needs

The Restoration of Jurisdiction department supports and facilitates the development of First Nation constitutions and the Anishinabek Nation constitution through the Constitution Development Project.

This year's workshops and conferences are aimed at revitalizing and stimulating development of First Nation constitutions and the Anishinabek Nation constitution. The workshops are designed to assist those First Nation committees that are ready to advance their constitution initiative to the community consultation and ratification stage. Another workshop will assist those First Nations that are just now getting on board and are beginning to write their initial draft constitution.

Below is a list of workshops and conferences planned for this year. The workshops are designed specifically to accommodate the various stages of development the First Nations constitution committees.

The two Anishinabek Nation Constitution conferences are a response to many requests by citizens to hold more conferences with enough time allotted to fully discuss the draft Anishinabek Nation Constitution.

Workshop 2 – Sault Ste Marie – November 19 – 20
Garden River, Thessalon, Sheshegwaning, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Wikwemikong, Whitefish Lake, Sagamok Anishnawbek

Workshop 3 – Orilla – December 17 – 18
Wahnapiatae, Beausoleil, Nipissing, Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Dokis, Moose Deer Point, Wasauksing, Chippewas of Rama, Curve Lake, Alderville, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, Kettle and Stony Point

Workshop 4 – Sault Ste. Marie – January 27-29
Fort William, Sand Point, Mississauga #8, Henvey Inlet, Serpent River, Zhiibaahaasing, Sheguiandah, Whitefish River, Aamjiwnaang, Munsee-Delaware

Regional Anishinabek Nation Constitution Conferences will be held Feb. 10-12 (location tbd) and March 3-5 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Upcoming Restoration of Jurisdiction Capacity Development Workshops

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

November 25 & 26, 2008

Garden River First Nation, Community Centre

Workshop Facilitators:

Tracey O'Donnell and Austin Acton

Dealing with difficult people can make your job miserable. Beyond a point, you cannot control difficult people. You can only control how you react to them. If these difficult people consistently anger or intimidate you, or simply "rattle your cage", they ultimately control you. In dealing with difficult people, it begs us to ask the question, "Am I a difficult person?" We can all possess difficult people traits, but what about those individuals who are this way all the time?

This workshop will provide the participants with an understanding of the behaviour patterns of difficult people and what type of behaviours make them difficult people. Tips on how to deal with difficult people will be reviewed and reinforced through a variety of exercises.



Who Should Participate?

- Chiefs
- Councilors
- Board & Committee Members
- Directors of Operations
- Political Leadership
- Band Managers
- Program Directors
- Executive Assistants
- Teachers

There is no cost to participate in these workshops. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Accommodations and travel are the responsibility of the individual workshop participants.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

December 10 & 11, 2008

Chippewas of Rama First Nation, M.A.S.K.

Workshop Facilitator:

Sharon Wabegijig

This two-day workshop is intended for First Nation officials with an interest in policy development as a strategy for successfully governing their communities.

The workshop will provide a practical and hands-on orientation to the process of developing and implementing policies. The workshop will include assessing the need for policy, building support for policy among decision-makers and specific examples of policies.

Through a combination of presentations and exercises the workshop will address the development of community-wide policies as well as the development of policies for specific settings.

For more information contact: Terry Restoule, Capacity Development Coordinator, Union of Ontario Indians, P. O. Box 711, North Bay, ON P1B 8Z5
Phone: (705) 497-9127 Ext: 2279 – Toll Free: 1-877-702-5206 – Fax: (705) 497-9135 – Email: rester@anishinabek.ca

Citizenship consultation sessions

The Anishinabek Nation Commissioner on Citizenship, Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell has set out the following schedule for conducting consultations on the development of an Anishinabek Nation Law on Citizenship. All sessions are open to Anishinabek First Nation citizens.

December 2 – Red Rock, meeting space TBD

December 3 – Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay Friendship Centre

January 20 – M'Chigeeng, meeting space TBD

January 21 – Sudbury, N'Samok Friendship Centre

January 27 – Garden River, Community Centre

February 9 – Aamjiwnaang, meeting space TBD

February 10 – London, N'Amerind Friendship Centre

February 24 – Toronto, Native Canadian Centre

February 25 – Rama, meeting space TBD

ROJ STAFF

Jamie Restoule
Self-Government Project Manager

EDUCATION NEGOTIATIONS

Merle Pegahmagahbow Head Negotiator
Tracey O'Donnell, Legal Counsel
Bernadette Marasco, Administrative Assistant

GOVERNANCE NEGOTIATIONS

R. Martin Bayer, Chief Negotiator
Fred Bellefeuille, Legal Counsel
Tracy Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

RESTORATION OF JURISDICTION

Andrew Arnott, Fiscal Relations Analyst
Lisa Restoule, Fiscal Relations Assistant

Esther Gilbank, Chiefs Committee Coordinator
Mike Restoule, Special Projects Coordinator

Terry Restoule
Capacity Development Coordinator
Dave Shawana
Education Working Group Coordinator

Lorie Young
Ratification Coordinator
Mary Laronde
Communications Coordinator

Jason Restoule
Communications Liaison Officer

CONTACT

Ph: (705) 497-9127 or 1-877-702-5200
web: www.anishinabek.ca/ROJ

NAADMAADWIN TEK/SOCIAL SERVICES



Serpent River and Mississauga First Nation residents participated in third annual walk to recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Walkers promote abuse prevention

By Shawna Boyer

SERPENT RIVER FN—Nog-da-win-da-min Family and Community Services in partnership with Serpent River First Nation's Health Department organized October's third annual walk in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Nog-da-win-da-min staff handed out flashlights to children, and provided door prizes, light refreshments and snacks for participants.

The community fire truck flashed its lights to lead the way for children and parents of Serpent River and Mississauga First Nations, and the vehicle's flashing hazard lights also ensured safety for the walkers.

The procession helped create community awareness about child protection issues.

Following an elder's opening prayer and a drum song, Nog-da-win-da-min's Executive Director,

Rosalind Johnston offered some comments about the importance of child abuse prevention awareness, noting that over one-third of children in foster care are First Nations.

Team supervisor Karen Kennedy encouraged community members to become informed about different types of child abuse, attend workshops and

learn how to report abuse to the appropriate authorities.

Nog-da-win-da-min Family and Community Service provides prevention services to seven First Nations between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury, including a youth justice alternative program – Mino-Madzwin – a highly interactive e-learning course for youth between 12 and 17.

Feast for foster parents

CUTLER – Nog-da-win-da-min honoured Native Foster Parents by hosting an Oct. 25 appreciation dinner for them in Serpent River First Nation's Community Centre.

Nog-da-win-da-min Family and Community Services is a Native Child Welfare Prevention service agency that works in collaboration with seven First Nations in ensuring that children, youth and families receive culturally-appropriate services.

Contact Kathleen Chiblow, Foster Care Recruiter, Nog-da-win-da-min Family and Community Services – telephone (705)946-3700, ext. 207, or e-mail at kchiblow@nog.ca. Website: nog.ca, and toll-free: 1-800-946-0999.

Child care a human right

OTTAWA – National Chief Phil Fontaine and First Nations Child and Family Caring Society (FNCFC) executive director Cindy Blackstock praised the Oct. 16 decision by the Canadian Human Rights Commission to allow a tribunal to hear a human rights complaint regarding First Nations children in state care.

The Assembly of First Nations and the FNCFC filed the complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission Feb. 23 2007 after the 2005 Wend:e Report revealed that First Nation Child Welfare Agencies receive approximately 22% less funding than provincial agencies.

Since the complaint was filed in 2007, the federal government has twice refused mediation, and has been unwilling to discuss national solutions outlined in both the Wend:e Report and the AFN's 2006 Leadership Action Plan on First Nations Child Welfare.

In May 2008, a report by the Auditor General of Canada found that the federal government is not providing First Nations Child and Family Services agencies with enough funding to meet the number or the needs of children in care.

The report stated that the funding formula has not been reviewed since 1988, and it has not been adjusted for inflation since 1995, leaving First Nation Child and Family Services under-funded compared to provincial services.

Get rid of clutter!

De-cluttering our lives and our homes has become big business. We now pay strangers to go through our personal belongings and throw out or organize what we don't use. Or we spend tons of money on organizing devices such as storage boxes, shelving units and closet organizers to make it all fit into our homes.

Somehow our houses are getting bigger, our families are getting smaller and we still have no room. This is where the concept of "clutter" comes in.

Have you ever bought something and never used it? This includes tools, clothes, kitchen appliances, etc. Are there things in your house you have not used in ten years but you swear you will use them one day? Yes, ladies this includes your secret stash of "skinny" clothes. Are there boxes that have moved from house to house with you and now you have no idea what is in them? Do you have a garage that is filled with stuff to the point where there is no longer any room for your car

Welcome to the world of clutter.

You don't need to buy books about decluttering and organizing that will probably end up in boxes with your other clutter. Instead you need to think about what is causing the clutter and deal with it. Are you a shopaholic who just can't turn down a deal? Are you too lazy to deal with everything that comes through your door? Are you afraid to get rid of anything in case you need it or because it has a special memory attached?

If an item holds sentimental value for you, then maybe you should hang onto it – you don't want regrets later. As for the rest of your clutter, try to apply the three R's.

Stop accumulating the "stuff" before it becomes clutter. Throw out the trash and then stop it from re-entering your house. A "no flyer" sign at your door will stop a lot of the useless paper from ending up in your magazine racks. Don't buy food you won't eat, clothes you won't wear or tools you won't use. If you haven't touched it in a year, you probably don't really need it.

Use containers in your house to store the stuff you are going to keep-- (jars for small items, shoe boxes for bills, wood to make shelves, etc). Make unusable space into usable space by adding shelves or moving furniture.

Give it a good home somewhere else. Give it to a charity, list it on a recycling website (Freecycle.com) or send it to the recycling centre.

My favourite rule is: Get rid of it before you change your mind. If it is gone, it hopefully won't come back.

Holly Brodhagen, citizen of Dokis First Nation, holds a Masters of Social Work degree.



BY HOLLY BRODHAGEN
askholly@gmail.com

Child care a human right

OTTAWA – National Chief Phil Fontaine and First Nations Child and Family Caring Society (FNCFC) executive director Cindy Blackstock praised the Oct. 16 decision by the Canadian Human Rights Commission to allow a tribunal to hear a human rights complaint regarding First Nations children in state care.

The Assembly of First Nations and the FNCFC filed the complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission Feb. 23 2007 after the 2005 Wend:e Report revealed that First Nation Child Welfare Agencies receive approximately 22% less funding than provincial agencies.

Since the complaint was filed in 2007, the federal government has twice refused mediation, and has been unwilling to discuss national solutions outlined in both the Wend:e Report and the AFN's 2006 Leadership Action Plan on First Nations Child Welfare.

In May 2008, a report by the Auditor General of Canada found that the federal government is not providing First Nations Child and Family Services agencies with enough funding to meet the number or the needs of children in care.

The report stated that the funding formula has not been reviewed since 1988, and it has not been adjusted for inflation since 1995, leaving First Nation Child and Family Services under-funded compared to provincial services.

**NEED A VEHICLE?
PROBLEMS WITH
CREDIT?**

100's of
cars & trucks
to choose from

0%
Financing
Available

Contact us Now!!

www.northernontariolenders.com

HALFORD'S
www.halfordsmailorder.com

See us for all your
traditional Powwow needs!

- *Native Craft Kits
- *Beads
- *Pendants
- *Leather - Deer, Moose, Elk
- *Native Smoke-tanned hides
- *Furs & Feathers
- *Tools

- *Rawhide
- *Lacing
- *Drum Frames
- *Moccasins & Mukluks
- *Dreamcatcher Rings
- *Beads - Seed, Pony, Bugle
Crow, Spaghetti, Wampum
- *Books, Patterns & More!

NEW! *Charlotte Cut Beads
(in sizes 11/0 and 12/0)
*Delica Beads

We also carry a large inventory of Butcher, Home Tanning,
Animal Damage Control and Trapping Supplies!

Telephone Orders: 1-800-353-7864
Fax Orders: 1-780-477-3489
E-mail Orders: order@halfordsmailorder.com

FREE SHIPPING On orders over \$200.00 (not incl. tax) pre-paid
using VISA/Mastercard and shipped by mail or bus.
(*Note: Some restrictions may apply)

Remember to ask for your FREE catalogue!

MNO-BMAADZIWIN/HEALTH

Losing doctor creates Christian Island crisis

By Sharon Weatherall

BEAUSOLEIL FN – The Beausoleil First Nation Family Health Centre is facing possible closure if a doctor cannot be found immediately.

Come Dec. 1, Dr. Martin McNamara will no longer make weekly trips to Christian Island where he has operated a family practice every Thursday for the past ten years and goes out of his way to make community house calls for patients who would otherwise be inconvenienced.

Health manager Valerie Monague says the doctor's departure creates a crisis situation which becomes more evident each day a

replacement is not found. According to Monague about 200 of the community's 700 residents are 55 and over – an aging population with medical needs.

"I don't think it has really sunk in yet to most people here – they are not taking it to heart that he is leaving. There will be a huge impact for patients financially and medically. Prescriptions will expire and need to be renewed all at once. Patients will require visits to the mainland for treatment at local hospital emergency departments and lab work," said Monague.

North Simcoe medical recruiter David

Gravelle has told Monague that "no local physicians are interested in taking on new patients, particularly anyone with "high needs" as many of the community members are viewed.

"Financial and other incentives are repeatedly suggested as a lever within the current competitive environment but we unfortunately do not have the wherewithal to offer incentives of this nature at this time," said Monague who added that the community may have to resort to "virtual doctors" using the Telemedicine system until other arrangements can be made.



Christian Island health manager Val Monague.



Silver Anniversary for Health Centre

Councilor Rick Stevens and Angeline Commanda listen to Susan Commanda speak at 25th Anniversary open house for the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre, Nipissing First Nation. Susan, who works at the health centre, spoke of her dad in the early days. "He worked out of his car and our home until finally the band office had some space for him." Lawrence Commanda was improving health care in Nipissing, Dokis, Bear Island and Whitefish Lake. The health centre's motto is Kina Ji-wiidoogtaadyang ji-mno-bmaadziyang which translated means "To help people feel good about themselves".

– Photo by Priscilla Goulais

Brotherhood contributes canoes for FASD

Members of the Native Brotherhood inmates of Kingston Penitentiary participated in a Union of Ontario Indians education program about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Brotherhood members heard an FASD presentation by UOI staff member Autumn Watson and in September presented Corrections Canada staff with miniature birchbark canoes lined with sweetgrass, containing a tobacco pouch, and with an FASD knot made of buckskin.



Encouraging breastfeeding

By Lynda Banning

FORT WILLIAM FN – The Union of Ontario Indians Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder team is launching a campaign to encourage mothers to breastfeed their newborns. Teachings associated with breastfeeding will be incorporated into a culturally-based resource it is hoped will be used as a training tool.

Statistics are being compiled on the number of births on and off-reserve and about how many moms breastfeed. The FASD team has been facilitating the creation of breastfeeding support pillows to encourage the adoption of this practice.



Dancers from Nairobi, Kenya educated while entertaining the participants at the AIDS 2008 International Conference held in Mexico City in August.

Conference entertains and educates

By Jody Cotter

UOI OFFICES – Mexico City was host to this year's AIDS 2008 International conference

People from all over the world participated in workshops and everyone shared what they have been doing in their communities to assist with prevention of the spread of HIV.

Many education strategies were shared, such as how to get the message to underprivileged people, women and people who are in higher risk categories.

There were many different programs for self-esteem, harm reduction, sexual abuse and other general information for participants regarding bullying against LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) and people who have HIV/AIDS.

One study from Switzerland called Mission Possible had motivated men who practice safe sex for three months while getting an HIV test. They handed out condoms at all bathhouses and then the

results were perfect – the campaign prevented HIV among those men for those three months.

One prominent message that I received was that people who are at the highest risk for HIV are underprivileged, poor, minorities, abused, people who use drugs, and this is consistent all over the world. HIV is not a person's first problem that they have to deal with. Without food and shelter they can't even think about HIV and how to prevent it.

Another interesting session was a performance titled "I'm sexy too" put on by a group of women from Nairobi, Kenya. They did a stage performance where they sat around and took turns sharing intimate details about themselves in a playful way that raises awareness for the audience about serious life defining questions about love, pleasure, power, desire and what it is like to be discriminated against for being HIV positive.

Jody Cotter is the HIV/AIDS coordinator for the Union of Ontario Indians.

BIIDAABAN HEALING LODGE Program Dates

Anger Management

Nov. 17-26/08 Feb. 16-25/09

Grief & Abandonment

Dec. 8-17/08 March 16-25/09

Sexual Abuse Survivors

Jan. 12-21/09

Biidaaban Healing Lodge, P.O. Box 219, Hwy. 627
Pic River First Nation via Heron Bay, ON P0T 1R0
Via: Heron Bay, ON P0T 1R0
Ph: 807-229-3592 Fax 807-229-0308
Toll Free: 1-888-432-7102





Round Dance traditionally marks the end of each pow-wow season

By Karen J. Pheasant

The first snowflakes have fallen before us. Cords of wood move around in preparation to spark the first flames of warmth for the winter season. Fall ceremonies and feasts for the drum and dance regalia complete another summer of Pow-wows.

During pow-wow season, emcees often use Round Dances as a good way to get spectators to join "official" dancers in their regalia around the arbour. But in many First Nations, the round dance takes place at a ceremony and feast that marks the end of the pow-wow season.

Individuals dance without regalia and generally in their everyday best. The men bring out their hand drums and sing collectively; taking turns with each set of round dance songs.

Generally, a Round Dance is hosted by a family as a memorial to a departed family member or in celebration of such events as birthdays and anniversaries. An early memory for me of these traditional round dances came in the eighties at Hobbema, Alberta, home to some of Canada's award-winning hand-drum singers. I was told to "bring something for the feast, and bring an empty belly -- this is usually a big feast."

We entered a large hall and saw the blanket set aside for the feast and give-away. As well, in the centre was the table for the hand drums and beside that was a collection of cultural prayer items marking the traditional altar.

Once people were settled in their seats, pipes were prepared, with family members seated alongside the ceremonial blanket. Food was mindfully prepared with prayers and blessings, with intentions of goodwill and well-being. Appropriate prayers are offered by the male pipe carriers for the feast, give-away and songs being offered.

The role of women was in the feast preparations, which were regarded as being equally important as the pipe offerings. There is an understanding that the food is not wasted or thrown out. Afterwards the

food was passed around to all the visitors and Round Dance participants. It was getting late in the day and I was starting to feel hungry.

I was eagerly awaiting the tantalizing traditional foods when a large bowl was passed to me containing what looked like Cream of Wheat. Famished, I dipped into the bowl and filled my mouth with some of the contents, only to realize that it was not porridge but chilled animal fat! I couldn't spit it out -- it was sacred food, so I did what is expected, swallowing it with thoughts of gratitude and good intentions for our evening together.



Karen Pheasant

After the feast was completed, a knowledge keeper was introduced as the Stick Man, generally a singer who is familiar with Round Dance etiquette and protocol. The dance cannot start until the first four songs are sung. The Stick Man selected the first round of singers with the passing of the drum sticks. After the initial round of songs was completed, the lead singer passed the drum sticks to the next lead singer. The next round of songs was then led by that singer, and the process continued until the wee hours of the morning. Men and women dancers joined hands on the dance floor, leading with their left foot, in circular fashion, unlike the forward dancing of pow-wow inter-tribal dancing.

Traditional Round Dances may differ in different communities, but the basic principles are as I observed them many years ago in Hobbema. We are fortunate to have knowledge-keepers in Anishinabek Territory who are familiar with the Round Dance tradition. Lead singers in groups like Bear Creek, Eagle Flight, Poplar and White Tail Cree pass on their knowledge to future generations.

Karen J. Pheasant, from Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, is a Jingle Dress Dancer with her B.A. in Political Science and English Literature. She is a former Creative Writing Instructor with the Enowkwin Centre, Penticton B.C. kj_pheasant@msn.com or www.karenpheasant.com

Bebamikawe Studios presents

Christmas Gala

with Crystal Shawanda
opening act Mason Dixon Line



Saturday, December 20, 2008

Dream Makers Theatre
Kewadin Casinos Hotel and Convention Center
2186 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

JURIED ARTS MARKET 10 am – 5 pm

Other fundraising activities throughout the evening for Mississauga Community Radio
Silent Auction
Toy Table
Money Tree Raffle

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND SHOW starts at 5 pm

Call 1-800-KEWADIN to book your room
Tickets available November 1, 2008
Call 1-800-KEWADIN Box Office



For further information contact
Georgina 1-705-859-2273

Union of Ontario Indians
visit our booth at the
Canadian Aboriginal Festival,
Nov. 28-30, 2008 Toronto

100's of CARS, TRUCKS, SUV's
New & Preowned
AVAILABLE NOW!!

Visit us on the web
www.milltownmotorsltd.com

Milltown Motors Ltd

237 Causley Street
Blind River 356-2207

2 locations to serve you

24 Hillside Dr. S.
Elliot Lake 848-3949

Choose Yours
NOW

0%

On select models
see dealer for details

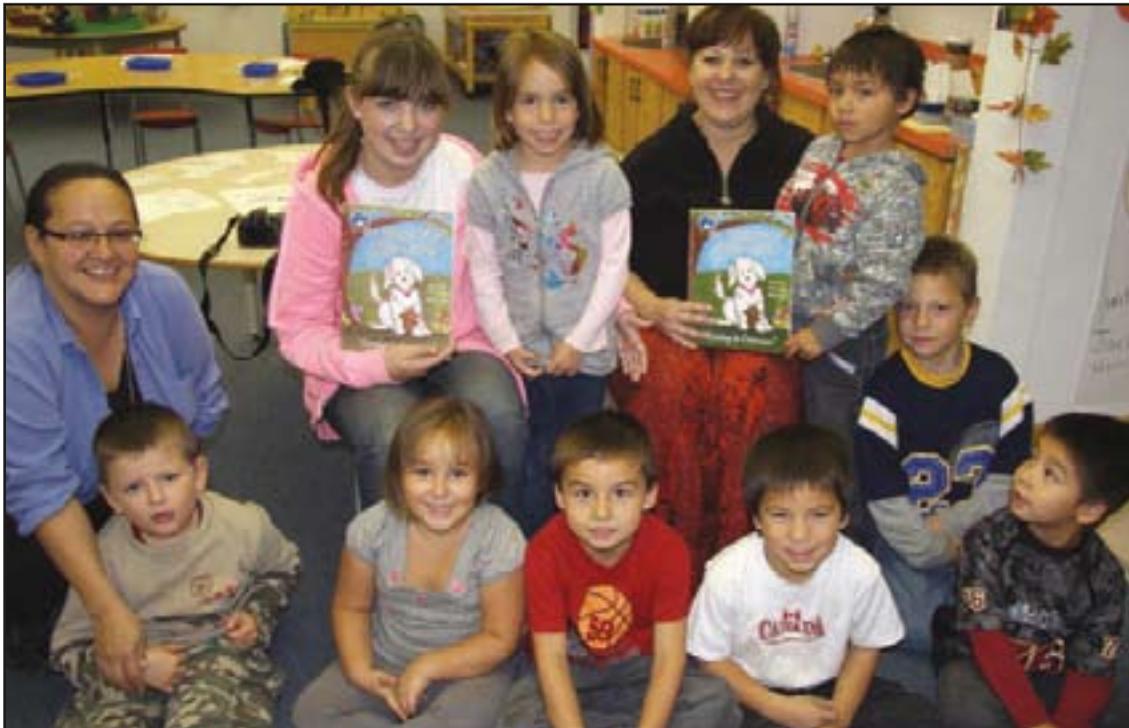
FINANCING OPPORTUNITY
for qualified buyers

EDUCATION

Kinoomaagewin



A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANISHINABEK NEWS
November 2008



Students in Joanie Sunday's senior kindergarten class spent some time with author Darcy Fischl and daughter Emily, seen holding copies of 'The Adventures of Molly Doodle'.

Kids talk to Molly Doodle creator

By Sharon Weatherall

BEAUSOLEIL FN – Molly Doodle – a big and very shaggy white do – left her paw prints at Christian Island School in October.

Molly is a lovable book character that's making people stand up and take notice of the canine world these days. She has been a guest on television and radio shows, as well being featured in many newspaper publications in the Simcoe County area. Later this year Molly will be featured in a national magazine.

Illustrator-author Darcy Fischl – better known to her young readers as “darci-que” – took the ferry to Christian Island to share “The Adventures of Molly Doodle”, the first book in a series about a real dog which belongs to her daughter Emily. The students were excited and interested to learn more about the author's family pet and stared wide-eyed as Darcy she turned colourful pages depicting her own backyard and many rooms inside her house. “Is it really your house?” they wondered.

darci-que told the kids she was excited to visit them on her very first trip to the First Nation community.

“You are so lucky to live here on an island; when I got off the ferry I noticed you have some dogs here too,” laughed the author.

“My book is about a little Golden Doodle puppy that came from very far away to live with us when she was still just a baby. Emily found her on the internet and she was delivered to our home in the Village of Creemore a few days later. That was two

years ago and she is not so little now.”

Author of the very successful “The Bumble-bee with too many bathing suits” and other children's books, darci-que told the children how she got started.

“The first three books I illustrated several years ago were written by an elderly gentleman about his granddaughter. It was through editing this project that I learned the most about writing children's books. I would read the stories over and over to children I was looking after to see how long I could keep their attention. It is very important that a book is not too long or children become tired of listening. That's how I figured out how long my books should be,” said darci-que.

Along the way to obtaining success as an author, darci-que said she met many challenges and obstacles but she views them all as learning curves. She encouraged the children to always believe in themselves and work hard to the make their dreams come true.

“People laughed at me and told me I would never be able to do it when I said I wanted to write children's books but I didn't listen to them. I shut them out, used my talents and followed my heart. It was expensive but I found ways to save money by illustrating, writing and even publishing them myself.”

Before leaving darci-que did crafts with the students and invited them to draw pictures of Molly which she promised will be printed on the back page of the next book in the Molly Doodle series.

IN BRIEF

Wiky woman new lawyer

TORONTO – Lori Mishibinijima, Odawa from Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island, was called to the Bar Sept.

24. Lori is currently working at the Human Rights Legal Support Centre in Toronto. A graduate of Osgoode Law School, the new lawyer assisted in the revival of the Osgoode Indigenous Students Association. She also holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Ryerson University where she still sits on the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee for the School of Social Work. Lori articulated with Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto where she assisted with Charter litigation, inquests, and judicial reviews.



Lori Mishibinijima

Apache sets OSM standard

GRAVENHURST – Robert (Junior)

Odman, Apache, graduated from the Ontario School of Masonry with the highest ranking in the school's ten-year history.

Junior Odman

From Seattle, Washington, Robert's Level One Masonry Apprenticeship certificate qualifies him as a brick-layer. The school has graduated over 500 Native students in its ten-year history.



McGregor wins RBC award

TORONTO – Matthew McGregor, Whitefish River First Nation, is one of eight winners of a 2008 RBC Aboriginal Student Award. Matthew is working to achieve his Master's degree in Commerce and Administration from Laurentian University.

To date, RBC has awarded 77 scholarships totalling \$906,000 to Aboriginal students in Canada.

AEI develops nursing program



CHATHAM – Anishinabek Educational Institute is working with St. Clair College to develop a Registered Practical Nursing (RPN) Program. Members of an advisory committee struck by AEI Director of Education Murray Maracle Sr. include Mary Deleary, AEI Munsey site co-ordinator, Chochi Knott, AEI program developer, Heather Nicholas, R.N., Director of Health for the Chippewas of the Thames, and Carol Hermiston, R.N., Garden River First Nation. The RPN program may be offered at two sites, one in the south and one in the North Shore Area.

For more information contact Mindy Taylor or Chochi Knott by telephone at (705) 657-9383 or by e-mail at taymin@anishinabek.ca or chochi.knott@anishinabek.ca.

ANISHINABEK NATION CREDIT UNION

Committed to educating our future generations.



Niigaan zhaa daa. Moving forward.

Located in Garden River First Nation
7 Shingwauk St., Garden River, On P6A 6Z8 1-866-775-2628
PROUDLY OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE ANISHINABEK

E-Mail: allan@ancu.ca Website: www.ancu.ca



KINOOMAAGEWIN/EDUCATION

School faces service lapse due to structural damages



Grand Council Chief educates in Sudbury

By Janet Gibson
Northern Life

SUDBURY—The Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation called for the elimination of the Indian Act on Oct. 21 in a speech to aboriginal and Métis students at St. Charles College.

The Indian Act is “a paternalistic document that has kept us poor and was meant to assimilate us,” John Beaucage said. “We have to be self-governed. In ten years, we’ll be doing that within the Anishinabek Nation.”

First Nations, he said, want to be recognized as the third order of government in Canada, next to the federal and provincial governments.

The Anishinabek Nation represents about 30 per cent of Ontario’s First Nation population and seven per cent of Canada’s.

“It’s no surprise that our people are labelled as the most poor in Canada,” Beaucage said, adding, “We can’t rely on government largesse. It can come and it can go.” The Political Manifesto of the Anishinabek Nation says the Nation’s people will work together to eliminate poverty in 20 years.

Beaucage spoke of the trend to provide clean energy for Ontario and the construction of supporting infrastructure such as transmission lines and wind turbines on treaty land.

“We want to benefit from this in a big way,” he said, referring to the windfall as “our casinos.”

Beaucage was thanked by native studies teacher Jennifer Petahtegoose, who had invited him on a whim and was thrilled when he accepted. “Just the fact that we are a living, breathing culture - you affirmed all of that today,” she said.

Did you know?

Canada has one million First Nation citizens. Canada has a total population of about 33, 400,000.

Canada has 633 First Nations with an average on-reserve population of 400. The largest is Six Nations, which is located near Brantford, with over 12,000 residents.

There are four First Nation political groups in Ontario – the Union of Ontario Indians, representing the Anishinabek Nation; Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Treaty 3 and the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians.

More resources for education

TORONTO—School boards across the province are strengthening programs and resources that support First Nation, Métis and Inuit students.

The Ontario government is increasing its annual investment in First Nation, Métis and Inuit education by \$5 million, to help First Nation, Métis and Inuit students increase their success.

This new funding is part of a \$15.5 million annual grant for culturally-relevant education programs to assist First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

These programs are open to all students, which is part of the government’s strategy to educate Ontarians about First Nation, Métis and Inuit histories, cultures and perspectives.

“We want all First Nation, Métis and Inuit students to reach their full potential and to be successful,” said Education Minister Kathleen Wynne. “This means making sure their cultures are reflected in the curriculum and making them feel welcome at school.”

M’CHIGEENG FN—The Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute (KTEI) Board of Directors say that in order for the institution to make it through another winter, the building needs undergo emergency repairs to the roof, interior walls, washrooms and hallway areas.

All assessments by contractors, the UCCM First Nation building inspection unit, and the Health and Safety Inspection Unit for First Nations all report the same dire conclusion – there are serious structural deficiencies in the current facility.

In 1995, KTEI purchased portables and located them in the M’Chigeeng as an interim and temporary solution in which to provide services.

Since that time, KTEI has grown extensively by expanding its educational and professional services to meet the needs of First Nations.

The Institute may soon face the reality of not being able to open its doors to educational and training, programs and delivery of services to its members if capital building plans for a new facility have not started by April 1, 2009.

“The reality is that the existing portable structures will no longer safely house the 75 or more staff and students because of its decrepit state, and I’m exhausting all the available options at this time” says Stephanie Roy, the Executive Director of the Institute.

KTEI is an Anishinabe controlled and directed education organization located in M’Chigeeng First Nation and strives to provide a comprehensive, qualitative, cultural and holistic approach to First Nations-based education, training and services through community development initiatives.



We’ve
got careers
in almost
every field.

Look here first. No matter where your expertise lies, chances are there’s a place for you in the Ontario Public Service. From foresters to highway engineers, software designers to registered nurses – more than 60,000 Ontario government employees make a difference in the lives of 12 million people across the province every day. You, too, can enjoy a truly enriching and satisfying career in your field as part of our team.

RESEARCH COORDINATOR

This is an opportunity for you to contribute to the advancement of the Province’s relationship with Aboriginal persons in Ontario and in the resolution of outstanding land claims. Bring your strong leadership and excellent research abilities and become a part of the new, growing **Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs**. As an integral part of this strong government priority, you will conduct major historical research studies to assess and document the validity of Aboriginal land claims and provide a basis for the development of Ontario’s preliminary negotiating position and/or assist with Ontario’s position in litigation. You will also coordinate historical research activities to contribute to efficient, effective branch operations. To excel in this role, you bring advanced knowledge of federal and provincial Aboriginal affairs legislation, policies, programs and areas of jurisdictional authority, plus Aboriginal histories and cultures. **Location: 720 Bay St., Toronto.**

Please visit our website to view detailed job information, including qualifications and salary, and to apply online. Alternatively, you may send your resume, quoting **Job ID 12292**, by **Nov. 7, 2008**, to: **Ministry of Government Services, Western Recruitment Centre, 231 Dundas St., 2nd FL., London, ON N6A 1H1. Fax: 519-439-7785.**

POLICY ANALYST

Are you experienced with policy analysis and evaluation techniques? Do you have knowledge of federal and provincial Aboriginal affairs legislation, policies, programs, jurisdictional authority and historical and current Aboriginal issues? Then, you will want to join the **Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs’** special projects branch, and use your policy expertise to conduct policy research and analysis and develop a variety of reports, summarizing issues, problems, background, policy implications and status of various branch projects for internal and external distribution. You will apply your strong judgment and communication skills to articulate policy and analysis recommendations, both orally and in writing, to diverse audiences on complex and highly sensitive Aboriginal rights issues, policies and programs. Strong analytical, research and evaluative skills are also essential. **Location: 720 Bay St., Toronto.**

Please visit our website to view detailed job information, including qualifications and salary, and to apply online. Alternatively, you may send your resume, quoting **Job ID 12208**, by **Nov. 7, 2008**, to: **Ministry of Government Services, Eastern Recruitment Centre, 14 Gable Lane, South Cottage, 2nd FL., Kingston, ON K7M 9A7. Fax: 613-548-0106.**

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Ontario Public Service is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

ontario.ca/careers



MASINAIGAN/BOOKS

Rama writer a top ten finalist

By Sara Ross

Orillia Packet & Times

CHIPPEWAS OF RAMA—When Shawna Snache learned she was among 10 finalists selected in the Canadian Aboriginal Writing Contest, one question came to her mind.

“Why didn’t I win?” Snache laughed. “It took me a couple of days to get over the fact I didn’t win.”

The resident of Rama First Nation said she was so confident in her writing skills and the topic she selected that she was sure her story would emerge the winner.

“After a couple of days, I put it into perspective,” she said. “The competition was really stiff — 80 talented writers from all over Canada. I did pretty well.”



Shawna Snache

The contest originated four years ago and is run by the Dominion Institute. It challenges aboriginals between the ages of 14 and 29 to write a short story on a defining moment or event in aboriginal history. Alison Faulknor, acting director of the institute, said the goal is for youths to explore their heritage.

“We judge on basic writing skills, but more than that we look

at how the young person took that moment and presented it with creativity,” Faulknor said. “We also make sure they took the time to research the event and made the historical link accurately.”

Snache, who entered the 19-29 age group category, said she put a lot of thought into deciding on a topic.

“I talked to my mom and decided to write my story on Bill C-31. It’s about Indians’ status being reinstated after marriage or if their children weren’t born into native status,” she said.

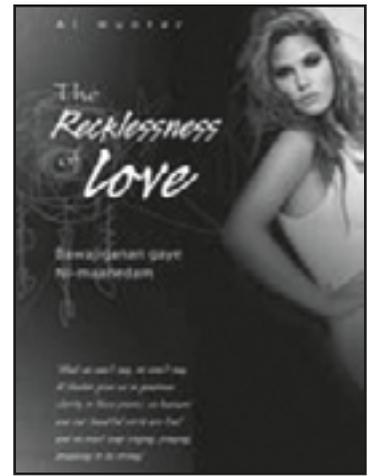
Her story, titled “Homecoming,” is about a woman who returns home after being away for many years, and is welcomed as warmly as if she had never left.

Nish poet both edgy and erotic

By Rene Abram

CAPE CROKER — The Recklessness of Love: Bawajiganan gaye Ni-maanedam (Dreams and Regrets), the second book of poetry from Al Hunter, is a collection of beautifully-crafted poems that are at times erotic, brooding and world-weary.

There is edginess, passion, and, at times, desperation to these poems. Some are irreverent, some dreamlike, some filled with a mixture of sex and spirituality and in others pop icons appear. Hunter brilliantly conveys the



frustration, surrender, longing, pain and loving that go with being human.

Al Hunter is a citizen of the Anishinaabe Nation within Treaty 3 who has served as Chief of his community and worked as a land-claim negotiator.

Consider your future at...

The University of Western Ontario



Known as the Forest City, London is located in the heart of Southwestern Ontario. A diverse community with a strong Indigenous presence, London has a unique opportunity waiting for you!

Explore this unique opportunity created specifically for Indigenous students! Join the 180+ students currently enrolled at The University of Western Ontario. You are encouraged to apply to the...

Access Transition Program

An academic support program offered to students in the faculties of Health Sciences, Science, and Social Science.

The ATP will offer you:

- special consideration in the admissions process
- guaranteed residence for first year students and housing priority for families
- enriched academic and personal support
- all Health Sciences ATP students will receive a \$1,000 bursary from Suncor Energy
- strong community and peer support
- a Learning Resource Centre

Call now and join other Indigenous students who are catching their dreams! Start your future today...

For information on how to apply contact: Indigenous Services, Student Development Services, The University of Western Ontario, London, ON Toll-free: 888-661-4095 Local phone: 519-661-4095 E-mail: is.staff@uwo.ca

www.sds.uwo.ca/Indigenous

Anishinaabe flavour in trilogy

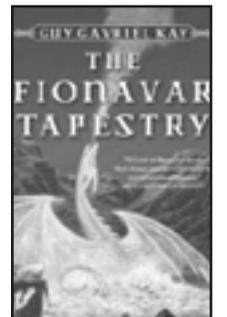
By Christian Hebert

My favourite non-academic reading genre is adult fantasy. So with Christmas around the corner, if you’re looking for a good book to buy for that member of your family who enjoys the Lord of the Rings trilogy, here is an excellent trilogy with a decidedly Anishinaabe flavour for you to consider.

The Fionavar Tapestry, beautifully woven by Guy Gavriel Kay, consists of three separate novels, the first being The Summer Tree. It presents in interesting weave of high fantasy and modern fiction, as the protagonists are Toronto residents.

One of the major inhabitants of Kay’s fantasy realm is the Dalrei, his fantasy Anishinabek. Celebrated as heroes following a glorious act of bravery in Fionavar’s history, the Dalrei reside in the largest part of the realm, with their traditions, customs and way of life very much revered and requested by the other folk of the world. He takes the reader on a hunt and perfectly captures the spirituality that the Anishinaabe hunter shares with his prey. In another instance, the reader observes the dance and becomes mesmerized with its beauty and magic.

Kay writes the Dalrei with the utmost respect and admiration, bringing to life a world where the Anishinabek are equal, vital and are treated with the deference they deserve in our world.



The Summer Tree
Guy Gavriel Kay
HarperCollins
ISBN – 0-00-639319-5

Za-geh-do-win
INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

Information about Health,
Healing and Family Violence
for Aboriginal communities
in Ontario



Call 1.800.669.2538 to receive a free catalogue.

P.O. Box 40 | 147 Gabode Dr. | Naughton | ON | P0M 2M0
T 705.692.0420 | Toll Free 1.800.669.2538 | F 705.692.9039
www.za-geh-do-win.com | info@za-geh-do-win.com



AN ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING



canadore college
CELEBRATING FORTY YEARS

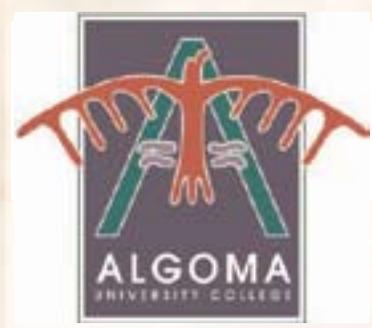
Aboriginal Learning Unit
100 College Drive
North Bay, ON P1B 8K9
Tel: (705) 474-7600 ext. 5481

www.canadorec.on.ca

ALGOMA
university

**Your University...
You Belong Here**

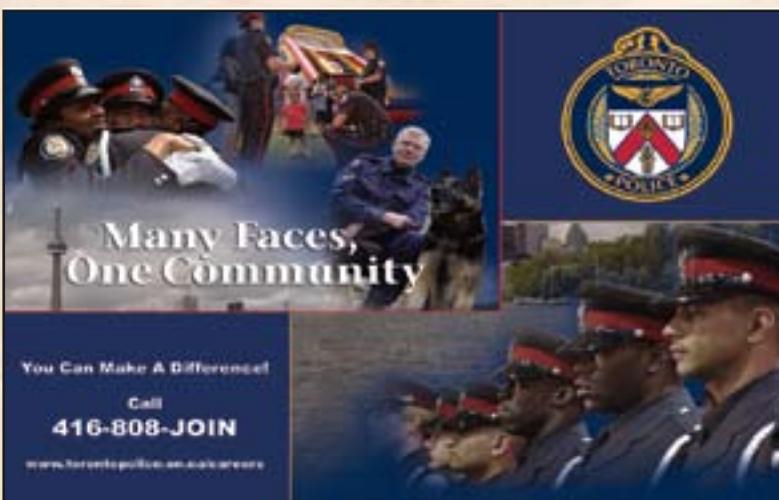
www.algomau.ca



called home decades earlier that this exact spot - by moving into Algoma U - would change his life.

More than time separated them in the same place. "My mother and I were at Shingwauk Residential School. She recalled, "I came to Algoma to fulfill my dream to go to university."

**Many Faces,
One Community**



You Can Make A Difference!
Call 416-808-JOIN
www.torontopolice.on.ca/careers

University of Ottawa

The Aboriginal Studies Program
A four-year baccalaureate program offered in both official languages



uOttawa
Faculté des arts
Faculty of Arts

Aboriginal community and Aboriginal Resource Centre on campus
Come grow with us in the nation's capital.
Information: Georges Sioui - 613-562-5800, ext. 1165
www.arts.uOttawa.ca

MULTIPLE

- Want to earn your high school credits?
- Need credits for admission?
- Want to refresh your skills?



The Independent Learning Centre's diploma is a springboard to help you get ahead. It allows you to earn high school credit courses with the flexibility to study anywhere, anytime.

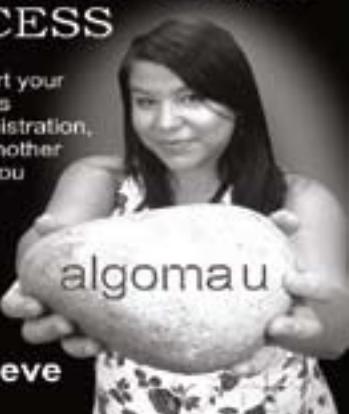
Whatever your reason, the ILC enables you to set your foot in a classroom. Give yourself credit. Start today!

www.ilc.org

College Diploma + Algoma U degree = **SUCCESS**

At Algoma University you can convert your college diploma into university credits towards a degree in Business Administration, Psychology, Computer Science or another program of your choice. This gives you an advanced standing, so you can complete your degree more quickly.

For more information, call 949-2301, ext. 4217
Online applications available.
www.algomau.ca/achieve



Native Education and Training, Sault College
Your Community, Your Education

Now Accepting Applications for September!

Social Services Worker - Native (2 year diploma)
Anishinaabemowin Immersion (1 year certificate)

For more information, contact us at: 1-800-461-2260
www.saultcollege.ca <<http://www.saultcollege.ca>>




NATIVE
at the University of Sudbury

The University of Sudbury's Department of Native Studies provides an understanding of Aboriginal perspectives and participation in local, national and international social justice issues.

Native Studies at uSudbury

Visit us: www.usudbury.ca
Contact us: registrar@usudbury.ca






Let your **SPIRIT Soar!**

STUDIES



Way To A Strong Future

The Power to Choose: Arthur Nolan

By: Rick McGee

Archie Nolan remembers a special day in 1980. His mother (Florence Fletcher) and he walked about the building she had unwillingly... Little did Archie know... then long since transformed one day change the course of

After working in manual jobs, Archie returned to school in 1986. He completed Sault College's Native Community Worker program and subsequently held holistic counseling programs with various organizations. He often combined traditional methods and Western practices.

Archie also participated in First Nations politics, playing a lead role in helping his home community - Missanabie Cree First Nation - achieve a land claim settlement that will come to fruition in 2009.

That experience influenced Archie's academic path at Algoma U. "I love politics and I thought this major (Political Science) would serve me best," he said.

Still, a return to full-time studies presented challenges. "When I first came back, I wondered when I saw all these young kids and questioned how I'd compete with them," the alumnus chuckled. But he found his stride, completing a three-year BA in two years with an 80 per cent average.

While expressing appreciation for guidance from all faculty members, Archie singled out some individuals for special mention: "The two professors who helped me the most were Prof. Terry Ross and Prof. Don Jackson. The new director of Anishinaabe Initiatives, Jerry Fontaine, has also influenced me greatly. They were all key people for me."

Other critical help came from within the family, the recent graduate emphasized: "Without the support of my brother Richard and his wife Christine, I might have had some difficulties. Their offer of accommodation and encouragement helped me tremendously."

Archie continues to be a positive presence on campus, serving as a Teacher's Assistant for Native programs.

Algoma U is located in the city of Sault Ste. Marie, home to 75 000 people and at the heart of the Great Lakes on the U.S. border.

Sault Ste. Marie was known to the ancestors as Bawating and was the central meeting place of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi people for centuries. Now it is a place where you can meet people from many different cultures and backgrounds. Sault Ste. Marie is located next to the Batchewana First Nation, the Garden River First Nation and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; all three First Nations host many cultural activities and ceremonies throughout the year.

Sault Ste. Marie is a great place to learn, live, work and play. It has all the amenities of a major urban centre and is surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Algoma region. You'll enjoy studying here - you'll find a quality of life that few cities can offer.

CHOICES

ool diploma?
to college or university?

ENT LEARNING CENTRE
ÉTUDES INDÉPENDANTES

istance education courses are the
The ILC offers Ontario Ministry
es. Each costs \$40.00 and give you
time, at your own pace.
es you to go back to school without

1.888.844.5886

VE STUDIES
ersity of Sudbury



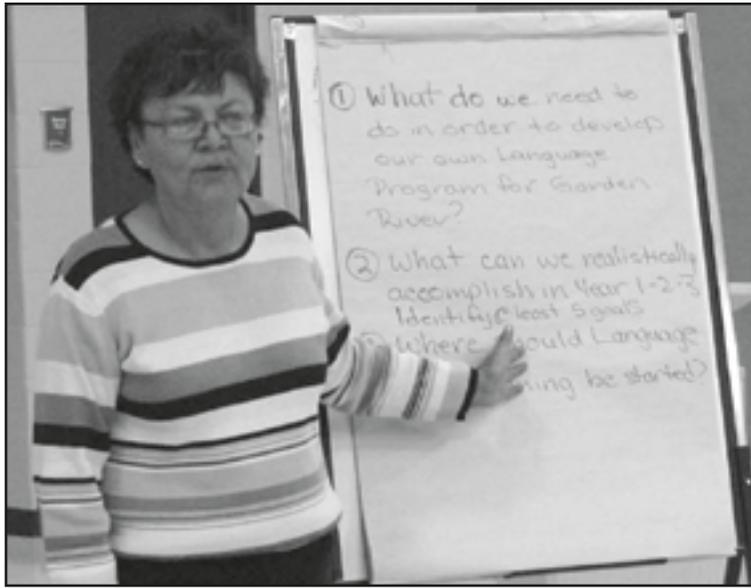
partment of Native Studies promotes
peoples, their traditions, aspirations
nal and international communities.
ral studies, political issues,
e and language.

bury: We Listen to the Spirit

www.usudbury.ca
ar@usudbury.ca



ANISHINABEMOWIN/LANGUAGE



Facilitator and Anishinaabemowin teacher Barbara Nolan

Speakers seek language strategy

GARDEN RIVER FN – A workshop geared at developing a community language strategy aimed at language revitalization attracted over 40 participants Oct. 10-11 to the Garden River Education/Recreation Centre.

Currently 18 students with an average age of 60 are attending Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion at Bay Mills Community College.

“Our elders are telling us something,” said Dianne Roach, community Education Manager. “Many (elders) have lost the language through their own experiences, most related to the Residential School era.”

“Their willingness to travel to Bay Mills a couple times a week and spend every other weekend listening and learning our first language has provoked the need to gather the community to establish our own language strategy for Garden River,” said Roach.

A Volunteer Language Committee was

established to implement both long-term and short-term recommendations.

“This will be a process in and of itself as we recognize the need to secure additional funding to advance our position,” said Roach.

“We have a great number of leaders in our community who remind us of the recent apology from Canada and how the government promises to right the wrongs that were done to our parents and grandparents.

“Without our language, we’ve lost our culture. Elder Charlie Pine, a workshop participant, blamed “the foreign tongue” (English) for most conflict amongst our people.

“We were disciplined and taught through our own language,” said Pine. “We wouldn’t be in the place we are now if we still had this. We are speaking in another people’s tongue. Once you take the language out of your structure, everything starts to fall apart.”

Shirley grateful for ‘Nish Oscar



Shirley Williams

Aanii Boozhoo kino gwaya!
Hi everyone!

Aapji go naa ngii-maamiikwendam Wikwemikong gii-paa-zhaayanh! Wikwemikong Kinoomaage maawn-jidoowaad ngii-zhaa. Ngii-wiikimigoo wii-oo-naangi-doonyaah, wii-dibaataamaa ezhi-webak membidetoong kinoomaageng eta mooshkin wii-nishaabe-kinoomaageng.

I was very grateful and surprised when I went to Wikwemikong. I went to Wikwemikong Education conference. I was invited to speak to talk about Immersion school programming.

Mii dash gaa-giizhiitaawaad, mii gii-mnaajindwaa nswi kwewag gaa-bi-sambizjig wii-bi-binmoowaad Anishinaabe kinoomaagewin zhiwe Shkoniganing gaa-bin-njibaaajig. Rita Corbiere, Mrs. Eric di-naawaan, Josephine Peltier miinwaa dash niin!

When they finished the conference, they honoured some people who have worked in education that live or came from the reserve. Rita, Mrs. Eric she is known, Josephine Peltier and me.

Aapji dash go naa ngii-shkoogok! Gaa-go naa gegoo ngii-dinendziin wiikaa maaba gegoo ji debinaamaa. Ngi-gchinendam iidig piitendaagoziyaanh enokiyaanh gegoo ezhi-naadimaageyanh iw sa iw-anishinaabe-kinoomaageyaanh!

I was surprised (shook up!!) I never expected to get anything like this or recognized. It was a pleasant surprise and am very happy that you acknowledge my work; for that I am grateful.

Nongwa dash, kino ge-miigwechiwenim

I want to thank everyone from Wikwemikong. My heart is always in the spirit of Wikwemikong. That is where I was born and raised.

I know what it feels like to leave the reserve and work off reserve alone. So it is my pleasure to help the mothers from Wikwemikong who send their children to school here at the University or college, and if I can help in any way I can, I do that because they are part of my extended family!

So again Miigwech for the Anishinaabe Oscar!!!

FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS to all Anishinabek Nation members

Contact The Standard 1-800-463-6408

**New Program
Graduate Studies in the
Faculty of Education**

**Queen's
UNIVERSITY**

**Part-time Blended Master of Education in Aboriginal
and World Indigenous Educational
Studies (AWIES) Program**

**Application Deadline
January 15, 2009 for July 2009 admission**

Contact us for details:
Erin George, Graduate Assistant
Faculty of Education, Graduate Studies and Bureau of Research
Room A106, 511 Union Street
Duncan McArthur Hall, Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario K7M 5R7
Ph: 613 533 6206
Fax: 613 533 6057
Email: educmed@queensu.ca Website: <http://educ.queensu.ca>

NISHNAABEWIN/CULTURE

Moon once determined way of life

By Christine McFarlane

TORONTO—Mohawk Elder Renee Thomas-Hill offered Grandmother Moon teachings during the 22nd annual Traditional Awareness gathering Sept. 27-28 at The Native Canadian Centre.

“Grandmother Moon encompasses all living things and is a gift given to us by the Creator,” said the Turtle Clan teacher. “At one time, everything was done by the moon. Ceremonies were done, our healers knew when it was time to build and create, and men knew when to hunt and not to hunt, to plant their seed and women were honoured and re-



Renee Thomas-Hill, Mohawk, and master of ceremonies Derrick Bressette, Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation.

spected for who they were and what they represented to our life force.”

In speaking about a woman’s moon time, Thomas-Hill said in recent times, “woman and her abilities are not respected because there has been the introduction of medical procedures and medica-

tions that can stop the very life force that women were made to give to our world.” In going against traditional teachings, she said “we bring about illness such as depression, suicide, war and crime because we are forgetting about our ceremonies and living in a good way.”



Young women from Wiingashk playing the songs they learned at Wiingashk Cultural Camp: Keely Jensen; Alana Antone and Stephanie Newton.

Seven attend culture camp

By Shirley Honyust

LONDON, Ont.—“I learned a lot.” “I thought it brought me closer to my family.” “I really liked putting up the teepee.” “I loved learning the songs.”

This is the type of feedback received from students from Wiingashk Alternative School, N’Amerind Friendship Centre, who attended the 2008 Cultural Camp at Edgewood Camp, Eden Mills, Ontario.

Early in October, seven Wiingashk students boarded a yellow school bus with tents, sleeping bags, extra clothes, shoes and personal items, to attend the Cultural Camp as a four-day educational activity. Stephanie Newton, Keely Jensen, Robby Diabo, Julian Bunting, Doug Newton, Alana Antone, and Alex Kennedy were this year’s participants, all of whom will receive a full secondary school credit in Native Studies.

Education Counsellors Dorothy French and Gerrard Sagassige were supported by Peter Mintsoulis, Wiingashk teacher, and teaching assistant Panagiota Skobris.

Parts, Sales & Service

SBC

SUDBURY BOAT & CANOE
ESTABLISHED 1920

Lifestyle. Leisure. Fun.

www.sudburyboat.com

314 Harrison Dr.
OFF LONG LAKE ROAD

705.675.5555

Special Financing

ARCTIC CAT
SHARE OUR PASSION

DRASTICALLY REDUCED!!!

<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2008 ARCTIC CAT TRV 700 LE</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">\$9640</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.7em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">FREE • WINCH • WINDSHIELD • FRONT BRUSH GUARD</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2007 ARCTIC CAT 500 FOOTSHIFT</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">SBC Price \$6899</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.7em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">FREE • WINCH • WINDSHIELD • FRONT BRUSH GUARD</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2008 ARCTIC CAT 700 EFI AUTO</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">SBC Price \$8299</p>
<p style="font-size: 0.7em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">FREE • WINCH • WINDSHIELD • FRONT BRUSH GUARD</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2007 ARCTIC CAT 500 EFI AUTO</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">SBC Price \$7299</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2007 ARCTIC CAT PROWLER 650</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">SBC Price \$8999</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2008 ARCTIC CAT PROWLER XT</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">SBC Price \$10,800</p>

USED SLED & DEMO SALE!!

STARTING FROM \$3995

- 2001 ZRT 800R.
- 2008 SNOPRO F10.
- 2004 ZR 900.
- 2006 660 ST TURBO.
- 2007 F10.
- 2008 NIGHTFIRE F10.

Prices are plus freight, PDI, license & taxes. Prices subject to change without notice.

CREDIT HOTLINE 1.866.676.5442 or 705.675.5555

APPLY ONLINE www.sudburyboat.com

SUDBURY BOAT AND CANOE

THE SHOP INDUSTRIAL

112 Fielding Road
Liverty On P3Y 1L5
705 682 1522
800 663 3724
705 682 1221 fax

* Industrial/Recreational Over-Snow and All-Terrain Vehicle & Equipment Specialists*
Sales • Parts • Service
www.theshopindustrial.com

CARMIX CANADA LIMITED

We are Proud to be the Canadian Distributor of the #1 4x4, Mobile, Self Loading, On-site Concrete Mixers

4x4 Mixers & Dumpers

CARMIX 3.5

This revolutionized, easy to operate and cost-effective equipment represents the ideal solution to produce and distribute concrete.

CARMIX ONE

Pour concrete the most difficult job-sites on surface or under ground, as well as in the most congested or remote areas.

CARMIX 25FX

Concrete Plant All In One!

- On-site Batching
- Metering of Concrete
- Weigh Scale and Printer on Some Models

Other Benefits Include:

- 4x4 - All Wheel Drive
- Compact
- Up to 300 Degree Turning Capability on Some Models

CARMIX 5.5

Learn more how CARMIX can save you money, manpower and cycle time visit www.carmixcanada.ca

Tel: 705-897-1716 • Fax: 705-897-2430 • P.O. Box 167, Val Caron ON, P3N 1N7



DOHM-NUK/LET'S PLAY



Board game antique parody

Imagine you're walking through the board game section of your local department store, looking for something to amuse kids aged 6 and up.

Suddenly, one jumps out at you, screaming "Take me home!"

This stereotypical beauty is called "up the creek" – The amusing battle game of Indian War Canoes.

Significantly, the game wasn't created in the dark ages when political correctness was a completely alien concept; "up the creek" made its debut a scant 31 years ago, a product of Waddington's House of Games Ltd. in Bramalea, Ontario.

Admittedly, the world was still a different place then, but since it debuted during my lifetime, it seems all the more relevant – and frightening – to me.

Players are supposed to assemble the strongest Indian War Canoes by collecting cards depicting Big Chiefs, medicine men, and Indians on the warpath.

My partner and I stumbled upon this anachronistic treasure in the basement of her parents' home when we were visiting last Christmas; I appropriated it on our last visit.

She and her sisters evidently played the game when they were small children, but they didn't follow the rules.

They simply made patterns out of the canoe parts and competed to see who could build the longest canoe.

But if this game was distributed on a wide enough scale to reach Snow Lake, Manitoba, I wondered how many impressionable young minds it influenced?

How many snickers erupted at the sight of these large-nosed, orange-coloured men sitting in their canoes, adorned with feathers in top-knots of hair, red war-paint, and horned Viking helmets?

"If a player draws an Indian with a bow..."

"If a player draws an Indian with a lasso..."

Of course it's just a game. The object is to make three canoes on each player's sheet, with points given for the cards making up the canoes, but there are some inappropriate and even outrageous objects appearing on the canoe pieces.

My favourites were the parrot,



Christian Hebert

the tee-pee (didn't we always travel with our tee-pees erected in our canoes?), and the moonshine.

Yes, one card actually illustrates a keg, with a pair of feathers tied to the handle and "60%" marked on its front.

Any toy distributor selling this game today would run the risk of their parking lot starting to look a lot like Caledonia.

My mother-in-law was mortified at the idea of my writing something about this game.

I think she felt truly embarrassed once she realized what the game was about and the image it depicted.

The family received the game

as a gift from a relative sometime in the 70's, and stored it for a rainy day with Monopoly and the other board games in the basement.

Images like those in "up the creek" were a product of another era, when First Peoples could be routinely parodied without protest.

Today we treat them like embarrassing antiques, not unlike those Little Black Sambo lawn ornaments.

I reassured my mother-in-law that she was blameless...but I better not see her wearing a ball cap with a Cleveland Indians logo on the front!

Christian Hebert is a citizen of Dokis First Nation and is currently enrolled in the Anishinabek Educational Institute's First Nations Governance program. He lives in Sturgeon Falls with his partner and their two-year old son.

