

December 2010 Newsletter

NEWSLETTER DATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Chief & Council Meeting 1 pm at the fire hall
- Christmas Pot Luck Feast, Santa Visit, Christmas Parade - December 17, 2010

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**The WFN Band Office will be closed
For Christmas Holidays
December 17 at 12:00 noon
December 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2010**

**The Band Office will re-open
Monday, January 3, 2011**

***You Can Now Purchase
The Northern Life Newspaper
at Rocky's
On Thursdays for \$1.***

**In case of emergency contact:
Chief Myles Tyson
@ 858-5404 or 688-6005
Peter Recollet @ 858-4444 or Vince Roque @ 858-5380**

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14 Chief & Council Mtg 1 pm at the fire hall	15 Seniors Christmas Party Gift Exchange	16	17 Christmas Pot Luck Parade Penny Table Santas Visit	18	
19	20	office			23 Diabetic Foot Care	24	25 Merry Christmas
26	27	closed			30	31	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- December 14, 2010 - Chief & Council Meeting - 1 pm at the firehall
- December 15, 2010 - Congregate Dining Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange - 4 pm - 7 pm at the gazebo
- December 17, 2010 - 2nd Annual Christmas Parade, Pot Luck Feast, Penny Table and Santa’s Visit—at the fire hall
- December 17, 2010 - Band Office will be closed at 12 noon and will re-open on January 3, 2011
- December 25, 2010 - MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas Word Search



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| CHRISTMAS | NUTCRACKER | SUGARPLUMS |
| COMET | PEACE | TOY |
| CUPID | PRANCER | TREE |
| DANCER | PRESENT | VIXEN |
| DASHER | REINDEER | WORKSHOP |
| DONNER | RUDOLPH | WREATH |
| ELF | SACK | |

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Canada Endorses the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Ref. #2-3429

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, November 12, 2010 - The Government of Canada today formally endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in a manner fully consistent with Canada's Constitution and laws. Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. John McNee, met with the President of the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Joseph Deiss, to advise him of Canada's official endorsement of the United Nations Declaration.

"We understand and respect the importance of this United Nations Declaration to Indigenous peoples in Canada and worldwide," said the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-status Indians. "Canada has endorsed the Declaration to further reconcile and strengthen our relationship with Aboriginal peoples in Canada."

"Canada is committed to promoting and protecting the rights of Indigenous peoples," said the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs. "Canada's active involvement abroad, coupled with its productive partnership with Aboriginal Canadians, is having a real impact in advancing indigenous rights at home and abroad."

The United Nations Declaration describes the individual and collective rights of Indigenous peoples. It sets out a number of principles that should guide harmonious and cooperative relationships between Indigenous peoples and States, such as equality, partnership, good faith and mutual respect. Canada strongly supports these principles and believes that they are consistent with the Government's approach to working with Aboriginal peoples. While the Declaration is not legally binding, endorsing it as an important inspirational document is a significant step forward in strengthening relations with Aboriginal peoples.

"Canada's Aboriginal leadership has spoken with passion on the importance of endorsing the Declaration. Today's announcement represents another important milestone on the road to respect and co-operation," added Minister Duncan.

Canada's endorsement builds upon numerous other government initiatives for Aboriginal peoples on education, economic development, housing, child and family services, access to safe drinking water, and the extension of human rights protection and matrimonial real property protection to First Nations on reserve.

NOW ACCEPTING

20-25 NEW APPLICANTS FOR FNTI's SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER DIPLOMA PROGRAM

FNTI in partnership with St. Lawrence College
will be delivering a 12 week diploma program beginning in
JANUARY 2011 at NIPISSING FIRST NATION

Program Requirements

- A minimum of two years accumulated paid and/or related experience as a volunteer in a social service agency.

Method of Program Delivery

- *12 weeks of training over 2 years (or 1 week of training every 6 weeks)
- Community-based and Indigenous perspective of social work
- *Comprehensive portfolio development emphasizing a "Whole Person" approach to assessing your prior learning

Program Outcomes

- *A 30 credit - 2 Year - Community College Diploma from St. Lawrence College
- *FNTI certification as an Indigenous Community Worker
- *Eligibility to register with the College of Social Service Workers and Social Workers

For applications, please go to our website at www.fnti.net
or call Lesley (Buffy) Hill, Registrar at 1-800-267-0637, ext. 187 or email at buffyh@fnti.net

***Your Application and Letter of Financial Sponsorship or Self-Funding must be filed
with FNTI by **January 4, 2011** for Program Start-up in January of 2011.**

~ 3 Old York Rd ~ Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory ~ K0K 1X0 ~

~ Phone: 800-267-0637 ~ 613-396-2122 ~

~ Fax: 613-396-2761 ~

NOTICE

**Wendy has completed her CIS (certificate of Indian Status) training.
And is now able to process these certificates in her office.
For more information please contact her at 858-0610 ext: 107**

QUICK FACTS

Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act

On Registration Eligibility

All eligible grandchildren of women who lost status as a result of marrying non-Indian men will become entitled to registration (Indian status) in accordance with the *Indian Act*.

On Eligibility Requirements

You should consult the web site of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for the specific eligibility criteria. Generally speaking, the key criteria to be newly entitled to registration are:

- Did your grandmother lose her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian?
- Is one of your parents registered, or entitled to be registered, under sub-section 6(2) of the *Indian Act*?
- Were you born on or after September 4, 1951?

On the Rationale behind the Amendments

The Government of Canada is making these amendments in response to an April 2009 decision by the Court of Appeal for British Columbia in the case of *McIvor v. Canada*.

On When the Amendments Will Come Into Effect

Once the bill has been passed by Parliament, the Governor in Council will set a date for it to come into effect. If that date is after the current deadline set by the Court of Appeal for British Columbia of January 31, 2010, then the legislation will be retroactive to that date.

On Increase in Number of People Eligible for Indian Status

This legislation will increase the number of people who are eligible for Indian registration, not decrease it. Many people will gain entitlement to registration as a result of this legislation, and no one will lose Indian status.

On the Boarder Issues of Indian Registration and Membership

Over the next few months, the Government of Canada will be setting up an exploratory process on the broader issues associated with registration, membership and citizenship. The Minister announced that these broader issues would be explored through a joint process to be developed in conjunction with various national Aboriginal organizations and the participation of First Nations groups and individuals across the country.

Terms of Reference

Ad Hoc Committee on WFN Financial Management and Administration Code

Purpose

Wahnapitae First Nation Council is establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to oversee the development of a *Wahnapitae First Nation Financial Management and Administration Code*.

The Code will increase accountability, transparency and communication in relation to financial matters of interest to the First Nation and its membership. It will provide guidelines and clear rules for Council in relation to financial decision making and the management and allocation of First Nation revenues.

Committee Composition

The Committee will be comprised of:

- The WFN Band Manager;
- A Member of WFN Council;
- The WFN Finance Officer; and
- 2 Band Members and 1 community member

Activities / Responsibilities

The Committee will, through monthly meetings to be held until March 2011, undertake the following primary activities and responsibilities in relation to the Project:

- Providing guidance and advice to the technical advisory in the development of a draft Financial Code;
- Considering and discussing options for the structure and content of a Financial Code;
- Recommending a draft Code to Chief and Council;
- Providing advice on how the community will be engaged in the process to develop the Financial Code; and
- Participating in community information sessions that may be held regarding the Financial Code.

The Committee will at a first meeting designate a Chair for the Ad Hoc Committee and determine its own procedures.

If you are interested in participating, please submit a bio and a brief statement outlining why you would like to be a part of this process to : Irvin George, Band Manager before 4:00 pm December 13th, 2010

DOG BY-LAW POLICY

There has been a complaint received regarding an unleashed and harassing dog.

If your dog is not in compliance with the Dog By-Law and people are afraid to walk on the street action must and will be taken.

Provisions of the Dog By-Lay are as follows:

Section 2 under Interpretation

“at large” or “running at large” shall mean any dog or cat found in any place other than the premises of the owner and not under the immediate, continuous, and effective control of any person.

“dangerous dog” or vicious dog” includes:

- (a) any dog that demonstrates any ferocious, vicious, or aggressive behaviour

Application

Section 3. This By-law applies to all owners of Animals residing or visiting on the Wahnapiatae First Nation.

Responsibility of the Owner

- Section 6.**(1) No person shall suffer, permit or allow any animal of which he/she is the owner to run at large on the reserve
- (2) For the purpose of this by-law an animal will be deemed to be running at large if found in any other place other than the premises of the owner of the animal and not under the immediate, continuous, and effective control of any person.
 - (3) For the purpose of this by-law, an animal shall be deemed not to be under the control of any person when the animal is:
 - (a) not held on a leash by a person capable of restraining the animals movements.
 - (b) Not on a leash which is securely affixed to some permanent structure from which the animal cannot escape.
 - (4) No owner shall permit an animal to bark, yelp, growl or otherwise annoy or disturb the peace of residents on the reserve.
 - (5) No person shall suffer, allow or permit an animal under his control to trespass on private property, whether on a leash or not, permission must be first obtained from the property owner.
 - (6) Each owner of an animal shall be responsible for the fencing in of their own animal(s) and keeping them from running at large.
 - (7) The owner of an animal in which causes damage to any property including removable property, lawns, flower gardens, flowerbeds, bushes or plants, or other parts of property, is guilty of an offence.
 - (8) No owner shall allow a female animal in heat to remain in any place unless the animal is attached to a leash and is accompanied by and is under the immediate, continuous and effective control of the owner or agent.
 - (9) The owner of an animal who fails to take all necessary measures to ensure that such an animal is under control or supervision or in the possession of the owner at all times, upon any property on the reserve, is guilty of an offence.
 - (10) Any person who owns, harbours, or possesses an animal shall forthwith clean up and dispose of any excrement left by the said animal on any property whether public or private on the Wahnapiatae First Nation. In any prosecution pursuant to a violation of this section of the by-law, proof that the defendant is either a blind person or a handicapped person shall constitute a defense to the prosecution.
 - (11) An animal, except a registered animal shall not be considered running at large and need not be on a leash if not a Dangerous dog and the animal:
 - (a) Is being used by a person for the purpose of hunting; or
 - (b) is being used for a person to work in a lawful manner with sheep or cattle;
 - (c) or
 - (c) is used by a visually impaired person as a guide dog
 - (12) Where an animal is impounded, the owner if known, shall be liable for all charges and fees in accordance with the by-law and shall pay all such charges and fees on demand to the Animal Control Officer, whether or not the animal is claimed from the pound.

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Vicious Dogs

Section 15.

- (1) Anyone owning a vicious dog or aggressive dog must post a clearly visible sign notifying the public.
- (2) At all times a vicious dog must be muzzled and kept on a leash whenever it is in a public place.
- (3) On public property, a vicious dog shall be kept on a leash or in a restricted area which shall be constructed so as to prevent any escape by the dog and/or prevent the entry of children.

Penalties

- 12. (1) Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding Thirty (30) days or to both fine and imprisonment.
- (2) Should a court determine a provision of this by-law is invalid for any reason, the provision shall be served from the by-law and the validity of the rest of the by-law shall not be affected.

Help Keep Our Community Safe

Recycling & Garbage Pick-Up

Recycling & garbage pick up will remain the same over the holidays.

Tuesdays - Recycling Pick Up

Thursdays - Garbage Pick Up

If you find that your recycling boxes are overflowing you can bring your recycling to the Band Parking lot and deposit into the recycling truck.



Anishinaabemowin-Teg Inc. Presents

17th Annual LANGUAGE CONFERENCE

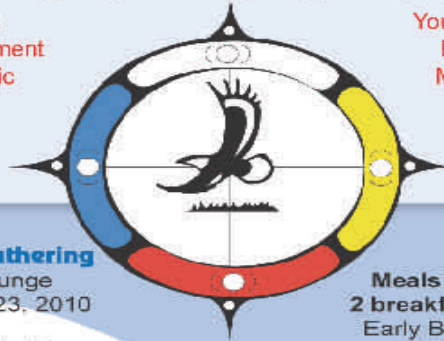
March 23rd to 27th, 2011

Keewadin Casino and Convention Centre - Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

“Aanji-nkweshkamong enweying shka-kimi-kweng”
“Reconnecting Our Voice With Creation”

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Anishinaabemowin Art and Drama
Anishinaabemowin Resource Development
Anishinaabemowin Stories and Music
Scholarship Awards and Banquet
Preservation Initiatives
Children's Activities



Youth Workshops and Evening Socials
Education and Health Workshops
Men's & Women's Evening Circles
Feast and Social
Craft Workshops
Country and Western Music

Join Us for ATEG Social Gathering

DreamMakers Theatre Lounge
Wednesday Evening, March 23, 2010
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Register Early & Come Join Us

Banquet

Beef Dinner - \$35.00; Only 600 Tickets Sold!
Please order your tickets ahead of time to avoid
disappointment.
Banquet includes Scholarship Awards and Entertainment

Memorial Scholarships

Deadline to apply for scholarships
is February 14, 2011

Vendors

Vendors \$210.00/table
Plus \$50 Valued Door Prize
First Come First Served
Email Vicky@manitoulin.net

For More Information Contact

Martina Osawamick
Chairperson Anishinaabemowin-Teg Board
Email: martizaamik@hotmail.com

Vicky Corbiere

Conference Coordinator at (705) 368-3183
Email: vicky@manitoulin.net

Registration

Meals included in the registration
2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner (feast)

Early Bird before December 10, 2010

\$225.00 - Adult Registration

\$100.00 - Child or Youth

Regular Registration after December 10, 2010

\$300.00 - Adult Registration

\$125.00 - Child or Youth

Register and pay on/before December 10, 2010 and you will qualify
for 2 nights free accommodation at Keewadin Hotel and Convention
Centre. The winner will be awarded this prize in January 2011.

Registrations will be accepted
by fax or email provided payment is mailed
with copy of registration forms prior to Early Bird
Deadline. Make Cheques Payable to:
Anishinaabemowin-Teg

Payment Option:

Business or organizational cheques, certified personal cheques,
or money orders are accepted.

Mail Registration and Payment to:

Ojibwe Cultural Foundation

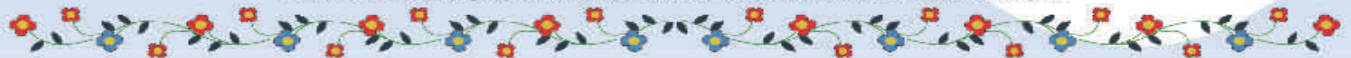
#15 Hwy 551, P. O. Box 278

M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Fax: (705) 377-5460

**REGISTRATION & VENDOR FORMS
CAN BE DOWNLOADED
FROM THE WEBSITE www.ateg.ca**

Keewadin Hotel Group number- 104105, rate- \$72 plus tax is \$78.48 or \$73.44 tax exempt. Call Keewadin Hotel at 1-800-539-2346.
Please see www.ateg.ca for other accommodations availabilities in Sault Michigan.



Interested in attending the Language Conference? Please contact Shelley a.s.a.p. at 858-0610 ext. 101

*Wahnapiatae First Nation
Annual Community Christmas Party*

*To be held on Friday, December 17, 2010
at the Fire Hall*



*Santa's Visit - 5 pm
Pot Luck Feast 5:30 pm
(please let Wendy know what dish
you will be bringing to the Feast)*



*Turkey/Ham Pick Up
(if you won't be attending you must make arrangements
to have someone pick your turkey or ham up at the fire hall)*

**Please let me know if you will be bringing your grandchildren,
nieces or nephews to visit Santa.
I need to let Santa know how many gifts he will need to bring.**

He wouldn't want to leave anyone out.

Your child must be in attendance to receive a gift.

**If you have any questions you can contact Wendy
@ 858-0610 ext: 107**



*Congregate Dining
Dinner & Gift Exchange
All Community Seniors
(50 yrs young & up)
are invited to dinner at the gazebo
on Wednesday, December 13, 2010
@ 5:30 pm
Bring a wrapped gift (\$10. value)
and play a game of 'steal the present'
Please call Wendy @ 858-0610 ext 107
to confirm your attendance*

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 17, 2010



Get your family and friends together for a fun-filled afternoon.
Dress up your vehicle, quad, or snowmachine, tractor etc, and include your furry friends!



Dress up your furry friends



Candies Allowed!

Location: Loon Way Road, Wahnapiitae First Nation

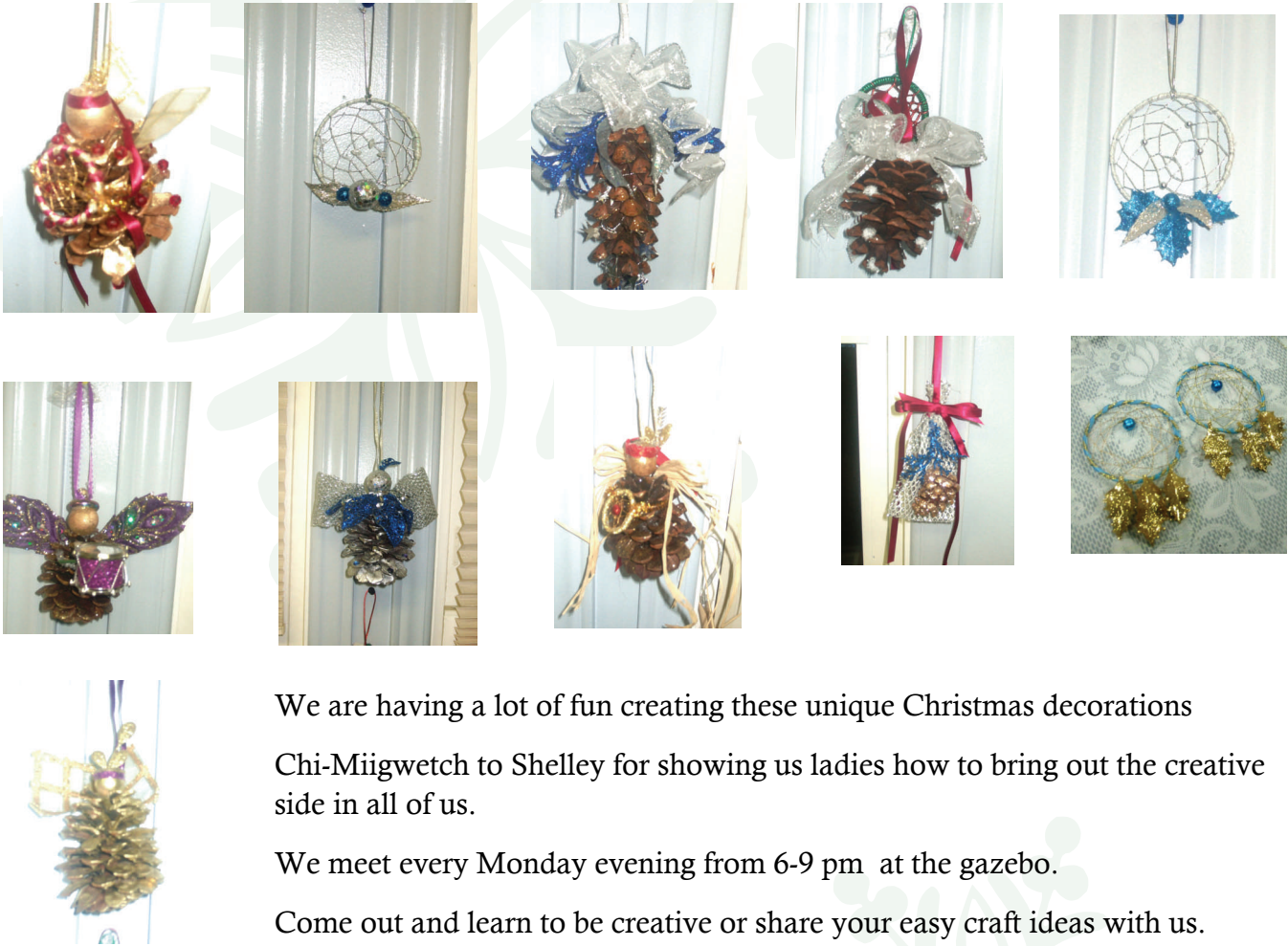
Time: Meet at the parking area just past Peter Recollets home between 3:30 pm & 3:45 pm.

Parade starts at 4:00 pm on Friday, December 17, 2010
We will drive down Loon Way Road and show off our floats!

We will finish at the Fire Hall
The parade will be followed with a Christmas Pot Luck Feast,
Santa Visit and a Penny Table

There will be prizes for the best dressed floats!

THE CREATIVE NATIVES CREATIONS



We are having a lot of fun creating these unique Christmas decorations

Chi-Miigwetch to Shelley for showing us ladies how to bring out the creative side in all of us.

We meet every Monday evening from 6-9 pm at the gazebo.

Come out and learn to be creative or share your easy craft ideas with us.

The above unique creations will be available for sale at our Christmas Party on December 17, 2010.

Don't forget adults....Monday evenings from 6-9 pm at the gazebo.

Miigwetch!

Wendy Tyson - CWW

“There is no doubt that creativity is the most important human resource of all. Without creativity, there would be no progress, and we would be forever repeating the same patterns.” Edward de Bono

NAAW (NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK UPDATE

Sunday, November 14, 2010 was the start of NAAAW. Wahnapiatae started theirs with a Commemorative Candle Lighting Ceremony, conducted by elder Annabelle McGregor. Annabelle said a prayer asking the Creator to help anyone who is struggling with any kind of addiction. The prayer was followed by lighting the Commemorative Candle. The candle represents anyone who is struggling with addictions and for loved ones who have lost their battle due to their addiction. Following the Candle Lighting Ceremony the gazebo was open from 9 - 12 pm for registration to the Community Scavenger Hunt. We had 10 entries. The winners are as follows: 1st prize, a \$100. gift certificate went to Debra P. McGregor and Jason McGregor. 2nd prize, a \$50. gift certificate went to Dakota Kratky and 3rd prize, a \$25. gift certificate went to Tyson Kratky. Everyone warmed up with a bowl of chili & toast.

Monday, November 15, 2010 was pizza and game night for the children at the gazebo.

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 was pizza and game night for the adults at the gazebo. Six people came out to enjoy pizza

and share in a e a game of "LIVING THE GOOD LIFE IS MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES board game, "Shut The Box", cribbage and yahtzee.

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 was craft night at the gazebo for the kids.

On Thursday, November 18, 2010 the WFN Health Department hosted a Lunch & Learn Workshop facilitated by Ray Landry, Mental Health Worker from Shkagamik-kwe Health Centre. He showed us some relaxation and meditation techniques to guide us along with our own health & wellness.

Thursday, November 18, 2010 was Adult Craft Night at the gazebo. Seven adults came out to get creative.

Friday, November 19, 2010 was our Lip Sync/Talent Night Contest held at the fire hall. Another successful evening filled with belly laughs and good company. The winners are as follows: Jason McGregor came in 1st in the children's category. Lily Plante came in 1st in the kids category, Haley McGregor came in 2nd and Cinnamon Cyr came in 3rd. Chevy Skelliter came in 1st in the Teens category. Trevor came in 2nd. In the

adults category Shannon came in 1st, Debbie came in 2nd and Larry came in 3rd. In the Group/Duo category, Cinnamon, Haley and Abbi came in 1st, Debbie, Larry and Jason came in 2nd and Chevy & Trevor came in 3rd. In the Freestyle category Chevy came in 1st and Cinnamon, Haley and Abbi came in 2nd.

For those who participated in any of the week long activities, their names were put in for a participation draw. Congratulations to Dakota Kratky and another member who each won a \$5. Tim Horton's gift certificate. We also had 5 door prize draws for cookie mixes and Christmas lights. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Chi Miigwetch to everyone who makes our Awareness Activities a success. And remember....LIVING THE GOOD LIFE IS MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES.

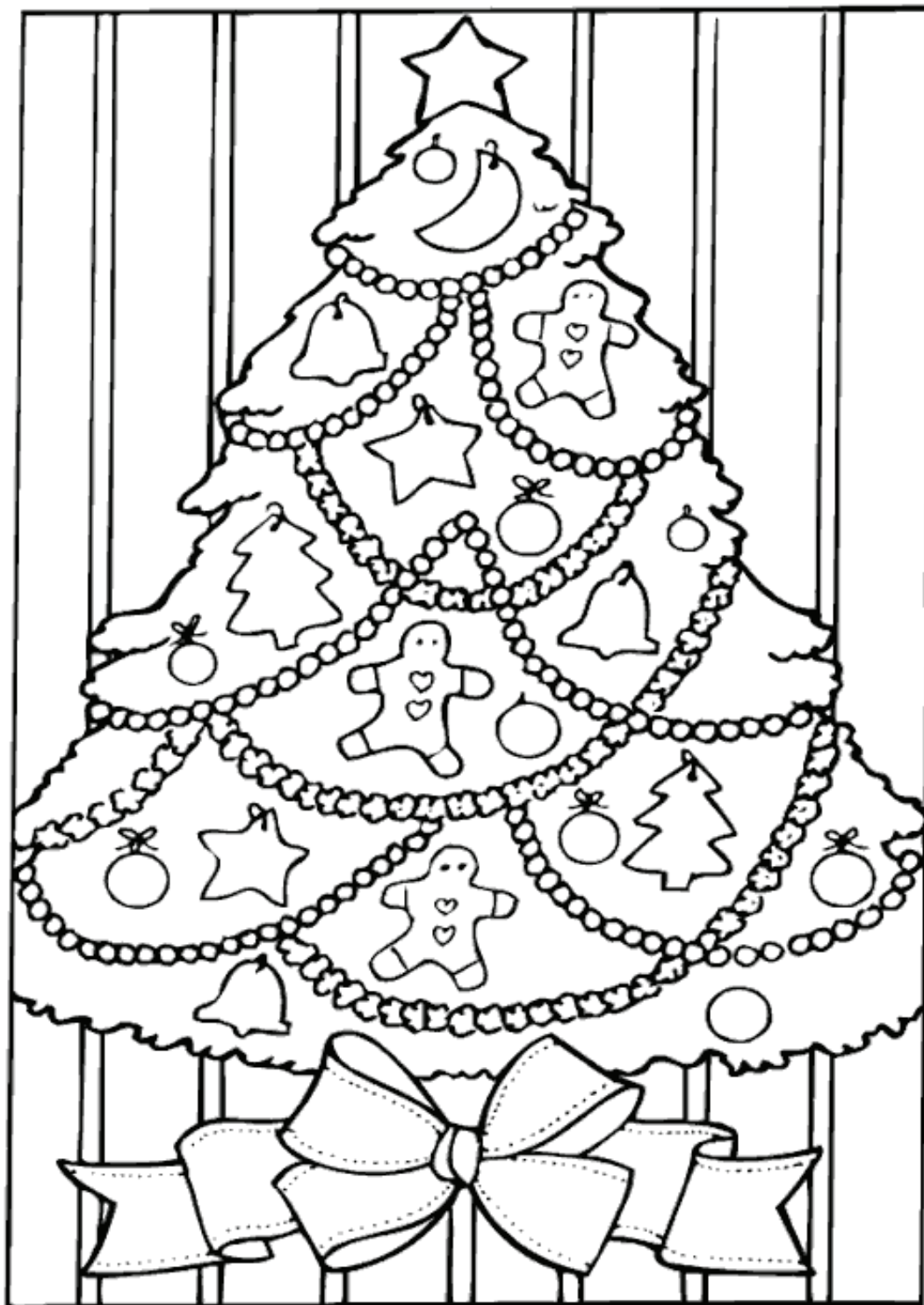
Wendy Tyson - Community Wellness Worker

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE IS MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES

NOTICE

The Child & Youth Worker December Calendar
Will be delivered soon!

Christmas Colouring Contest



**Colour, decorate, sign your name on the back of this page and bring to the Christmas Party
on Friday, December 17, 2010
Will be judged that same day.
HAVE FUN!**



RELEASE FORM

Please check all that apply to you and sign below:

- I, the undersigned, hereby grant to the **Wahnapitae First Nation**, the right to photograph me and to record my voice, performances, actions and appearances and to use my picture, photograph, silhouette and other reproductions of my physical likeness in any Wahnapitae First Nation publication, multimedia production, film, video, CD-ROM, DVD, display, advertisement, website, or other materials for promotional purposes.
- I, the undersigned, grant the **Wahnapitae First Nation**, permission to publish my name, age, accomplishments, birthday and anniversary in the Wahnapitae First Nation Newsletter and the Wahnapitae First Nation website.
- I agree that I will not assert or maintain against the **Wahnapitae First Nation**, your successors, assigns and licensees, any claim, action, suit or demand of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to those grounded upon invasion of privacy, rights of publicity or other civil rights, or for any reason in connection with your authorized use of my physical likeness and sound.*
- I hereby certify that I am 18 years of age or over and have read the forgoing and fully understand the meaning and effect therefore.*

PRINT NAME: _____ WITNESS: _____

SIGNATURES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 201__.



MINOR RELEASE FORM

*I/WE, the undersigned, am/are the parent/parents or guardian of the below named minor child/ren.
I/We, the undersigned, being of legal age, do hereby consent and grant to the **Wahnapitae First Nation**, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "you"), permission to photograph the below named minor child/ren in connection with the right to photograph and to record voice, performances, actions and appearances and to use picture, photograph, silhouette and other reproductions of his or her physical likeness.*

*I/we hereby grant to the **Wahnapitae First Nation** its successors, assigns and agents the perpetuity rights to use, as you may desire, all still and motion pictures and sound track recordings and records which you may make of his or her voice, and the right to use his or her name or likeness in or in connection with the exhibition, advertising, exploiting and/or publicizing of the picture. I/we further grant the right to reproduce in any manner whatsoever any recordings including all instrumental, musical, or other sound effects produced by him or her.*

*I/we, the undersigned, grant the **Wahnapitae First Nation**, permission to publish the below named minor child'/rens name, age, birthday and accomplishments in the Wahnapitae First Nation Newsletter and the Wahnapitae First Nation website.*

I/we hereby certify and represent that I/we am the parent or legal guardian of the below named minor child/ren, and I/we am/are over 18 years of age and have read the foregoing and fully understand the meaning and effect thereof.

NAME OF CHILD: _____ AGE: _____
NAME OF CHILD: _____ AGE: _____
NAME OF CHILD: _____ AGE: _____

NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Dated this _____ day of _____, 201__.