

# Tobique news

# Tobique

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## 16 Maliseet students

Demonstrate the determination and ambition of our young people to succeed

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# Protesters and NB Power moving closer towards a solution



Protest reaches another height when Protesters seize NB Power Truck after entering the property with notifying the group. Protesters and NB Power phoned police to inform.



By Sipsis Bear

Although Tobique First Nation Protesters remain in control of Tobique Narrows Hydroelectric dam and are continuing demonstrations, recent discussions and negotiations with NB Power and Aboriginal Affairs have taken a productive turn towards a foreseeable resolution to the long-lasting conflict.

In a meeting held on Monday, June 30, between Tobique residents and provincial representatives, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Rick Brewer, committed to fund the restoration of eroded riverbanks surrounding the community and to clean areas used to dump toxic and other waste products

at and around the dam. The Province also committed to continue with the process of negotiating all issues involved in the conflict.

"This issue has been around for a while; I would like to move forward together. I sincerely want to see the issues resolved," Minister Brewer declared. At this time, after over a year of protests the province has agreed to immediately address the two most pressing concerns of protesters for the health and safety of Tobique residents being threatened by the erosion occurring on the riverbanks and the toxic wastes in our ground and water.

The river bank that surrounds much of the community is being pushed further inland, trees being washed away, and homes in danger of falling into the river because of the hydroelectric facility's disruption to the natural flow of the river, protester Terry Sappier described. It has not been decided what form of restoration will be used to secure the riverbanks, however it has been agreed that the banks starting from the Indian line across from the Aroostook river to the mouth of the Tobique River will be restored.

Equally dangerous for residents are toxic waste sites created during the development of the electric lines;

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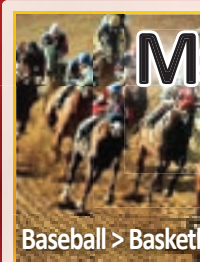
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# SVHS yeilds highest number of graduates ever from Tobique

By Sipsis Bear

Studies and statistics state that for many reasons the number of Aboriginal students completing high school is still lagging behind the national average, but here in our corner of the country, where Tobique has seen its highest number of high school graduates yet, demonstrates how the determination and ambition of our young people to succeed is changing another bleak statistic from our collective identity.

16 Maliseet students, and 57 fellow class mates that make up the Southern Victoria High School graduating class of 2009, were honoured at ceremonies held at the River Valley Civic Center in Perth-Andover Thursday, June 18. The high number of graduates from Tobique did not go unrecognized by organizers, who included Maliseet culture into

most aspects of the evening's program.

Principal Valarie Sullivan began the 56th SVHS graduation ceremony with words of thanks to organizers, educators, sponsors, and all who were involved in making the graduation possible; as well as praised students and those who have supported them in achieving this academic milestone.

The Andover Elementary Choir was then invited to the stage to sing the national anthem that they performed in Maliseet, English and French. Following the anthem, community member's Lisa Dutcher and Rosanne Clark were asked to present the opening prayer; they recited the Maliseet prayer, "A Prayer to Mother Earth", translated by elder Henrietta Black, to the crowd.

Superintendent of School District 14, Lisa Gallagher, then spoke on behalf of the School Board acknowledging students'

for the work that they put into completing high school, as well as the significant role that family and other support systems have played in their achievement, she added that "By meeting their academic and social needs they have played a huge role in their success."

SVHS graduate, and this year's Salutatorian, Rebecca Demmings delivered a speech expressing both her excitement to move forward and to fulfill individual goals and success, as well as her sorrow to be leaving behind the relationship she developed during her time at SVHS. She also described her doubts of seeing this day arrive, but credited her teachers and family for making it possible.

An example of such aspirations of success being achievable was made clear to students when listening to Vice Principle Angela Barclay introduce and list the academic and professional accom-



Guest Speaker, Dr. Mike Perley from Tobique First Nation addresses the graduates with words of praise.

plishments of Guest Speaker Dr. Mike Perley. Graduating with a Science Degree from UNB and Medical Degrees from Dalhousie University and Family Physicians of Canada, he currently practices Family Medicine at his hometown of Tobique, Woodstock First Nation and at Carleton Memorial.

Dr. Perley took to the podium once again, like he did 36 years ago as the Valedictorian of his graduating class at SVHS to deliver inspiring

words to students. In 36 years, Dr. Perley describes that the world and children's learning environments has changed, "there were no cell phones or calculators when I graduated", and he only recently learned how to text and to Google with the help of his daughter, but his message to students was timeless.

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world", and "All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them". Quoting the powerful words of icons Nelson Mandela and Walt Disney, Dr. Perley conveyed the advice to graduates that working towards personal strength and positive growth will yield success.

The Seven Directions Drum Group was next to deliver a congratulatory message to the graduates. Through the chants of Tobique women and the beat of hand drums they honoured the students' by performing the Maliseet Honour Song.

The Valedictorian for 2009 is Megan Sullivan. Daughter of Principal Valerie Sullivan, she appeared to be an excellent choice receiving an armful of plaques for her high standing in a number of courses, a long list of scholarships, bursaries and awards including the Governor General's bronze medal for academic excellence.

With modesty and creativity, Megan delivered her valedictory address by describing and relating her experiences at SVHS in mathematical terms.

She admits that she was always a better Math student than English, and that after about

"8 000 lunches at Mary's, 15 accidents in the school parking lot, 360 hockey games, 3900 classes, 34 000 homework assignments," and much more, they have finally met their goal, and in the process have created "73 success stories, countless memories and zero regrets."

The 2009 graduation ceremony concluded with the presentation of prizes that totalled over \$60,000, gifts and diplomas.

SVHS Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards presented to Tobique graduates

Bursaries: Jenni Greaves-Lewis Pharmacy Bursary; Ryan Moulton-Dr. Martin and Nancy McCauley Bursary; Timothy Nicholas-McDougall-Dr. Peter and Mrs. Heather Moore Bursary; Megan Paul-The Mary Joe Memorial Bursary; Kayla Sappier-Dr. Allison and Mrs. Rhonda Kennedy Bursary, Chadwick Food Service Management Bursary.

Academic Awards and Scholarships: Jenni Greaves-Memorial University of Newfoundland National Entrance Scholarship, From the University of New Brunswick the Governor Thomas Carleton Scholarship, and the James E. Porter Scholarship; Timothy Nicholas-McDougall-St. Thomas University Advantage Scholarship; Cole Perley-The Barrett Turn Around Achievement Award; Jessica Bear-Mawiw Scholarship.

Highest Academic Standings: Theatre Arts 12-0 Cole Perley; English 12-3 Sheldon Sappier; World Issues 12-2 Trudy Elder.



Seven Direction Drum Group. Lisa Dutcher, Suzanne Sappier, Lynn Dingee, Rosanne Clark and Gail Nicholas perform the Honour Chant for graduates.

# SVHS Tobique Grads



Jessica Bear



Courtney Bernard



Trudy Elder



Britnay Francis



Jenny Greeves



Mick Moulton



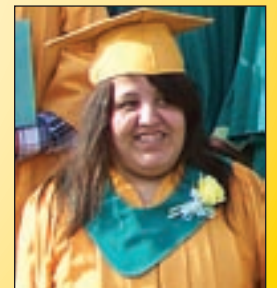
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Corey Nicholas



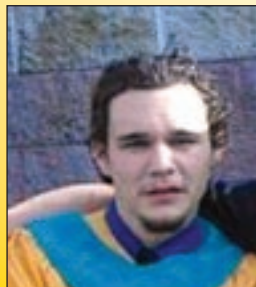
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# The forgotten Hero's



By Paul Pyres

Who says people don't do anything for free, tell that to Chief Jason Moulton of the Tobique Fire Department and his crew of ten community members. Imagine being woke up by your pager at 2:30am on a below zero night, jumping into a cold car and rushing to a house fire. After battling a fire in below zero weather for hours, your still not done, then comes cleaning and rolling hoses and repacking the fire truck. Or responding to an auto accident that may involve someone you know, and when all is said and done all you receive is a thank you.

Volunteer firefighters are on call 24 hours a day. Last year they responded to over 100 calls, which consisted of structure fires, forest fires and auto accidents. Not only do they put in hundreds of hours on fire alarms but they have to maintain their equipment and take training on their spare time.

Jason Moulton has been dedicated to the Tobique fire department since 2001, and there have been many hurdles to overcome, one of course has always been money. With Jason's hard work the fire department received money this year for a 2009 Peirce pumper and level 1 training. Jason's wish list doesn't stop there, he is currently seeking funding for a tanker and a boat for river rescue.

over fire departments have a close working relationship. They back each other up on calls and even train together. Currently Chief Phillip Walker of the Perth Andover Fire Department is teaching the level 1 fire fighting course.

This year the Tobique Fire department plans to have a fire safety day in the school and also have a contest to be chief for the day. Jason says "It's important to teach our children about fire safety. Children can learn the dangers of fire and what to do in case of a fire."

Jason says "we have a great bunch of guys, we all work together and are dedicated fire fighters and we do it all for our community. "At this time there is only enough gear for the ten members, but in the future they hope to get more gear and more volunteers. They are seeking auxiliary men and women to be on standby and to be there to make sandwiches and coffee when they are fighting a fire. The fire house is always seeking cash donations and is in need of a washer, dryer, fridge, stove, couch, chairs and a tv. If you can help with any of these contact Jason Moulton.

Fire can destroy your home and personal belongings in a matter of minutes. These courageous men and women put their lives on the line every time their pager goes off, and they do it for you.

Remember to report a fire or accident always call 911.

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# Health Canada gives green light on new medical center for Tobique

By Sipsis Bear

Plans to provide Tobique residents and health care workers with a modern, spacious facility to receive and to deliver Medical services have been unfolding for over a year, but are now quickly moving forward. On May 1, 2009 Chief Stewart Paul received documentation from Health Canada's Regional Director for First Nations & Inuit Health, Debra Keays-White, committing to support Tobique's request for a new medical clinic.

The new facility will undergo a three phase process before it is built and operational starting with the needs assessment, the concept and design, and finally the construction. The Tobique project committee consisting of Councillors Wendell Nicholas and Tina Perley-Martin, Third Party Management, Capital Manager Kenneth Perley and members of the medical clinic staff, are working jointly with Health Canada to oversee each phase.

According to Tobique's Health Director, Roxanne Sappier, the project is currently in the 'concept and design' phase. After reviewing the project committee's needs assessment outlining the reasons for requesting a new facility, Health Canada has agreed to release funding for the second phase. A partly Aboriginal owned

company from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Kuk Wes Construction Management, has been selected to create the design and to direct the construction of the facility.

Although no official budget has been approved for the new medical clinic, Roxanne estimates the cost of the project, from start to finish, to be valued at approximately 2 million dollars and to be twice the size of Tobique's current facility.

The location of the new clinic has also not been confirmed. The Tobique project committee has recommended the George Bernard Memorial ball field as the preferred site for construction. Other possible locations being considered are behind the Maliseet Convenience Store at the entrance of the community, or at the old dump site running parallel to Reservoir Rd.

With the infrastructure already serviceable at the ball field, connecting to the existing water supply and to the electrical services can be easily done, as well as with the large, cleared portion of land, Roxanne explains, will significantly reduce the cost and time needed to build. She also adds that having the clinic in a central location will make it easier for community members' to access the clinic and their services.

Funding for the final construction stage of the project will not be released until Health Canada has viewed and approved the layout design of the building and a location has been chosen, but the project committee is confident that they will break ground by fall of this year and hopeful that construction will be complete by spring of 2010. Although Kuk Wes will be managing the building of the facility, local trades' people will be given an opportunity to bid on specific aspects of the construction.

The new facility will offer the same medical services and assistance that is currently available, and more. "We are expanding and growing in our staff, programs and services, but with no room to do it. We are not a commercial building; the new facility will be." Roxanne says that a larger space will help the clinic staff to expand even further, to offer more programs and services for community members, and to provide an up-to-date, organized space to deliver them from.

Emergency services, however, will not be connected to the new Facility and will likely remain in its current location. What the building will be used for once the new one is built is undetermined and will be decided at a later date by Chief and Council.

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- Cora Lee Nicholas
- Treasure Paul
- Callie Perley
- Zoe Perley
- Shanyce Sappier
- Benjamin Sappier
- Jersey Sockabasin

- Grade 1: Reading Award: Farah Sacobie
- Math Award: Asiah Bear
- Writing Award: Mihko Nicholas
- Attendance: Farah Sacobie
- Grade 2: Reading Award: Emily Bernard
- Math Award: Jerico Perley
- Writing Award: Dylan Demerchant
- Attendance: Dylan Demerchant
- Grade 3: Reading Award: Cameron Sacobie
- Writing Award: Kennedy Perley
- Spelling award: Autumn Cheechoo
- Math Award: Heaven Solomon
- Grade 4: Most Improved: Wiphun Tomah
- Academic Award: Autumn Cheechoo
- Math Award: Dayle Johnston
- Reading Award: Katie Jane Muwin
- Attendance: Charise Peter Paul
- Grade 5: Our Graduating Class: Angel Moulton
- Most Improved: Brandy Bear
- Spelling level 5: Dawson Sappier
- Spelling level 4: Dawson Sappier



Mah-Sos School Awards 2009 Winner of the Andrew Pauline Nicholas Award presented to the Best Overall Student.

- Most Improved: Elizabeth Perley
  - Spelling level 5: Crystal Sappier
  - Spelling level 4: Thomas Foster
  - Most Books Read: Dorian Sappier
  - Writing Award: Casey Sappier
  - Math Award: Marcie Francis
  - Casey Sappier
- Recipient of the Andrew & Pauline Nicholas Award was Dorion Solomon.  
This Award is presented to the Best overall Student in Grade 5.

# Protestor and NB Power

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NB Power sprayed toxic chemicals on the land underneath the lines running through the community to prevent further growth and discarded the barrels at the bottom of the dam. Dump sites were also designated around the dam by the government and used by surrounding areas. These locations were never cleaned according to any environmental regulations and standards, Terry explains, but were merely covered with rock and gravel. Businesses and homes in this area are still without safe, useable water.

A committee consisting of two council members, one community elder and Spokesperson for TFN protesters were chosen at the meeting to facilitate the restoration and clean-up projects. Spokesperson Hart Perley says that there are environmental assessments and testing that have to be performed and completed, as well as permits acquired, before the cleaning and restoration work can begin. Hart estimates the environmental assessments and reports conducted by Environmental Health Officer for First Nations, Kevin Sark, to be finished by

July 22, and would like to hold a community meeting on July 28 to present the findings to local government and residents to decide how to proceed.

The project will also serve as an employment initiative for the community. Tobique residents and trades people will be employed to help carry out the projects that, according to Hart, will start soon after the community meeting.

But it won't be until the trucks start rolling in, she claims, that they can be sure that the government is serious about fulfilling their immediate commitments to the community, and when protesters will remove their flags, barricades, locks, and leave the dam.

The committee's less immediate goals include the negotiation of power line permits, payment of royalties since the beginning of the dams operation, part ownership of the facility, and free power for all community residential and commercial buildings.

NB Power will regain access to the facility, but not the community, and Hart assures that the protest committee will not abandon their struggle until all issues are addressed and resolved.

## MEN'S HEALTH

The wellness center is trying to promote Men's Health. If you are a male and want to get a man's prospective on health, please come in for a visit. We are here to answer any questions that you may have concerning your health. If we do not have the answer, we will do our very best to find an answer for you. There is a nurse

practitioner and registered nurses here to help guide you to better health. There is also a dietician as well as a dental therapist on hand. We are open to any suggestions that will help us to promote men's wellness and participation.

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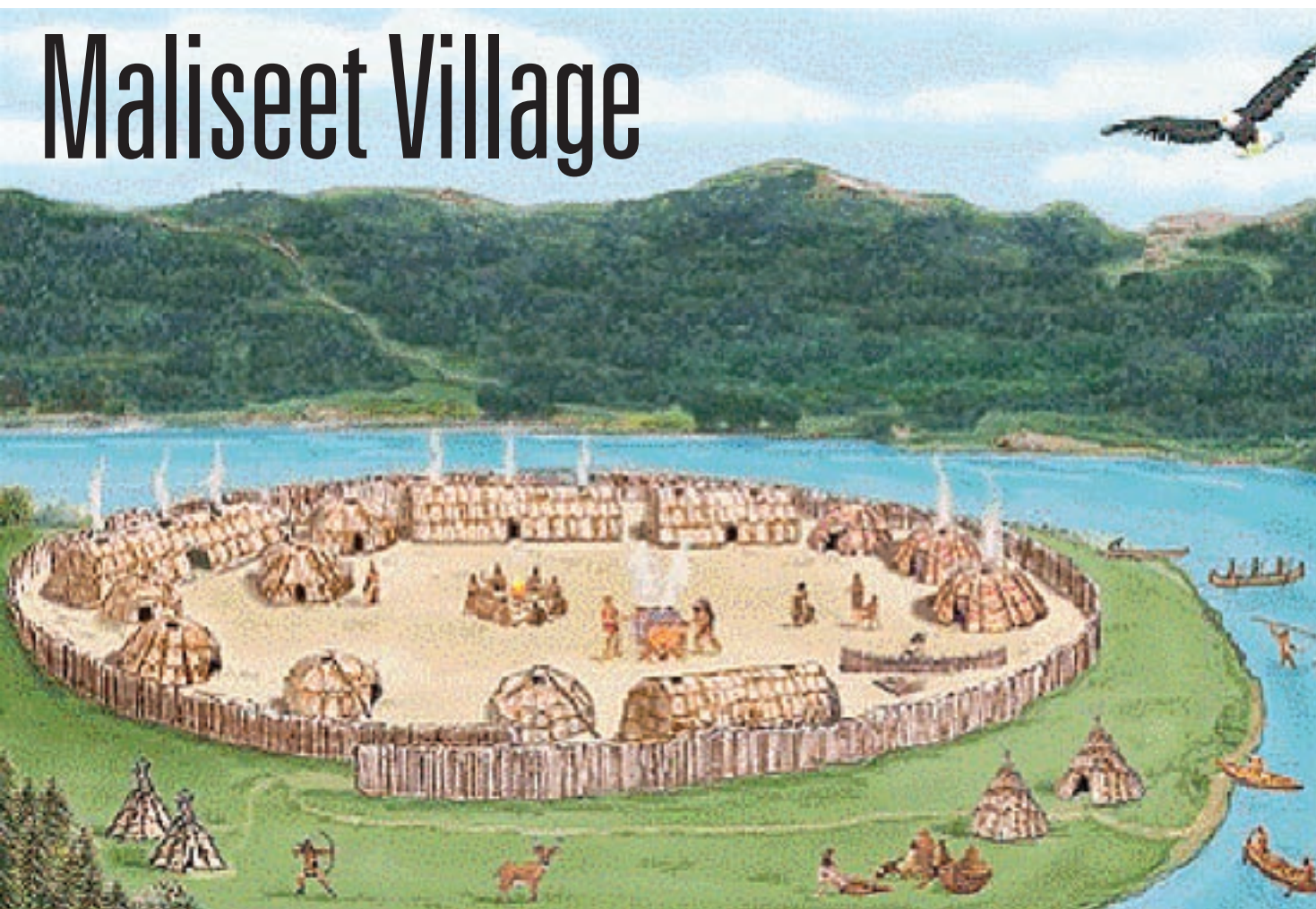
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# Maliseet Village



## Pilot Project

The Maliseet Nation Conservation Council (MNCC) has been working on a proposal for a traditional village project to be located at King's Landing, (Canada's top tourist attraction). The project, if approved, will represent a partnership between MNCC and Kings Landing Historical Society, providing our Nation with the opportunity to tell our history, promote cultural training programs for our people, and develop tourism products.

## Traditional Village Proposal

A committee has been formed consisting of Maliseet Elders and interested individual members, in order to begin planning for this year's tourism season. Among the features of the village during the first season will be construction of authentic shelters, crafts workshops, and possibly drumming and chanting, and birchbark canoe construction. Initial funding has been identified and the pilot project, though on a small scale, will start this year, followed by

long-term proposals for further programs.

## Benefits of the Proposed Project

By developing a traditional village, the Maliseet Nation can look forward to achieving the following objectives in the next five years:

- Acknowledgment and accurate portrayal of Maliseet / Wolastoqiyik history;
- Promotion and Preservation of Maliseet values, traditions and cultural identity;
- Educational programs for our youth (and others) about our cultural practices, history, and traditional knowledge; and
- Ultimately, a thriving tourism industry for the Wolastoqiyik Nation.

## Call for Artists

Wolastoqiyik artists of all styles are invited to contact MNCC to have your products displayed and/or purchased for sale at the Kings Landing retail gift shop, general store or our own Trading Post. Artists also interested in conducting workshops are also urged to contact MNCC as the number and type of workshops will increase each year. MNCC has proposed to act as the host agency for the project and provide the necessary logistics, administrative and coordination required for a project of this size. The project is planned to grow each year under the 5-year plan. Artists can contact [nickpaul66@gmail.com](mailto:nickpaul66@gmail.com) for more information

tips and story ideas to  
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## Wolastoqewiyik Healing Lodge Schedule



July 2009

The staff, volunteers and guests of the Wolastoqewiyik Healing Lodge offer the following schedule of weekly workshops, step-programs and support groups to community members and guests who desire to strengthen their individual pride and feelings of self-worth.

All events will take the place at the bottom level of the Healing Lodge (*side door*), unless otherwise noted.

Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings  
Every Sunday 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings\*  
Every Sunday 7:30 – 8:30 pm

\*Located at St. Ann's Church Basement  
(28 River Road, Tobique First Nation)

Alanon Meetings\*  
Every Monday 7:00 – 8:00 pm \*Located at St. Ann's Church Basement (28 River Road, Tobique First Nation)

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meetings  
Every Tuesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

(Please note the change in DAY)

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings  
Every Friday 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
(Newcomers Welcome)

### Additional Calendar

(Please register for the Life Skills Building Course at 273-5541):

Mon, July 6th	Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem)	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Tues, July 7th	Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem)	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Mon, July 13th	Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem)	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Tues, July 14th	Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem)	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Mon, July 20th	Life Skill Building (Self-Esteem)	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Tues, July 21st	Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem)	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Mon, July 27th	Closed – (Observing)	

St. Ann's Day

Tues, July 28th	Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem)	1:00 – 3:00 pm
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# Indigenous Peoples' Rights

Speech given on December 10th, 1994 at the Kennedy Library, Boston MA

We like to think of the UN as a world government that is responsible for a kind of "universal sovereignty"—laws that transcend the jurisdictions of individual States, or perhaps, law that cannot be entrusted to the single responsibility of individual States.

In fact, if we examine the history of the UN, it is obvious that it was founded to establish and enforce a higher standard of ethical and moral behavior than individual States may practice. We all know that the establishment of the UN in San Francisco directly at the end of the Second World War, was in reaction to the horrors of the Nazi regime.

The founding principle of the UN is that States do not have ultimate sovereignty with regard to the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms of their inhabitants; that this ultimate sovereignty is surrendered to the world body, and that although each State retains the responsibility to uphold and enforce human rights law, all States are subject to international oversight in this regard, and if necessary, international intervention.

The speeches that were made at the founding of the UN note that the need for the world to act in solidarity against Hitler's Germany was this same principle of world solidarity that was applied to the apartheid regime in South Africa, resulting in the very positive developments that have occurred there recently. Of course there was no UN when Columbus landed in the so-called "New World," and from the look of things now, I would say that the Indians,

the indigenous peoples of the Americas, could certainly have used a UN.

Many of you are familiar with the history of the indigenous peoples in the Americas, a succession of friendships and betrayals, treaties, and surrenders, ethnocide and genocide. It is unpleasant, and most Americans prefer not to dwell on it. The goal—to remove the indigenous peoples from the land—was largely accomplished; and it was all done "according to law," although presumably in violation of principles of international human rights law that we accept today as valid. To compound the injustice, it was also done in such a way to deny the indigenous peoples any means of redress to the international community. This, we might say, is old and unpleasant history, and we should move on. The problem is that we cannot, for the very simple reason that what we take to be past history, is not really over—it persists. It persists throughout this hemisphere, and in the remaining places in the world where indigenous peoples survive.

We like to think that the broken treaties, the extermination and all of those other things that happened in the past—are unfortunate, but over, beyond our control now, no longer our responsibility. The truth is that grave violations continue against the human rights of the world's indigenous peoples. Violations continue in the US, Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, Indonesia, Burma—I could continue.

Most Americans and Canadians are unaware of the fact that indigenous peoples' rights continue to be abused. I should

point out that although this abuse is widespread, the severity and extent of abuses against indigenous peoples varies considerably from country to country.

In Guatemala, for example, those familiar with the experiences of my respected sister Rigoberta Menchu will realize that the abuse often consists of murder. In Canada and in the province of Quebec, where I am the chief of a Cree nation, the abuse has most often been dispossession and denial of individual freedoms. The question for you is: how can the international community help and how can you encourage the international community to help?

In principle, the objective of abuses against indigenous peoples has remained unchanged over the centuries. It is based on the principle that indigenous peoples are somehow inferior, should not be in possession of their lands, and have no right to govern themselves or look after their affairs. As a result, our lands were and are designated as terra nullius, empty, not occupied by people. What is still ignored or denied, is that we have our own societies, laws, values, culture and spirituality.

While this attitude and the concept of terra nullius might have been justifiable one or two hundred years ago, I have difficulty today condoning this practice in public law.

Our Cree people live in what is now the northern part of Quebec, a territory we have occupied continuously for at least 5000 years. This territory was allegedly "given" to the Hudson's Bay Company in 1670 by a European monarch who

had never been in our land. It only became part of Canada in 1870, when it was named "Rupert's Land." In 1898 and 1912 it was divided among several Canadian provinces, including the province of Quebec. Quebec only began to exercise some limited authority in the territory in 1963.

Today, a provincial government that is in power in Quebec wants to secede from Canada. As Indians, this would probably be a matter in which we would not get involved, except for the fact that the Quebec separatists (as they are called) insist that when they leave Canada, they will take eleven territories of indigenous peoples with them.

You might imagine that we, the original peoples in this territory, would have a say in this matter, that we cannot be denied our nationality or our lands without our consent. But the separatists say that we indigenous peoples do not have the right to self-determination, that our territory would be included in a Quebec republic with or without our consent; and right now they are in the process of passing legislation to accomplish their purpose.

This is a contemporary example of the principle of racial inferiority. The separatist leaders in Quebec insist that they have the right to break up Canada, but these same people insist that we have no right to remain in Canada, if that is our choice.

In Guatemala, the indigenous Mayan peoples comprise the majority of the inhabitants, yet they are systematically excluded from government; and when they try to organize they are murdered.

Therefore, what recourse, what means of redress do we indigenous peoples have? According to the law in both Canada and Guatemala, these are domestic issues only! In both cases indigenous peoples seeking remedies must address the domestic courts, and in effect seek relief from their own oppressors.

When an indigenous treaty is violated, when an indigenous territory is flooded to provide hydroelectricity, when an indigenous forest is clear-cut, when a military base is located on indigenous land, our people are forced to turn to authorities who have a vested interest in the outcome. We must pretend that they are purveyors of neutral and unbiased justice.

The two UN International Covenants protect "all peoples" from being denied "their own means of subsistence." When I study the history of our peoples, I note that our existence has been characterized essentially by the denial of our own means of subsistence. Is there a better way to describe what has happened to our peoples in five hundred years and still continues?

My own people, the Ouje-Bougoumou Crees, have been forcefully relocated seven times between 1925 and 1975; and "relocated" is the polite way to describe what was done to us.

The fact that these abuses have continued for so long is evidence that the domestic authorities are not effective guardians of our rights, and that the standards that are applied for the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples are insufficient. I think this fact is fairly indisputable, yet where

do we turn for help?

The obvious answer is the UN. In the UN, however, we face several problems. The UN is an organization of States, entrusted with the protection of universal human rights. But its personality as an organization, with each State protecting its own rights first and foremost, has prevented the UN from addressing certain large problems, such as the rights of indigenous peoples. This may be about to change.

In August 1994, a draft "Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" was approved by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The declaration is the work of a committee of experts chaired by Dr. Erica Irene Daes, a Greek diplomat, and presently president of the UN Joint Inspection Unit.

The declaration recognizes that indigenous peoples have the right of self-determination. It uses language similar to the two International Covenants to guarantee that the rights of indigenous peoples are afforded the same protections as all other peoples. It recognizes the right of indigenous peoples to control their own resources and territories. It recognizes their control over the environment. It acknowledges that their consent is required before development can take place that would affect their rights, their lands, their resources or their environment. It protects the cultural property of indigenous peoples. It recognizes the status of indigenous law.

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# Andover Elementary host Aboriginal Day Festivities

By Sipsis Bear

Students, teachers, staff and parents of Andover Elementary gathered under the sun at the flower garden in front of the school on June 18th, to commemorate National Aboriginal Day, where they were treated to an eventful morning of Maliseet tradition.

As students entered school this morning they saw more than just the provincial and federal flags standing in the main lobby, represented this morning at their school were symbols of the Maliseet nation. Local Artist Boodin Nicholas set up a table displaying traditional and contemporary beadwork, baskets, clothing and other crafts.

"This morning will be about sharing our culture with you through our Maliseet language, song, dance and food" explained the Masters of Ceremony and Maliseet student's, Lily Nadeau and Izak Francis as they kicked off the event.

Maliseet Traditionalist Lisa Dutcher was introduced next to lead the crowd while they participate in a smudge ceremony, traditionally performed to open cultural gatherings. As Lisa walked inside the circle of students and staff smudging them with smouldering sweetgrass, the MCs described that smudging is done by our people to help us cleanse our minds, bodies and souls, allowing us to have good thoughts and feelings with which to enjoy the gathering.

To share with the crowd an example of Maliseet song, the Seven Directions Women's Drum Group grabbed their hand drums and invited student's Destiny



Middle School student, Brandon Bear-Jeanes demonstrates the Grass Dance for the audience.

Mclean, Amelia Paul and Cheyenne McKinley, to join them to perform the Maliseet Honour Chant sung to pay homage to the Creator and to our people.

Dance is just as important as song to our cultural identity and expression, and is often intertwined. "We dance to celebrate, to heal and to connect to Mother Earth. The dancer moves their feet softly on Mother Earth so they can draw and renew energy from her", Lily and Izak explained.

Dancer Brandon Bear-Jeanes was called to the center of the circle to demonstrate the Grass Dance for the crowd, which is usually the first dance performed at powwow's to purify the ground for other dancers. Dressed in colourful regalia covered with long fringes symbolizing the grass, Brandon danced in motions imitating the waving of grass in the wind to the music of Tobique's Nekwetkok Chanters.

Next to entertain everyone was Brandon's sister Kanisha who entered the circle with a bundle of hoops to perform the Hoop Dance, traditionally used to heal our people. Kanisha danced in one spot, starting with only a few hoops in hand, but slowly and skilfully danced her way up to holding several hoops that she made into patterned designs across her arms and back.

Everyone was invited to participate in the next dance. The Snake Dance requires a line of dancers to portray how a snake coils and uncoils in a circle. All joined in forming an anaconda sized line, holding hands and dancing to mimic the natural movement of the snake.

Declared a free style dance by the MC's, all of the school's staff members were invited to dance for the students'. Despite chuckles and finger pointing by the kids, all the teachers got up to freestyle to the music of the Nekwetkok Chanters.

The last dance performed this morning was the Round or Friendship Dance. This dance also involved the whole crowd, who held hands forming a circle and moving their feet from side to side representing the connection of all in the circle. After all that dancing, everyone was given a piece of fry bread, a Maliseet staple, to finish off the morning festivities.

Aboriginal Day celebrations were held at all Perth-Andover area schools this year. Organizer of the celebrations, and the new Cultural Awareness Coordinator, Rosanne Clark is confident that interactive, educational events like today will help to promote our culture to students and educators, as well as provide Maliseet children with an enhanced sense of identity and pride. "The more we learn about each other, the better our understanding and acceptance of each other will be... that is key to getting along; we are all her now."

## MALISEET- MI'KMAQ POW WOW TRAIL

June 5-8	Pictou Landing First Nation, Nova Scotia
June 6	Fredericton Native Friendship Center, New Brunswick
June 14	Kitpu Youth Center-Point Pleasant Park, Nova Scotia
June 19-21	St. Mary's First Nation, New Brunswick
June 20-22	Indian Brook First Nation, Nova Scotia
June 20-22	Mi'kmaq Friendship Center, Nova Scotia
June 26-29	Metepenagiag (Red Bank) First Nation, New Brunswick
June 27-29	Eskasoni First Nation, Nova Scotia
July 4-6	Milwaukee (Conne River) First Nation, Newfoundland and Labrador
July 4-6	Pabineau First Nation, New Brunswick
July 11-13	Paq'tnkek First Nation, Nova Scotia
July 18-20	Eel Ground First Nation (Natoaganeg), New Brunswick
	Potlotek First Nation, Nova Scotia
August 2-3	Listuguj First Nation, Quebec
	Geigapegiag Powwow Maria, Quebec
August 8-10	Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia
	Passamaquoddy, Pleasant Point Maine, USA
	Lennox Island First Nation, PEI
August 15-16	Native Council of Prince Edward Island
	Abegweit Annual Powwow, PEI
August 18-20	Presque Isle First Nation, Mawiomi Maine, USA
	Esgenoopetitj (Burnt Church) First Nation, New Brunswick
August 21-24	Waycobah First Nation, Nova Scotia
August 29-31	Elsipogtog (Big Cove) First Nation, New Brunswick
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# MAH-SOS school treat community to day of culture

By Sipsis Bear

Those that say the Maliseet language is disappearing among our youth, replaced with English and the computer language of acronyms, would have been pleasantly surprised to see and to hear Mah-Sos students perform their Culture Day presentations held on June 4th, entirely in Maliseet. Mah-Sos staff and students treated parents and community members to day of celebration of language, music, history, and culture.

Maliseet Language teacher, and organizer of Culture Day, Iris Kowalski explains that the event is held annually to provide students with a positive learning experience and a greater awareness of their heritage. For Iris, and students, it is also a way to share the knowledge the children have gathered from practicing and performing for Culture Day, as well as to display to family and to community members the hard work and creativity that students put into their presentations.

The event was held at the community bingo hall which was decorated with wall with student's art and crafts like beaded necklaces, pipe cleaner fiddleheads, paintings, and other colourful creations of their visions of culture. As Iris described the students, after conducting some research, chose to their own area of Maliseet culture to explore and display; for example, Grade 3 created story belts



Students of all grades gather around their make shift fire to sing to the crowd.

that were used historically as a form of communication among tribes or as a record of important events. The class developed their own symbols with a legend describing the meanings, as well as constructing a story in picture writing on their belts.

Councillor Tim Nicholas, or as students refer to him 'Mr. Nick', began the event with a prayer, words of praise and encouragement on behalf of Chief and Council, and by singing the Maliseet Honour Song. In a suitable blend of tradition and present, and of Maliseet humour, Mr. Nick's cell phone rang at the end of the song, on the other end Mr. Nick claims, was the creator calling to tell him that he needs to sharpen his vocal skills.

Following the opening cere-

monies, a feast of traditional foods cooked by the Mah-Sos cafeteria staff and elder Freda Jividen was served to the crowd. The menu included dishes like: salmon, fiddle heads, lakalet (bannock), Lakoci (scalloped potatoes), and of course no traditional meal would be complete without bologna.

Mah-Sos's k-4 class started off the schools performances by drumming and singing their Maliseet version of Kwotinsk Skicinohsisek (Ten Little Indians), Mali Naka Tesipisemel (Mary Had a Little Lamb), and Apsekikwen Skitkamik (It's a Small World). After their performance the students were



Kira Pirie-Wilson proudly displays her certificate of completion for Kindergarten that were passed out at the Culture Day festivities.

presented with certificates for graduating onto Kindergarten.

Grades 1 and 2 enthusiastically sang and drummed the song Kinapiyet Nimowiniot. After their song, Grade 5 presented a skit called Kinapiyet Nimowiniot, or a super



Grade 4 Culture Day projects displayed. Students created story belts for their project, used traditionally to send messages to other tribes.

hero's lunch box, where students created painted illustrations and a description of what they thought a superhero should pack in their lunchbox for a nutritious meal.

The students' performances ended with Grades 3, 4, 5 presentation of the story of 'How kloskap Made People'. Iris, with the help of elder Henrietta Black, and teachers Gloria Sappier and Rosanne Clark, translated the legend into Maliseet. The children, Iris said, worked very hard to memorize their part of the legend that they skilfully recited to the audience.

The play was made even more impressive by the paint-

ings that accompanied the story. In the background of the students' were 5 ft. Illustrations drawn by local artist Natalie Sappier and painted by students, of the story that they changed as the story unfolded.

The festivities closed with the Wolostook Singers drumming and chanting while the students' had the choice of dancing, or what most of the kids chose to do, sing and drum with the group.

Although there were moments of insecurity among the students' during the recess and noon hour practices where the kids were doubtful of their ability, Iris explained, she was proud of her students' performances and pleased that the event was a success.

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Feast Day of St. Ann

Sunday July 26 Bingo (under the tent) at 1:00p.m.  
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- Training will be held this fall for a Maliseet Forest Firefighter Program. The objective is to have a crew of 5-6 trained fire fighters from each reserve to provide quick response. No such crews are in place currently in the province.  
- Participants who complete the program will be certified level II forest fire fighters.

- Contact nickpaul66@gmail.com for more information

## NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS (NTFP)

- Participants will learn about the identification, harvest and handling of certain invaluable species of wild NB mushrooms.  
- Workshops will be held between September 14-18, at First Nation locations to be determined.  
- Contact Cecelia at 472-9252

## ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

• In conjunction with BEAHR (Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources), MNCC soon will be offering training and certification in environmental monitoring.  
- Contact Cecelia at 472-9252

# Talking Circles

Talking Circles are scheduled each month for the second and fourth Monday of each month. July dates are July 13th and July 27th, 2009. Circles are held at the Wellness Center, 278 Main Street, TFN. Circles begin from 6 pm. Snacks and beverages are available. Marty Bear and Veronica Moonstream WolfEagle are present each week to be a part of the community gathering. Many Elders attend. We often have topics, discuss concerns in the community, receive teachings, and listen respectfully to whatever is important to what each other has to say. Stop on by and check it out. The atmosphere is relaxed, supportive and whatever it needs to be. We look forward to hearing what you have to say.

## 2nd Notice

Veronica Moonstream WolfEagle is a Mental Health Crisis Counselor with Health Canada First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. She is available through a medical referral from your doctor. Just let your doctor know you'd like to speak with Ms.

WolfEagle. He will do the necessary paperwork. Typically twelve sessions are approved to begin with. Services are confidential and private. Support from a person dedicated to your well-being can be helpful in these stressful times we face in our community; families; relationships; as a single parent; dealing with addictions - whether your own or another's; and the political environment that frustrates and affects so many areas of our lives. Veronica can be reached at (506) 273-4194. Sessions can be wherever you are comfortable - your own home, my home, the Wellness Center, the Healing Lodge, going out for coffee or a walk on the land. I have been in recovery twenty two years and dedicated to my own growth and healing. I have an education and life experience to draw upon to help you find the answers you have within. Clearing the way to your truth is an honor I look forward to sharing. Being a support for whatever is going on in your life is a part of my lifework, sharing experience, strength and hope

# ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Regional Health Survey has been extended. There are prizes available for different age groups such as a Nintendo, Wii, Ipods, and gift certificates for Walmart. Call the Tobique Wellness Center for a complete list of prizes and to see if you are eligible today!



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The first edition of the Tobique News was a huge success. Thank you for all the positive remarks. We encourage the community to be involved. Let us know what's important to you, we welcome all suggestions. The dedicated staff at the Tobique news will continue

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# Negootkook Community Walking Program

By Tammy Schloemer

July 9th 2009

The Wellness center was a busy spot this Thursday, with many healthy faces; they had their end of program walking initiative for the "Negootkook Community Walking Program."

"Tis the season to be healthy," It was an initiative for the Aboriginal Diabetes Association. I spoke with Dellah Bernard today and she said, "doing this has created some healthy habits for people," it gave them incentive to call in Roxanne Sappier the receptionist to record the steps they did, and at first it was roughly 48 people who initially started the exercise for health program, then in the final stages there were 23. They were all given a pedometer for their recording and to make it competitive they had prizes for the most steps taken

at the given deadline date, which was today. The participants walked a whopping total amount of 358, 0721 steps. Dellah Bernard is planning on doing another Walking program possibly aimed for the late summer, she also has many other small things that she wants the public to know about, they are starting a preservative learning session on how to make healthy jams, including blueberry, strawberry and raspberry. So if anyone is interested in preservatives it will start July 16th at the Wellness Center. Also there will be a pickling learning session starting sometimes in August.

This walking program was designed to encourage activity in the community and so far has worked for a few said Molly Dunbar, and the next one should be better. Participant Leshia Perley said by do-



ing this she has felt healthier and has more energy and by recording the steps which gave her more incentive, and the others said the same thing. I asked many of the participants if they would continue and they all said yes, it makes

them feel good to keep active, and also gives them energy throughout the day, along with being able to sleep really well at nights. The winners with the most steps were 1st Place: Allan Tremblay with a total of 55, 6755 steps. 2nd Place

was Vaughan Nicholas with a total of 36, 8345 steps and 3rd place winner was Ken Lennon with a total of 33, 3984 steps. Other participants received door prizes like t-shirts, and water bottles, pedometers, and lunch bags. The 1st, 2nd,

and 3rd were cash prizes. Everyone also received a free t-shirt.

We had a lunch and learning session on healthy foods and the difference between wild meats and store bought beef, and the wild meat is less in saturated fats, which is healthier for you.

The end of session luncheon was a healthy meal prepared by Deborah Audibert and Molly Dunbar.

The lunch was wild rice and turkey with vegetables and walnuts, and a healthy side dish a spinach and strawberry salad, with a really tasty dressing, and for dessert was a yogurt and berry mix with a crunchy trail mix for topping. The recipes are available at the Wellness Center. Dellah Bernard said this was a success and they plan on hosting another one with the hopes of more participants.

## Tobique Youth Center

## July 2009

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## Council Corner, Lynn Dinglee

My name is Lynn Dinglee from Tobique. I am the first councillor from Tobique that got voted in that lives off-reserve. Tilley is my new home but Tobique is my grass roots which I am very proud to represent. As a councillor for Tobique we have to over-come many obstacles to get back on track. In housing, my goals are to restore our housing to better living conditions, update our data system for housing, create a good Capital team, and work towards getting new homes brought back to Tobique First Nation.

Just want to start out by saying "Congratulations" to Kenneth Perley, Sterling Perley, Capital Staff, Stella Nicholas, Carpenters, and all who participated in Canada's Economic Action Plan for on-reserve housing initiatives. This team worked hard to successfully bring in \$334,000 from the CMHC portion. We are still waiting to hear from INAC on the Stimulus Package. Tobique's portion is around \$400,000 to \$600,000 towards this project.

With this great news, many will have their homes repaired starting with the worse off homes, than the next level of need. This is a two year project so if your home is not selected this year than it may get selected the following year.

We are looking at hiring 30 to 50 carpenters, labours, electricians, plumbers, and surrounding contractors for this project. We are very excited about this project and can't wait to get started. This is great news for Tobique and this project will spin-off to surrounding communities that can provide us the supplies needed for the project.

Kevin Moulton and Eldon Bernard have been working hard to keep up the day-to-day

operations. Both has shown us a great deal of commitment to Capital. Kevin and Eldon has managed to bring in 5 new generators for emergency use and are working on the water & sewer maintenance program, road maintenance, housing, and much more.



Jason Moulton our fire chief has worked hard to get Tobique a new fire truck and a training program for the firemen and women. It is nice to see new faces recruited to add to the team. Thank you all who helped Jason make this a reality.

Ryan Sappier and Hawk Perley were selected to work for Capital under the Housing Internship Initiative for First Nation and Inuit Youth (HI-IFNIY) sponsored by CMHC. These guys will be learning to assist the carpenters once we get started on the houses. They will also be part of our data collecting team.

Amanda Moulton who is specialized in computers and has water & sewer training will assist us in data input on our new housing software package. Later on she will do the same for water & sewer once the software package is installed. With these two programs in place we will be able to look at the history of the homes in the matter of seconds. This will also record different information about the homes, and calculate total renovations, calculate overcrowding, and much more features to help maintain housing and our water & sewer records. This will be great for proposals, updating the home owner, community members, Chief & Council, and others.

Student workers for Capital is Corey Sullivan, Boa Ryan Perley, Cole Perley, Logan Perley, and hopefully a few more. We will be working on landscape maintenance, and design, Elders lawn care, clean up, and participate in the Learning Garden. This would be the second year for Boa Ryan and

Cole Perley in this department, great to have you back.

Kim Francis is our secretary if you have any questions, her number is 273-5617. If she can't answer your questions she could direct you to the person who can help you.

On the Environmental side of things, The Solid Waste Committee will be working with Tobique as far as educating our youth on recycling. They have donated blue bins, books, and software to the Mah-Sos School for this fall and donated blue bins and a bottle bin to the Sports Complex for this fall. Two large compost bins were donated for prize give a ways. I sit on the board for this committee so if you have any questions give me a call at 273-9619 or 273-2865. To Shelly Solomon and team, the committee was very impressed with the DreamWorks Project on how you converted old furniture to new useable furniture. Best innovation project I seen to date and such great gift to the kids who won the total bedroom make-over. Lets make that effort to recycle today.

The Learning Garden has weekly events usually on Mondays, Stephanie and I are working hard to get everyone involved in the learning garden. It's a learning garden so our motto is "there are no mistakes here because it is a learning garden" we all feed off each others knowledge. Come in, pull a few weeds, help fertilize the garden, come look at the tepee garden that the kids planted, or simply come in to give us some advice. This is open to the public to participate or harvest. Last year was a good harvest and we hope to do well again this year.

Green Indian is happy to see Natalie Sappier working at the shop creating her unique paintings. You can view Natalie's work at the Beaver Brook Museum along with other artists from home such as Allen Saulis, Arleen Christmas-Do-zay, Bernie Perley, Shawn Dutcher, Shirley Bear Clair, and old Maliseet collections. Check it out while your visit in Fred town.

Other project approved this year include a New School, New Medical Center, Riverbank Protection and possible a new RCMP station.

## Negotkook Elders Project

The Negotkook Elders Executive has mandated the Negotkook Elders Project which will be lead by Tobique Elders George Francis and Andy Nicholas. Such things as Treaty Rights, hunting, fishing, gatering, taxation, exemption, border crossing, medical, education, housing, and nationhood status will be reviewed and discussed. The effects and impacts of The Indain Act Legislation, Regulations and the White Paper of 1969 will also be examined. This project will be divided into two phases. Phase one will include community workshops which will cover history, traditions, and cultural aspects of the Tobique First Nation. Phase two of the project will give attention to First Nation Inherent Rights which will include discussion and historical background. Current information and discussions will be made available for awareness and education to community members.

## Mawiw Council

MAWIW COUNCIL has relocated their offices to the Tobique First Nation.

The organizations business hours are 9:00 am-5:00pm Monday thru Thursday and 8:30 to 12:00 pm on Fridays.

New address:  
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## ACP JOB OPPORTUNITY- MMAHB COORINATOR

Full Time Term Position (with possibility of renewal)

The Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat is seeking to fill the position of a Coordinator for the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Atlantic health Board (MMAHB), preferably with a person of Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, Innu or Passamaquoddy ancestry. The successful candidate will provide administrative support for the MMAHB and various sub-committees.

Specifically, the person will;

- Coordinate all meetings of MMAHB and its subcommittees - secure meeting dates, locations, order catering, prepare meeting packages, send out meeting notices, agendas, draft/revise and circulate minutes to committee members;
- Provide administrative support such as typing/editing correspondence, sending mail, answering phones, updating contact lists, photocopying, filing, faxing, maintaining office equipment and ordering supplies.;
- Create and maintain MMAHB filing system; and
- Any other related duties as may be required by the staff.

The following are skills required for this position:

- Possess a recognized diploma or certificate in office/administrative management/assistance and 1-3 years recent experience working as an Administrative or Office Assistant (a combination of relevant education and experience will also be considered);
- 1-3 years recent working for a First Nation community or organizations;
- Strong organization, communication, time management, and writing skills;
- Strong office management skills;
- Must be able to type 40 words per minute (testing will be conducted);
- Demonstrated proficiency in computer software skills such as Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel, E-mail, Internet, etc. (MS Office testing will be conducted)
- Valid driver's license, willingness to travel and possess own vehicle;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team setting;
- Knowledge of First Nation communities and organizations in the region; and
- Ability to speak Mi'kmaq, Maliseet or Innu language would be an asset.

If you are qualified and interested in applying for this position, please e-mail a detailed cover letter, updated resume and the names of three (3) work related references (in word/PDF format) to:

Krista Brookes, Sr. Policy Analyst/Legal Advisor  
Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs  
E-mail: krista.brookes@apcnc.ca

No applications will be accepted beyond the closing deadline. Interviews will be held in Dartmouth. Interview travel or relocation costs will not be provided. No phone calls please. If all qualifications are equal, preference will be given to persons of Aboriginal ancestry. Only those selected for interview will be contacted.

## Supervisor Position

The Maliseet Gas Bar and C-Store is currently looking to fill a Supervisors Position.

Qualifications: A high school diploma or equivalent supplemented by 1 to 3 years work experience. Candidates should also have experience in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power point. A valid driver's license is required.

Candidates will need to demonstrate the following behavioural competencies for this position.

- Strong organizational skills
- Effective communication skills
- Team leadership
- Strong customer service
- Effective Teamwork and Time Management skills

Candidates will be required to indicate during the interview process how they have acquired these skills. Your resume should be in chronological order specifying education and employment in months and years including part-time and full-time employment.

Applicants who do not clearly demonstrate the above noted qualifications will not be given consideration under this competition.

The Maliseet Gas Bar and C-Store is an equal opportunity employer, however preference will be given to aboriginal candidates.

Resumes must be received by July 17, 2009 and can be given to Cyril Perley or dropped off at the Maliseet Gas Bar and C-Store.

General Manager  
Cyril Perley

## APC JOB OPPORTUNITY- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (FISHERIES)

Full Time Term Position (with possibility of renewal)

The Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat is seeking to fill an Administrative Assistant position, preferably with a person of Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, Innu or Passamaquoddy ancestry. The successful candidate will provide administrative support for the fisheries staff. Specifically, the person will:

- Provide administrative support such as typing/editing correspondence, sending mail, answering phones, updating contact lists, photocopying, filing, faxing, maintaining office equipment and supplies, making travel arrangements for staff;
  - Create and maintain office filing system;
  - Provide clerical support by preparing travel claims and purchase orders; and
  - Any other related duties as may be required by the staff.
- The following are skills required for this position:

- Possess a recognized diploma or certificate in office/administrative management/ assistance;
- 1-3 years experience working as an Administrative or Office Assistant;
- 1-3 years experience working for a First Nation community or organization;
- Strong organization, communication, time management, and writing and typing skills;
- Strong office management skills;
- Demonstrated proficiency in computer software skills such as Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Internet, etc. (testing will be conducted)
- Valid driver's license, willingness to travel and possess own vehicle;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in team setting;
- Knowledge of First Nation communities and organizations in the region; and
- Ability to speak Mi'kmaq, Maliseet or Innu language would be an asset.

Location: APC Head Office, Cole Harbour Reserve, Dartmouth, NS

Salary: \$30,000 per annum  
Duration: Start date will be as soon as possible and the term will end March 31, 2010 (possibility of renewal)

Deadline for applications: 4:30 p.m. A.S.T. on Friday, July 17th, 2009

If you are qualified and interested in applying for this position, please e-mail a detailed cover letter, updated resume and the names of three (3) work related references (in word/PDF format) to:

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# Sports Schedule for July & August

Swimming -Everyday  
Weekdays from 1 to 10pm  
there will be a lifeguard on duty.

Swimming cost \$4.00 for everyone ! Under 2 is free  
all toddlers mustwear little swimmers to go in the pool

We are going to offer different sports programs this summer that are going to be run by the students works.

Basketball camp (20 kids)  
It is open for kids aged 8 to 12. Basketball is going to be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2pm to 4pm

Soccer (20 kids) it is open for kids 8 to 12. Soccer is every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2pm to 4pm

Floor hockey Camp (20 kids)  
It is open for kids aged 8 to 12 . Hockey Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 pm to 8pm.

Skateboard Camp(10 kids )  
Skateboarding Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 6 pm to 8 .

The cost of these camps is going to be \$20.00 for non-members and \$10.00 for Members for entire 6 weeks. This will help cover the costs for shirts and supplies. The start date will be July 06/09 and will run until August 15. First come first serve and you must to hold your spot and you must bring your down sheet and filled out and signed to hold your spot

## Arts & Crafts Program

We are also going to run an Arts & Crafts . Program this summer, which will be run by the students workers as well. It will be open to kids ages 6 to 12 and will cost \$20 for non-members. We are going to have this program from 4 to 6 Monday, Wednesday and

Fridays for six weeks. Please fill out a form and bring that and your payment to the Youth Center from 10 to 11. If you have any questions please call Tosha at 273-1858.

## July 2009

## Birthday Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 James Moulton	2 Breanna Sappier Eli Bernard Perley Layla Keddie Paul	3 Ken St. Jaques	4 Brandon Moulton Joni Nicholas Nicholas Green	5 Andrea Diblaso Cassandra Daigle Eric Kinney Grace Pyres Jordan Lee Perley Paul Bear Robert Perley Robert Peter Perley Tre Saulis
6 Daryl Kennedy Jr Daryl L Kennedy Janice Bear Shannon Perley	7 Jason Fournier Jonah Ethan Davis Loomis Sappier Sr Peter Saulis	8 Abby Sappier	9 Macy Pyres	10 Adrian Saulis Gladys Arsenault	11 Charndler Nicholas	12 Kyle A Francis
13 Kim Sappier Shawn Bernard Simon R Bear Wanda Goodine	14 Trinity R Nicholas	15 Daniel Perley Danny Woloven Joshua Sission Shawn Deveau Tyona R Sappier	16 Ben Goodine Greta A Moulton Kelly N Sappier	17 Maddison Sappier Thomas Foster Jr	18 Ann M Lally Henry Green Raymond J Nicholas Richard Sission	19 Rachel Sockabasin Robin L Nicholas
20 Blake Moulton Shawna S Perley	21 Callie Perley Jean Beckwith Matthew Mowbray Zoe Perley	22 Kendar P Nicholas	23 AJ Savoie Betty James Brenda Castro Crissey M Perley Daniel M Saulis Donald Paul III Krista Sockabasin Melissa A Brown Robin Sappier	24 Brandon Aronld Chris Pyres Peter Arsenault	25 Dustin J Perley Eric Gustitus Jr Mason Perley Stacey Bernard	26 Brad Sappier Joanne Perley Natalie Hebert Norman Deveau Jr
27 Sockabasin Geroge J Francis Monique Nicholas Thentenhawitha Bear Terry Sappier	28 Kevin Moulton Mushun Perley Nathen Moulton Tim Nicholas	29 Corrina Tomah	30 Linda L Perley Rebecca Brown Regis Woloven Richard Bernard Tasha Perley	31 Carrie A Bear Lori A Davis Paige Woloven		

Email Your Birthday or Anniversary  
wish to tobiquenews@hotmail.com

# Birth Announcements



Onalaya Malece Perley  
Born On May 16,2009 At 7:06pm  
7 lbs 10 oz  
21 Inches  
Proud Parents  
Teisha Perley & Cory Moulton



Hunter Alexander Mahar Born On  
May 2nd, 2009. At 5:00pm.  
6lbs 12oz.  
Proud parents Erin Mahar and Jacob  
Perley



Calli.A. Boucher  
April 30,2009 At 3:34a.m  
7lbs 7oz  
Proud Parents  
Mungwon Perley & Brad Boucher



Lexie Lynn Bear  
Born On June 13,2009 At 12:27 a.m  
9lbs 13oz  
22.5 Inches  
Proud Parents  
Sarah Bear & Scott Nicholas



Kaydence Aruthur Richard Moulton  
Born On June 1,2009  
7lbs 14oz  
21 ½ Inches long  
Proud Parents  
Amy Moulton & Ozzy Clair



Isaiah Joseph Morey  
Born On June 20,2009 At  
6lbs 6 oz  
Proud Parents  
Raeann Michaud and Jerich Morey



Slade Marcello Zoick Paul  
Born On June 4,2009 At 7:40 a.m  
6lbs 6.1 Oz  
19 ½ Inches Long  
Proud Parents  
Elizabeth Sappier & Ne'pauset Paul



Kingston Troy Tony Sappier  
Born On July 1,2009 At 9:51 p.m  
8 lbs 6 oz  
21 Inches  
Michell Augustine & Timmy Sappier

Happy Birthday  
Wishes from McKenna  
and Melissa to  
**Ken St. Jacques**

Happy Birthday  
Wishes from McKenna  
to  
**Aunt Terry Sappier**

Happy birthday  
wishes to  
**Joni Nicholas**  
from Paul and kids

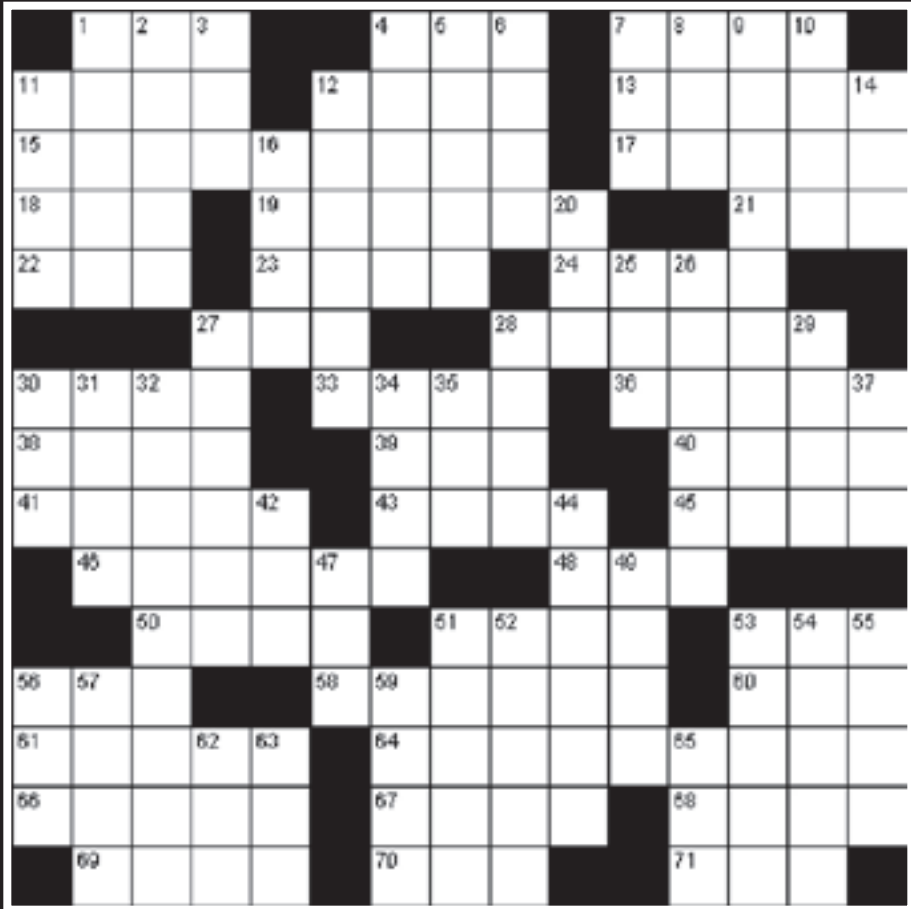
Happy Birthday  
**Macy Pyres**  
from Dad, Joni,  
Chase and Kainen



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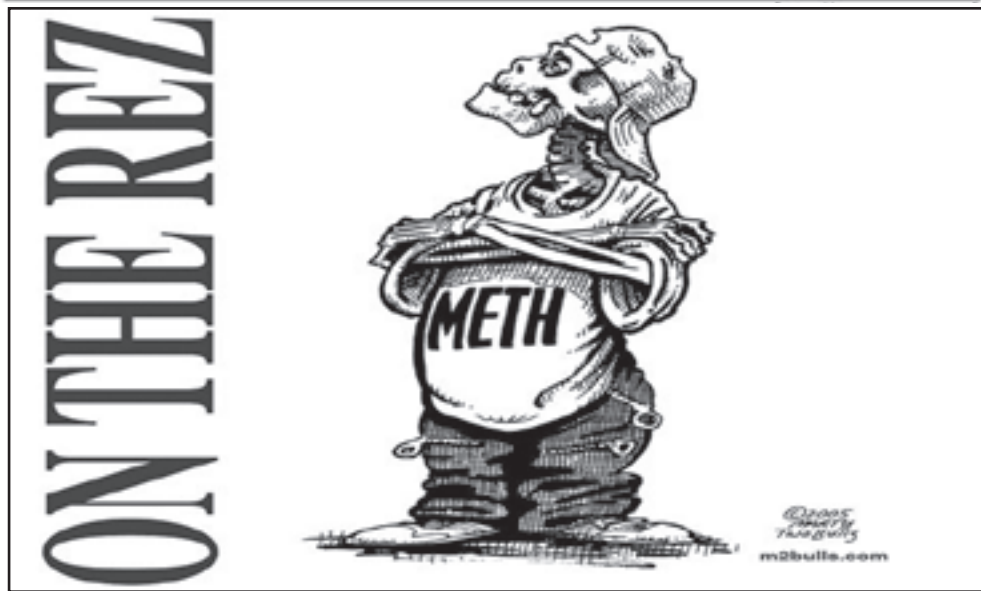
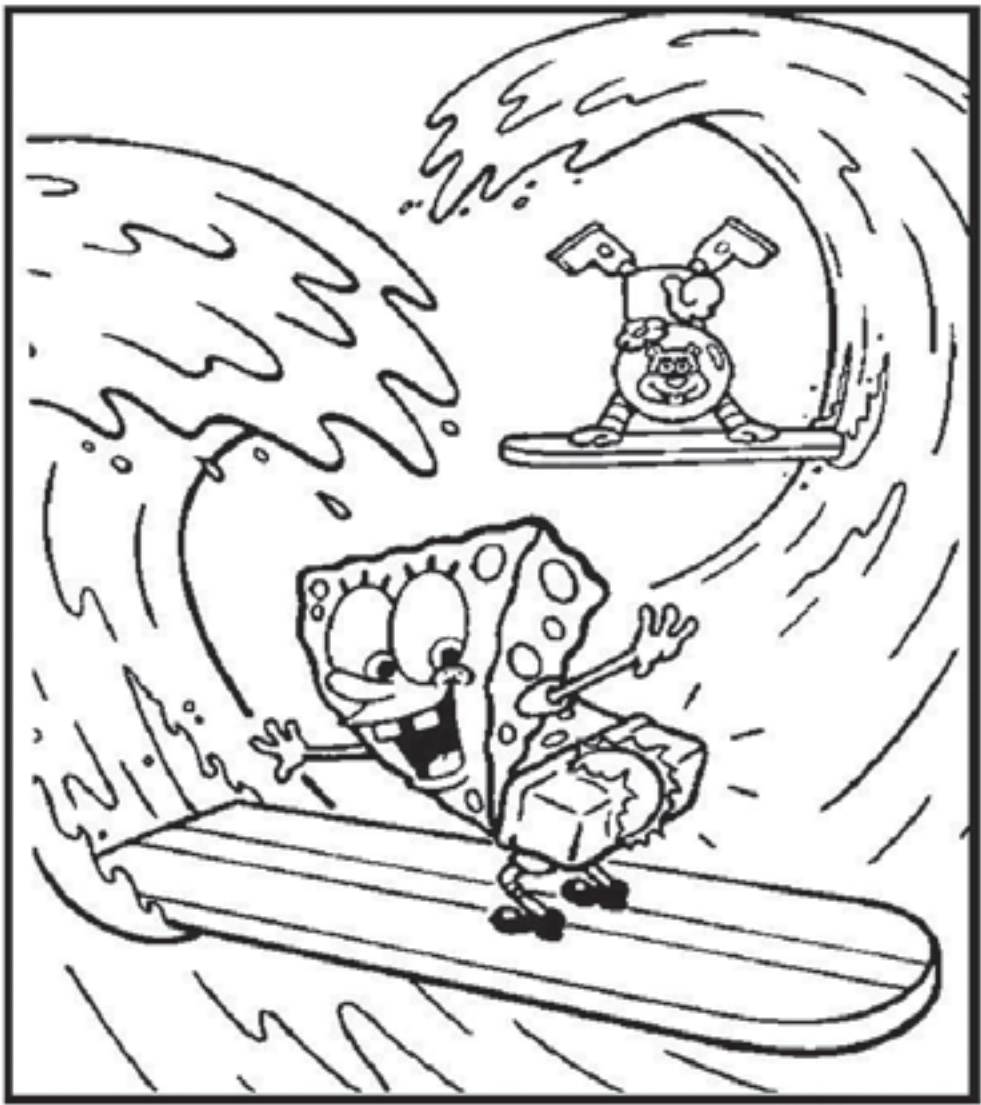
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# July's Crosswords



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|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Across                | 40. Arm bone           | 1. Blended food            | 30. Choose, ___ for |
| 1. Seed case          | 41. Claw               | 2. Type of window          | 31. Prod            |
| 4. Animal foot        | 43. Transmitted        | 3. Grade in judo or karate | 32. Pertinence      |
| 7. Charts             | 45. Leak slowly        | 4. Student                 | 34. Trial           |
| 11. Halo              | 46. Find               | 5. By surprise             | 35. Be indebted to  |
| 12. Six-sided figure  | 48. Wonder             | 6. In good health          | 37. Strike lightly  |
| 13. Wide open         | 50. Vote against       | 7. Spoil                   | 42. Mesh            |
| 15. Head teacher      | 51. Remedy             | 8. Mature                  | 44. Objective       |
| 17. Pass along        | 53. Armed conflict     | 9. Acceptable to the taste | 47. Sprocket        |
| 18. Perceive          | 56. Country, initially | 10. Petty quarrel          | 49. Cry             |
| 19. Frozen spear      | 58. Farm               | 11. Part of a church       | 51. Small boat      |
| 21. Consumed          | 60. The night before   | 12. Noisy insect           | 52. Not trimmed     |
| 22. Long fish         | 61. Regenerate         | 14. Optic                  | 53. Uncanny         |
| 23. Lecture           | 64. Origin             | 16. Make reference to      | 54. Obviate         |
| 24. Engrossed         | 66. Mother-of-pearl    | 20. Stray                  | 55. Let for money   |
| 27. Scarlet           | 67. Oaf                | 25. Fuss                   | 56. Large vase      |
| 28. Severe experience | 68. Legal document     | 26. Examine closely        | 57. Scorch          |
| 30. Fiend             | 69. Scan               | 27. Distant                | 59. Small stream    |
| 33. Particle          | 70. Allow              | 28. Portent                | 62. Epoch           |
| 36. Ambit             | 71. Uneven             | 29. Row                    | 63. Married         |
| 38. Ode               |                        |                            | 65. Deuce           |
| 39. Female sheep      |                        |                            |                     |

Last Weeks Answers



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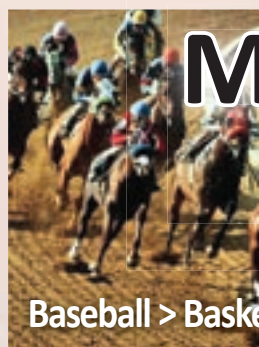
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