

Tobique news

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Conflict between Tobique and NB Power reaches the Boiling Point Again

Protests that have been ongoing now for the past year were calm over the winter months, but have recently re-surfaced to the forefront of the many issues facing the community.

On Tuesday June 9th, Tobique First Nation Protestors seized control of Tobique Narrows Dam located on Route 105, west of the community's entrance. The group of protestors arrived at the gates of the Dam underneath the bridge early Tuesday morning; they peacefully instructed NB Power employees at the site to leave the premises, and placed a lock and chain on the gates. Protesters then placed flags representing the Maliseet Nation at the top of the Dam's towers claiming control of the facility.

The demonstrations come after a deliberate violation of peace-keeping terms given to NB Power by Protesters, when entering the community early last week without proper notification and permission with the intent of service disconnection, and meter recording.

By Tuesday afternoon the TFN Protestors received word from Chief Stewart Paul that NB Power had contacted New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham and Minister of Justice, TJ

Burke, informing them of the protesters actions and insisting they confront the situation. A meeting was arranged by Chief Paul for the following day between the political representatives and all involved parties.

Because of the prompt reply of local and provincial government, the TFN Protestors decided to immediately remove the lock and barricade, and left the site until further discussions have occurred.

A meeting took place Wednesday afternoon at the Tobique Bingo Hall and was attended by the Chief and Council, Provincial MLA Larry Kennedy, Minister of Justice TJ Burke, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Rick Brewer, TFN Protestors, and community members. However, many were disappointed to hear Minister Burke's opening statements explaining that he and his colleagues were not there to engage in any dialogue concerning Tobique's conflict with the NB Power Commission and the Canadian government.

Frustrated by the consistent unwillingness of government representatives to address the issue, the TFN Protestors plan to return to the hydroelectric facility and continue their demonstration until their demands are met. TFN



Protestor Terry Sappier explains that at this point their message is "they're not going to access the Dam until something physical is done about this issue; we're done talking".

The group's declaration comes after over a year of attempting to prompt talks and to reach a settlement. In April of 2008, the group formed and launched their campaign to make the NB Power Corporation, and the Provincial and Federal government, acknowledge and account for their illegal claim and development of a portion of the Tobique River and surrounding land belonging to the community, for the

purpose of constructing and operating the Hydro Electric Dam.

As the group's spokesperson Hart Perley describes, from the time of the facility's planning and construction phases that began in 1945 the community has been opposed to building and operating the Dam on reserve land. However, as the largest Canadian tributary of the St. John River and draining a watershed of 1725 square miles, the Tobique's hydro potential made it the most profitable site for the generation of electricity.

Tobique's Chief at that time, Peter J. Bear, informed the Department of

Indian Affairs of plans to construct the hydroelectric facility, requesting that they protect the community's ownership to the river and land. If the construction was not stopped, Chief Bear demanded that compensation in the form of free electricity for all reserve residents and business's be given.

Neither demand was met. Despite the absence of legal authority supporting the NB Power Commission's right to construct the Dam at the location, the commission moved forward with the construction. Terry explained that

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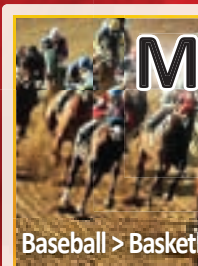
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Tobique gas station robbed at gunpoint

By Sipsis Bear

Just minutes before closing on Monday night, May 18, two masked men, one armed with a rifle, robbed the Maliseet Convenience Store and Gas Bar at Tobique First Nation, escaping with over \$900 in cash.

At 10:40 p.m. Store Manager Cyril Perley, received calls from the security company notifying him that the alarm had been activated, followed immediately by a call from his Assistant Manager confirming the robbery.

Cyril explained that the incident occurred at the gas pumps located at the edge of the stores parking area. The two masked men approached the gas station unnoticed. Alarmed and taken by surprise, the gas attendant was pulled out of the cubicle and demanded at gunpoint to hand over the key for the cash terminal. The attendant, without the key at that time, was then taken by one of the robbers to the shed next to the pumps, told to lay on the floor and not to move or he would be killed, while the other man ripped



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Gas Bar area of the Maliseet Gas Bar & Kwik-Way Convenience Store where the robbery occurred; next to it is the shed built as the gas attendant's break area where the gas attendant working the evening of the robbery was taken and held at gunpoint.

the cash register out from the cubicle. Both robbers then fled on foot towards Mah-Sos Elementary, disappearing into the neighbouring park.

After listening to the accounts of the robbery by shaken employees, RCMP officers began searching the surrounding areas for the two sus-

pects whose identity's, at that time, were believed to be known based on recognition of their voices by the gas attendant. Police dogs were brought to the scene and lead officers through the park stopping just before the park's entrance on Route 105, where they found skid marks on the side of the

road causing them to suspect a vehicle was parked waiting at the site.

Cyril explains that in addition to the cash stolen, the gas station remained closed the following morning while Police Officers continued their investigation, adding to the business's loss by approximately \$1000 in lost

gas sales. The suspects also damaged the computer terminals costing the business \$6700 to replace, as well as causing customers the inconvenience of having to go into the store to pay for their gas.

Although he has instructed employees to never resist a burglary and endanger their lives, Cyril describes that the crime has created a stressful sense of insecurity among employees.

Cyril has decided to respond by increasing security at the Convenience Store and Gas Bar by adding security personnel during the evening shifts. Additionally, the Gas Bar will now be dealing only with debit and credit transactions, all cash payments will have to be made in the Convenience store. An increased security presence along with there being no cash at the gas station, he hopes will discourage any other crimes from occurring.

RCMP Officers later apprehended the two suspected robbers, but were shortly released due to a lack of evidence at this time. Officer's are still conducting their investigation, and no court dates have been scheduled.

Pedaling peacekeepers visit Tobique

By Sipsis Bear

When asked by Police Officer's, "Who here knows someone with diabetes?" All but a few of the Mah-Sos Elementary students threw up there hands yelling, "I do, I do!"

Although excited to be able to answer the question, the children's response is a reflection of a prevalent health problem among First Nation's people in Canada. With cases three to five times more frequent in Aboriginal's than other Canadians, diabetes is a serious threat that a group of Saskatchewan Police Officer's are not going to accept sitting down.

On Thursday, May 28, the 'Peacekeepers Pedaling for Aboriginal People with Diabetes' or PPAD, took a break from their cross-country bicycle tour to speak with students' and community members about their mission to raise awareness about diabetes prevention and management in the Aboriginal community, as well as to raise funds for the Canadian Diabetes Association.

PPAD first visited with Mah-Sos

student's presenting them with an interactive display and description of diabetes and the leading causes of the disease. In particular, and to much displeasure of the students: sugar. Displayed on a table were a number of popular drinks among youth, filled with nothing but the portion of sugar the drink contains. The amounts were frightening, but frightening enough for student's and teachers to overcome the challenge of going without soft drinks for a week, presented to them by the PPAD, remains to be seen.

Before jumping back on their bikes to finish off the last part of their tour, the Officers joined community elders at the Coffee Shop for lunch, and to share with them the goals and objectives of the PPAD.

As Constable Kieth Salzl explained, "The whole project started as a way for the Saskatoon police service to show thanks to elders for their essential support within the Aboriginal communities we police."

Constable Tony Nadon, who



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As part of the demonstration, founder of operation PPAD and Aboriginal Liaison Officer with the Saskatoon Police, Const. Keith Salzl, and team members, Officer's Evelyn Linklater and Todd Bayl, show Mah-Sos students there cycles while answering lots of questions about the different parts and functions of their bikes. Other PPAD team members include Officers Wade Bourassau, David White, Tony Nadon, Matt Maloney and Kevin Mackenzie.

launched PPAD with Salzl in the spring of 2005 along with University of Saskatchewan Aboriginal student Michael Linklater, said they have four main goals

"We want to build trust and harmony between the Aboriginal community and various police services by working together to promote awareness about diabetes in Aboriginal communities. We are also

here to support community-driven in initiative that promote diabetes awareness, promote the importance of physical activity in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and to give back to the Aboriginal community for the years of support we got from the Elders."

The three had originally planned to cycle from Vancouver to Saskatoon, but with the enormous success of the

endeavour in raising both awareness and funds for the National Aboriginal Diabetes Association, they decided by spanning the country, the journey will take the mission to a national level.

Now on the fourth year of their journey, the PPAD has raised more than \$15 000, and will have cycled 10 000 kilometres when they reach their destination of St. John's Newfoundland scheduled for June 10th.

Tobique's Land Claim status update

By Sipsis Bear

A public meeting concerning Tobique First Nation's Specific Land claim was held Monday, February 16, 2009 at the Bingo Hall. The meeting was facilitated by and Luc Beaudry, a representative of the Quebec/Atlantic Negotiations Specific Claims Branch, and Sophie Picard from the Dept. of Justice of Canada who will serve as legal Counsel during the negotiations. Chief Steward Paul, Council, as well as many interested community members were also in attendance.

As described by Beaudry, Tobique's claim is classified as a "Specific Land Claim." Specific claims are negotiated to resolve the following: improper or illegal surrender, alienation, expropriations or First Nation lands, damages caused by 3rd parties, mismanagement of money and assets, as well as unfulfilled treaty obligations.

Tobique First Nation's specific claim was submitted to the Canadian Government to resolve such grievances regarding all lands included in the "1892 Surrender Claim" consisting of approximately 10 000 acres of land south of Tobique River.

On May 23, 2008 Tobique Chief and Council received documentation from the Senior Deputy Minister, Treaties and Aboriginal Government of Indian and Northern Affairs, of their acceptance of Tobique's claim. Approval was made on the basis that Canada has an outstanding lawful obligation within the meaning of the Specific Claims Policy. The 'surrender' was declared by the Canadian Government

to be an illegal alienation of reserve land without a proper order of council.

On June 4 Tobique First Nation agreed to negotiate the Specific Land Claim. All involved parties were given 3 years to complete all stages of the claim and to reach an agreeable settlement. If all parties fail to reach a settlement within the three year mandate the claim will be considered closed by the Quebec/Atlantic Negotiations Branch.

According to former Chief Gerald Bear, Tobique is presently between stage 1 and 2 of the 3 stage claims process.

The first stage is part of the negotiation process involving the land ap-

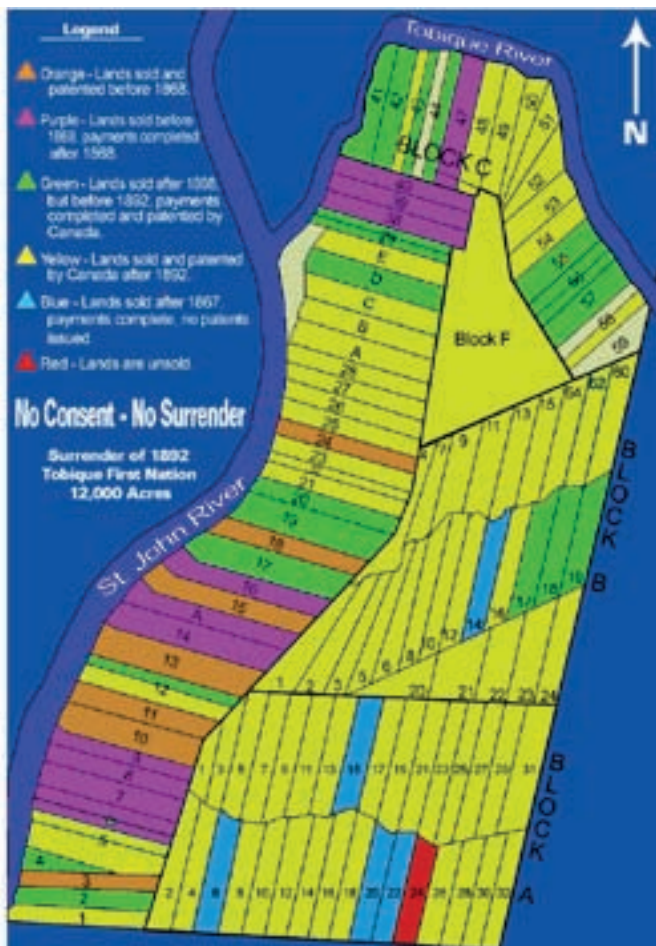
praisal and assessment. A private land appraisal contractor, hired by the Band, has implemented 2 primary criteria for assessment: "the current unimproved market value of the claim lands and demonstrated loss of use on these lands" from the time of the alleged surrender to present day.

Stage 2 of the claims process includes negotiation, between parties, of the final appraisal and assessment value leading to the preparation and formation of the settlement terms. According to negotiation protocol "The negotiations will conclude when negotiators have agreed upon a recommended settlement of the claim and it has been accepted by their respective principals, and after appropriate approvals." This stage is estimated to be complete by January 2010.

The completion of the claims process involves the ratification, execution, and implementation of the final agreement. On the part of

Tobique, a ratification vote on the basis agreed to by the parties and as described in the Indian Referendum Regulations, must be carried out. Only following a majority vote by community members in favor of the settlement terms, as well as necessary government approvals, can execution and implementation occur.

As a claim within the Specific Claims Policy, Tobique cannot receive at settlement larger than \$150 million. Tobique's claim is estimated to be valued between \$100-125 million. Additionally, because this claim involves an illegal alienation of reserve lands, the final agreement may include awarding replacement lands.



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Tobique artist's work presented to Pope

by Sipsis Bear

An artists success is sometimes measured by who exhibits and enjoys their work; which gallery displays their paintings, in which building their sculpture stands, or in the case of silversmith Shane Perley-Dutcher, who wears his jewellery.

Shane was awarded a taste of success when commissioned by the AFN to create a silver crucifix necklace to be presented to Pope Benedict XVI during the historic meeting between His Holiness, National Chief Phil Fontaine, and a delegation of First Nation Residential School Survivors held at the Vatican on April 29, 2009.

As Shane describes, the silver crucifix was given to the Pope as a symbol of willingness of First Nations to begin the process of reconciliation, and it's theme and design represents the merging of the two cultures.

At the heart of the crucifix is a round turquoise stone symbolizing life. Trailing off of the stone in all four directions are braids that represent the intertwining of Aboriginal and Catholic spirituality, suggesting that they are stronger when united. Bordering the braid are traditional Eastern Woodlands double curve motifs meant to honour our ancestors and our history. On each point of the crucifix are five leaves which symbolize the Nations of the Wabanaki Confederacy. The two fiddleheads that start the framing suggest new growth and the future.

Shane's career as a silversmith, in its 10 years, has seen much growth and recognition.

He attributes his early interest in art to his parents. "Mom and Dad were always feeding and exposing me to different forms of art." As a boy he attended various art classes and camps, watching and learning from artists like Shirley Bear.

The exposure to various forms of art Shane enjoyed in his youth inspired him to define his place in the art world. He began his studies at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, originally planning to train for a career in Graphic Design. But after his first Silversmith class, Shane immediately knew that creating jewellery was how he would express and expose his creativity.

Today, his work is recognized and defined by its unique incorporation of traditional East Coast Wolastokew design. Shane explains that growing up mostly away from his community fuelled him to learn as much as he could about his heritage. "My culture then became the backbone of how I looked at designing my jewellery."

Shane's work is now displayed in places like the Vatican and the Smithsonian. His talent and work has also been recognized through various scholarships, awards, and commissions, including a Governor General Award for outstanding performance in the field of metals.

Now living in Ottawa with partner Darrah Beaver and daughter Sadie, Shane continues to create jewellery and to develop his career. He plans to eventually come back home to connect to his community and his people by sharing his knowledge and creativity through training programs. He is hopeful that he may inspire others, as he had been as a boy, to carry forward the Wolastokew art form. Shane also strives to inspire a deeper appreciation for Aboriginal art and cultures among all peoples.

For more information about his work and to view images of his work you can visit Shane's website: www.aduksis.com.



Shane Perley-Dutcher



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Silver Crucifix presented to Pope Benedict XVI by First Nation's representatives at the Vatican in Rome Italy on April 29, 2009. The commemorative crucifix is 1.5" x1". Shane completed the original, as well as, 25 duplicates in 1 week.

Role Model



Deana Sappier

Bsc. (Env), CEPIT Environmental Scientist

Deana went to school at the University of Calgary, AB and a year at University of Dalhousie, NS. She started working for a Membertou Company at the Tar Ponds and when their project was completed, Earth Tech hired her. This company merged with another company that is AECOM now. Deana works for AECOM Canada on one of the largest remediation projects in North America, the Sydney Tar Ponds. The Sydney Tar Ponds and Coke Ovens cleanup project has an extensive history that dates back to the 1980s. www.tarpondscleanup.ca.

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High school celebrates National Aboriginal Day

As part of National Aboriginal Day celebrations this year, Southern Victoria High School and Cultural Awareness Coordinator Rosanne Clark, presented participants with an afternoon full of colourful displays of Maliseet culture.

The event was held on Monday, May 26, almost a month earlier than the actual National Aboriginal Day date of June 21, due to the busy graduation schedule in June.

The celebrations started with a prayer and smudge ceremony outside of the school given by traditionalist Charles Nicholas, and his son, who carefully helped his father smudge the circle of students and teachers. This ceremony is traditionally performed at the beginning of gatherings to open and to clear the minds and hearts of those involved.

Following the opening ceremonies the group headed back into the school's gymnasium to enjoy the sounds of the middle school chant group, who have been practicing for weeks to perform the Maliseet Honour song for the high school student's and staff.

The rest of the Aboriginal Day events included: middle school student and traditional dancer, Brandon Bear-Jeanes performing the Grass Dance, all students taking part in the Snake Dance, dancers Tisha Sappier, Stephanie Perley and Kanisha Bear-Jeanes perform-



SIPSIS BEAR PHOTO

ing the shawl dance, hoop dancing by Kanisha Bear-Jeanes, and the event finished with the everyone dancing to the Round dance.

The Wolostook Traditional Singers and Drum Group provided all the music for the performances.

Judging from the audience's applause and cheering after Kanisha's performance, she was defiantly one of the highlights of the Day's events. Only in Middle School, Kanisha is an experienced Hoop Dancer who has been performing at Aboriginal cultural events for years; including a performance each year at Tobique's pow-wow.

The Biggest Loser

The Biggest Loser Challenge started on February 12th, 2009 with approx. 30 participants. Over the 13 week program participants weighed in weekly with the dietitian and attended 2 Lunch and Learn sessions on Label Reading and Exercise. The winner of the Biggest Loser was Tracy Hamilton with a cash prize. Prizes were awarded to attendees of the ending BBQ at the Wellness Center. These prizes included gift certificates, car washing gift bag, gardening gift bag, homemade baskets by Lloyd Nicholas, and groceries. The Biggest Losers lost a total of 120.7 lbs!



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NB Power conflict

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"they did their work backwards; they never obtained a provincial Order in Council to build on the property, they did the work first and operated five years before receiving the Order in Council".

Today the TFN Protesters are demanding compensation for the longstanding injustice in form of: free power for all community residents and operations, environmental restoration for river banks and other areas damaged by the construction and operation of the Dam, monetary compensation for the loss of resources, including the destruction of the Salmon fishery essential to Maliseet life that once generated from the land and river, and Royalties from the profits made from the facility that today provides electricity to over 4000 residents and businesses.

According to Hart, NB Power has relayed the message to the Chief, that they are only willing to negotiate the payment of past and present electrical bills generated from the community, and allowing employees access to record residential and business meters for future payments.

Since May of 2008, and according to protestors, until their demands have been met they have enforced the following restrictions on the NB Power Commission: NB Power will not be allowed entry onto the community to conduct meter reading or disconnection of electrical services until negotiations occur, and the community will not recognize any monies allegedly owed to NB Power. Most of Tobique's residents have not paid electrical bills since that time.

NB Power has declined to comment about the issue, but Tobique News will publish more information as the event continues to develop.

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Dream Works: A Positive Addiction

A 14 week program called Dream Works has created more than jobs for community members. Through the efforts and hard work of the team of 30, and coordinator Shelly Solomon, they are helping to make the dreams of 10 lucky Tobique children come true.

The program is part of employment initiatives offered by the Tobique Training Center this year. Their goal is to provide community members with work experience, enhanced skills, and to address employment and training barriers.

Dream Works has taken it a step further and has developed a mission of their own. The mission of the group, Shelly explains, "Is to give back to the children of Tobique by giving them their own special safe place to go to, no matter what's going on around them."

From plastering and painting to bordering and bedding, the team plans to makeover 10 bedrooms of children in grades 5 and under. Dream Works receives all supplies, furniture, and equipment needed for renovation entirely from donations.

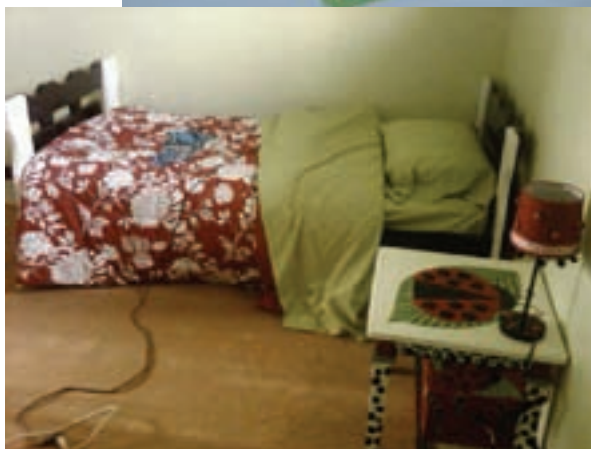
Their workshop is located in the basement of the Fisheries Building and operated in an efficient assembly line. I

In one room there is a group refurbishing donated bedroom furniture. In another area there is a group of painters re-finishing the furniture. And at the end of the line is the design team working hard at detailing the furniture with hand painted soccer balls and lady bugs.

As Shelly describes, everyone contributes to design ideas and themes for the rooms; especially the children. The team first consults with the kids about details like favorite colors and characters. With that in mind, they gather on Monday mornings for some creative brainstorming and to plan out their week.

Presently, Dream Works is making over Harley, Mandy, and Gerico Perley's bedrooms. According to their mom Leslie Michaud, she is very impressed with their work. "The kids are happy. I think it will change them and help them to be happy with their surroundings."

Writing and drawing contests were held at Mah-Sos Elementary to select children for the



SIPSIS BEAR PHOTO

Local artist, and Dream worker, Brent Francis painting hockey mural for the sports theme chosen for Jericho Perley's room. Room on the left is Jericho's sister Harley Perley. Although not quite finished, her room is being designed with ladybugs.

Perley and Leslie Michaud), Marcie Francis (Dawn and Markie Francis).

An idea that began as one woman's "Positive addiction" for renovation and design in her own home has turned out to be a positive outcome for many.

The children's excitement and smiles has also created positive morale and has increased momentum among the team.

Shelly hopes that this project will serve as a pilot project and that their work can carry on past the 14 weeks period. "We can take our kids on fieldtrips and other short-term activities, but the benefits of these makeovers will last a while."

makeovers.

Grades K-2 drew a picture of their vision of a happy home. The winners of the contest were: Gerico Perley (Gerald Perley and Leslie Michaud), Treasure Paul (Connie Paul and Doug Perley), and Emily Bernard (Edwin and Patricia Bernard).

Grades 3-5 task was to write an essay about why they love their community. The children chosen were: Harley and Mandy Perley (Gerald

Wolastoqewiyik Healing Lodge schedule

June 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

Alanon Meeting* Every Monday 7:00 – 8:00 pm *Located at St. Ann's Church Basement

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

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, June 1st - Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Tues, June 2nd - Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Mon, June 8th - Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Tues, June 9th - Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Mon, June 15th - Life Skill Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Tues, June 16th - Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Mon, June 22nd - Closed – (Observing) National Aboriginal Solidarity Day

Tues, June 23rd - Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Mon, June 29th - Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Tues, June 30th - Life Skills Building (Self-Esteem) 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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First time Participants YMCA Youth Exchange Program.

For the first time in this area, Perth Middle School students are participating in the YMCA Youth Exchange Program.

Rose Neebun Bear, program facilitator, Miranda Moulton, and a group of 17 grade 7 students just arrived home from their week long exchange in Kingston Ontario on May 11. Although exhausted from the 14 hour bus ride home, the group is excited to welcome the group of Calvin Park Public School students from Kingston to their community from May 25 to June 1.

The national program funded through Heritage Canada, as well as from local fund raising, is designed to provide groups

of youth between the ages 12 and 17 with an opportunity to widen and enhance their world-views through exposure to other people and places.

Rose Neebun explains that, "The objectives of this program is to contribute to an improved knowledge and understanding of Canada among Canadian youth, enabling them to learn first hand about the history, geography, economy, cultures, communities, and other facets of their country."

Groups are twinned and host each other in their communities. Members of the group stay in each other's homes. Preparation, travel, and hosting activities provide opportunities for exchange participants to

develop relationships and group skills and to discover the diversity of Canada's people.

Kingston students had a full agenda of activities planned for the Perth-Andover/Tobique exchange group designed for discovery of their part of the country. The list of activities included a visit to the historic site Fort Henry for a glimpse of 19th century military life, a trip to the National Film Board of Canada to create a short claymation animation video, and look at the very Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame. The exchange ended with a visit to their provinces capital, Toronto, to see landmarks such as the CN Tower, and the students favourite, Canada's Wonderland.



SIPSIS BEAR PHOTO

Perth Middle School youth exchange students at historic site Fort Henry, Ontario, dressed in 19th century military uniforms lining up to take part in one of the demonstrations offered in the tour of the site.

PAMS students' plan to return the experience of fun and learning with a full schedule of events like: Amazing Race-Tour of Perth-Andover, sweat lodge and storytelling, a trip to Mt. Carleton, the Bay of Fundy, and a visit to our provinces capital, Fredericton. The group will also visit the High School for their Culture Day where they'll take part in First Nation tradition's

like drumming and chanting.

Much of the activities are centered around providing the Kingston students' with an experience of Maliseet tradition and culture. There are 8 PAMS students' from Tobique taking part in the exchange: Brandon and Kanisha Bear-Jeanes, Jocelyn Peter-Paul, Coby Moulton, James Francis, Josie Grieves, Tiara Sappier, and Keiley Moul-

ton.

The exchange group has been working on fundraising to assist in costs for the events they have planned for their twin group. The group is asking for donations of any kind to help them in their efforts. Donations can be monetary, products, or gift certificates, brought to the Middle School or by calling 273-4593.

Maliseet culture playing a greater role in local schools

The District 14 School Board is making attempts to incorporate Maliseet teachings and traditions into all district schools' curriculum by hiring community member Rosanne Clark as Cultural Awareness Coordinator.

Rosanne explains that her job is to provide students and educators of all grade levels with an awareness and appreciation of Maliseet customs, language, and culture. She plans to accomplish this by developing and executing a variety of cultural activities, events, and teachings throughout the school year.

Rosanne will assist and consult with educators' regularly about ways to include more Aboriginal content into their lesson plans, and about how to address issues unique to Maliseet students. She adds that it is also a part

of her job to get parents and community members more involved in school activities and events.

She has developed activities such as a chanting group at the Perth-Andover Middle School, where she teaches students traditional Maliseet songs. At the Andover Elementary Rosanne holds a 'dream catcher' class, teaching students' how to create dream catchers, and about their meaning. She is also practicing with the Elementary choir who will be singing the national anthem partly in Maliseet at this years high school graduation ceremonies.

Occupying most of her time lately has been scheduling and organizing events for the National Aboriginal Day celebrations held at all district schools. Rosanne explains that the

agenda for the celebrations will be similar for all schools. Her tentative schedule includes a display of Maliseet crafts made by students and local crafts people in the main entrances, as well as samples of traditional foods in the cafeteria.

The celebration will open with a smudging ceremony conducted by traditionalist Rob Brewer; followed by a performance by Seven Directions Women's Group of which Rosanne is a member. Nekwetkok Drummers and Chanters will also share traditional music with the crowd. Additionally, student's will perform the hoop dance, the shawl/butterfly dance, the grass dance, and anyone interested can take part in the snake dance.

Rosanne explains that her role includes a variety tasks and responsibil-



SIPSIS BEAR PHOTO

Rosanne Clark practicing with Middle School Chant Group for their performance at the high school Aboriginal Day celebration. The Group that meets at noon on Monday and Tuesday includes students: Stephanie Perley, Courtney Bear, Destiny MacLean, Mariah Perley, Brea Perley and Cheyann McKinley.

ities, all of which she feels are essential to providing students with a positive, accepting, and shared, academic experience. It is one of her personal goals, as well as a Maliseet value, to share her knowledge and love of her culture with future generations.

National Aboriginal Day celebrations:

- Southern Victoria High School- May 26
- Perth-Andover Middle School- June 12
- Andover Elementary-June 18

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Local Students Receive Achievement Awards

Two Tobique youth received an award for their outstanding efforts, and progress made by the students, to improve their academic performance and experience.

Cole Perley and Nolan Sappier of Tobique First Nation, were awarded the Turnaround Achievement Award for 2009, given each year to students' from New Brunswick who have demonstrated an outstanding improvement in their lives.

The annual awards are part of a collaborative effort of Barrett Corporation and New Brunswick school boards to celebrate students' success. Student's are nominated and chosen for the awards by a committee of educators in their schools, and are picked not just for academic improvements, but for improvement made in all aspects of their lives.

To celebrate their success a ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 20 at the New Brunswick Community College in Woodstock, where family, friends, educators, politicians, any who has helped students achieve success, gathered to honour them. Award recipients' were treated to a catered meal, celebratory speeches, plaques, certificates, and much more.

The following biographic information was printed as part of the awards program:

Cole Perley (Son of Shelly and Michael Solomon)

Cole has made substantial progress in his academic career over the past few years. He has improved his behaviour and his attitude about school, and his grades have been significantly improving since grade 10. His average has gone from 56% in Grade 10 to an 85% for the first semester of Grade 12. Equally important, Cole "has come out of his shell"; as he is no longer as shy and reserved as he once was.



SIPSIS BEAR PHOTO
Visual Arts Teacher at Southern Victoria High School, Shelia Mckinley, accompanying award recipient Cole Perley at the 8th annual awards ceremony held at the New Brunswick Community College in Woodstock.

Cole couldn't believe it when he heard about his nomination. When asked what finally made him decide to make changes, his response was, "I just wanted to go out there and learn all the stuff I wanted to learn. I wanted to graduate."

Family, friends, and music, are Cole's strongest influences. It's music that keeps him motivated while he does his work.

After graduation, Cole plans to attend Algonquin College in Ottawa. He plans to study Graphic Design and Animation. He'd like to thank his parents and his brother for helping him make changes in his life. Cole believes that if not for his brother's support he wouldn't have sustained the drive to graduate. His advice to others is "do what you want to do, what you believe in. Don't just do it for the money, do what your passionate about."

Nolan Sappier (Son of Mary Paul and Ronnie Sappier)

Nolan came to the realization that making the most of his education was important to him. So he started making positive life choices. When asked why he thinks he was chosen to receive this award, he answered, "I believe it's because I made significant changes in my life." Nolan's biggest influence is his girlfriend. "She has influenced me in every good way that is possible."

Eventually, Nolan would like to attend university and study criminology. He plans to pursue a career in Law enforcement, either as a RCMP officer or a Customs officer. Nolan would like to thank his girlfriend and his teachers for being such a positive influence in his life. His advice to other students' is simply this: "Stay in School."

MALISEET- MI'KMAQ POW WOW TRAIL

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| 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'tnekek First Nation, Nova Scotia |
| July 18-20 | Eel Ground First Nation (Natoaganeg), New Brunswick |
| July 25-27 | Tobique (NeGoot-Gook) First Nation
Eel River Bar (Uggiganjig) First Nation, New Brunswick |
| August 2-3 | Potlotek First Nation, Nova Scotia
Listuguj First Nation, Quebec
Geigapegiag Powwow Maria, Quebec |
| August 8-10 | Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia
Passamaquoddy, Pleasant Point Maine, USA |
| August 15-16 | Lennox Island First Nation, PEI
Native Council of Prince Edward Island
Abegweit Annual Powwow, PEI |
| August 18-20 | Presque Isle First Nation, Mawiomi Maine, USA |
| August 21-24 | Esgenoopetitj (Burnt Church) First Nation, New Brunswick |
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A Cultural Capital Always; Ekpahak (Where The Tide Ends)

A New Brunswick's First Nation collaborative art exhibit will be on display at the Beaver Brook Gallery in Fredericton starting on June 21 running until August. Opening ceremonies for the group exhibit is on June 20, from 12-5:00 pm. The show is curated by Alan Syliboy and Terry Graff.

Tobique artist Shirley Bear will also be revealing her exhibit of painting, poetry and politics, for viewing on June 20, at 5-7:00 pm at the Beaver Brook Gallery, followed by a feast at 7:00 pm. Shirley's exhibit will be on display until September 20, and is curated by Terry Graff.

Her exhibit will include essays written by Graff and Toronto based writer and social activist, Susan Crean, as well as a film of interviews of Shirley produced by her brother, and filmmaker, Jeff Bear.

The following is an exhibit description, and biographical information about Shirley Bear written by Terry Graff.

The surprising and powerful intervention by New Brunswick's First Nation's artists ruptures the colonial, political, aesthetic and social routine of the city of Fredericton, which has been designated a Cultural Capital of Canada in 2009. Referencing the original historic "cultural capital" of ekpahak, the principle meeting place of the Maliseet Nation located only a few kilometers up river from present day Fredericton. It opens a new space for the province's First peoples to represent themselves on their own terms. Ekpahak was a place where council fires burned, pipes were smoked, and disagreements were settled. The multi-layered, first-of-its-kind exhibition for New Brunswick



Shirley Bear

provides an opportunity to continue this tradition.

Blurring the false division between art and craft, Ekpahak offers an alternative to the consecrated space of the Eurocentric museum with its sanitized, taxonomic representations of First Nations culture. Presented is a snapshot of the vibrant creative expression that derives from particular sources, social contexts, and community stories within the vernacular world of New Brunswick's Maliseet and Mi'kmaq Reserves. Photographic documentation by Mi'kmaq artist Alan Syliboy reveals these places as luminal sites of poignant beauty where meaningful symbolism, myth and ritual thrive.

SHIRLEY BEAR: Nekt wikuhon ehpit (Once there lived a woman...)

The Painting, Poetry and Politics of

Shirley Bear

Shirley (minqwon-minqwon) Bear is a multi-media artist, writer, activist, feminist, traditional herbalist, and respected elder. While not a retrospective in the typical sense, this exhibition chronicles the sources, inspiration, and personal circumstances that have shaped Bear's visual art, poetry, and political activism, and examines the integral relationship amongst these important activities in her life. It features a variety of images of women, images that are sometimes symbolic, sometimes archetypal, and sometimes representative of actual women by patriarchal history and convention. The abiding preoccupation that resonates throughout the diverse body of work is the recovery of the essential feminine role in the ancestral life of First Nations culture, and as a central, if not repressed, part of the human history.

Shirley Bear's art has been featured in several international one-person and group exhibitions. She has curated various exhibits related to First Nations issues, and is a recipient of the Excellence in the Arts from the New Brunswick Arts Board (2002). Her art is included in private and public collections, including the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the National Arts Center, the New Brunswick Art Bank, Carleton University, First Nations House of Learning at the University of British Columbia, and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery. Her writing has been featured in several anthropologies, such as, *Kelusultiek: original women's voices of Atlantic Canada* (Mount St. Vincent University, 1994), and *The Color of Resistance* (Sister Vision Press, 1993), and in a recently published book of poems titles *Virgin Bones* (McGilligan Press, 2007).

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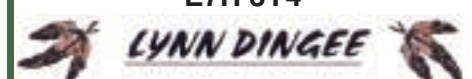
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Opinion

Power and control over Indians

For the benefit of those individuals who may not be aware of the number tattoos and the yellow Star of David which were the Nazis' means of exerting power and control over Jews, a brief explanation.

During the time that the Nazis were in control of the nation state of Germany they devised different ways to exert power and control over the hated Jews. Some of these were the ghetto concentration camp system, forced sterilization, forced reeducation of Jewish children, state sponsored propaganda against the hated and feared Jews, the forced wearing of a yellow Star of David on the outerwear of Jews and the forced tattooing of registry control numbers on the wrists of all Jews.

This brief explanation brings me to the topic of this essay... the INAC Indian status card that identifies all Indian people as INDIANS!! Not as Native, Aboriginal, First Nation, Canadian or as human beings.

No, our identity is forever frozen in the minds of the transplanted Europeans as the big fearsome hated INDIAN. As something to be feared, hated, changed, converted and controlled.

Back when the nation state of Canada was very young the government came up with an ingenious means of exerting power and control over INDIANS by creating the INDIAN reservation system.

The reservation system was put in place to accomplish two things: 1) to exert and maintain power and control over INDIANS and 2) the implementation of the Final Solution to the eurocanadian problem of INDIANS. Along with its INDIAN reservation system the Canadian government also had, for a number of years, an INDIAN pass system. Meaning that INDIANS were required by law to

carry a government issued pass in order to leave or travel outside of the INDIAN reservation ghetto.

It is these government issued passes that are the origins of the present-day INAC INDIAN identification cards that all INDIANS must carry to show that they are in fact INDIAN.

This state run intrusion upon an identifiable group of people's lives, into their inherent right to their homeland, into their inherent right to all of those things which go into the making of a Canadian, an American, a Frenchman, a German, etc. goes against natural justice, the rule of law, our birthrights and our treaty rights.

What the people of Canada should ask themselves is: 1) what is the need for an Indian reservation system and why the need for the enactment of laws for only one segment of the Canadian society with that being the original owners of Skiginaweekoog, their homeland.

And 2) think long and hard about an answer that includes words/sentiments which says that it is for the benefit of Indians, to protect us from eurocanadians.

One must remember that, but for the presence of eurocanadians within our homeland, there would in fact be no Indians, nor Indian reservations, nor Indian I.D. pass cards.

The vision of the WTCT is the same as The Ancestors. The protection, the preservation and passing-on of our homeland, our birthright, our identity and our Spiritual Teachings so that our People may live.

We are part of Sacred Creation, we refuse to be part of its destruction.

**All My Relations,
Dan Ennis**

and information that is relevant to them and their communities. In order to achieve our goal we need to know what story's are important to you. So we encourage your input and ideas for story's, events, or other topics of interest, you would like published. Additionally, we welcome any editorial or opinion stories.

Paul Pyres, Ken St Jacques, and Sipsis Bear currently make up the staff for the news paper. Our office is located at Tobique Fisheries building in the Training Center. We would like to have an announcement section in the paper;

COMMUNITY NOTICES

National Aboriginal Celebrations:

National Aboriginal Day Activities & Camp out is being held on June 20 at 2:00pm until June 21 at 10:00am, and is hosted by Mawiw Council Inc. (Tiffany Perley) The event is open to all community members and include lots of fun activities like:

- Fishing
- Baseball
- Community BBQ
- Bon fire
- Drumming & Chanting
- Storytelling
- Outdoor Movie
- Fire Works
- Campout

The Tobique Wellness Center

Will be having activities for community members at the ball field on Monday, June 22, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Kite flying and games for families. A BBQ, gathering, and blessing of all the hand drums that were made at the TWC will be at the Tobique Wellness Center.

Appearing live at the Musiplex in Fredericton

Three time ECMA nominee Gary Sappier from Tobique First Nation.

Opening for Gary are the Muskrat Singers from St. Mary's First Nation and Lone Cloud from Millbrook First Nation featuring Eagle Feather's Hubert J. Francis from Elsipogtog First Nation

When: Saturday, June 20th

Where: Musiplex

Time: 9:00 pm (doors open at 8:00 pm)

Admission: \$5.00

For more information call Bernadine Perley at 506-454-8561

Headstart registration for next year

The Tobique Early Childhood Development Program Supervisor is now taking names of eligible children for the school year 2009-2010. Any child that turns 3 years of age by December 31st, 2009 is eligible to

attend the program. Please call the Center at 273-5408 and leave your child's name and phone number Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

There will be a registration and orientation day on Monday June 22nd from 9:00am to 12 noon, where parents are required to come in and fill out the proper forms, and will be informed of the program components by the programs staff. The parents are also asked to bring your child's immunization records to be copied.

Mawiw Student Awards

Information and Application Forms can be picked up at Tobique Employment & Training.

Deadline for Post Secondary students is June 30.

\$1000.00 will be awarded to qualifying students from the community enrolled in university, college, or technical institute.

To be eligible:

1. Maliseet and Mi'kmaq students who are registered member of the Mawiw communities; Tobique, Elsipogtog, and are enrolled as a full time student in the current academic year.
2. Application form fully completed and signed.
3. An essay of no more than two pages telling us why you should receive a scholarship. Explain your educational goals and career plans. Include any awards you have received, community and volunteer work you have done and special school activities in which you participate.

Official Institution Transcripts-Official stamped and sealed Institution Transcript (current year).

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MISSION STATEMENT

Welcome to our first edition. Tobique News is a new monthly information publication based out of Tobique First Nation. The publication will be community based but will also be servicing surrounding communities.

With a positive approach, and through fair and balanced reporting, our objective is to inform our readers of issues, news,

any announcements or events you want published or reported can be brought to us at the Training Center, or by contacting Sipsis. We would prefer that information for the paper be sent through e-mail if possible.

All submissions must be received by the 29th of each month for the following month's edition.

We can be reached by phone at 273-5533/5549 and by email at tobiquenews@hotmail.com

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Bill C-31 McIvor vs. Canada

By Paul Pyres

Sharon McIvor of British Columbia is carrying on a fight started many years ago by women from Tobique. The nation took notice in the summer of 1979, when the women of Tobique organized to obtain Indian rights for Indian women. The week long walk from Oka to Ottawa attracted lots of attention. Media attention grew eventually following there every step. Politicians who refused to meet with them were now willing to meet. These efforts ultimately lead to the 1985 amendment to the Indian act. Aboriginal women who marry a non-Aboriginal no longer lose their status. Nor do their children. and an Aboriginal man no longer gives status to a non-Aboriginal wife.

With this remarkable step forward there were still challenges in the Bill c 31 amendment. The government was not obligated to provide extra money and land for the reinstated members. Indian status of women who had "married out" and that of children born of these unions were recognized, full Indian status was reserved only for those who trace their ancestry along the male line. The federal government through the Indian Act continued to decide who qualifies as "Indian" but First Nations, already surviving on thin resources, were made to look like villains for refusing Band membership to newly reinstated Status individuals.

In 1985 a law student named Sharon McIvor was applying to regain her status. McIvor, as the daughter of a status Indian woman and a non-status Indian man, could be recognized as a Status Indian, but her children could not. If, instead, Sharon's father had been status and her mother non-status, she and her children would have had status.

In McIvor versus Canada, "an unprecedented constitutional case", the British Columbia Supreme Court said the 1985 amendments did not get it right; rather than eliminating sex discrimination, they postponed it for a couple of generations. The court ruled the amendments contravene international conventions on human rights, women's rights and children's rights as well as the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. By drawing a distinction between male and female ancestors in determining who is a status Indian, the amendments offend the basic notion of human dignity, and imply that "one's female ancestors are deficient or less Indian than their male contemporaries." If the government of 1985 did not do right by Aboriginal women, the current federal government has done no better. According to the B.C. Supreme Court, the Canadian government used every possible tactic to delay Sharon McIvor's case getting into court for 17 years, and so the court refused the government's request to be given two years to find a remedy.

At the last moment, on the day McIvor's case finally went to court, the government reversed itself and recognized McIvor's son's Indian status. The tactic did not work. McIvor pressed on for the sake of all the other descendants of Aboriginal women.

After winning this remarkable case, the government appealed, but on April 9th 2009 the BC court of appeals ruled in Sharon McIvor's favor – that the Indian Act still discriminated against women by denying Indian status to the grandchildren of Aboriginal women, but not those of Aboriginal men.

Indian status is important because it means being able to live on reserve land and qualify for health benefits and post-secondary education. To many, it also means a connection to a community and identity as an Aboriginal person.



PAUL PYRES PHOTOS

Head start graduation took place Thursday, May 28 at 1:00 at the early childhood development building. As usual the kids showered us with song, dance and Maliseet language. The kids showed off what they learned in Maliseet and played the hand drums that they made with their parents. All in all it was a great graduation ceremony. Kudos to the hard work that the head start staff put into graduation and the great work they do all year round. Congratulations to the head start class of 2009.



Tobique Early Childhood Development Center Supervisor, Judy Perley, handing out certificates to graduating class

A note from the headstart staff

The Tobique Early Childhood Development Center is now ending the year. The children, parents and staff went to visit K 4 program and Mrs. Moulton, at Mah-Sos school, where the children will be attending in the fall. The children and staff also went out on a picnic and playground where the children had lots of fun.

They also went on a field trip to the fire station in Perth-Andover, then to McDonald's in Grand Falls for lunch. We finished the afternoon with

a cone of ice-cream at the local dairy bar. The children are practicing for graduation. The graduation scheduled for Thursday, May 28 at 1:00pm at the Center.

The Tobique Early Childhood Development Center Staff and children would like to thank the Tobique Bingo (Mary Perley), and the Tobique Gas Bar (Cyril Perley) for their donations that made it possible for the staff and children to go on their end of the year outings.

The staff also thanks all

parents of the children that attended the program this year for all the support you gave your child by fundraising when asked, coming in to support your child with their activities, and sending your child throughout the year because if it wasn't for your children being there, there would be no program.

I would also like to thank my staff at the Tobique Early Childhood Development Center for all the work they have done through the year. I greatly appreciate your work

and working with you.

This is the graduating class of 2009. Congratulations!

Jetta Bear
Zander Perley
Theodore Bear
Kainen Pyres
Braxton Moulton
Dominique Rodrigues
Kyrin Moulton
Holden Sappier
Brydon Nicholas
Zorro Sappier
Chandler Nicholas
Clara Saulis

Thank you,
Judy Perley, Supervisor

Negot-gook fisheries update

Submitted by Wendall Perley

Operational Plan: The Chief and Council of Tobique First Nation established a three member committee to develop a management and operations plan for our fishery. This committee is currently conducting an audit of our current position and is working with our lenders to better secure our assets and act responsibly concerning our liabilities. Councillors Tina Martin-Perley, Paul Pyres, and Wendall Nicholas are members of the committee.

Communications: The committee is working to share information on our fishery operations. The following methods are available for community members to obtain an update:

Contacts: Wendall Nicholas 273-5569
Tina Martin-Perley 273-5530
Paul Pyres 273-5552

Facebook site: Negotgook Fisheries

Capacity Building: Tobique First Nation, owner of Negotgook Fisheries, has recently applied for assistance under the Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (AICFI). The purpose of the AICFI program is to assist First Nation communities in providing the means to: develop commercial fisheries enterprise governance and business management skills; build capacity in commercial fisheries operations; and have more effective voice in fisheries co-management.

Supreme Court Rulings Affecting First Nation Fisheries: Several legal efforts over the years have resulted in rulings by Canada's Supreme Court which guide First Nation access to the fishing industry. Two landmark decisions are described below:

Sparrow Decision: In 1990, the Supreme Court of Canada issued a landmark ruling in the Sparrow decision. This decision found that the Musqueam First Nation has an Aboriginal right to fish for food, social and ceremonial purposes. The Supreme Court found that where an Aboriginal group has a right to fish for food, social and ceremonial purposes, it takes priority, after conservation, over other uses of the resource. The Supreme Court also indicated the importance of consulting with Aboriginal groups when their fishing rights might be affected. In response to this decision, and to provide stable fishery management, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) launched the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (AFS) in 1992. The AFS is applicable where DFO manages the fishery and where land claims settlements have not already put a fisheries management regime in place.

Marshall Decision: In 1999, the Supreme Court of Canada acquitted Donald Marshall Jr. Of three charges related to federal fishing regulations: selling eels without a license, fishing out of season, and using illegal nets. Following are excerpts from the decision: Donald Marshall Jr. "caught and sold the eels to support himself and his wife. Accordingly, the closed season and the imposition of the discretionary licensing system would, if enforced, interfere with the appellant's treaty

right to fish for trading purposes, and the ban on sales would, if enforced, infringe his right to trade for sustenance."

The key question in the Marshall case was what the 1760 treaty means today. According to the SCC, the treaty gave the Mi'kmaq the right to trade products of their hunting, fishing and gathering for "necessaries". The court interpreted this to mean the right to trade fish and wildlife resources for a moderate livelihood. The SCC decision stated that it was recognizing a treaty trading right. The treaties were entered into a period where the British were attempting to expand and secure their control over the northern possessions. The subtext of the Mi'kmaq treaties was reconciliation and mutual advantage."

The SCC accepted Mi'kmaq Donald Marshall Jr.'s argument that the treaties gave him the right to fish for a living even if it meant disregarding federal regulations. Justice Ian Binnie said the treaty referred specifically to the Mi'kmaq bringing fish and wildlife to "truckhouses" to exchange for other goods, but that other documents and oral history show much more was at stake. "Such an overly deferential attitude to the treaty document was inconsistent with the proper recognition of the difficulties of proof confronted by Aboriginal people." "If the law is prepared to supply the deficiencies of written contracts prepared by sophisticated parties and their legal advisors in order to produce a sensible result that accords with the intent of both parties-though unexpressed-the law cannot ask less of the honour and dignity of the Crown in its dealings with the First Nations."

Ironically, the events in the Maritimes unfolded during the federal government's throne speech where the government committed itself to "focus on improving the living conditions of Aboriginal people and, increasingly, on strengthening their economic opportunities." Clearly, recognizing and acting upon the Mi'kmaq rights to fish to earn a livelihood was an opportune moment for the federal government to make good on its pledge. Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in the Maritimes feel that the federal government, the RCMP, and the media have let them down. The peaceful co-existence and reconciliation they seek can be achieved only through constructive dialogue and education, and only if the federal government is willing to honour and uphold Aboriginal rights.

The AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine said he was particularly concerned about the role some commentators have played in creating a climate of hostility towards First Nations citizens. "First Nations rights are human rights. No one would question the right of women, or other identifiable segments of society, to fight against discriminatory practices. Yet some commentators are trying to deny the rule of law as upheld by the Supreme Court in such cases as Delgamuuku or Marshall that uphold

Council Corner: An Overview of Wendell Nicholas's Role In Local Government

Councillor Wendall Nicholas, who was elected in November 2008, holds responsibilities for supporting the Maliseet Nation at Tobique's work on health, justice and natural resources. Over the past 20 years, he has led and facilitated local, regional and national priority First Nation rights initiatives concerning health and social justice issues. This work began as a Child Protection worker here in Tobique, then with the Union of New Brunswick Indians and the Assembly of First Nations. These efforts included negotiating and drafting measures and protocols between First Nations and: Health Canada on health benefits and tuberculosis; Federal and Provincial Governments on children benefits; Veterans Affairs Canada on compensation; The Royal Canadian Mounted Police on public safety; and the Canadian Red Cross on injury prevention and emergency preparedness.

His international work efforts included contributions to the drafting of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and work between Indigenous, Canadian and U.S. Governments to protect the border-crossing rights of Indigenous people in North America. In 2006, He began a role as chair of the Indigenous Caucus of the World Blind Union. He also chairs a national committee between First Nations, Canada and Catholic Entities that evaluates and approves contributions by Catholic Entities to healing and reconciliation on the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

Councillor Nicholas conducts a weekly radio update on 92.5 CHEL FM on Sunday evenings from 7:00 - 7:30pm. He can be reached through his office at (506) 273-5569 or can be emailed at wendallnicholas@gmail.com He regularly meets Elders and Community members in their homes. Updates on his work activities can also be found on facebook groups page: Councillor Wendall Nicholas

Health: Councillor Nicholas works with Councillor Tina Martin-Perley on health and wellness issues. As a result of a needs assessment of our current health facility, Health Canada has approved resources for the construction of a new Health and Wellness Center. A planning committee has been established to oversee the bid process, site selection and construction of the building. A search for a general contractor through a bud process is now underway. In order to keep the new building in the heart of the community, the Bernard Ball Field has been selected as a prime location. An adjacent site has also been suggested for the project to be started in November this year. Due to vandalism and other safety issues in its current location, Ambulance New Brunswick has implemented changes that affect where the Ambulance will be located. Work is being done to address these issues to ensure that response times will not be reduced. In order to protect community health programs finances from creditors seeking repayment on Tobique's band overall debts, Health Canada imposed a "third-party" manager to co-manage the delivery of

health finances. In order for our Health and Wellness Center to move away from third party management, an option would be to formally establish a board of directors. An incorporated non-profit community health board would include representation from Community Members, Chief and Council, and Professionals in the health field.

Justice: Kikahun is a community committee that was established some years ago to deal with policing in the community. Currently, the committee is evaluating the relationship with the RCMP. There are several concerns including understaffing and availability of RCMP members to service the community. The committee is also working to build a new RCMP office to house the additional members that are

required. Councillors Richard Moulton, Ross Perley and Wendall Nicholas are also working on a Community Security Patrol program to monitor for the safety of elders homes and community buildings. In May of this year, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) announced that Tobique would be the first community in the Atlantic Region to begin applications for the new Secure Status Cards. Problems with the application process within INAC caused a delay. It is now anticipated that the application process will begin again in the next few weeks. Given that status card has always been an accepted form of identification at the border, Councillor Nicholas has been working to ensure that the new secure status card will continue to protect our border-crossing rights. Canada and the United States Governments has confirmed that our existing laminated cards and new status cards will be recognized at land crossings rather than the new requirement for a passport as of June 1, 2009.

Natural Resources: In November of 2008, the community-owned Negotgook Fisheries faced significant challenges. Our vessels were seized for unpaid debts and buildings to be auctioned for unpaid taxes. Councillors Tina Martin-Perley, Paul Pyres and Wendall Nicholas formed a committee to address these issues and to implement and management plan to recover our position in the commercial fishery in the Bay of Fundy. The committee has also been working to confirm resources from the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to support our capacity building. In order to keep community members updated on this issue, monthly meetings are held on the first Monday (10AM) of every month at the Tobique Fisheries Building in the boardroom.

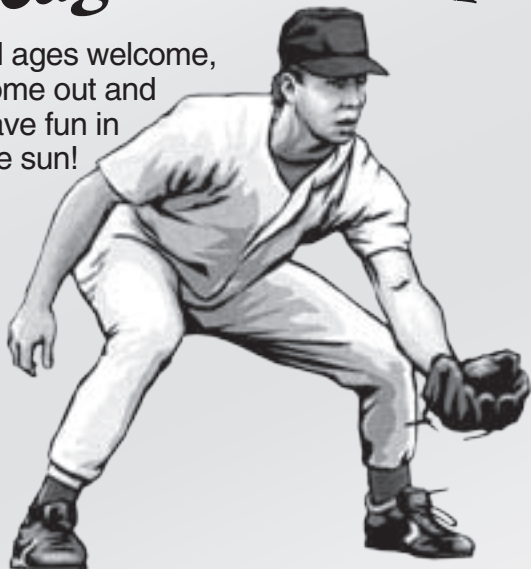
Concerning our Forestry, lower market demands and pricing has severely affected everyone involved in this industry. It has become difficult to find buyers who are willing to offer a fair price for our hard and soft wood allocations. Councillors Richard Moulton, Paul Pyres and Wendall Nicholas are working on this issue. We are working to implement a forestry management plan for the community.



Wendall Nicholas
Council Corner

Tobique Little League Baseball

All ages welcome, come out and have fun in the sun!



Anyone interested in playing little league baseball or if you have any questions contact Ross Perley at 273-0875 or rossperley@hotmail.com

TOBIQUE MINOR BASEBALL 2009

T-Ball

Born 2003, 2004, 2005
- Ages 4, 5, 6

Little League

Born 2000, 2001, 2002
- Ages 7, 8, 9
Fee \$45

Mosquito

Born 1998, 1999
- Ages 10, 11
Fee \$45

The Tobique Sports Authority is always looking for coaches, managers, and umpires. For more information please contact 273-0875.

Sign up at the following locations, C-Store, Mah-Sos, PAMS, SVHS, Bodins and the Youth Center

TRAINING NOTICE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Applications are now being accepted for training for a licensed practical nurse. The tentative date for this training is September 8, 2009.

REQUIREMENTS NEEDED:

- High School Diploma;
- Adult High School Diploma;
- GED of High School Equivalency.

REQUIREMENTS:

Must have successfully completed one High School level Grade 10, 11, 12, Biology, Chemistry or Physics. (Level 2)

If you don't have the Grade 12 Sciences, a course may be offered this summer so that you can attain that level for entry into the program. The course is 22 months and will be offered here in our community.

If interested in this program please come in and fill out applications for NB Community College. For more information call the Tobique Training Center at 273-5533 and speak to one of the staff.

Director of Employment & Training
Nick Paul

Tobique Wellness Center

278 Main St.,
Tobique First Nation, NB E7H 2Y8
Tel : (506) 273-5430
Fax : (506) 273-5428

Schedule of on going Events at TWC:

- Talking Circles – Every other Monday @ the Tobique Wellness Center at 6:00 PM
- Free Belly Dancing – Every Wednesday 6:30 – 8:00 PM (until June 17th)

Human Swine Influenza

Swine influenza

Swine influenza is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by the influenza A virus.

Human swine influenza

Swine flu viruses do not normally infect humans. From time to time, human infections do occur, resulting in human swine influenza. Human swine influenza is a respiratory illness that causes symptoms similar to those of the regular human seasonal flu.

Transmission

Sometimes, humans and animals can pass strains of flu back and forth to one another through direct close contact. When a swine influenza virus does affect a human, there is also a risk that the animal influenza can mutate and then spread directly between humans. More investigation is needed on how easily the virus spreads between people, but it is believed that it is spread the same way as regular seasonal influenza. Influenza and other respiratory infections are transmitted from person to person when germs enter the nose and/or throat.

Symptoms

Symptoms include fever, fatigue, lack of appetite, coughing, and sore throat. Some people with human swine influenza have also reported vomiting and diarrhea.

Flu shot

It is unlikely that the seasonal flu shot will provide protection against human swine influenza. The flu shot will protect against the seasonal flu, which is still circulating in Mexico.

Pandemic

Pandemic influenza is defined as a new influenza virus that spreads easily between humans and affects a wide geographic area. More information is needed to determine how easily this virus spreads.

Vaccine

A vaccine is any preparation intended to produce immunity to a disease by stimulating the production of antibodies. Canada has a plan for a vaccine to be produced domestically if a pandemic occurs, which will take about six months once the virus is identified. Enough pandemic vaccine will be produced to cover all Canadians.

Antivirals

Antivirals are drugs used for the prevention and early treatment of influenza. Two antivirals that appear to be effective in treating this illness are oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and zanamivir (Relenza).

How do you fight the flu?

You can take steps to protect yourself from one of winter's worst "side effects" - influenza, or the flu. These simple steps include frequent handwashing, coughing and sneezing into you arm/sleeve, getting an annual flu vaccination and staying home when sick.

Procaution! Procaution!

Steps for good handwashing technique

- Remove all rings and wet your hands with warm running water.
- Put a small amount of liquid soap in the palm of one hand. Bar soaps are not as hygienic as liquid soaps because they stay moist and attract germs. If bar soap is the only option, it should be stored on a rack so that it doesn't sit in water.
- Rub your hands together for at least 15 seconds so you produce lather. Make

sure you scrub between your fingers, under your fingernails and the backs of your hands.

- Rinse your hands well with clean running water for at least 10 seconds. Try not to handle the faucets once your hands are clean. Use a paper towel to turn off the water.
- Dry your hands with a clean or disposable towel

* **The Tobique Wellness Center is closely monitoring this situation, for more information please contact: Roxanne Sappier, Health Director or Paula McNally, Community Nurse at 273-5430.**

Highlights of Past Events:

Diabetic Workshop in April

The Tobique Wellness center hosted a Diabetic Workshop "Essoqenomone Piluwe Pomawsuwakon" (Embrace Change) at the tobique bingo hall in April 2009. There were sixty participants that registered with opening prayer from Gwen Bear. Some of the topics were Diabetes management and the medicine wheel with Laurie Nicholas, Childhood Obesity with Molly Dunbar, Margie Gray and Foot Care with Shelley Francis. Lana Lennon and Della Bernard were also available at the registration and display booth, along with Stephanie Levesque for the Pandemic Information. There was a traditional lunch served. Door prizes were awarded at the end of the session. Overall the workshop was very successful with lots of ideas for future topics which were noted in the evaluation forms that were submitted at the end of the day. Thanks to everyone who helped out to make the event a success!

Coming in June.

June is ALS Awareness Month

June 5 is Relay for Life! Please come and support the teams!

June 6 is Diabetes awareness week

June 21st is Nation Aboriginal Day, the Tobique Wellness Center will be organizing activities for this day.

PHAC's On-line Consultation on HIV Testing & Counselling

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), in collaboration with the provinces and territories, is updating the Counselling Guidelines for HIV Testing, and developing a policy framework to support HIV testing and counselling in Canada. Your input will help endure the diverse circumstances and perspectives of Canadians are reflected.

Here are three suggested ways to participate:

1. Share you views. You can have your say as an individual, community-based organization, agency, company or association with a stake in HIV issues.
2. Invite your staff and colleagues to join. We'd like to hear experiences from the frontlines of health care, community work, policy, research

and testing. Encourage staff to provide their individual perspectives or gather key staff from different areas of the organization to discuss the issues and submit an organizational response.

3. Share the opportunity with others by forwarding this invitation. PHAC welcomes the participation of anyone who is affected by the issue of HIV testing and counselling, including people who have been tested and those who have not, people living with HIV or AIDS, those who are in groups with disproportionately high rates of HIV, and those who do not see themselves as being at risk. This also includes people who provide tests, people who work with specific populations through outreach, people who face occupational exposure to HIV, and people who work with HIV testing through research, policy and programs, insurance,

education, counselling and any other area.

A paper version of the consultation can be downloaded at:

<http://phac-aspc.dialoguecircles.com/Default.aspx?DN=dhd47f88-c41e-4ced-b184-4db6b309f3a2>

You can also receive by mail a copy of the questionnaire, just dial: 1-888-960-5337

For more information about PHAC's work in HIV/AIDS, please see the Agency's website at: www.aids-sida.cc.ca

If you have any problems with the link please contact Monique at Healing Our Nations (Toll free number is 1-800-565-4255).

Dated May 12, 2009

School News: Year-end activities & dates

Mah-Sos Elementary

May 27 K4 Field Trip
May 28 Spelling Bee
June 4 Cultural Day
June 17 Awards Day/Last Day

Andover Elementary

June 3 Gr. 4 Literacy & Grade 5 Math Assessments
June 12 Last Day the cafeteria will be open
June 15 Family Resource Day-BBQ & Field Trip Day
June 18 Aboriginal Day Celebration
June 19 Last day for students

Perth-Andover Middle School

June 3 District Track & Field
June 4-5 Grade 6 Provincial Math Assessments
June 8-9 Grade 8 Provincial Math Assessments
June 11 Grade 8 leaving party
June 12 Aboriginal Day Celebration & Last day for cafeteria
June 19 Last Day for students

Southern Victoria High School

June 1-5 Exam review week & Last week for the cafeteria
June 8-12 Final Exams
June 19 Last day for students

2009 Graduation Events & Activities

June 13 Prom: Grand Entrance at 7:30 pm. The Prom fee is \$25 and the theme is Hotel SV. Students will be given 1 gold ticket for the floor, and 3 red tickets for the balcony.

June 15 Grad Banquet: Held at the Castle Inn and will be limited to graduates. The serving time has been set for 6:30 pm. So students should be there at 6:00 pm. The price is \$25.

June 17 Graduation Rehearsal: Starts at 5:00 pm in the school parking lot.

June 18 Graduation Ceremony: Starts at 4:00pm at the River Valley Civic Center. Graduates need to be there no

later than 3:30 pm. Late arrivals will not be permitted on stage. Males are to wear black pants and a white shirt. Girls are to wear skirts or dress pants.

June 18 Safe Grad: Will be held at Shiktehawk camp in Bristol. All participants must be at the school for 7:00 pm; the bus will be leaving at 7:30 pm. The event will start at 8:00 pm and will consist of the following activities: aqua trampoline, archery, zip line, human bowling, night swim, ultimate Frisbee, handball, capture the glow stick, and bonfire and hotdog roast.

Mah-sos Spelling Bee Results:

Grade 1 Farah Sacobie
Grade 2 Dylon Demerchant
Grade 3 Wiphun Tomah
Grade 4 Sharise Peter-Paul
Grade 5 Alice Perley
Winners received a trophy and certificate. Congratulations!

Fisheries update

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the inherent Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations peoples." The problem is not that the federal government was unprepared for the Marshall decision, but that the federal government was unprepared to recognize Aboriginal rights. Clearly, the government's strategy of stalling to wear down Aboriginal peoples, as in the case of Delgamuukw and Marshall decisions, is frustrating for Aboriginal peoples who are harvesting natural resources, and for non-Native who feel threatened by what appears to be a situation of anarchy. This divisive strategy creates a lack of confidence in Canadian institutions and breeds contempt for the law.

The federal government must recognize Aboriginal rights to resources in order to make Aboriginal economic self-sufficiency a realis-

tic option. Aboriginal initiatives, such as the maritime Aboriginal fishery, which are based on rights recognized by the Supreme Court and affirmed in the Canadian Constitution, will not succeed as long as the government adheres to its extinguishment policy and refuses to engage in negotiations with the First Nations. The federal government must also immediately invest time and energy to educate non-Aboriginal Canadians about the true history of Aboriginal peoples in Canada. An uneducated public may be an objective for those who want to see Aboriginal peoples in Canada stripped of their rights and assimilated into mainstream society. But, the reality is that it invariably leads to a backlash whenever Aboriginal rights and issues become prominent. Currently, the backlash is most acute in the Maritimes, but the potential for conflict and racist incidents exists across the country.

Competition for Youth Jobs

Offered by Tobique Capital Department

CRITERIA:

Must be between the ages of 15-30
Must be out of school and unemployed for at least six months

Must not be a recipient of Employment Insurance Benefits

JOB OUTLINE:

1st Job will participate in: Housing Administration, Portfolio Management, Construction and Renovation
2nd Job will participate in: Mainten-

ance and Repairs

Deadline for resumes is June 19th, 2009 by 12 pm. Please bring resumes to the Capital building by the old Band Office. Submit resumes to Kenneth Perley (Scrappy), Kim Francis, or Lynn Dingee. For more information call 273-5617

June 2009

Birthdays Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Joanne Arnold Mosqon Q. Pope Shawn D. Sappier Sonia m. Gagnon	2 Jessica Bear	3 Donald Moulton Jr. Kainen Pyres Leeann Greaves	4 Barney Moulton Paula Sisson Rosha Sappier Wendell R. Perley	5 Charlene Mazerolle	6 Allan Bear Shane Marr Spencer Perley
7 Kitarra Atwin Tammy Clingin	8 Russel Perley Tina M. Bear	9 Gerald Perley Sr. Jennifer Sappier Rickie Moulton	10 Brooklyn Arnold Sherry Perley	11 Preston Sockabasin Tanasha Martin	12 Heather Smyth Peggy Tomah Sara Francis	13 Joseph Bear Mike Caron
14 Bernad Perley Brandon Sappier Gabriel Nicholas Selena Paul Tania Wilkins	15 Mackenzie Brown Reg Traugh III	16 Adrian Perley	17 Welcome	18 Carol Paul Erica Hanscombe Jimmy Arnold Jr. Todd Paul	19 Micheal Lewey	20 Adam Saulis Daniel Saluis Jr. Norval Sappier Teena Ouellette Travis Sappier
21 Father's Day Aboriginal Day Dianne Moulton	22 Aiyana Saulis David Perley Joshua Perley Neebun Bear Paul Gorman Jr.	23 Amanda Perley Kasen Deveau	24 Melissa Perley	25 Jeanette Brewer	26 Mari Saooier	27 Jessica Nicholas Tia Martin Tim Martin Sr.
28 4-8pm 1,000 every hour 5,000 total	29 Dallas Bernard Lynette Moulton Matthew Nicholas Matthew Bear Tim Sisson	30 Gail Nicholas	Email Your Birthday or Anniversary wish to tobiquenews@hotmail.com			

DreamWorks

This 14-week Project will be giving back to the children of Tobique!

We will be doing bedroom makeovers for kids Grade 5 and under.

This Project has no budget so we will be asking for donations and contributions from our community.

IT TAKES A WHOLE COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CHILD!

If you have the supplies to start your child's room, give us a call. We can start those right away!

Donated Items Needed:

Paint, Paint Supplies, Tables, Dressers, Headboard, bed frames, Curtains, rods, Bedding, Material for crafts and pillows, Pictures, Mirrors

Anything else you can think of...

For more information, please call Shelley Solomon @ the Training Centre (273-5433) or email her at shelleysolomon@hotmail.com.

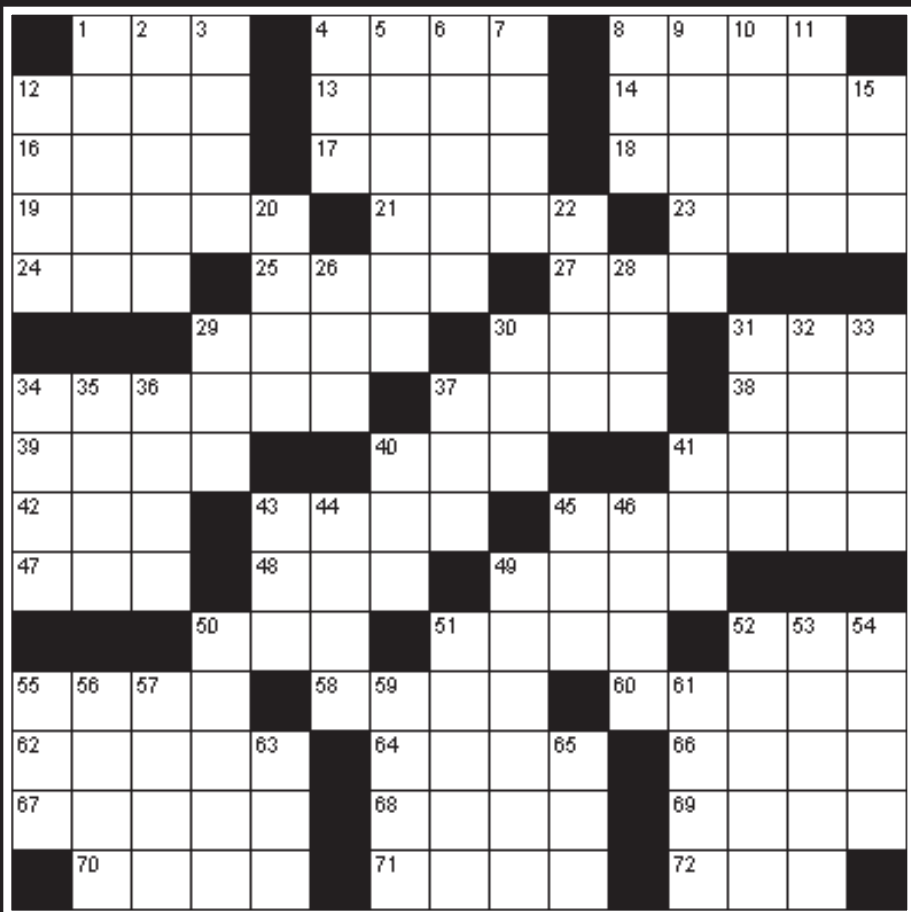
Items can also be dropped off at the Fisheries Building, Downstairs at the bay.



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| 4. Assist in crime | 42. High mountain | 2. Mineral used as an abrasive | 36. Variety |
| 8. Particle | 43. Fraud | 3. Not as great | 37. Coalesce |
| 12. Imitate | 45. Each | 4. Simian | 40. Saloon |
| 13. Fruit | 47. Cereal grass seeds | 5. Pandemonium | 41. Be unwell |
| 14. Pulsate | 48. Paddle | 6. Avid | 43. Jump |
| 16. Bad time for Julius | 49. Aromatic herb | 7. Woody plant | 44. Annual grass seeds |
| 17. Border | 50. Fitting | 8. Consumed | 45. Melody |
| 18. Wipe out | 51. Champion | 9. Tossed | 46. Gambit |
| 19. Laconic | 52. Droop | 10. Unwritten exam | 49. Infer |
| 21. Sediment | 55. Tablet | 11. Flowerless plant | 50. Tree with conelike fruit |
| 23. Additional to or different from | 58. Aspersion | 12. Glove | 51. Person |
| 24. Attempt | 60. Languish | 15. Insect | 52. Fry quickly in fat |
| 25. Slightly open | 62. Residence | 20. Yield | 53. Pointer |
| 27. Cut down | 64. In the middle | 22. Tibia | 54. Chew |
| 29. Form of transport | 66. Halo | 26. Crested bird | 55. Buddy |
| 30. Vitality | 67. Defamation | 28. Flightless bird | 56. Wading bird |
| 31. Fuss | 68. Shade of blue | 29. Charge | 57. Part of the ear |
| 34. Study of plants | 69. Pack tightly | 30. Animal doctor, in short | 59. Long and thin |
| 37. Bill of fare | 70. Medieval land worker | 31. Fit | 61. Facile |
| 38. Napkin | 71. Hinge joint | 32. Saucer | 63. Mischievous fairy |
| 39. Quartz used in cameos | 72. Conifer | 33. Woodwind instrument | 65. Staining substance |
| 40. Used to control a | | | |



Happy Anniversary

June 6th Brad & Pam Sappier
 June 14th Norval & Gloria Sappier
 June 16th Richard & Carol Bernard
 June 17th Edward & Kim Perley
 June 25th Dwayne & Kim Sappier
 June 28th Vincent & Denise Nicholas
 June 29th Allan & Dawn Bear
 Happy 50th Russel I Perley
 Happy birthday Kain from your Mom & Dad
 Happy Birthday Brooklyn from Mom & Dad
 Congratulations Sky Perley on your graduation from UNB
 Happy Birthday Dallas
 Happy Birthday Erica From the training center staff
 Email tobiquenews@hotmail.com with your anniversary

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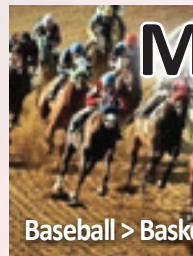
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June 2009 Lucky's Entertainment

Lucky's reserves the right to alter schedule without notice!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 4-8pm 1,000 every hour 5,000 total	15 Early bird Promo 12-3pm 1 free spin on the wheel	16 Light up a progressive machine for extra cash! All Day! 12-12pm	17 Welcome	18 Slot Tournaments! 2pm, 8pm Top 5 advance to grand tournament	19 Welcome	20 Spin the new wheel for cash & prizes! 7pm-11pm
21 Father's Day BBQ Give-a-way 4-8pm 1,000 every hour 5,000 total	22 Early bird Promo 12-3pm 1 free spin on the wheel	23 Light up a progressive machine for extra cash! All Day! 12-12pm	24 Welcome	25 2pm Tournament Grand Tournament 8pm 1 st place \$500	26 Welcome	27 Spin the new wheel for cash & prizes! 7pm-11pm
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