



MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION 2012

NEWSLETTER
January / February

Happy New Year

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

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Aaniin Brothers & Sisters

It seems that time passes so quickly and here we are already two months into the New Year. I hope your holiday season was filled with the joy of family and friends sharing good times together.

This year promises to be a very busy one. There is presently a "gold rush" in Northern Ontario and speculators and developers are knocking on doors. This is an opportunity for our First Nation as we are working on Memorandums of Understanding with mining companies and developers. This came about with provincial legislation that requires mine developers to consult and accommodate First Nations.

Should future mines come into production, we will ensure that we have first right of refusal on jobs, training and business opportunities for ourselves and our members. Hopefully, there will be jobs and careers for our future generations and we will continue to work closely with the mining companies to train for future manpower requirements.

We are still in the application for designation process with the five other First Nations on the east/west transmission line initiative; working also with Hydro One and Great Lakes Power in partnership as we continue our due diligence to be a front runner should the government approve the project.

Speaking of governments, we continue to get bogged down in paperwork and government delays in our Additions to Reserve process for the Boundary Claim lands that were awarded as part of the Settlement Agreement; this implementation of "an administrative process" which was supposed to be expedited by the settlement of the claim is now in the hands of the Federal Government as we have requested to have the land returned as is. We continue to pressure the government to complete the process so we may move forward with our community's development.

Chi-Miigwetch, Chief Joe Buckell



Gichi-Manidoo-Giizis

*January -
Great Spirit Moon*

Namebini-Giizis

*February -
Sucker Fish Moon*



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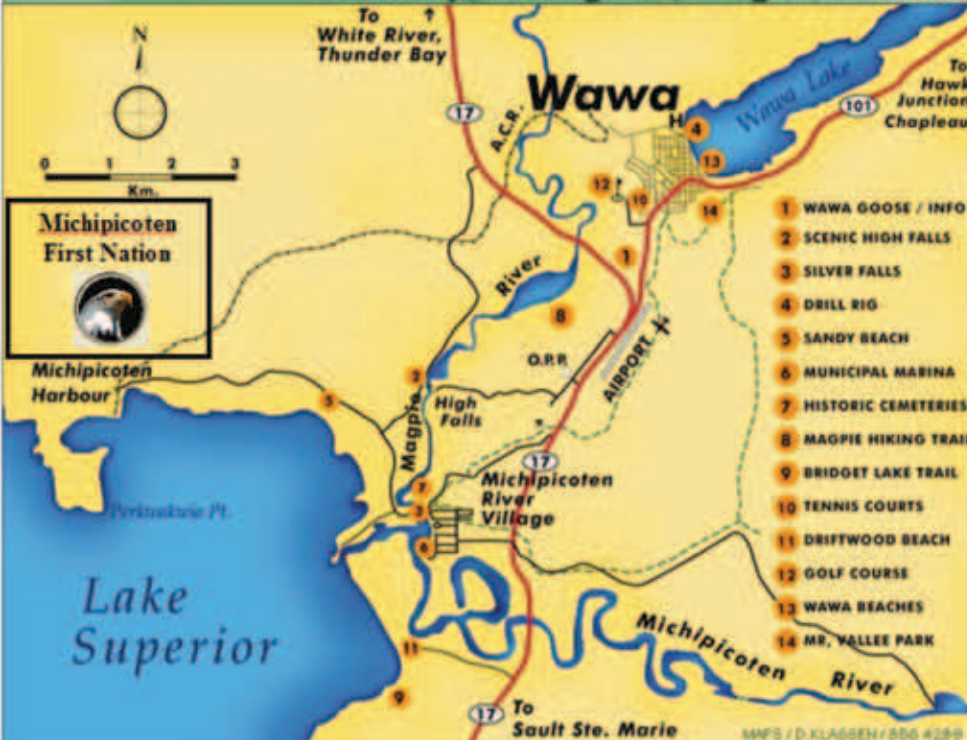
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MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION

Where we are at!

A little about MFN for our new members: We are nestled on the edge of Indian Beach of Lake Superior: Approximately 25 km south of Wawa, ON and 230 km North of Sault Ste. Marie, ON. We are about 70 strong on the First Nation (there is 27 occupied houses and one 10 unit apartment building full) but our members exceed 800. We currently have 25 people employed (12 in the band hall, 6 in the maintenance crew, 3 medical centre staff, and 2 water treatment plant operators). It's a small place; but the people are friendly, and you are always welcome to stop in.



MFN Y&E Gathering

Aug. 7-10, 2012

MFN Pow-Wow

Aug. 11-12, 2012

Remember these dates!

Come check us out!

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MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION

Chief & Council 2011-13

STAFF DIRECTORY



Chief
Joseph
Buckell

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Joe Buckell	Chief	215
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Councillor
Linda
Peterson

<i>Business Office</i>		
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Councillor
Myrtle
Swanson

<i>Community Services</i>		
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Councillor
Kathryn
Campbell

<i>Operations & Maintenance</i>		
Emile (Andy) Neyland	Operations and Maintenance	705-856-4825



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Swanson Sr.

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Chris Buckell	Water Treatment Plant Operator	705-856-9672



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Evelyn
Stone

<i>Internet & Technology</i>		
Trevor Jones	I.T. Remote Technical Consultant	
Kylie Conway	I.T. Intern	222



Councillor
Emile
Neyland



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

In Loving Memory



Passed Away Thursday, February 2, 2012 in his 60th year.



GEORGE EDGAR LEGAULT



BAND BUSINESS for JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2012

CHIEF AND COUNCIL held both in camera and regular meetings scheduled in February, reviewing minutes from previous meetings, cheque distributions, Council and Band Manager reports including third quarter financial reports, and approved:

- Submission for final payment of Ministry of Transportation Road Subsidy for 2011.
- Request for Boundary Claim (Corporate Trust) Settlement Trust Revenues for 2011 in the amount of 4% of market value of investments for administration of the Better Living Policy from June 2011 to June 2012.
- Request for transfer of Capital funds from Boundary Claim (Corporate Trust) Settlement Trust to Per Capita Account to facilitate distribution of Personal Cash Distributions for age of majority members from January 2012 through 2014 (36 months).
- Request for change in capital investment from Treasury Bills to an Investment Savings Account.
- A meeting with potential Investment Counsellor(s) to finalize Investment Policy Document development per the Boundary Claim Settlement Trust Agreement.

Financial and activity reports for funding agencies have been submitted and Bank account/reserves are sufficient to maintain expenditures. Expenditures at the end of the 3rd quarter of MFN's approved Annual Consolidated Operating Budget of \$4.2 million dollars are reported at 79% of allocated expenses overall.

Better Living Policy (update)

As of December 31, 2011, MFN distributed \$1.1 million directly to approximately 730 members under the Better Living Policy guidelines. The policy year runs from June to June, however, MFN pre-funds this policy until after each calendar year end when Corporate trust revenues become available.

Membership update – there are currently 892 members listed on the Indian Registry and as a result of Bill C3, and the Gender Equity Act, membership has increased approximately 11% per month since last June. Members under the GEA are not entitled to the PCD through the Boundary Claim Settlement Agreement; however, are entitled to current benefits as provided through Corporate Trust revenues. The moratorium on transfers in from other First Nations remains until a membership code is in place.

Copies of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements may be obtained by contacting Carol Sanders, Band Manager or Kara Heffell, Business Office Supervisor.



FUNDED PROJECTS:

The following projects as funded through various government agencies are:

- Comprehensive Community Plan – due March 31, 2012, the development of the plan was based on membership survey, community infrastructure and socio-economic factors to help Chief and Council to assist in planning for the future, and land uses.
- Governance Strategic Plan – due March 31, 2012, the development of a standard process by which Chief and Council govern the First Nation as a foundation for the future structural organization and planning.
- Cultural Plan – due March 31, 2013, essentially, the Cultural plan will be an inventory of cultural assets specific to MFN. The inventory will then be weighed against potential initiatives, including social, educational, and economic development. The cultural plan will assist in defining clear goals and methods of integrating culture into future plans, policies, and development opportunities and may also serve as a catalyst to identifying unique ventures and initiatives.

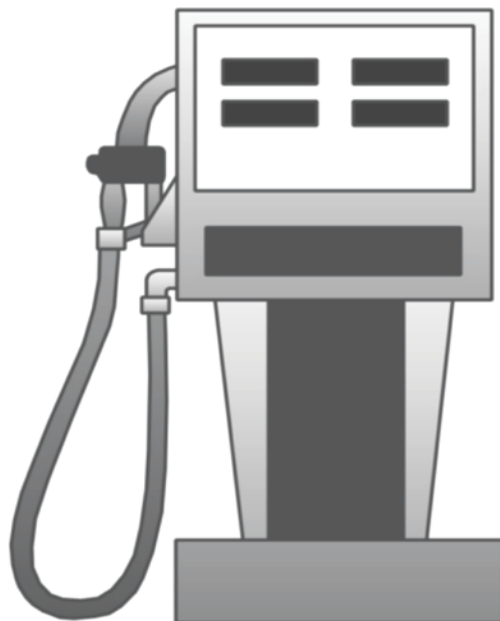
MFNCT – MFN commenced a petition to the courts for the “passing of accounts” from the MFN Community Trust by which a judge of the courts may issue an order to the Community Trust (Trustees) to provide, in court documentation format, the financial records for the past three (3) years from the Community Trust for examination by the First Nation.

A court passing of accounts is **automatically** done every 4 years by the Corporate Trust under the Boundary Claim Settlement Trust Agreement terms.

Carol Sanders,
Band Manager

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you haven’t used your gas card in awhile: new ones are being issued with an expiration date, and the old ones are not being accepted at all First Nation gas-bars. So, please use the information below to get your new card.



TAX EXEMPT GAS CARD UPDATED INFORMATION

Four requirements when requesting for “GAS CARD”

- #1: Photo copy of STATUS CARD - both sides
- #2: Your complete mailing address
- #3: Your current telephone number
- #4: Your reason for requesting the “GAS CARD”

You can either fax in or mail your information to address below.

Fax number: (905) 433-5680 / Attention: Refunds
 Telephone number: (905) 433-6432
 as of March 12, 2012 the new # is: 1-866-668-8297
 Address: Ministry of Finance
 Motor Fuels and Tobacco Tax Branch
 P.O. Box 625
 33 King Street West
 OSHAWA, ON L1H 8H9

Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing.



MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

JANUARY

Addison, Matilda
 Alton, Lori Jean
 Alton, Wesley Kenneth
 Andre, Ambrose
 Andre, Ivan William
 Andre-Stone, Amadeus Moses
 Andre-Stone, Cassius Randolph
 Bain, David Joel
 Beaupre, Louise M. D.
 Binda, Theresa M. M.
 Black, Robert Elie
 Chapman-Higo, Mary Ellen
 Cheese, David Allen
 Cheese, Lizzie
 Coughlin, Jennifer Lee
 Crack, Orel Andrew
 Desjardine, Dennis Lorne
 Elie, Rachael Michelle
 Elliot, Alexandria May
 Elliott, Geraldine L. M.
 Elliott, Marie May
 Finley, Joseph Elemer
 Finley, Margaret Lynn
 Fox, Cecile Marilyn
 Gascon, Roger J. S.
 Gasparotto, Marlon Lawrence
 Goodfellow, Patsy Ann
 Govier, Clayton Edwin Thomas
 Harris, Jeremy John
 Herder, Ethan J.
 Hutchings, Madison Angel
 Johnson, Audrey Carolyn
 Kakapshe-Lewis Austin G.
 Lachance, Robert Yvon
 Lapointe, Priscilla Mary A.
 Larouche, Jacquelin
 Lecuyer, Pauline Lina
 Lecuyer, Suzanne
 Lemieux, Steven Charles
 Lewis, Darwin E. K.
 Linklater, Theresa Joyce
 McNeil, Ladriegen Justice Darth Xavier
 Moreau, Sherry E.
 Nicholson, Veronica Grace
 O'Brien, Wayne Paul
 Panhuyzen, Brooke Darlene
 Parise, Norma B. A.
 Paul, Lillian Robin
 Perras, Victor Paul
 Peterson, Ashley M. R.

Raddatz, Katie Lynn
 Robinson, Paul Henry
 Robinson, Rosalie Verlyn
 Robinson, Stacey Lynn
 Shelleau, Thomas John
 Simon, Christopher Johnathan
 Simon, Maxwell Albert
 Souliere, Antoine Alexander
 Souliere, Cole David Leonard
 Souliere, David R. L.
 Souliere, Esther Mary
 Souliere, William Randyll Bryce
 Stone, Angela M.
 Stone, Charlene
 Stone, David Charles
 Stone, Justin Mark
 Stone-Perron, Tasha Mary Shawna
 Swanson, Harvey Brian Jr.
 Swanson, Sharon R. H.
 Swanson, Trevor
 Tangie, Arthur John
 Tangie-Adams, Owen J.
 Tremblay, Gene T.
 Virta, Troy Curtis
 Wardell, Brenda Lee
 Wison, Cecile Isabelle
 Wotherspoon, Mamie Rejeanne Martina
 Laurette

Donney, Alice Charlet
 Elie-Perrigo, Joshus James
 Eshkibok, Jordan Narcisse
 Govier, Cory John
 Hall, Michael L. A.
 Heenan, Ailee Waasayabin
 Higo, Melvina Therese
 Jacques, Brian John
 Legault, Andre G.
 Leroux, Derek Francois
 Levesque, Marlin Wayne
 McBride, Michael PI
 McQuabbie-Neyland, Curtis Daniel
 Neunier, Karen Glenna
 Milne, William Gordon
 Moreau McDonald, Kelly Alphonse
 Panhuyzen, Ethan Brian
 Pantila, Fern Ellen
 Pelletier, Richard
 Perrault, Daniel William
 Peterson, John Jr.
 Peterson, John Swan
 Piche, Irene T.
 Robinson, Norma Jean
 Ross, Doris
 Roulette, Terence Edward
 Samakeese, Questa Dawn
 Samakese, Jena Lauren
 Saunders, Randi Lynn C.
 Schwemier, Charlene Dorothy
 Serre, Jacqueline Mary Christine
 Skagen, Theresa Beverly
 Skouris, William Thomas
 Souliere, David John Robin
 Stone, Adrianna Christine
 Swanson, Barbara Ann
 Swanson, Chelsea Lynn
 Swanson, Frederick
 Swanson, Kimberly C. R.
 Swanson, William Phillip
 Tangie, James Phillip
 Tangie, John Phillip James
 Tangie, Karen Gale
 Tangie, Mitchell Joshualars
 Theriault, Marie Claudette GINETTE
 Trudel, Anais Rose
 Waboose, Donna Geneva
 Wardell, Michael Leonard
 Wilson, Kyle P.
 Wright, Dustin L.D.

FEBRUARY

Andre-Swanson, Lee-Ann Frances
 Beaupre, Frances
 Biron, Robert A.
 Black, Alicia Georgina
 Black, Hector Ronald
 Bouchard, Julie Irene
 Bouchard, Velvet A.
 Bousher, Wayne Fergus
 Boyer, Lorraine Catherine
 Briere, Marie I. J.
 Brown, Jessica
 Cadreau, Clint V. F.
 Cadreau, Jessica Lee
 Clement, Gilbert J. M.
 Cloutier, Frank Philip
 Cloutier, Rose Mary
 Daigle, Alfred Michael
 Day, Roberta Ellen
 De Coteau, Allan D. A.
 Dennis- De Coteau, Alexander Allen

If your name appears on the Birthday List incorrectly, please contact the Membership Clerk for information that is required by Indian Affairs to have this corrected. If you see a deceased Member's name on the list, please contact the Membership Office for information that is required by Indian Affairs to have the name removed for the Membership Listing. Thank You!



MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION

Missing Member Address List

OUR MISSING ADDRESS LIST fluctuates as members move around and do not send in their new address. The bi-monthly newsletter is returned by the Post Office, and when this happens, we try to contact the members from the current information on the membership database according to what has been submitted by each member. If you know anyone on the missing member address list, please e-mail the Membership Clerk's office: lpeterson@michipicoten.com or call the toll free number: 1-888-303-7723 Ext. #218. Voice mail is now available so members may leave relevant information. **Members, please phone in your new address so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business.**

Miigwetch, Linda Peterson Education & Training Counsellor / Membership Clerk

Anyone with funeral information ie: name of funeral home, where, deceased date, death certificate or whom may be contacted for this information, please notify Linda Peterson at the above number/e-mail address.

Last Name		First Names	Last Name		First Names
1	Agawa	Marie Margaret	2	Benoit	Edgar Richard
3	Black	Lionel M.G.	4	Black	Lorrie A.
5	Cheese	Lizzie	6	Chaban	Nicole Lynn
7	Crane Black	Amanda	8	Dalton	Colleen Elizabeth
9	Delavalle	Charlee Etta	10	Doyon	Sarah Ann
11	Gascon	Leo Roland	12	Gascon	Marie-Germaine, Pierrette
13	Humphries	Dennis Duncan	14	Keen	Chadwick Leo James
15	Keen	David William	16	Kosak	Karl Edward Robert
17	Lachance	Raoul Paul	18	Lachance	Robert Yvon
19	Laroche	Allen Claude	20	Lecuyer	Andre
21	Lemieux	Steven Charles Joseph	22	Levesque	Ryan Robert
23	Lum-Black	Kayla	24	Mann	Dorothy Louise
25	Mcgie	Micheal	26	Medeiros	Jennifer Lynn
27	Meunier	April Lynn	28	Meunier	Kay Ernestine
29	Milne	Lawrence George	30	Nedeau	Tamara Marie
31	O'Leary	James Edward	32	Palmer	Connie Lynn
33	Paul	James M.	34	Pelletier	Katherine
35	Perron	Rene Marcel	36	Piche	Debra Jean
37	Picody	David Henry	38	Quackegesig	Betty Ann
39	Robinson	Norman Edward	40	Sache	Gary Elmer William
41	Serre	Jacqueline Mary Christine	42	Skouris	Dana Louise
43	Sayers	Patrick Isidore	44	Souliere	Myrtle Alma
45	Spikula	Daniel John Ramo	46	Swanson	Derek Michael
47	Swanson	Jonathon Kenneth	48	Therriault	Marie Claudette Ginette
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Looking Ahead

MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION

Youth & Elders' Gathering. ➤ **August 7-10, 2012**

& Traditional Pow-wow! ➤ **August 11-12, 2012**

Membership Bulletin - Seeking Workshop Facilitators

Each year, Michipicoten First Nation hosts the Annual Youth & Elders' Gathering: The gathering boasts a variety of events and activities, both culturally significant and entertaining. This year we are looking for MFN members, who are interested in sharing their knowledge, skills, and time; if you have a great idea for a traditional-based workshop for the Youth & Elders' Gathering let us know. This year the Y&EG is scheduled for August 7, 8, 9, 10 2012 with a traditional pow-wow on the 11th & 12th.

Are you a workshop facilitator with an interesting topic to deliver?
Are you a crafter with the ability to teach others how you do what you do?
Are you a cultural practitioner who would like to pass down teachings and traditions to members?
Do you provide a service that would be interesting to the members of MFN?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, we want to hear from you!

All you have to do is submit a short proposal to the planning committee.

Your proposal must include the following information:

1. Your name and contact information. And a little about yourself.
2. The title and description of your proposed event/activity?
3. Your target audience (children, youth, adults, elders).
4. Length of your event.
5. What days you are available.
6. Your fee (if applicable).
7. Your requirements (travel, accommodations, supplies, etc.)

Please submit your proposal no later than **April 15th, 2012** to:

Youth & Elders' Gathering Planning Committee
Michipicoten First Nation
RR#1, Site 8, Box 1
WAWA, ON P0S 1K0

Not all proposals will be successful or applicable to this years Y&EG: however, we will keep the information on file for future reference.

Don't forget about our Pow-wow: August 11th and 12th. Think about opening up a food booth! Maybe a craft table! Or how about a dessert booth, and/or refreshment stand. Or come dance, or just bring your chair, be a spectator and visit old friends, or make new ones.



Better Living Policy Guidelines - Revised (January 2012)

The Better Living Policy was developed and came into effect in June 2008 as a direct result of the settlement of the Boundary Claim and the Trust Agreement with the Corporate Trust. Funds are derived from allocations of revenues earned from the invested capital from the Boundary Claim Trust for the benefit of members through the Better Living Policy which provides ongoing benefits by way of reimbursement through an approvals application process which is not subject to taxation as income.

This *direct benefit program for members* is not funded through any government agency and is fully administered by, and at the discretion of, Michipicoten First Nation. The benefit policy year runs from June 25 one year to June 24 the next year.

Any Michipicoten First Nation registered member in good standing, regardless of age and place of residency, is entitled to receive, with the submission of a claim, a maximum benefit of up to **\$1500 per benefit year**, in reimbursement for expenses incurred and with submission of eligible receipts and/or invoices for living costs which include but are not limited to the following types of expenditures:

- Necessities of Life (Food and lodging)
- Medical/Dental/Therapeutic/Orthopedic and Vision care expenses/equipment (not covered under other plans)
- Property/Building/Maintenance/Rent/Transportation/Housekeeping/Personal Care
- Contractual Services
- Recreational, Traditional and Healthy Lifestyle Memberships and Activities

How to Submit a Claim:

The annual Policy Benefit year is from June 25 to June 24 (12 month period). In order to process a claim for reimbursement or direct payment, you must submit the required receipts or invoices, along with your name, status number, birth date, current address, telephone number and an email address (if applicable) where you can be reached (if faxing you may include a copy of your status card).

Expenses claimed for minors (under the age of 18) by a parent or guardian must be accompanied by the name, status number and birth date, as well as identifiable receipts or invoices for the minor; and any other documentation which may be requested by the First Nation for verification.

Where a minor (under the age of 18) member resides with only one parent or guardian, proof of custodial guardianship will be required at the time of claim for the minor, i.e. legal documentation which clearly specifies that the parent had guardianship at the time of the claim, this information may be kept on file and must be valid for the entire period claimed.

Members cannot claim for expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the policy year, i.e. if a member has reached the maximum benefit of \$1500 in claimed expenses in one year, the member cannot use receipts from that year to claim in the next policy year. There is a grace period of 90 days after the end of a benefit year for members to submit claims for the previous year.



Better Living Policy Guidelines ... Continued

Claims are subject to approval and scheduling by Michipicoten First Nation and although we try to expedite and process claims as quickly as possible *it can take from four to six weeks* depending on the circumstances, the information submitted or lack of information and the number of claims received in any given period. Our administrators may be required to contact a member for further information, so please ensure that current contact information is included with each claim.

Outstanding debts owed to Michipicoten First Nation by a member could affect individual claims and Michipicoten First Nation has the right to deduct any outstanding amount owing from an individual's claim prior to distribution, inclusive of dependent claims, where the parent and/or guardian owes money to Michipicoten First Nation and is claiming on behalf of a minor.

Mail or fax the required claim documents, *including name, status number, birth date, telephone or email address, current mailing address*, for each individual claim to:

Better Living Policy
Michipicoten First Nation
Box 1, Site 8, RR1
Wawa, ON P0S 1K0

Contact by phone: 705-856-1993 Ext 212 Kara Heffell or Ext 233 Sherrie Clement

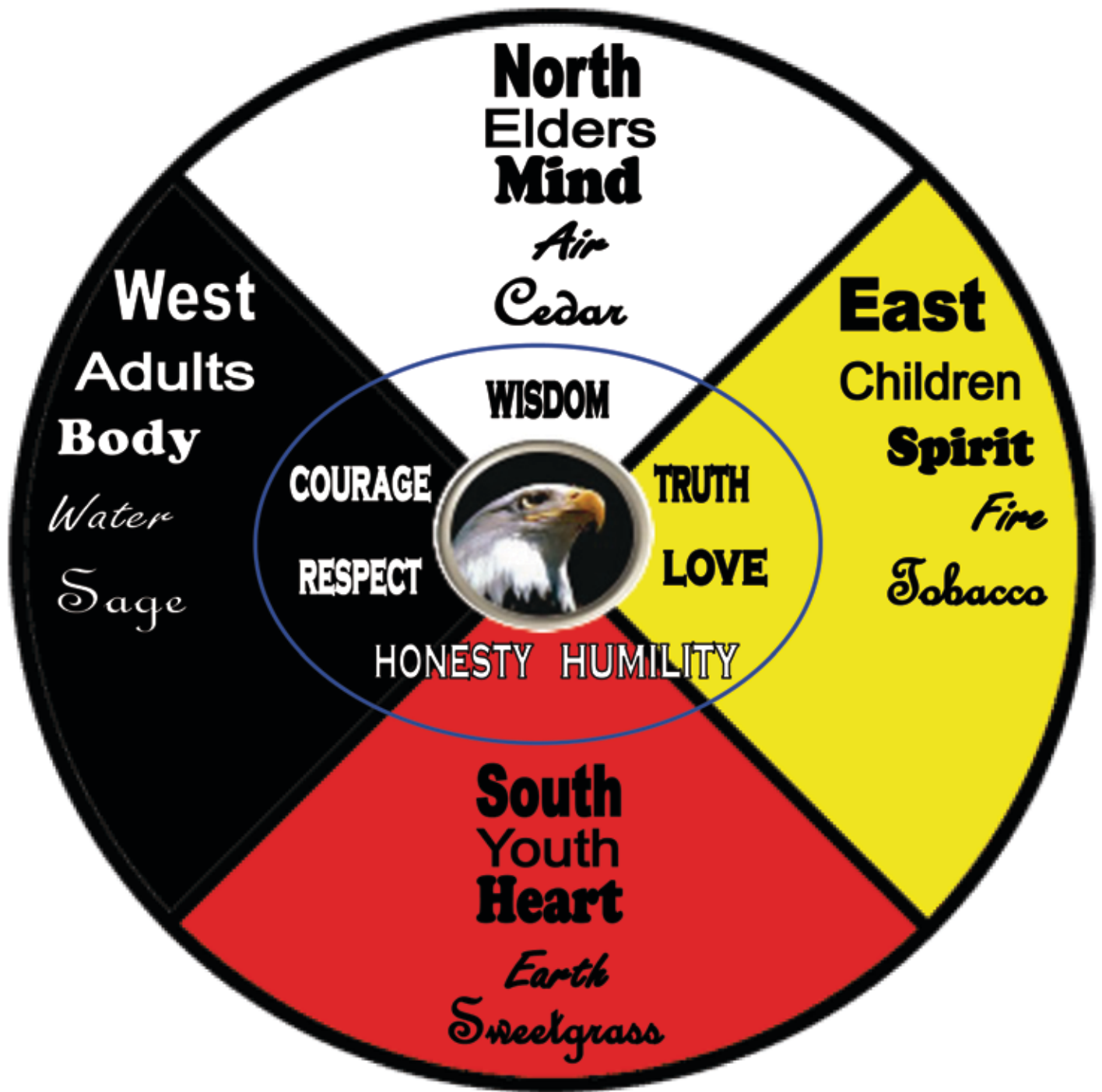
Fax 705-856-1642 or email kheffell@michipicoten.com or sclement@michipicoten.com

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Nanabozho and Animoosh (Taken from: Anishinaabemdaa.com)

This happened one time while Nanabozho was still alive. Dogs lived close by where Nanabozho lived. They lived up on the hill and Nanabozho lived down below the hill. Once when he arrived after hunting, many dogs were around. They came from all directions. They had a great gathering. This is what the dogs used to do. As the day became dark, they became very loud. Nanabozho could not sleep so he had a thought that he would go and scare those dogs and that they would never return here again. So he got up and climbed up the hill so quietly that he hunched his back. He walked into the house and he was so amazed. There were so many dog tails hanging on the wall. Many different kinds, furry ones, skinny ones, long ones, short ones and there were many different colored ones. This was what the dogs used to do when they would walk into a house, they used to remove their tails much like we do when we walk into a house we remove our shoes. The dogs were in the other room. Nanabozho inched little by little step-by-step, and then he saw the dogs. So he yelled out loud. Fire! Fire! He said. Back then the dogs could understand Anishinaabemowin. Then Nanabozho ran outside. The dogs jumped up in panic. They started grabbing their tails any tails at all. They mistakenly grabbed the wrong tails and that is why to this day whenever dogs see each other they sniff one another. They are looking for their own tails.

~ the end~



Wherever you go, go with all your heart. - Confucius

Put your future in good hands – your own.

You enjoy life a lot more by saying yes than by saying no.





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1-888-818-4417
(705)856-9559

Fax:
(705) 856-7872

The information/articles submitted to the newsletter do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Editor or Michipicoten First Nation.

We pledge to do our best to keep you informed in a timely manner on events of interest to all members. Submission deadline is the 15th of the month for the month following. We reserve the right to refuse potentially damaging or inflammatory articles.

Send submissions to the Editor or e-mail:
finance@michipicoten.com

Hope you had a wonderful
St. Valentine's Day



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Seeing double are we?

MFN newsletter Schedule:

Jan./Feb.- Mail out by Feb. 25, 2012
Mar./Apr.- Mail out by Apr. 25, 2012
May/June- Mail out by June 25, 2012

July/Aug.-Mail out by Aug. 25, 2012
Sept./Oct.- Mail out by Oct. 25, 2012
Nov./Dec.- Mail out by Dec. 20, 2012