
Newsletter

HALFWAY RIVER FIRST NATION

December 2024



Embracing the Season: December Newsletter

As we approach the end of another year, we are excited to present the December edition of our newsletter, brimming with important updates, community events, and seasonal reflections. This month, we celebrate the resilience and unity of our community as we take pride in our achievements and look forward to new opportunities in the coming year.

With winter upon us, let's embrace the chance to gather, reflect, and honor our rich culture and traditions. Whether you're attending community events or enjoying time with loved ones, we hope you find joy and peace this month.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community. Wishing you a wonderful December filled with happiness and warmth. With gratitude,

Halfway River team

In this newsletter
you can expect:

**Monthly
Community
Calendar**

**HRFN Services and
Events**

**Community
Christmas Dinner
& Office Closure**

**Kids Corner
Aponi's Story**

**Dispose and
Recycle
Management**

**Snow Removal
Services**

Calendar 2025

Conclusion



12/2024



December

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15	16	17	18 Community Christmas Dinner	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

HRFN

Merry
Christmas

SERVICES & EVENTS

HRFN Health Services

Massage Therapy

- Relaxing Massage
- Hand & Foot Massage
- Facial Massage
- Cupping Massage
- Hot Stone Massage
- Deep Tissue Massage

Mental Health Counselling

- Helps to understand thoughts and feelings.
- Helps to manage stress and anxiety.
- Helps to deal with difficult life changes

Sound healing

- Greater Sense of overall well-being.
- Improve concentration & memory
- Improve sleep

Book an appointment

250-772-5059 (Health Clinic)

403-510-4408 (Sherry Welch)

Bible Study

Every Wednesday
from 5 pm to 6 pm we have **Bible Study** and **Interceding prayer** at the **community hall**.
For any information and prayers
Please Contact
Evg. Binnuvi Joseph

Upcoming Events

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- Grief & Loss Workshop: Dec 7 & 8
- Community Dinner: Dec 18

Any Information

Email: reception@hrfn.ca

Phone: (250) 772-5058



C&C INVITES YOU
TO OUR ANNUAL

Community Christmas Dinner



Join us for a Christmas
community celebration! The
night will be filled with good
company, and delicious food.



WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER **18** 5:00 PM

HALFWAY COMMUNITY HALL





HALFWAY RIVER FIRST
NATION OFFICES



SORRY, WE ARE

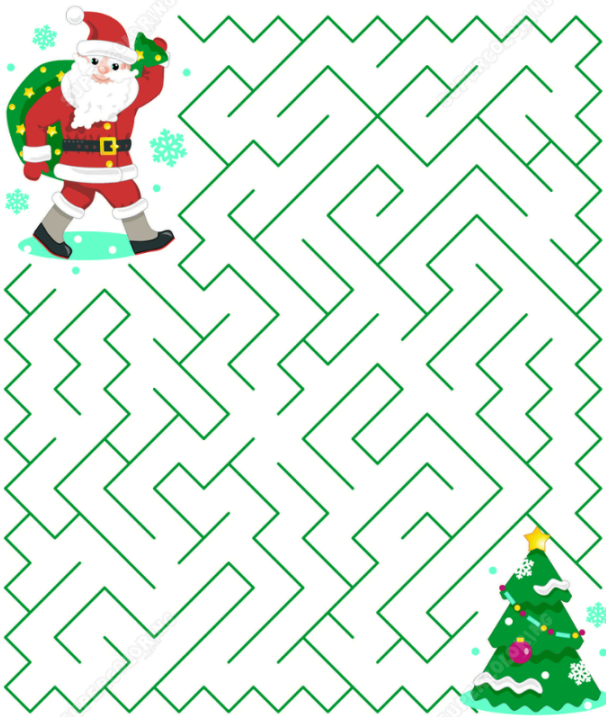
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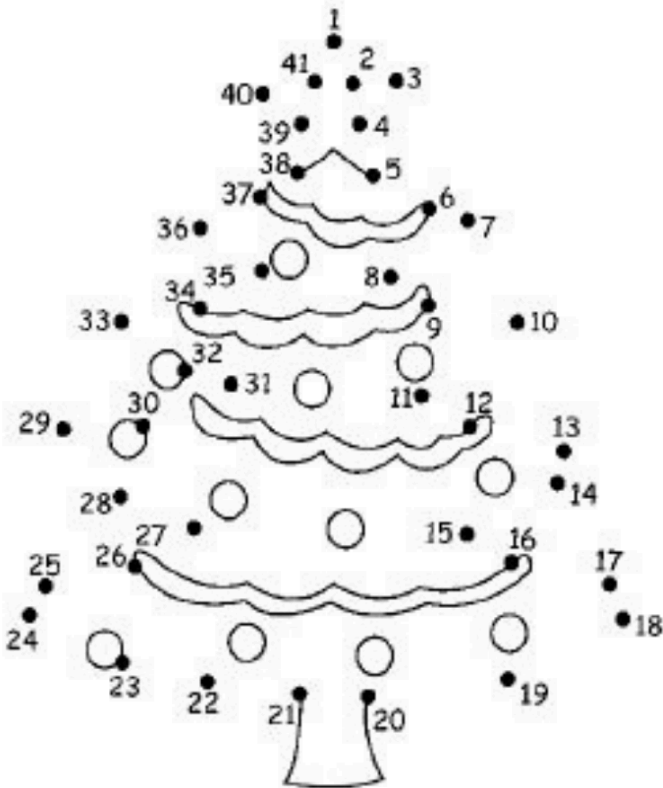
*Merry
Christmas*

*HKFN wishes you all a
joyous and prosperous
New Year! Stay safe
See you in
the new year!*

Help Santa find the
Christmas tree



Dot-To-Dot Christmas Tree



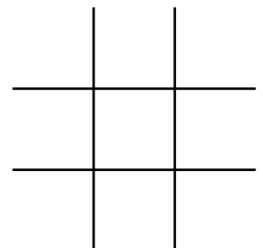
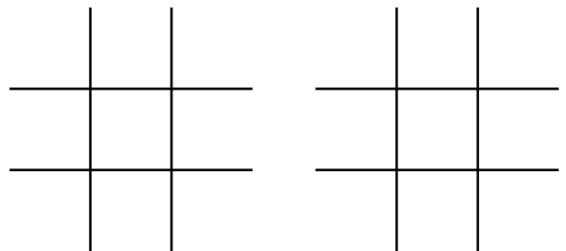
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Santa Toys Joy
Tinsel Frosty

Tic Tac Toe



"Aponi's Christmas Tale: Love and Tradition"

In a peaceful village surrounded by whispering pines, young Aponi gathered with her community around the sacred fire. It was the eve of a special celebration, honoring the birth of Jesus. The village elders told the ancient story of the first Christmas, when the Great Spirit sent His son to bring love and hope to the world.

Aponi and the other children decorated the grand tree with handmade ornaments, each one symbolizing a blessing. They sang traditional songs, their voices echoing with joy and reverence. The village came alive with the spirit of togetherness.

As the night grew darker, the village chief shared the story of Jesus' birth. The children listened, eyes wide with wonder, as they learned about the humble beginnings of the savior born in a stable. They felt a deep sense of joy and gratitude.

Aponi realized that Christmas was about celebrating Jesus, sharing joy, and honoring traditions that connect us all.

WHAT GOES WHERE?



Keep Our Space Clean!

Please Remember:

Tie Up Your Waste:

Keep garbage tidy and secure when throwing it away.

Recycle Right:

Place recyclables in the proper designated bin.

Together, we can make a difference!

SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE



WHAT IS OFFERED :

- DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL
- WALKWAY & SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL



CALL JIMMY BOLTON FOR MORE INFO :
250-261-9330

Halfway River First Nations Youth Randy Field and Tyrone Achla Give Speech to BC Hydro Regarding the Future of the Peace River Valley on January 7, 2014



NEW MARKET LOCATION

Fort St. John Farmer's Market moving into curling club

See page A3



HITTING THE ICE

Short benches make for good hockey in NPHL

See page A5

WEDNESDAY
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SITE C PUBLIC HEARINGS

'The outdoors is school' for Halfway youth

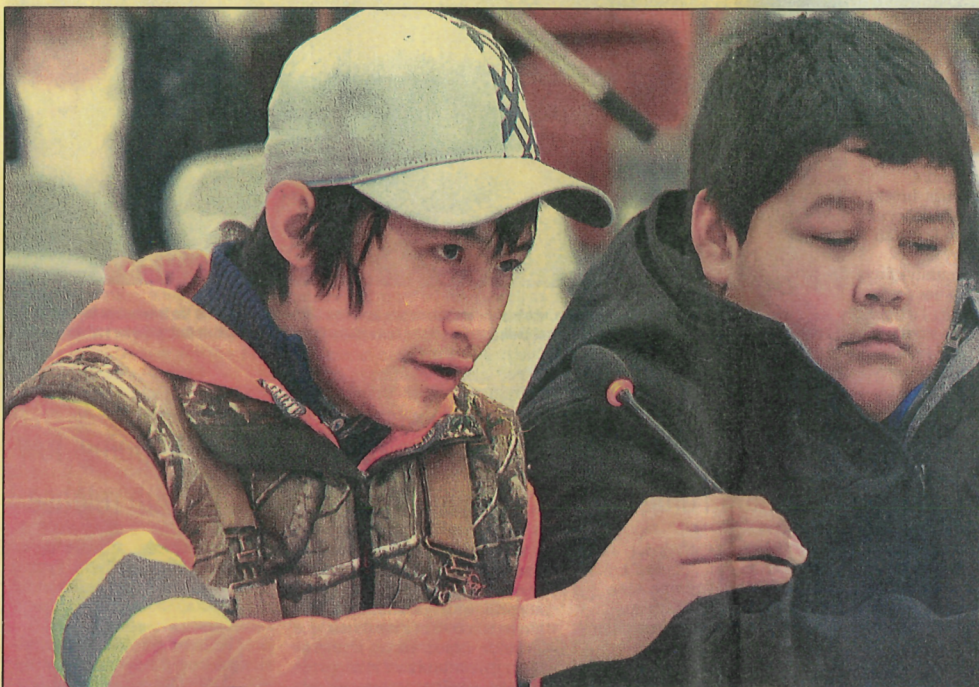
MATT PREPOST
Staff Writer

First Nations in northeastern B.C. repeated a familiar story to the Site C Joint Review Panel on Tuesday, saying they are being backed into a corner, and warning that they are ready to set up blockades if the hydro-electric dam is approved.

Public hearings in aboriginal communities over BC Hydro's \$7.9 billion proposal concluded in Halfway River First Nation, where band members and elders said they're united "shoulder to shoulder" to stop the flooding of the Peace River valley.

"If they're going to build the dam, let's go and blockade it," elder Maisie Metecheah said in her presentation to the panel. "I'm not afraid. I don't care if I go to jail. This is my land. I'm going to save my land."

See SITE C on A7



Halfway River First Nation youth Randy Field (left) and Tyrone Achla said the Peace River valley is a classroom where they're taught to hunt and live off the land.

MATT PREPOST PHOTO

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Joy to the World: The Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is a time of joy and reflection, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and embodying themes of hope and renewal. It brings people together through cherished traditions like exchanging gifts, gathering for festive meals, and spreading goodwill. While rooted in Christian faith, Christmas has evolved into a cultural celebration embraced by many, fostering a spirit of generosity and community. As we celebrate this season, let us take the opportunity to connect with loved ones, share kindness, and create lasting memories, reminding us of the true spirit of Christmas.



Thank you for reading!

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