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# Clench Fraud Trust

## News and Information

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### CFT has a New General Manager



**Greg Plain**  
**CFT General Manager**

My name is Greg Plain and I am the new General Manager for the Clench Fraud Trust in the Chippewa Community. I have been an Executive Director and or Manager of several organizations across Ontario. My last position was with my own Consulting Firm (Ojibwe Consulting) that has been dealing with Economic Issues as well as Housing and Energy projects in various FN communities and government agencies.

I am an Anishinabek Citizen from Aamjiwnaang First Nation. I have been married for 19 Years and have 5 children.

From this information you can see that I am a family man that has deep roots in the Anishinabe community.

I am very proud to come onto the Nation to assist the Clench Fraud Trust in exercising and bringing forward the ideas that can assist the COTT members in bettering itself for coming generations.

When I first saw the posting for the General Manager's position I was very excited as I have been across Ontario and Canada and

have not seen a Trust set up for community members in such a fashion. The community should be very proud that the trust will be in place to help them for generations.

Programs come and go in the government but the Clench Fraud Trust will be in place to help you all in the recreation, economic, housing and health fields for years to come.

I look forward to working with the trustees and community members to bring out their ideas on how to make the Chippewas of the Thames community a brighter, happier place to live and flourish.

I Hope to see you soon in the CFT office.

### New Office space for the Clench Fraud Trust

The CFT Office has moved to its new home at 641 Jubilee Rd. across from the ball diamond.

Our address has changed and our service has changed a bit as well.

We are now open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to serve you better.

Do not hesitate to come and see what the CFT can do for you and your community group.

Our website carries good information on programs and services we offer but if you want to speak to someone directly stop on by or give us a call at our new

phone numbers as well.

New CFT Phone—519-264-2626

New CFT Fax—519-264-2628



# Antler River Elementary Culture and Language Revitalization

**Antler River Elementary School** has been funded by the Clench Fraud Trust in the 2010 year to have a Language Coordinator – Shane Henry.

Shane has been quite busy with the students at the Antler River School revitalizing both the language and Chippewa customs. The students are very active in the program which brings the Anishinaabe language to the school by placing the names of everyday things such as washrooms, names of animals etc. around the school so the students and teachers are fully immersed in the language and seeing the names of things daily. It is hoped that this will enhance the language retention in the daily life of the students and they are able to bring this home to the parents as well. The more the language is used in the school and community the more the revitalization of the customs and language Program will be more successful. During the school year Mr. Henry has been showing and creating awareness of the Anishinaabe culture by sharing stories and working on Bimaadiziwin by bringing the students into the school's Sweat Lodge. The lodge is built for 12 people and all that are interested in the teachings are brought to the

lodge. This may take some time to get all the students into the teachings as there are approximately 115 students.

At the school there are a minimum of three Traditional Feasts a year, and during the Spring Feast there were approximately 150 students, teachers, and parents involved in the feast. The feast was a teaching for the students, and a Traditional Fire was created out front of the School. The students have a drum group called the "Red Tail Hawk Singers" which is comprised of mostly students with some assistance from the Coordinator as well as active people from the community who want to ensure the children are taught proper Anishinaabe traditions and songs.

Crystal Kechego's Grade 5/6 class has been chosen as the winners of the Anishinaabemowin Challenge where the class has shown the greatest amount of use within the class and around the school. Crystal was very happy with her class' success and is working on a class trip, a prize they won for the contest.

The school principal is very happy with the successes so far in the program, and hopes to continue the program in the future.



# Genevieve Fisher - A Rising Star in Country Music

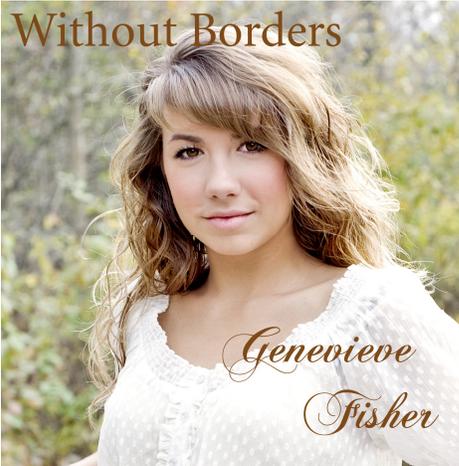
Genevieve Fisher is a young lady in Southern Ontario that is living her dream to become a country music star across Turtle Island. Genevieve is an 18 year old Chippewas of the Thames citizen, and proud Ojibwe woman. At a very young age she was singing in her community and the London area.

At 18, Genevieve has started down the "Rising Star" road, recording her CD in Nashville at the OmniSound Studios where stars of country, such as Kenny Chesney and Taylor Swift, record their music. In October 2010 she made the trip to Nashville with a folder filled with 6 songs she chose out of 30 songs that writers were sending her for inclusion on her CD. Within the group of songs on the CD she chose two songs that she wrote herself. The recording process was quite exciting. It was a level of professional recording that included studio musicians, backup singers, and engineers were all very supportive and encouraging to the young artist. The recording process was only two days and quick. Genevieve says "Picking the songs to record probably took longer than the actual recording process." Once finished in Nashville she came back to London to record one more song in the area to go along with the Nashville recordings.

Genevieve has had the CD Release Party in her home community, the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation to thank them for the support the community has offered her. The day before the CD release party she sang a concert for the Antler River School in the community which included about 20 songs from her repertoire. She was very moved by the enthusiasm of the kids at the school when she sang the Miley Cyrus song "The Climb" and decided to go into the audience the kids gave her a surrounding of hugs and cheers. She was very

thankful that she was able to go back to the community and thank them and encourage the students to stay in school.

The community concert was very well attended as she sang several songs and had a good time signing autographs and posing for pictures. Genevieve said "I would like to thank you all so much for your support, and faith in me by giving me the opportunity to get to the recording, this is something I will definitely say it all started with the CFT and the support they gave me."



Genevieve believes in education, and encourages others to follow their dreams but make sure they get a good education along the way. She is attending Western University this year while following her dream of a career in country music. When asked about what she likes to do in her spare time she said "What spare time, I am a university student trying to make a career in Country music. I am very busy with tests, exams and making the effort to go public with my new EP. I enjoy watching movies in downtime but there is not much of that during university." She enjoys the business of the industry but ensures she is doing the school work as well.



She has had some great people she looks up to as a young recording artist and they include Patsy Cline, Brenda Lee, and current stars like Carrie Underwood and Crystal Shawanda. She recently got to open for Crystal Shawanda at one of her shows and was very excited to meet her and her band mates.

[www.genevievefisher.ca](http://www.genevievefisher.ca)  
New CD—**Without Borders** can be heard through iTunes and heard on Country Music Radio nationally.



*“Get involved in the community, it helps everyone”*

# Money Spent in your Community

These are some of the ways the Clench Fraud Trust is helping you in your community. We will let the community know when another round of proposals will be accepted in the near future, watch our website at [www.clenchfraudtrust.ca](http://www.clenchfraudtrust.ca)

### Recreation

Chippewa Seniors Club  
Antler River Seniors Fitness

Dream Catchers  
COTT FN Bleachers  
Lil NHL  
Chippewa Flames Men's Hockey  
Chippewa Chiefs Fastball Band Tent  
NAIG Chippewa Athlete & Coaches Support  
Tri-Township Arena Ice

### Culture

Revitalization of Culture  
Fort Alex Sundancers  
Competition Pow wow  
Mount Elgin Memorial Committee

Three Fires Lodge  
Traditional Gathering  
Healing Journey  
Education  
Tutoring  
CSI Monthly Events  
Language Teacher/ Support worker  
Post Secondary awards and Incentives  
Parent Engagement  
Literacy Coach /Librarian  
Breakfast Program  
Mno Bimaadiziwin Fund

# Upcoming Community Meetings

**The Clench Fraud Trust Trustees would like to invite you to the next Community meeting!**

**Date:** June 11, 2011 @ 10 am

**Where:** COTT FN Community Centre

Updates on—Projects from 2010, Amendments to the Original -Trust Documents, Investment review of Capital and Interest, and information on the upcoming Elections

# Writing Proposals

**Being prepared is a good thing.**

When the information comes out that the CFT is accepting proposals for the upcoming year you should be ready. On the website there is a template for you to follow

along with. It is easy to fill in the blanks with what the Trust will be looking for in your proposal. The website provides the different areas you can look to for applying for dollars for your group and how to apply.

If you do not have access to a computer stop by the CFT office and see me. I can assist you in getting your information into proposal form. I will not write for you but I can assist you in getting the forms and how to get them



# Christmas Gesture Dates to Remember !

**The Clench Fraud Trust Trustees would like to inform you of the deadline for next year and every year to follow.**

**Deadline Date: Third week in November**

Open to submit : October 1, 2011

This years Deadline date: **November 18, 2011**

\*For both ON and OFF Reserve Band members\*

One person per Household may only apply—We require that you send in a copy of your Band Card and proof of residency (utility bill etc.)



## Ridgewood Capital Management

Jeff Frketich (CFA), is our Investment Manager at Ridgewood and the Vice President of the organization.

Ridgewood has managed the investments with CFT several years.

Ridgewood is located in Toronto and has been working

with First Nations communities since 1996 and presently has 14 First Nation clients.

Ridgewood, and the Trustees meet on a regular basis to discuss the performance of the Trust's investments and events that are happening in the market. Every three months Ridgewood sends

the Trustees a regular statement that shows the performance and securities held in the portfolio. This report can be viewed at the Trust office during normal business hours.



*“Growing dollars to increase your future benefits”*

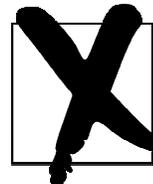
## Trustee Election Information

**July 16, 2011**

The Clench Fraud Trustee Elections will be at the same time as the Chief and Band Council Elections on the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

In order to keep our records current we ask that if you did not receive a package or have moved in the last 12 months we need your proper address and numbers/ email for keeping you, our members, up to date on what is going on in your community.

Please send the information to Beulah Kechege, or myself Greg Plain, at the Clench Fraud Trust Office.



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Trustees from left to right:  
Marcellian French, Donna  
Boshart, Danielle Grosbeck,  
Leslee White-Eye,  
Kristen Hendrick,  
Lower centre Mary McGahey  
(Chairperson)

### Survey/Feedback - Clench Fraud Trust

We would like to get input from the community on the how the CFT is receiving Proposals, and how to better the process.

Your Ideas and Comments are requested.

What Works? What would work better for you as a Community Group / Member?

**Who:** Chippewas of the Thames Council Members, COTT Community Groups, COTT Band Members

Please go to [www.clenchfraudtrust.ca/appprocess.html](http://www.clenchfraudtrust.ca/appprocess.html) to view and/or download the current policies and procedures and survey.

Please send feedback to [greg.plain@clenchfraudtrust.ca](mailto:greg.plain@clenchfraudtrust.ca) or by mail or fax by Friday, June 10, 2011.

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