

WHISPERING PINES

The Northern Association of Community Councils



Spring Edition

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Dauphin River

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reg Meade—President



Spring is quickly arriving and Happy Easter to everyone from my family, staff and Board of Directors of NACC.

I would like to welcome Amy Yonda, who is our new Project Coordinator for the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative.

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I have been continuing to meet with Ministers to discuss the concerns that have been voiced by the communities and to advocate for the resolutions that were passed at the AGM in August.

We are continuing to work on the website project, in which 10 NACC Communities will be receiving their own website. We have recently been approved for an additional 5 websites, and we look forward to working together to promote our communities.

I would like to congratulate the communities that have been put back into self-administration status as of April 1, 2010. This is a positive step in the right direction.

Thank you to all the communities that attended the Regional's in both Thompson and Winnipeg. It was great to see such a show of support from the NACC communities, as well as hearing about your ongoing concerns and suggestions, in which we hope to help you successfully achieve. A big thank you to all Aboriginal and Northern Affairs staff for hosting such a successful event.

As you may all know, this year will be our 40th Annual General Meeting. It will be held at the Canad Inns Polo Park, and we have had some great suggestions and ideas to make this the most exciting and rewarding AGM yet.

After the long winter we have had, I hope you all enjoy a pleasant spring season and I look forward to continuing to hear from you.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Helgi Einarsson—Eastern Chairperson



Hello once again!

Time seems to go by rather quickly now. Seems like I just put in my last report! For those of you who don't know yet, we have hired all new staff at the office, except for Kathy Frisk. She still maintains her position in Finance. We are hoping that the new team will work well together and last longer. Anyone who attended the Regional meetings should have had a chance to meet them. It was nice to see everyone there. I hope everyone enjoyed their Valentines Day and Louis Riel Day. Have a good spring and Easter break. We are keeping our fingers crossed for an uneventful break up with no flooding!

Frances McIvor—Northern Region Chairperson



Another fiscal year has gone by and many events have occurred over the year. I would like to take this time to offer prayers for the families that have had sorrow and heartfelt sadness.

Our communities should be congratulated for the hard work, foresight, and creativity they have displayed in responding to the challenges we have faced this year.

I would like to commend the efforts of public health officials, and volunteers who dealt with the threat of H1N1 and who ensured that priority was given to communities facing the highest risk. NACC has maintained the investments in health, education and public safety programs that our communities rely upon.

Improving education outcomes and graduation rates for our students is one of the most important challenges we face. Success in this area will mean a brighter future for all of our communities and stronger prospects for the economy as a whole.

Retaining health professionals in northern Manitoba remains a major focus, the best quality of health care for women, children and babies.

NACC will continue to work with local governments in Manitoba to improve transparency and service delivery as well as support community development efforts.

NACC continues to address the shortage of housing and the high cost of food by helping people in the northern and remote communities with the cost of purchasing nutritious food and creating healthy gardens.

I would like to note that 2010 will be Homecoming Year. Special events will be taking place in our communities across our province to welcome former residents and visitors, please feel welcome to advertise these events in our next newsletter.

Anne Lacquette—Western Region Chairperson



I attended the Frontier School Committee Conference on February 11, 2010 and I received a ring for 25 Years of Service as a School Committee Member. I would also like to congratulate Brenda Gaudry for also reaching this milestone. I have also been appointed as a Board Member to Cancer Care, MB.

I would like to welcome Amy Yonda to the NACC staff. I wish her luck with her new position as the Project Coordinator for the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative.

I'll be attending my granddaughters Bridgette Lacquette Hockey Tournament in Chicago, Illinois, USA at the end of March 2010.

The Regional Meetings 2010 were held in Winnipeg the last week of

February 23-25, 2010 and it was nice to see everyone there.

On behalf of Larry Chartrand, Harold Fleming and myself, I wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Executive Director's Report

I would like to welcome everyone to a new edition of the Whispering Pines. With help and input from our board of directors and office staff, we now have more community involvement and hope to continue to hear from all our readers.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Regional meetings in both Thompson for the Northern region, and Winnipeg for the Western and Eastern Region. Here, I saw a few familiar faces and met many community members in which I haven't had the chance to speak with before. I feel both regional's were a huge success, and I look forward to working with you in the future to press the concerns of which many of you have. A huge thank you to Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, as they worked very hard to get everything organized.

As many of you heard from the presentation I made, we have been very busy in the office over the past few months. Along with the new look of the newsletter, we need help to have more community involvement. Please send us any community news, letters, announcements and anything else you believe should be added in. This is your newsletter, and we want to have your input. Our website is being worked on as well, we are continuing to update it with all different kinds of information. We have added both a funding opportunity page and an employment page. Please check our website on a regular basis as we are continually adding information.

As well, please send in the internet/cell phone surveys that were mailed out to each community. Seeing past resolutions and hearing comments from members, I know that cell phone and internet coverage is an ongoing battle. I hope to help with this process, and need your help. Any news articles, letters of support, etc, that you may have, please send them to my attention.

Last but not least, the 40th Annual General Meeting. This year it will be hosted at the Canad Inns Polo Park. It's a great facility, as well as a great location. Its close to the Polo Park Mall, many shopping outlets and the Canad Inns Stadium to name a few. I look forward to seeing many members there.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter, and look forward to hearing from you!

Mallory Fleming

Editors corner

We would like to welcome everyone to yet another issue of the Whispering Pines. How do you like the new look for the Whispering Pines Newsletter? The Staff and Board thought it was time for a change, and so we all pooled our ideas and came up with the new look. Doesn't it look great? As part of the changes to the Whispering Pines we have added a photo contest where your community can be highlighted in the up and coming newsletters, please see all details on page 6.

As always, NACC is requesting that your Community Council obtain a booth at our 40th AGM & Tradeshow this year. It will help to promote your community and there are no costs to NACC communities.

We welcome the community and council members to send in your comments and letters. When submitting to the Editor's Corner, you must include the authors name, address and telephone number. Please mail to 750-331 Smith Street Winnipeg, MB R3B 3G9, Fax (204) 947-9446, or E-mail: naccinfo@mts.net.

Letters may be edited and represent the opinions of their writer. They do not reflect the opinions of the NACC Board or staff. All letters will be considered for publication in the summer edition. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kathy Frisk and Deb Hughes

Northern Healthy Foods Initiative

Hello Whispering Pines readers, my name is Amy Yonda and I am the new Project Coordinator for the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative (NHFI) at Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC).

I was born and raised in Brandon, Manitoba and moved to Winnipeg about two and half years ago to further my post secondary education. I completed a three year Bachelor of Science degree at Brandon University, with a major in psychology and minor in chemistry. After, I decided to venture to the University of Manitoba in order to narrow my focus more specifically to nutritional sciences. I have since graduated with honors and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Nutritional Sciences.

I am an avid NHL fan who cheers loudly for the Calgary Flames. I also enjoy cooking and travelling as much as possible.

I look forward to meeting with all of you and continuing to make the NHFI a success.

Talk soon,
Amy Yonda



Spring to me implies sunshine, bunny rabbits, bright flowers and a new start to the garden season. We are awakened from the deep freeze and our senses are aroused; we feel the clean crisp air we witness peeking vegetation and we are energized with anticipation for hot summer days.

With Easter just around the corner I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the Easter Bunny's favorite snack, carrots! Below are some of the important health benefits of carrots:



Beta-carotene: Beta-carotene is an antioxidant which can help prevent cancer. Beta-carotene is found in carrots and can be converted to vitamin A by the body

Vitamin A: this vitamin is very important to help improve eyesight

Fiber: helps with colon health and may help to decrease cholesterol levels

B vitamins: can help maintain healthy skin and enhance immune and nervous system function

Blood sugar regulation: the beta-carotene in carrots can lower insulin levels, suggesting better blood sugar control. If you are Diabetic try having 1/2 a carrot a day

As the new NHFI coordinator, I am excited to announce my future plans with you. Due to the regionalization of the NHFI program, I will be dealing with mostly Eastern and Western communities. My plans for these communities include preservation, composting, poultry production, raised bed gardens, seed saving, wild edibles, smoke preservation and indigenous gardening.



If in the meantime you are looking to start a garden in your community, I would be glad to hear from you. I can be contacted at nhfinacc@mts.net or toll free: 1-888-947-6222 or 204-947-2227.

Reminder:
March and
April is the
time to plant
bedding plants.
Hop to it!

A Spotlight on Dauphin River



The Harbor at Dauphin River

*Did you know that
Dauphin River
connects
Lake Winnipeg and
Lake Manitoba?*



Canoeing on Dauphin River

Photo Contest

The Whispering Pines Newsletter is having a photo contest. Send us any photos of your community and if you are the winner the photo will be printed on the front cover of the next Whispering Pines and your community will be spotlighted. They will also be added to the NACC website.

Criteria: •Photo's have to be from Communities that belong to NACC.

- Photo's must have a description of where they were taken.
- If you would like to have your photo back please send an address of where you would like to have it mailed.

You can e-mail your pictures to naccinfo@mts.net or mail them to:

The Northern Association of Community Council's
750-331 Smith Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2G9

Dauphin River is a small community near the mouth of the Dauphin River and Lake Winnipeg. We are adjacent to the Dauphin River First Nation at the end of highway 513 in the North Interlake.

The main economy of the area is Commercial fishing on Lake Winnipeg and Tourism. In the summer it is a "hot spot" for angling Walleye, in the fall great for hunting White tail Deer and in the winter for snowmobiling and ice fishing.

Our community has no school but there is one on the Dauphin River First Nation that goes from K – 8th grades.

Our nearest medical services are in Ashern, MB, some 150km away. Other services such as ambulance, fire, RCMP, postal, gas and groceries are in the next town of Gypsumville, 75kms away.



Bears at Dauphin River

Thinking Outside of the Box

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THOMAS K.
MATTLINGLY 11

Thinking outside the box is more than just a business cliché. It means approaching problems in new, innovative ways and conceptualizing problems differently. Here are 11 ways to beef up your out-of-the-box thinking skills.

1. Study another industry

Go to the library and pick up a trade magazine in an industry other than your own, or grab a few books from the library, and learn about how things are done in other industries.

2. Learn about another religion

Religions are the way that humans organize and understand their relationships not only with the supernatural or divine but with each other.

Learning about how such relations are structured can teach you a lot about how people relate to each other and the world around them.

3. Take a class

Learning a new topic will not only teach you a new set of facts and figures, it will teach you a new way of looking at and making sense of aspects of your everyday life or of the society or natural world you live in.

4. Read a novel in an unfamiliar genre

Try reading something you'd never have touched otherwise -- if you read literary fiction, try a mystery or science fiction novel; if you read a lot of detective novels, try a romance; and so on. Pay attention not only to the story but to the particular problems the author has to deal with.

5. Write a poem

While most problem-solving leans heavily on your brain's logical centers, poetry neatly bridges your more rational left-brain thought processes and your more creative right-brain processes.

6. Draw a picture

Drawing a picture is even more right-brained, and can help break your logical left-brain's hold on a problem the same way a poem can.

7. Turn it upside down

Turning something upside-down, whether physically by flipping a piece of paper around or metaphorically by re-imagining it can help you see patterns that wouldn't otherwise be apparent.

8. Work backwards

Just like turning a thing upside down, working backwards breaks your brain's normal conception of causality.

9. Ask a child for advice

Children think and speak with an ignorance of convention that is often helpful.

10. Invite randomness

Embracing mistakes and incorporating them into your projects, developing strategies that allow for random input, working amid chaotic juxtapositions of sound and form -- all of these can help you to move beyond everyday patterns of thinking into the sublime.

11. Take a shower

There's some kind of weird psychic link between showering and creativity. Who knows why? So maybe when the status quo response to some circumstance just isn't working, try taking a shower and see if something remarkable doesn't occur to you!

40th Annual AGM & Tradeshow

SPONSORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Northern Association of Community Councils Board has set aside the week of **August 17-19, 2010** for the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Canad Inns Polo Park Winnipeg.

The AGM will be held in partnership with Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs .

Each of the Community Councils is invited to send two delegates from their councils to participate in the conference. One hotel room will be booked for each community council.

If you are interested in finding out more about the upcoming AGM & Tradeshow please don't hesitate to call your local board member (see page 2) or call the NACC office Toll free 1-888-947-6222.

This Year's Theme:

***"40 Years of
Dedication
To the
Continuing
Growth of our
Communities"***



Gold Sponsor \$3,500.00

Announcement at the (AGM) of sponsorship
Reserved spot in the Tradeshow
Acknowledgment in the AGM program
Appreciation of sponsorship on the NACC Website and in the Whispering Pines Newsletter
Link to your website from the NACC website
Signage - Acknowledgment on NACC banner displayed at the AGM
6 – Tickets to the NACC Social Gathering

Silver Sponsor \$2,000.00

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4 – Tickets to the NACC Social Gathering

Bronze Sponsor \$1,500.00

Announcement at the (AGM) of sponsorship
Reserved spot in the Tradeshow for your organization
Acknowledgment in the AGM program
Appreciation of sponsorship on the NACC Website
Advertisement of sponsor in the Whispering Pines Newsletter
2 – Tickets to the NACC Social Gathering

Mark
Your
Calendars

Notice of Tender

The Northern Association of Community Councils is accepting sealed tenders for the following possible entertainment:

CHAIRPERSON for the 40th Annual General Meeting

BAND TENDER for a social on Wednesday August 18th, 2010
8:00 pm – 1:00 am

MAGICIAN/COMEDIAN ENTERTAINERS for a social on
Wednesday August 18th, 2010 8:00 pm – 1:00 am

RECORDER for 2 days for the 40th Annual General Meeting in
August 2010

Tenders are available from our office.

Please call to request a copy at 1-888-947-(NACC)-6222

The lowest tenders are not necessarily accepted.



Community News



Deepest Sympathy

Duane John Lacquette (Jon-Jon)

September 2, 1988—January 16, 2010

Jon-Jon was born on September 2, 1988 in Dauphin, Manitoba to Dwayne and Roseanne Lacquette.

He was predeceased by his Grandpa John Korosil, Choom Norman Lacquette and cousin Clifford Korosil.

He leaves to mourn his parents Dwayne and Roseanne Lacquette, sister Juliette, brother Hayden and one niece Aleyah-Jo whom he loved, and Deacon: Grandmas Anne Lacquette and Agnes Korosil, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jon-Jon took up fiddling lessons while attending school in Waterhen and later made a fiddling tape with his Choom. He also had the privilege to play for Queen Elizabeth 11 in Winnipeg. Also while attending Waterhen School he participated in Taekwondo lessons with Joey Adamowski.

Jon-Jon was also an excellent jigger and entered in a fiddling and jigging contest in Brandon. He was inspired by his Choom Norman who was chairperson of the Western Region for NACC for numerous years.

Jon-Jon left Mallard at an early age immediately after his Farewell to finish his education and to seek employment. He worked for numerous employers in Dauphin, Winnipeg and Brandon, Manitoba. His most recent job was a Supervisor at Aalto's Restaurant located at the Canada Inns in Brandon.

Jon-Jon enjoyed life to the fullest and will be sadly missed by his family, friends and Deacon.



Matheson Island
Community Council 11th
Annual Winter Fishing
Derby 2010, Matheson
Island, Manitoba was held
on Saturday, March 6th,

Government of Canada Invests in Harbour Repairs to Benefit Fishers in Berens River

February 10, 2010

BERENS RIVER, MANITOBA - James Bezan, Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake, announced today on behalf of the Honorable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, that the federal government will provide \$200,000 in funding to repair and extend the wharf at the harbour in Berens River.

"Our Government understands that safe, efficient harbours are essential for fishers and benefit fishing communities across the country," said James Bezan. "By funding harbour repairs and improvements, we are creating jobs and investing in the future of the fishing industry here in Berens River."

The timber crib wharf is in need of repair and an extension to adequately serve the local fishing industry. This project involves repairs to the existing offloading wharf as well as the addition of two timber cribs and spans to extend the structure. The project is being tendered and construction is scheduled to be completed by March 2010.

Today's funding announcement is in addition to the \$2.5 million already provided under Canada's Economic Action Plan for small craft harbours in Manitoba and \$400,000 in regular program funding already allocated to the province.

This repair and improvement project is being undertaken by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), as part of its Small Craft Harbours Program, in cooperation with the local Berens River Harbour Authority that manages and operates the facility for local users. Close cooperation between DFO and harbour authorities allows the federal government to continue to provide an operable system of harbours and facilities throughout Canada in support of commercial fish harvesters.

For more information:

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40 Years

NACC History

The Northern Association of Community Councils or NACC began as the Community Councils and Committees established in 1968, under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Northern Affairs. These Councils and Committees were given legal status in 1970 under the Northern Affairs Act. The Northern Association of Community Councils came into being in 1969 and two years later was granted legal status, as a corporation. The Association's first conference was held in June 1970, at Winnipeg. The legalization of Community Councils and Committees meant that for the first time, communities had a legal right to receive monies and make decisions regarding the disbursement of tax dollars. The population of many Northern communities largely consists of Non-Status First Nations People and members of the Métis Nation. Thus, the formation of the NACC would mark the first time that Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal peoples would work together side by side to organize, plan and develop their communities. A total of forty-eight delegates were in attendance for the inaugural NACC meeting held Winnipeg, in June of 1970.

Whispering Pines

The next issue of Whispering Pines will be published in the summer of 2010. Articles for June's issue should be submitted by May the 17th. Articles submitted from the Communities are placed in the Whispering Pines free of charge. Thank-you.

Did You Know that

NACC

Is on the WEB?

<http://nacc.ciment.ca>

December 11, 2009

MANITOBA, MMF REACH FIRST METIS HOUSING AGREEMENT IN WESTERN CANADA 645 HOUSING UNITS TO BE RENEWED UNDER NEW DEAL

The Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) will be able to renew up to 645 public housing units in rural, northern, and remote Manitoba communities under an historic new agreement reached with the Manitoba government, the first of its kind in western Canada, Premier Greg Selinger and MMF president David Chartrand announced today. This unique agreement will allow the MMF to co-ordinate and implement a comprehensive rehabilitation of public housing in rural and remote communities across Manitoba.

"This landmark agreement will enable the MMF to invest in public housing where it is most needed by families and the communities," said Selinger. "Our new initiative will also provide a framework for potential future funding arrangements with respect to housing." "The Métis family is the bedrock of our Métis Nation and proper housing enables our families to have a good start in raising our children and grandchildren," Chartrand said. "This partnership with the province builds on the strengths that the MMF has already proven in this industry over the years." Today's announcement provides for \$4.3 million to flow to the Community Housing Managers of Manitoba (CHMM), a subsidiary of the MMF, to renovate up to 645 public housing units which are currently managed by the CHMM on behalf of Manitoba Housing. The investment is expected to create an estimated 51 full-time jobs, 23 of which will be direct construction jobs. Today's agreement builds on the foundation that was established by a property management agreement which was signed 15 years ago. The new deal modernizes the working relationship and responds to today's needs and to changing times, said Selinger and Chartrand. This investment is part of the provincial and federal government's \$327-million, two-year investment plan and falls under Homework's!, Manitoba's long-term housing strategy. Under this initiative, there are eight priority areas including affordable housing options for northern Manitobans and urban Aboriginals. The Government of Manitoba is distributing this news release on behalf of the Province of Manitoba and The Manitoba Métis Federation.

Family

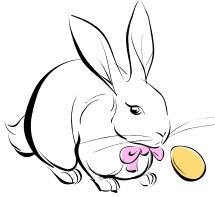
Recipes



Edible Easter Bunny Salad

Ingredients:

Pear halves
Raisins
Miniature Marshmallows or Cottage Cheese
Lettuce
Apple Slices or Almonds



Place a lettuce leaf on a plate. Add the pear half on the lettuce, for a body. Insert raisins for eyes and nose. The ears are made from apple slices or almonds, miniature marshmallows or cottage cheese for the tail.

Easter Bird's Nest's Ingredients:

1/3 cup butterscotch morsels
1 cup chow-Mein noodles
Candy –robin's eggs or jelly beans.

Melt butterscotch morsels in a medium safe bowl. Add chow Mein noodles to melted morsels and mix. Shape into a circle on wax paper. Use a large spoon to make indentation in center. Let nests harden and then add jelly beans or chocolate eggs.

Spring Activities

Spring is a wonderful time to get the kids outside for some fun and games. There are many games you can play outside, and after a long winter sitting inside on the couch watching cartoons or playing video games, some fresh air is just what most kids need!

Below are some suggestions for games the whole family can join in on during those first warm days of Spring.

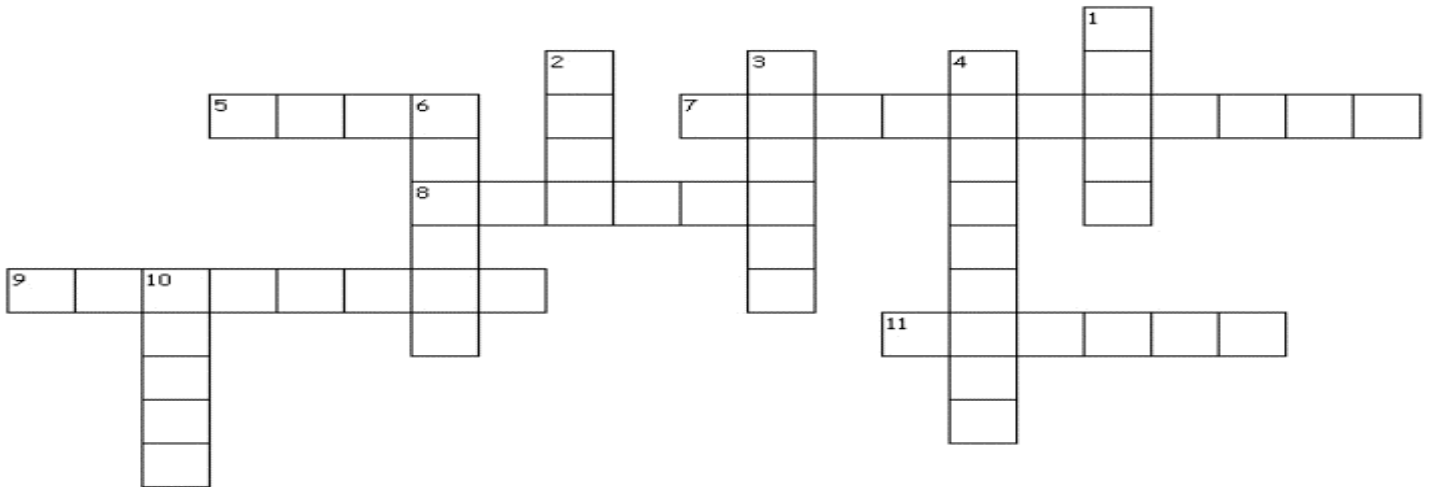
- **Tag**
- **Ball Toss**
- **Kick the can**
- **Climbing trees**
- **Laying on the grass and finding shapes in the clouds.**
- **The Buried Treasure Game**



The Buried Treasure Game: Decorate an old plastic container. Draw a padlock on the front of the container and write "Keep Out" on the top. Fill the box with some of your children's old meal toys, and little toy's that they had set aside and no longer seem to play with. Add little snack's and some pennies. Hide the box when the children are not around in the front or back yard. Then write up a map to find the buried treasure, if the children are very small you can cut out pictures to paste on your map such as a house, tree, etc. Tell the children that you had found the map and that you had seen a pirate outside. This opens up a great opportunity to spend some time with the children looking for the hidden treasure box.

Section

Easter Crossword

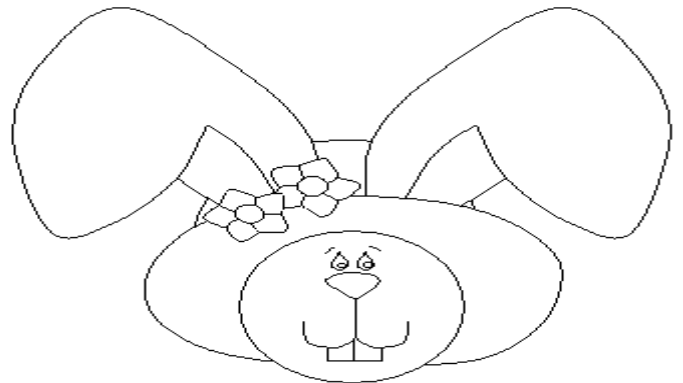


Across

- 5. Which came first? The chickens or the _____?
- 7. ooey, gooey goodness
- 8. Animal that brings treats and eats carrots.
- 9. baby duck
- 11. Container for collecting eggs at Easter.

Down

- 1. If you drop an Easter egg, it will _____.
- 2. baby sheep
- 3. Pale, light colors.
- 4. Tasty, decadent treat.
- 6. Easter's season
- 10. baby chicken



*Happy Easter
from the
Board of Directors
and Staff
of NACC*



Grants/Jobs

Youth Employment :

Urban/Hometown Green Team

Urban/Hometown Green Team creates meaningful and career-oriented summer employment for students and youth aged 16 to 24 years. Participating employers provide a variety of community development opportunities that improve neighborhoods, promote community involvement and help develop young leaders.

Employment periods are:

May 1st start to August 31st.

(Applications must be received by February 16th, 2010)

June 14th start date to August 31st , 2010

(Applications must be received by April 6th, 2010)

Contact NACC

For more Information

1-888-947-6222

Eligible projects include:

- activities for youth (drop-in centers, camps)
- neighborhood safety
- public education
- tourism activities
- housing rehabilitation/community renewal
- road/public grounds enhancement

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them “

-Albert Einstein

ADVERTISING

Did you know that you can

advertise in the

Whispering Pines?

For a business card

size advertisement:

Community members \$25

Non-community members \$45

Contact: NACC

Toll Free: 1-888-947-6222

STEP Services provides a central contact point for students who are interested in working with the provincial government and related organizations such as Manitoba Hydro. Students will also be considered for other employment opportunities with the provincial government in their community. Most of the jobs occur during the summer months, cooperative education work terms occur year-round and part-time jobs are available to post-secondary students during the school year. In order to be considered for referral to these jobs, students must register with STEP Services at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/studentjobs/>

Students must be 16 years of age or older on or before the first day on the job to register for these jobs. Priority is given to Manitoba students who are attending school full-time this year and returning to full-time studies in the next academic year. As well, local students are given priority for the jobs in their community

Classifieds

Manitoba Hydro can help you lower your energy bills!!

With the Energy Efficiency Program
for Lower Income Homeowners.

Qualified lower income homeowners may be eligible for energy efficient upgrades that will lower their energy bills and improve the comfort of their home

How to Take Part

Call Manitoba Hydro at

**1-888-MBHYDRO (1-888-624-9376)
for more information**

on eligibility or visit :

www.hydro.mb.ca/lowerincome

or more details.

Who Qualifies?

Occupants who own a detached, semi-detached or a mobile/modular home on a permanent foundation on a year round basis and have a total gross household income that falls within established income levels (see website listed below for gross household income thresholds).

What is different about this Program?

The Energy Efficiency Program for Lower Income Homeowners makes it easier and more affordable to make your home more energy efficient. Lower income homeowners can make energy efficient improvements—and benefit from those changes—without spending money first.

A more energy efficient home is more comfortable to live in and uses less energy, which helps lower your energy bills.



Help Wanted

Happy Birthday

Frances McIvor
Northern Chair

Barbara Marcyniuk
Eastern Chair

Glen Flett
Northern Vice-Chair

Chandler McLeod
Eastern Vice-Chair

Harold Fleming
Western Sec/Treasurer

The Northern Association of Community Councils is pleased to announce that we are starting a committee to raise funds to enable us to fund more activities for the youth that are on the youth committee, and to subsidize the 40th AGM.

We would be able to put on these activities at events such as the Annual General Conference, etc.

It would be great to have all communities involved in putting together some kind of fundraiser for our youth. All fundraising ideas are welcome either big or small.

If your community would like to be involved and would like more information please contact Mallory at the NACC office toll free-**1-888-947-6222**

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Happy Saint Patrick's Day



The History of the Holiday

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, his religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over a thousand years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish

families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink, and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery.

Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling. Have a fun filled Saint Patrick's Day and the Top of the Morning to You.

