

?akisqnuq First Nation Community News

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May 10 to 21, 2010



Happy Mothers' Day:

These roses wait to be given away to lucky moms at the Mothers' Day Bingo at Akisqnuq.

Calling skilled finishing carpenters:

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Coming events at the ?akisqnuq First Nation

Thursday, May 13:

Walk for Health, 11 a.m. at the Health Centre. Lunch to follow the approximately 30 minute walk. Come and get your legs moving!

Thursday, May 13:

Essential skills and workplace readiness workshop, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Akisqnuq. Please register with Roxanne Michel. See poster at the back of the newsletter for more into.

Thursday, May 20:

Dr. Page at the Health Centre, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25:

Election Advance Poll, noon to 6 p.m. at the Akisqnuq Band Office

Tuesday, June 1:

Akisqnuq First Nation Council Election Day. Voting takes place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Akisqnuq Band Office.

Saturday, June 19:

National Aboriginal Day ceremony, June 19 at the Lakeshore Campground.

Relay for Life:

Anyone interested in participating on a team in the Relay For Life cancer fundraiser, June 12, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the D.T.S.S. track

please contact Samantha Sam, (250) 342-6661.

Walking Loop:

A path has been cut in the field east of the Band office. Staff have been using the loop for walks over the lunch hour. Come and join us or use the loop to go for a walk anytime

KNC Employment:

Someone from KNC employment is at the Band office the third Thursday of every month to help with career planning and job hunting

Calling the Band office

If you call the Band office and do not get the reception, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Please be patient, staff makes every effort to get to every call when it comes in, but like any office, this is not always possible.

Happy Birthday:

To Janene Michel on May 11. Love from mom.

To Allen Nicholas, May 4, from your family and friends.

Happy 20th to Emily Mae Nicholas from friends and family.

Ktunaxa Nation AGA

The 2010 AGA dates have changed. The AGA will be July 14 and 15 at the Twin Rivers Resort near Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

Remember you will need ID. Your current

status card plus two additional pieces of ID may be accepted but a valid passport is the easiest way to assure passage across the border. Remember if you do not have a passport

it takes many weeks to get one so applications should be made ASAP. Passport application forms are available from Adrian at the office.

It is advised that anyone who travels to the

U.S. purchase medical insurance for the duration of your trip. Temporary insurance is available in Invermere and is inexpensive. Government coverage from Canada is not valid in USA.



Walk for Health

A walk for health is planned on Thursday, May 13 at 11 a.m.

The walk will leave from the Health Centre. Elizabeth Nicholas will lead the approximately 30 minute walk around the path in the big field hay field east of the Band yards. Lunch will follow. Come out and get your legs moving!

From Child and Family at ?akisqnuq

The staff at the Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Akisqnuq office have been brain storming about having a 'Lunch and Learn' session for staff and the community.

The idea is that we would love to invite community members to come and teach and participate

in learning and making traditional crafts like beading, making dream catchers, etc. over the lunch hour.

If you are interested please contact Donna Bone at the Health Centre (250) 342-6379.

Dates and details can be worked out from there.

Authorized expenses:

The administration of the Akisqnuq First Nation will not pay the costs of any unauthorized products or services purchased by individual Band members of the Akisqnuq First Nation. Only products and services purchased by authorized Band personnel will be paid for.

From the Ktunaxa Nation Traditional Knowledge and Language Sector

Language Resource Packages

If you haven't received your Ktunaxa Language Resource Package, please see Stephanie Sam in the Band Office. There is one for each interested household, and each one needs to be signed out. Please contact the TKL Sector if you have family out of the area who would like a package. We are always interested in hearing new ideas, so please let us know if you have one; as well if there is any difficulty with any of the resources that feedback is appreciated as well!

Audio Resources

Politician in training:

Whenever my granny met with the Indian Agent she'd take me along. I didn't want to go because I'd miss out on playing with my relatives - but off

If there are households or individuals that have audio resources that pertain to language and/or culture, you are more than welcome to bring them to the TKL Sector to have copies made. We can also have your older audio tapes converted into a newer format such as a CD! They can then be listened to in the car, in the home, or put onto a computer for transferring to mp3's/iPods etc. We are looking for other material also for our online radio that is close to being launched. ALL ORIGINALS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE RIGHTFUL OWNER.

From an Elder: Emilia Danyluck

we'd go.

I'd sit there and listen and then my granny would take me aside and ask me what was said. I didn't understand English. She was training me

Akisqnuq TKL Representative

The representative that sits on the TKL Sector Council for the Akisqnuq community is Beatrice Stevens. If you have questions or concerns about the Traditional Knowledge and Language Sector you can contact her directly. You can also contact our office by phone or email. If you are in the Cranbrook area, or at St. Eugene please feel free to stop by our office in the Ktunaxa Interpretive Centre.

Canadian Navy Presentation

On May 27th, the Cana-

dian Navy will be coming to the Ktunaxa Nation to make a formal presentation. This presentation will consist of a framed picture and description of a naval ship that has been given the name "Kootenay". We would like to invite our respected Veterans and their families to join us for this commemorative event. Please contact Pauline Eugene [(250) 417-4001 or language@ktunaxa.org] if you are interested in attending.

- Information courtesy Pauline Eugene, KNC TKL Sector

today.

I'm sharing this with you the way our elders trained us.

If you just stop and really think hard you'll find your calling.



Staff changes at the Band office

Some staff positions have been shuffled at the Band office with some long-time staff ending up in new roles.

Terry Nicholas, who has been the Director of Finance for many years is no longer in that role. Terry will now focus on taxation and lands for the Band.

Terry has recently begun a two year course offered through Indian Affairs (INAC) and hosted at the University of Saskatchewan on the administration of lands

on reserve.

The Akisqnuq First Nation has been accepted into INAC's First Nation Land Management program which will eventually change the way lands are administered on reserve and make land decisions the domain of the Band and not Indian Affairs. This will allow the Band to respond to land matters locally and quickly without the intervention of Indian Affairs. This is a very positive step after being on a waiting list for

this program—Called the First Nations Land Management Act—for approximately nine years.

Steven Wassink, who for the past several months has worked with Terry in the Finance Department, has taken over as Finance Manager four days per week.

Steven has many years of finance experience with First Nations and in addition to working at ? akisqnuq, has worked at the St. Mary's Band in the past. Steven has finance training through the Col-

lege of the Rockies.

Gayle Michel will work with Steven as book-keeper in the finance department on a one year term. This position was filled internally after Gayle successfully completed her work on the comprehensive community plan.

Gayle will work three days per week in Finance. Gayle will still work as Membership Clerk. She is available on Wednesdays to do status cards.

Odds n' ends

on learning you guys!
From mom, Aunty, & Cuz.
- To Nevada Nicholas and the Vernon Tanks on their first win of the season, 7-0. Nevada, 17, has moved up beyond her own age category to play with the juniors. Last year the Tanks won their district and provincials. Congrats team, and I'm looking for-

ward to another great season - Donna Nicholas.

Old Cars:

If you have old dead cars that you'd like to get rid of Call Ivan at Kool Country Auto, (250) 342-1700. He will come and to them away. Newer dead cars may be worth \$ 50 each.

Congratulations:

- To Don Sam and Loretta Greycloud on the birth of their baby boy on May 1, 2010.
- To Lenny Michel on passing the Level 3 First Aid Course with top marks and congratulations to Janene Michel for getting her forklift and safety certificate. Keep

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KNC Charity Golf Tournament June 17 at St. Eugene

Kisuk Kyukyit,

I am writing to extend an invitation to the 10th annual Ktunaxa Nation Charity Golf Tournament. This year's event is scheduled for Thursday, June 17 at the award-winning St. Eugene Golf resort and Casino. We're planning to make this

event in recognition of our 10 year milestone.

If you are interested in registering please go to: www.ktunaxa.org/golf to download the registration package (also at the back of the newsletter).

The field is open to the first 144 paid golfers. Registration forms must

be accompanied by payment. Deadline for entries is May 28, 2010.

A block of rooms has been booked at the St. Eugene Golf, Resort & Casino for June 16 and 17. For reservations and rates call 1-866-292-2020 and reference Ktunaxa Nation Charity Golf Tournament.

Since the inception of the charity aspect of the golf tournament, the funds raised have been used to support the work of the Nation's Traditional Knowledge and Language Sector.

We look forward to having you join us in this milestone year.

— Kathryn Teneese



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Notice of ʔakisqnuq First Nation Band Election

Election for Chief and four (4) Councillors

ADVANCED POLL
To be held at the

ʔakisqnuq First Nation Band Hall
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm local time

Candidates:

COOPER, Marguerite
NICHOLAS, Allan
NICHOLAS, Jason
ROSE, Lillian
SAM, Samantha
SHOVAR, Lorne
STEVENS, Beatrice

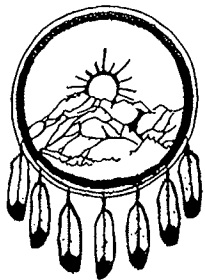
NOTE: The Elector's List has been prepared and Members can confirm their inclusion on the list by contacting the **Electoral Officer** at:

meunson@ktunaxa.org or
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Marion Eunson
Electoral Officer

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ROSE, Lillian
SAM, Samantha
SHOVAR, Lorne
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meunson".

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