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Marcel Gagnon Beaver Clan

At this time we are setting our schedule for a fifty community tour of the province. We have tentatively scheduled Burns Lake for April 19 to 24 2009. It will be a huge tour and we are trying to contact people to assist us in our plans.

The tour will be complimented by independent concerts and public speaking presentations in of a minimum of fifty communities throughout British Columbia over a period of six months beginning in January of 2009 through to June 2009.

Heading the tour and complimenting the information and awareness of FASD being shared, the release of the first of four of a series of books entitled "Who's Feeding Bheni Hoolo?", a book written by Marcel Gagnon, singer, songwriter and substance abuse counselor depicting the childhood of a young Carrier boy trying to cope with fetal alcohol and his struggle to manage Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Cheslatta Carrier Nation (CCN) The Chief Louie Paddle Co.

The Cheslatta Carrier Nation (CCN) is involved in an exciting Research and Development project studying potential uses of the underwater timber in the Nechako Reservoir.

The project is funded by Western Diversification through the Community Economic Diversification Initiative (CEDI).

One product that is being developed using the underwater wood is **canoe paddles!**

CCN is concentrating on developing and marketing a series of paddles under the name of **The Chief Louie Paddle Co.**

and plan to debut the product at the Burns Lake and District Trade Fair May 8-9 2009.



Aboriginal Day Celebrations June 19, 2009

Contact the BLNDC office to enter into the Aboriginal Day Parade.

We have been celebrating since 1996 when the Governor General of Canada proclaimed June 21st to be known as National Aboriginal Day.

This will be BLNDC's 10th year hosting, and this year the celebrations will be held on Friday June 19, 2009 at the new Spirit Square at Radley Beach.

Food/ Arts/Craft Vendors, and Entertainment & Talent needed.

Aboriginal Day Catering Bids Requested

Sample Menu Bid #1 Salmon, rice, vegetable, bannock, dessert.

Sample Menu Bid #2 Moose meat, rice, vegetable. bannock, dessert.

Caterers must supply everything: plates, utensil, condiments. For approximately 400 people.

Food handlers and servers must have Food Safe Certificates. Deadline June 10, 2009.

Submit your bid to Cheyene Dennis at BLNDC. Phone 250-692-3188 ext 221.



Spring Flowers

- Bulb flowers such as Narcissus hybrids, Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinth, Muscari are in season.

- Spring-flowering plants such as Chamaelucium, lily of the valley (Convallaria), Genista, and Lilac produce a delightful scent.

- While Prunus and Viburnum opulus are two of the prettiest.



Show Us Your Big Idea! Enter today and you could win!

If you have a new product, a new process, or a new program, that is directed at the Aboriginal marketplace; or if you are an Aboriginal inventor with an invention you need the world to see, we want to showcase your idea.

Each presenter is required to submit a proposal outlining their proposal or idea.

The proposal must reach the Dreamcatcher office **by May 30, 2009** in order to qualify for one of the cash prizes. Proposals can be mailed to the:

Dreamcatcher Foundation
PO Box 659
Ohserken, Ontario N0A 1M0
E-mail innovations@dcfund.ca Fax (905) 768-8963

1st	\$25,000
2nd	\$15,000
3rd	\$10,000

Your proposal must include the following:

- *A description of the idea: project or program. It must be new or innovative.
- *A breakdown of the ownership structure surrounding the new product (either actual or proposed).
- *A statement of the current financing and of your financial requirements (how much and what are you going to give in return).
- *A stipulation of any contractual obligations.

American postcard, circa 1900
 Traditional symbols of Valentine's Day include hearts, doves, Cupid, and love notes.
Also called St. Valentine's Day.
Observed by Christian and Christian-influenced cultures.
Type Christian, cultural, multinational
Significance Lovers express their feelings to each other.
Date February 14.
Observances Sending greeting cards and gifts, and dating.

Congratulations Barbra Tom

15 years of service at Burns Lake Native Development Corporation. Barb started on January 16, 1994 as a practicum student and has become a key employee at BLNDC working as an Office Administrator. Thank you from Board of Directors and Staff of BLNDC.



Skin Tye Nation Community Development

BLNDC provides economic and community development assistance to First Nation Bands and their communities.

The Skin Tye Nation utilized this opportunity and has successfully created a program to teach and create traditional arts and crafts.

Skin Tye Nation have had a lot of positive responses within the community. We have displayed many of these items in our display case, yes they are for sale.



BLNDC displays art, crafts, musical cds, clothing, gloves, drums, traditional bells and jewellery, for sale supporting all 6 Nations within our area.

Burns Lake Band—Little Angels Daycare

The Burns Lake Band's Little Angels Daycare is a Family Day Care in a group-daycare setting averaging around 30 children daily and provides a hot lunch to all the little mouths.

Located at the Burns Lake Band Office at 653 Highway 16 West. The daycare is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The Little Angels Daycare will provide catering services to fund raise for the daycare.

For Catering Services contact Monique or Sharla.

Or to enrol your child at the daycare contact Tanya at **250-692-7703**



Burns Lake Native Logging Ltd.

Congratulations Duane Crouse

Duane Crouse has received his Official Apprenticeship Transcript from Industry Training Authority February 19, 2009. He has passed and achieved his Level 1 Technical Training which includes the following:



- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician (Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanics) - course.
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician (Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanical) Level 1
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Job well done: Burns Lake Native Logging Ltd.'s employees produced the number one result for Log and Length Quality at Babine Forest Products mill for the month of March.

Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Youth Flame Attendant Program

115 Community Torchbearers: Every Aboriginal community where the Olympic Torch Relay will pass through will have the chance to select a torchbearer they feel best represents their community's achievements and dreams. He or she will participate in a flame welcome and blessing ceremony with a community elder, as well as carry the flame.

Nomination forms can be picked up at BLNDC and returned to Assembly of First Nations, Trebla Building, 473 Albert Street, Suite 810 Ottawa, ON, K1R 5B4 or Telephone: 613-241-6789.

BL Keyoh Dechun Ilah LP



Thank You NKDF

The Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society is a grant making agency that assisted Burns Lake Keyoh Dechun Ilah Limited Partnership by sponsoring and providing \$18,440 for: Training, Radios, Fridge, Microwave and Safety Equipment.



Student Venture Incentive Program

Overview

BLNDC encourages our local Lakes District youth to gain first-hand business experience during their school years.

The SVIP program was initiated in 1991, and consists of awards of \$200 to a specified number of the best applications, half each from the native and non-native communities, in the form

of a mini-business plan for a summer business. A \$100 bonus will be awarded to a student with the best report on his or her business at summer's end. August 28, 2009.

Criteria

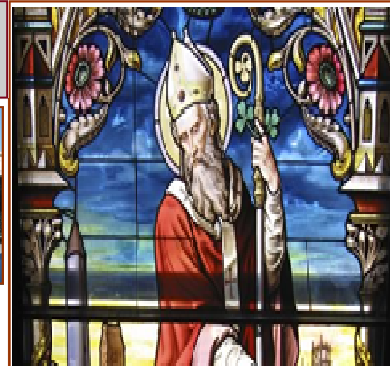
Applicants must be attending school within the Lakes District, including schools in Granisle and Fort Babine, and be in Grades 7 to 12 at the time

of the application.

Application Process

In the spring, BLNDC distributes application forms throughout its member communities and local schools.

Applications must be received at BLNDC by the June 12, 2009 deadline and will be notified by June 18, 2009. Visit our website at www.blndc.ca for a downloadable pdf form.



St. Patrick's Day

is celebrated every year on March 17, honouring 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 Irish meal of bacon and cabbage.





- Easter is an annual festival commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox.
- From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of rebirth in most cultures.
- Lent is the forty-six day period just prior to Easter Sunday. It



Community Forum

Urban Aboriginal Working Group (UAWG) and Prince George Nechako Association (PGNAETA) is holding a community forum.

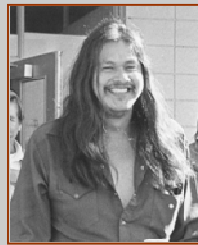
The community forum is an opportunity for Burns Lake to share your needs, your ideas and solutions, to assist the UAWG and PGNAETA and Burns Lake Community Members to develop strategic measures for improved service in the Burns Lake area.

Where: BL Chamber of Commerce.

When: April 9, 2009
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Education Bursary

George D. Brown Memorial Endowment Bursary



In Memory of George D. Brown

Overview

To encourage post-secondary education BLNDC established the George Brown Memorial Bursary in 1995.

The bursaries are open to any 1st or 2nd year First Nation student in a full-time program, with first consideration given to those enrolled in the field of Business Administration, Commerce or Natural Resources.

Amount of Awards

First Year - three bursaries of \$500 each

Second Year - one bursary of \$1000

In the event of no second year applicants, two additional bursaries of \$500 will be available for first year students.

Criteria

Students who are attending a full-time program, who are of First Nations ancestry, and who have a financial need. Selection is based on financial need and satisfactory academic achievement. Preference is given to present or former Lakes District residents.

Application Process

Interested applicants are directed to the Burns Lake Campus of the College of New Caledonia who administers the awards. Application deadline April 30, 2009 to CNC Lakes Counseling and Advising.

Native Liaison Officer and Job Developer Officer

BLNDC's Native Liaison Officer and Job Developer Officer contract with PGNAETA has expired as of March 31st. Unfortunately we will not be able to offer that service for the month of April.

If you have resumes within our office you can still access them on the Out Reach computer .

If you need resumes updated or you need a resume or job support you can utilize Employment 2000 or contact your Native Liaison Officer at your Band office.



Thank you Diane Wright and Crystal Larson for all your hard work. We will miss you both in our office, and wish you the very best in the future.
From the Board of Directors and Staff of BLNDC.

