

**BI
BLAST**

*Kakogiish Giizis -
Groundhog Moon*

February 2016

Kwe Kwe, Happy Kakogiish Giizis!

*It has been a very mild winter. We had to wait a while, but... we finally have an ice road!
And snow....snow, snow, snow. That's a good thing for sledders and for spring runoff,
not so good for those of us in charge of shovelling off the porch!*

There are a lot of meetings coming up this February. Negotiations update, a Community Meeting, Land Code Info session... nomination night for the By-Election is this month too. And- on February 6th, it's WINTER CARNIVAL TIME!!! Woot Woot!! See the very back page for details. Here's a more recent "Blast from the Past" ... Winter Carnival from a few years back..



The B.I. Blast belongs to the People. Do you have a story, artwork, memory, or photo or anything else to share? Please- Send it on in!

All we ask is "Be nice, keep your stick on the ice! Send to:

communication@temagamifirstnation.ca or fax 705-237-8959 or

C/O Temagami First Nation, General Delivery, Bear Island, Lake Temagami, ON P0H 1C0

Introducing...

Sage Amelia Twain



*Little Sister to Hannah, Rylan, and Owen;
Mommy is Misty Sturman and*

Daddy is Darril Twain

Born: December 16, 2015 @ 9:50 am

Weight: 3lbs 5oz.

*Born premie @ 33 weeks and 4 days but
doing well, breathing on her own.*

*Grandparents to Sage are
Jerry and Sharon Twain, who have
passed but are looking
over her.*



Report from TFN Chief Arnold Paul

Kwe Kwe.

February is going to be a busy month. I encourage everyone to attend the Negotiations Information Session on February 5th, the Land Code Session on the 17th, and the Community Meeting on the 29th.

Family Healing and Wellness Centre Manager Jessica Mattias, NNADAP worker Annette Paul, Bear Island police officer Brad Kerr, and I went to Wikwemikong First Nation on January 21st. We toured the Sunrise Health Clinic. We were very impressed with the facility; it is a treatment centre that provides therapy for opioid addiction as well as counselling. We hope to develop a similar program here.

I attended the IFN (Independent First Nations) quarterly meeting in Toronto on January 25th and 28th. We discussed strategy for jurisdiction over Child Welfare and structural changes within the IFN. We also had pre-budget consultations regarding federal and provincial funding.

We worked on invitations to provincial ministers for the next quarterly meeting in April.

At the IFN meeting I also attended a dinner with Chiefs of Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day; he clarified some of his political plans, moving forward.

Councillor Jesse Paul is attending the IFN Youth Symposium in Barrie for the first week of February. I will be one of 4 guest Chief speakers at the Symposium on February 3rd.

Regarding the Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women: On February 4th there will be a Pre-Inquiry Engagement meeting in Toronto. We will send an observer if schedules permit.

Miigwetch,

Chief Arnold Paul.



Land Claim Negotiations Update with Allan Pratt

Friday, February 5, 7:00 pm

Bear Island Rec Centre

Online or Telephone Attendance via Webex Available

Contact communication@temagamifirstnation.ca

or 705-237-8943 / 1-800-737-9884 for further information,

or check your email for Webex attendance details

LANDS & RESOURCES

Aboriginal Community Energy Plan

The TFN Lands & Resources Office has been successful in obtaining funding to develop an Aboriginal Community Energy Plan for Bear Island. Jeff Barton of Barton Consulting has been retained to assist the TFN L&R Dept. to develop the long term community energy plan for Temagami First Nation (Bear Island). The objective is to identify ways to improve energy efficiency and reduce electricity consumption, thereby reducing costs, as well as assess the possibility for green solutions on reserve.

Do you live on Bear Island? Are you interested in working towards a viable solution to reduce energy costs for Bear Island citizens? If so, your input is needed.

BEAR ISLAND RESIDENTS NEEDED FOR SURVEY INPUT

Please watch your mailbox for instructions on how to complete the online survey. (Survey is open to Bear Island residents only) There will be a draw from all the completed survey participants – prize TBA

Questions? Please call Lands & Resources at 705-237-8600 – Doug McKenzie

This project was made possible in part through the financial support of the Independent Electricity Operator's Aboriginal Community Energy Program Plan.



Here's how "Queen Maureen" conducts business... watch out for that sceptre, Virg!



Photo by Bev St. Denis



Upcoming Dates– Lots Going On!

- Negotiations Update Info Session, Friday, February 5th, 7:00 pm, Rec Centre
- LMLC Winter Carnival, Saturday, February 6th, Starts 8:00 am, LMLC
- Draft Land Code Information Session , Wednesday, February 17, 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm session; Rec Centre
- Regular TFN Council Meetings Tuesday February 9, Tuesday February 23, 7:00 pm, Council Chambers
- **Community Meeting, Monday February 29, 7:00 pm**

By-Election Dates:

- Mail-in nominations must be postmarked by February 12
- Nomination night Sunday, February 28, 7:00 pm, Rec Centre
- By-Election Sunday, March 13, 9am-6pm, Rec Centre

Official Notice is on the following page.

**The February 29th Community Meeting
agenda as well as online / phone attendance info
will be forthcoming shortly.**

**Please watch your mailbox or email for
announcements.**

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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS MEETING NOTICE OF BY- ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Temagami First Nation, that a *Nominations Meeting & By-Election* will be held to elect band members to run for the following positions:

ONE (1) COUNCILLOR

TERM ENDING JULY 2017

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS MEETING

Place: Bear Island Recreation Centre
Date: Sunday, February 28th, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**MAIL-IN NOMINATIONS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
MUST BE RECEIVED BY ELECTORAL OFFICER NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2016**

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION

Place: Bear Island Recreation Centre
Date: Sunday, March 13th, 2016
POLL OPEN: 9:00 a.m.
POLL CLOSE: 6:00 p.m.

Please Note: This By-Election is being held under Tribal Custom, Terms & Conditions set out in Tribal Constitution in power as of September 26, 1978.

Given under my hand at Bear Island, on this 28th day of January, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. [unclear]', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Electoral Officer
Temagami First Nation

*Attention Young People! Are you interested in starting your own business?
Miigwetch to Tammy Presseault for the info.*

Applications Open for Summer Company Program



Province Fostering Youth Entrepreneurship Opportunities

January 25, 2016 9:30 A.M.

[Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure](#)

Ontario is now accepting applications for the Summer Company program, which helps youth start their own business and gain the skills they need to succeed.

Summer Company offers mentorship, training and awards of up to \$3,000 to students aged 15 to 29.

Students can apply [online](#) until **May 6**.

Last year, 865 students launched their own companies, including Eric Dolan. Eric developed [Neutun](#) -- an app that works with smart watches and wearable devices that warns the wearer when an epileptic seizure is imminent. Dolan's innovation led to securing new business partnerships, developing a user base, and expanding into his latest wearable technology endeavour to monitor a range of chronic conditions in addition to epilepsy.

Helping young entrepreneurs succeed is part of the government's plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number-one priority to grow the economy and create jobs. The four-part plan includes investing in people's talents and skills, making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives, and building a secure retirement savings plan.

Quick Facts

- Almost 7,000 students across the province have launched a summer business through Summer Company since 2001.
- Summer Company is part of Ontario's [Youth Jobs Strategy](#).
- In 2015, Ontario renewed investment of \$250 million over two years for the Youth Jobs Strategy. This additional funding will bring the total four-year investment to more than \$565 million, providing employment and skills development opportunities for up to 150,000 youth.

Through the Self-Employed Summer Co-operative Education Pilot, high school students enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program can earn up to two co-op education credits while participating in the Summer Company program. The pilot application deadline is April 29.

Statistics Canada is hiring staff for the 2016 Census

Canada's next Census of Population will take place in May 2016. However, for residents in First Nations communities, enumeration will begin in April 2016.

Do you live in a First Nation community?

Preference will be given to community members for supervisory and non-supervisory positions.

What kinds of jobs?

- **Crew Leaders (supervisors):** As a Crew Leader, you will list dwellings on maps, and train, lead and supervise a team of Enumerators.
- **Enumerators:** As an Enumerator, you will identify dwellings on maps, conduct personal interviews and follow up with respondents in person.

When?

Varying employment periods between February and July 2016, depending on assignment and location.

Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if you are:

- 18 years or older prior to the start of duties
- a Canadian citizen or eligible to work in Canada
- interested in short-term work
- available to work as part of an enumeration team for a period of at least three weeks.

All candidates must pass a written test, reference check, and government security assessment. Supervisory positions will require the candidate to pass an interview. Knowledge of and experience working in First Nations communities is considered an asset.

Rates of pay

Crew Leaders (supervisors) will be paid \$19.91 per hour plus authorized expenses.
Enumerators (or equivalent positions) will be paid \$16.31 per hour plus authorized expenses.

Apply now!

www.census.gc.ca/jobs

1-877-325-2016

TTY (a telecommunications device for people who are deaf): 1-866-753-7083

TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION LAND CODE DEVELOPMENT

Hello from the TFN Land Code Development Team! Can you believe it's already February? Time sure does fly! However, it does bring us into a very exciting and busy Month. This Month you can pick up your copy of the complete First Draft of the Land Code at any of the administrative offices on TFN, or stop by the Lands & Resources office. Too cold to go out? It is also available on the land code website. Have a good look at it and bring your questions and comments to the Land Code Information Session February 17th. We will be serving dinner at 5 p.m. Look for your invitation in the mail during the second week of February! Confirm your attendance by February 16? You will have your name in a draw for a prize valued at 50\$ Call or email.

**Want to make sure you don't miss any important Land Code events?
Cut out the section below and put it on your fridge! Or refer to the calendar of
events on the Land Code Website www.temagamilandcode.com**



**Happening
This Month!**

- February 4th Land Code Committee Meeting
- February 6th Look for us at the Carnival. There are Prizes to be won!
- February 17th Recreation Centre Draft Land Code Information Session. Dinner will begin at 5 with session at 6.
- February 18th Land Code Committee meeting.
- February 29th TFN Community Meeting



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Lori Anne Stanger – Land Code Development Coordinator

Lori.Stanger@temagamifirstnation.ca

PHONE: 705-237-8600



Reminder

LMLC Student Breakfast Program

Student Breakfast Program has start up
today February 1, 2016

Breakfast will be 8:15-8:45am daily
Monday to Friday

No Breakfast Programs on
February 11 and 12 LMLC ski trip
&
Feb.17, 18 and 19 LMLC no school

Breakfast to be prepared and served daily
between 8:15 to 8:45am at LMLC Gym

Questions call DPHC 7052378900



Ontario Energy Board

Are you a low income household and want to lower your hydro bill?

If you have filed your taxes in the last year, you can apply online or by filling out a papercopy of the application located online at

www.ontarioelectricitysupport.ca

If you have not completed your taxes, your circumstances have changed since filing taxes or you need assistance, you will need to visit an intake agency.

What is the ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM program?

What is OESP? - If you are a customer of an electricity utility and in a lower-income home, you may qualify for a reduction on your electricity bill through the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP). This program is for anyone who falls within the income grid attached.

An OESP intake worker from ONWAA will be in your community.

WHEN? TBA

WHERE? Doreen Potts Health Centre

Please contact the local Ontario Works Office at 705-237-8900, at this time we are assessing the interest level of the community. Once we have a list of interested applicants we will schedule an OESP worker to come and assist with your formal application for the OESP.

Make Sure to Bring – Copy of your current electricity bill and Social Insurance Number for all household members between 18 and 74, stubs verifying all income coming into your household. If you wish to complete your application sooner and are having problems, we would like to help you complete the OESP application. For further questions about OESP call ONWAA's toll free number at **1-844-885-3157 (8:30-4:30)**, or OESP's toll free (8am-9pm) at **1-855-831-8151**.

OESP – ONTARIO ENERGY SUPPORT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS



What is OESP? - If you are a customer of an electricity utility and in a lower-income home, you may qualify for a reduction on your electricity bill through the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP).

OESP Monthly Credit Amounts – Energy Intensive

Household Income	Household Size (Number of people living in household)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
\$28,000 or less	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$75	\$75
\$28,001-\$39,000			\$45	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$75
\$39,001-\$48,000					\$45	\$50	\$55
\$48,001-\$52,000							\$45



Peer-To-Peer Support Group

What: Group to discuss health related issues

When: February 19th 2016

Where: Elder's Building

Bear Island

Time: 1:00 pm

Peer-to- Peer Support Group to talk about Diabetes and other health related issues including:

- Self-management and sharing experiences
- Managing stress and diabetes burnout
- Making lifestyle changes to diet and physical activity
- Preventing and managing complications

For more information please contact:

Hillary LeFrancois
705-237-8275

****This group does not replace a visit with your healthcare team.**

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Drumming Circle

Keepers of the Circle
121 Scott Street, New Liskeard, ON

When: February 17th, 2016 at 6:30 PM



Participant Guest will need:

- A drum and/or shaker (can be provided)
- A skirt or wrap covering your knees (women)
- A song to share is always encouraged

Ceremony teachings by [Marilyn Chevrier-Wills](#) (Cultural Teacher)

For more information call [Marilyn Chevrier-Wills](#) at
705-647-7874 or at 819-723-2740



Full Moon Ceremony

Keepers of the Circle
121 Scott Street, New Liskeard, ON

When: February 24th, 2016 at 6:30 PM



The purpose of the Full Moon Ceremony is to gather together and ask for guidance, direction and strength through thoughts and prayers from Grandmother Moon. This is a safe, friendly and supportive environment for women to come and share their difficulties and gratitude with their own ancestries.

Participant guest need:

- A skirt or wrap covering your knees
- A drum and/or shaker
- An offering of tobacco with yellow cloth

Objects can be provided with request made in advanced for women lacking and wanting to experience the ceremony.

Ceremony is lead by [Marilyn Chevrier-Wills](#) (Cultural Teacher),
accompanied by [John Wills](#) (Fire Keepers).

The second moon of creation is Bear Moon, when we honour the vision quest that it began in the fall. During this time, we discover how to see beyond reality and to communicate through energy rather than sound.

For more information call [Marilyn Chevrier-Wills](#) at
705-647-7874 or at 819-723-2740

Bulletin from Nurse Delma and the Doreen Potts Health Centre– Zika Virus



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of Canada

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du Canada

MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

			Security Classification - Classification de sécurité
To		All Ontario Region Nursing Stations, Clinics, and	
A		Health Centres	Our File - Notre référence
From		Dr. Thomas Wong MD MPH CCFP FRCPC, Chief Medical Officer, Public Health First Nations & Inuit Health Branch	
De		Melanie Knight, BScN, Communicable Disease Education Coordinator FNIHB-Ontario Region	Your File - Votre référence
		First Nations & Inuit Health, Ontario Region	Date February 02, 2016

The Public Health Agency of Canada has recently confirmed travel-related cases of Zika virus from Central and South America. There have been no reported cases of locally acquired Zika virus infection in Canada to date.

Background:

Public health information has been posted by the Public Health Agency of Canada in response to confirmed travel-related cases of Zika. Since the 1950s, Zika infection in humans has been reported in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. In 2015 outbreaks started to emerge in South America.

What is Zika?

Zika is a virus that is spread from infected persons to others by mosquitoes. The mosquitoes known to transmit the virus are not established in Canada and are not well-suited to our climate currently. Approximately only 1 in 4 people infected with the Zika virus will develop symptoms. Zika virus disease is usually mild. It has an incubation period of 3-12 days. Symptoms last generally a few days and can include, but are not limited to: fever, muscle pain, joint pain, headache, physical weakness, lack of energy, rash, pain behind the eyes and red eyes.

There is no vaccine or medication that protects against Zika virus infection. Treatment of Zika virus is aimed at symptom relief. Anyone who has recently travelled to affected regions and develop symptoms similar to Zika are advised to immediately contact their health care provider and inform them of their recent travel to a Zika affected area.

What is the risk for Canadians?

Risk is to those travelling to affected areas. To find out if the area in which you are travelling to is affected by Zika please go to <http://www.who.int/csr/don/archive/disease/zika-virus-infection/en/>

Who is most at risk?

Pregnant women or women planning on getting pregnant are advised to discuss their travel plan with their health care provider and consider postponing travel to areas where the Zika virus is circulating. If travel cannot be postponed strict precaution should be taken to prevent mosquito bites. It is suspected that Zika infection during pregnancy may have serious adverse effects on the developing fetus.

How to prevent Zika?

When travelling to affected areas travelers should take precautions to prevent mosquito bites. This can include, but is not limited to, using: insect repellent, protective clothing, mosquito nets, screened doors and windows.

What is the role of CHNs?

CHN's are to make this information available to their community. Advise those who are travelling to affected areas to consult with their health care provider. Those working in treatment centers should keep Zika in mind when assessing patients who present with associated symptoms and make inquiries about recent travel.

For additional information please see:

Public Health Notice-Zika Virus, The Public Health Agency of Canada, January 2016 available online at:
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/phm-asp/2016/zika-eng.php>

Zika Virus, The World Health Organization, January 2016 available online at:
http://www.wpro.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs_05182015_zika/en/

Zika Virus Infection, Public Health Ontario, 2016 available online at:
<http://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/BrowseByTopic/InfectiousDiseases/Pages/IDLandingPages/Zika-Virus-Infection.aspx>

Zika Virus, Centre for Diseases Control and Prevention, February 2016 available online at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

Zika Virus Infection, Pan America Health Organization available online at:
http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11585&Itemid=41688&lang=en

News, Accomplishments, and Random Good Stuff from the Community

The recent ruling in favour of Cindy Blackstock's case against Canada in underfunding First Nation children was a historic event.

Temagami First Nation did its part in supporting Cindy and the First Nation Child and Family Caring Society. Back in October 2012, then - Chief Roxane Ayotte was inspired to have TFN host a lecture by Cindy in North Bay. Kendall White gave an opening speech and introduced Cindy. It was a very successful event, with strong attendance and media interviews.

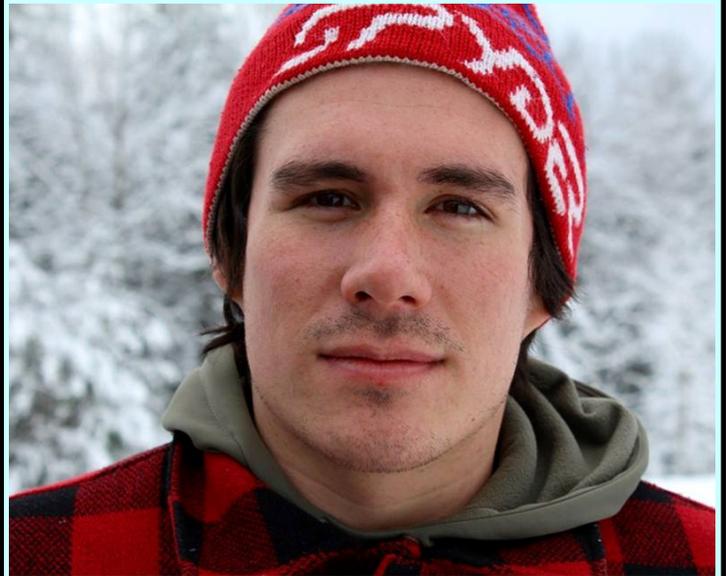
The flyer is titled "Creating REAL Change: How We Can Achieve Equality for Aboriginal Children in Canada". It is presented by the Temagami First Nation in Honour of President Cindy Blackstock. Cindy Blackstock is described as an "Internationally Renowned Advocate for the Rights of Indigenous Children". The text states that she is a member of the Gitksan First Nation and the Executive Director of First Nation Caring and Family Society of Canada. It mentions her historic complaint to the Canadian Human Rights Commission against the federal government (INAC) for racial discrimination against First Nations children. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 7:30pm at West Ferris Secondary School Auditorium, 60 Marshall Park Drive, North Bay Ontario. Reception and refreshments will be provided. Admission is free, and an RSVP is requested. Contact information includes an email address (communications@temagamifirstnation.ca) and a phone number (1(888) 737-9554). The website www.fncaringandsociety.com is listed at the bottom. The flyer also features a portrait of Cindy Blackstock and several logos, including the United Nations and various environmental and social icons.

In December, Chief Arnold Paul kept the connection with Cindy strong when he had a chat with her at the AFN Assembly in Ottawa. Go TFN! Go Cindy!

You can learn more about the historic ruling here:

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2682652033/>

Zach Potts is attending Trent University, pursuing a degree in Indigenous Environmental Studies.



Trent's website describes the program this way:

"The IES program is unique in Canada and brings together principles of both Indigenous knowledge and western science. Instruction in these two approaches will provide students with the necessary skills and critical thinking abilities that they can begin to use in addressing the complex environmental problems facing both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities around the world today."

Zach says, "I plan on making big changes."

Miigwetch. Go Zach. The planet needs driven young people like you with such education.

-No pressure eh! ;)

For more information on Trent University and Indigenous Environmental Studies, check out

<http://www.trentu.ca/ies/>

Christine Cameron recently had her art and her writing featured in issue #2 of



Red Rising Magazine, a new publication out of Winnipeg.

If you want to check out Christine's work and the very cool publication, go to

<http://redrisingmagazine.ca/product/issue-2/>



TemagEco, Casey and Dan Becker's

new ice fishing and ecotourism business, is

taking reservations now. The ice is good and the temperatures are mild— perfect weather for an ice fishing adventure where you stay on Lake Temagami in cosy comfort. Looks like the fish are in the mood to bite too, eh Casey?



<http://www.temageco.com/>

Mary Laronde has retired after 20 years of service with the Union of Ontario Indians.

At her goodbye party, she was presented with gifts and a letter of recognition signed by UOI Chief Patrick Madahbee, which reads:

“Dear Mary, On behalf of the Anishinabek Nation I would like to say Chi-Miigwetch to you for over 20 years of dedication and commitment to the First Nations we represent.

Your knowledge and expertise have been instrumental in the development and advancement of Anishinabek relations, jurisdiction, and governance.

The work you have contributed has led to the development the Anishinabek Chi-Naaknigawin which will continue to guide the Anishnabek Nation as we move forward.

The words expressed in Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe (One Anishinaabe Family) seem fitting for your time with the Union of Ontario Indians and ones that I am sure you will continue to carry with you:

Creator placed the Anishinaabe on the earth along with the gift of spirituality.

Here on mother earth, there were gifts given to the Anishinaabe to look after—fire, water, earth, and wind.

The Creator also gave the Anishinaabe seven sacred gifts to guide them:

Love, Respect, Wisdom, Humility, Honesty, and Bravery.

Creator gave us sovereignty to guide ourselves.

We respect and honour the past, present, and future.”



Top photo, with Deputy Grand Council Chief Glen Hare; middle, letter; lower, with UOI's Jason Laronde.

Photos courtesy of Marci Becking, UOI.

Chi-Naaknigawin means “Constitution”, which Mary did huge amounts of work on for UOI.



Honouring the Spirit of Our Youth & Elders

Native Canadian Centre of Toronto ENAGB Youth Program Presents



NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Downsview Park, 35 Carl Hall Rd, Toronto, ON

Awards

50+ Golden Age Combined

1st - \$1,000 2nd - \$ 800
3rd - \$ 600 4th - \$400

25 - 49 yrs - All 6 Categories

1st - \$1,000 2nd - \$ 800
3rd - \$ 600 4th - \$400

19 - 24 yrs - All 6 Categories

1st - \$ 800 2nd - \$ 600
3rd - \$ 400 4th - \$200

12 - 18 yrs - All 6 Categories

1st - \$ 800 2nd - \$ 600
3rd - \$ 400 4th - \$200

6 - 11 yrs - All 6 Categories

1st - \$ 300 2nd - \$ 200
3rd - \$ 100 4th - \$75

Drum Competition

1st - \$10000 2nd - \$8500
3rd - \$7000 4th - \$5000

Youth Council Specials -

Hand Drum Competition

Hoop Dance

Smoke Dance (Male & Female)

1st - \$500 2nd - \$ 400

3rd - \$ 300 4th - \$200

Talon White Eye Entering " Men's

Traditional" Special 18-49

Visit nccct.on.ca for updates!

May 21 & 22, 2016

Master of Ceremonies

Vince Beyl - Bemidji, Minnesota
Jason Goodstriker - Calgary, Alberta

Head Drum Judge

Lester Mianskum - North Bay, Ontario

Head Dance Judge

Jordan Williams White Eye, Bkejwanong Territory

Head Veteran

Preston E. Tonepahhote, Uncasville Connecticut

Arena Director

Amos Key Jr. - Grand River First Nations

Over
\$90,000 in
Awards!

Cultural Pavillion

May 21 & 22 - 12 noon - 7 p.m

Workshops ranging from
Medicine Wheel • Clan System
Story of Toronto • Creation Stories
Iroquois Games • Inuit Throat Singing

Grand Entry

May 21 at 12 noon and 7 p.m
May 22 at 12 noon

Daily Admission

General - \$16.00
Elders (65+) - \$5.00
5 Yrs and Under - Free



This is an alcohol & drug free event. For further information please contact
Cynthia Bell or Eric Hill at 416-964-9087 or email Cynthia.Bell@nccct.on.ca -
Eric.Hill@nccct.on.ca. Visit the website for all other information at <http://nccct.on.ca>



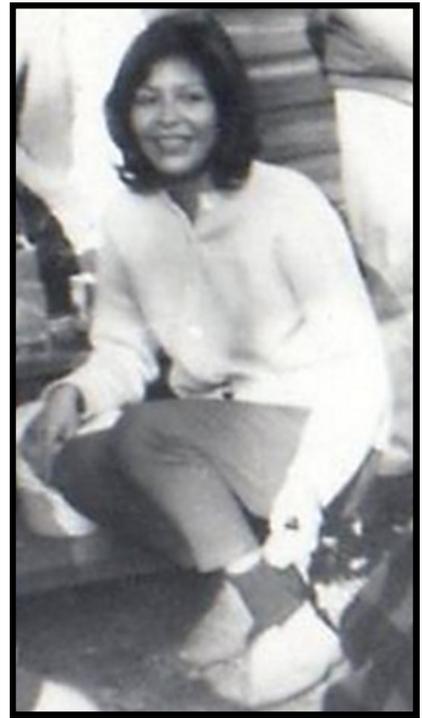
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Caroline Pridham turns 80!



Photos this page by Heather Reid



Photos this page: Top, courtesy "Photo Sharing For the Purpose of Labelling Names, Dates..." -Facebook group. Middle right, close-up: Heather Reid. Bottom, right and left: Mary Laronde.

Bear Island Winter Wonderland!





From Your Library - Food for the Mind

Love stays

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night, the young marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital – the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night. Along towards dawn, the old man died. The marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her.

"Who was that man?" he asked. The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered.

"No, he wasn't," the marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."



BIEA News

With Lynn Mongrain



Hello again everyone!

It seems like I was just writing an update for Education not too long ago.

I do have a few items to mention.

The LMLC will be having their Annual Winter Carnival on February 6th. Please see the flyer or the back page of the Blast for more information.

There will be an Education Community Consultation Session on March 4th. We have Kelly Crawford, Education Consultant, coming to the community to start the Secondary & Post-Secondary Policy Review. More information will follow later in February.

I will be attending the Assembly of First Nations Education Forum on February 23rd & 24th along with Council Education Portfolio Holder Alice Becker.

At any time should you have any questions, please contact me at the education office.

Miigwetch,

Lynn Mongrain
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Last Month, the Blast congratulated

Sophia Turner

on her \$250 win for the regional division of the Aboriginal Firefighters of Canada Contest.

Children were invited to submit artwork with the theme, "Noondan Beep Nebaayag, Fire Alarm Daateg Nibaagamgongkan."
-"Hear the Beep When You Sleep."

Here she is with her \$250 cheque, presented to her at LMLC on January 25th by TFN Fire Chief Roger Assiniwe. Well done, Sophia!



Sophia

\$250 smackeroos

LMLC Anishnaabemowin Update

-With Patsy Turner



This month started off with a welcome back and recognizing the new year. The students reflected on the past year and completed projects for Mno Nimkadaading, for a Good New Year.

The students completed a few different creative arts projects that reflected different words used during “biboon”, winter. They practised using these winter words.

The students also participated in a number of lessons about Ma’iingan/Mahiingan. We discussed vocabulary to describe physical characteristics, where Ma’iingan lives and what they would eat.

We have also been trying to include some work that Lucille made good use of with the students. It is Dr. Greymorning’s technique for increasing a learner’s vocabulary using a variety of pictures to learn the Anishnaabemowin kidwenan that goes along with the picture. Each grade has been regularly practicing the first two sets of vocabulary. One of the student’s favourite winter activities is zhooshkijewe, sliding. They practiced the word in class then we went outside and put the word into action. We also will be participating in a ski trip in February. The students have been practicing the word for skiing. Interestingly there are some local dialect differences, that I’ve learned, when it comes to this word. Mary Katt shared the word “zhooshkwabanoo” for skiing. Another word we’ve come across is “zhooshkagime” (spelling may be incorrect). Both from the local area, just different words for a similar activity.

Earlier this week we had the pleasure of a couple of special guests joining us in class. June Twain and Lillian Hare joined us January 25th.

The students shared their introductions, some drum songs, snacks and a couple of fun games: Patsy Kido (just like Simon Says), The Ojibway Game – where we have to keep saying words until someone gets out, then we also played an Anishnaabemowin Quiz Game. June, Lil and the students all enjoyed themselves.



Next month we have some nice activities planned. On February 6th the girls will be drumming in town for the Girls Night Out concert, we will be heading on the land for a short outing across from Mko Mnising to an active beaver dam, we will be heading out for a day trip on Daki Menan, weather permitting, and June will be returning to the school to do some Fry Bread cooking. These are some nice events to look forward to in the upcoming month.

- Biboon Kidwenan – Winter words
- Biboon – winter
- nbiingech – I am cold.
- Gbiingech na? – Are you cold
- Mshkoodeken/boodwe – make a fire
- zookpon – It is snowing.
- Goon - snow

-Baamaapii!

20 QUESTIONS WITH PATSY TURNER

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Twenty Questions interview with Temagami First Nation (TFN) Anishnaabemowin language project promoter Patsy Turner appeared in the January 20 Speaker. It is being reproduced due to errors which appeared in last week's copy. The Speaker apologizes to Ms. Turner for any embarrassment or inconvenience our errors may have caused.

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter



1. *What is your full name?*

Patsy Turner.

2. *Where were you born?*

I was born in Sturgeon Falls. I have lived on Bear Island for 20 years with my husband John Turner.

3. *What project have you begun concerning First Nation language revival?*

My husband John and I are initiating an Anishnaabemowin Language revival strategy called: Our Language, Our future.

4. *Tell us about this language initiative.*

We are proposing the creation of a community language commission that would work as a group to promote and encourage the learning and use of language at home, work, school, and in daycare. Furthermore, the commission would work to support members that want to take immersion courses or other initiatives to aid them with learning and speaking our language.

5. *Where did the inspiration for this project originate?*

Because we value Anishnaabemowin. Parents on both our sides spoke the language; Elders in our families and communities always spoke the language. As we get older, we are literally watching the language die as these speakers pass away. Last year, Mary Katt, one of the last conversationally fluent speakers who lived on the Island, passed away. It was then decided to revive the language so it can be used fluently once again, starting with us, our children in our home, and hopefully in the community.

6. *How important is language to Temagami First Nation?*

Language is very important to our community and always has been. Unfortunately the effects of assimilation over the years have hit Anishnaabemowin in the community hard. In some families, assimilation made being "Indian" wrong. There were people who were punished for speaking their language. Yet on the other hand, there is a lot of support for and interest in the language. The community leadership strongly supports language and our initiative.

7. *Who are the language keepers?*

There are a number of conversationally fluent Band members who don't reside in the community. Leo Paul, Alex Mathias, Elsie Chapman, Joe Twain, June MacInnis, and Lucille McKenzie.

8. *What kind of funding have you received for this project?*

Temagami First Nation supports language initiatives. Making a serious commitment to support language is expensive. It has to extend beyond the local community. And the TFN has paid for both tuition of the Anishnaabemowin Language immersion course for my husband and myself through Sault College and offered on Manitoulin Island.

More next page-

20 Questions with Patsy Turner, Continued

Once the community's language commission is in place, it will have the task of seeking potential investors in language projects and drafting applications for funding.

9. Are you basing the curriculum for this project on similar projects in Ontario?

This has yet to be determined. The language commission will have to do some of this research and decide on a direction.

10. Is First Nation language in danger of disappearing?

Undoubtedly. We certainly understand our community language issues are not unique. This is a real issue all across Canada.

11. Are TFN Elders being consulted with this project?

The spirit of the project stems from the vision of an Elder who passed away. The commission will include at least one Elder. The language strategies to be developed by the commission will include consultations with the Elders and the wider membership as well. It is also critical to engage the Youth.

12. Is there such a thing as a First Nation language strategy?

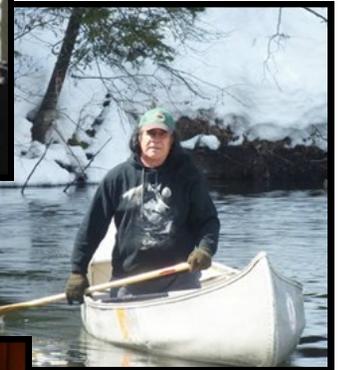
There are no formal language strategies that different communities initiate. In our community there is no local language strategy as yet. However, this is the aim of the language commission.

13. How is language a vehicle for cultural expression?

Imbedded in the language is a worldview, a philosophy of the world that is unique. For example, Anishnaabemowin has no differentiation between male and female. "Baapi" means he / she is laughing. If you don't make it clear in the statement you are using, then it is understood that a person is laughing. The language expresses certain equality among the sexes. Within the language, a great respect is held for the natural world. This would certainly influence the decision-making process regarding the land and its resources.



Elsie Chapman



Alex Mathias



Joe Twain

June MacInnis



Leo Paul



Lucille McKenzie



20 Questions with Patsy Turner, Continued

14. Is the federal and or provincial government committed to preserving First Nation language?

Time will tell with this new Liberal government. Government has not been supportive in the past.

It wasn't long ago that assimilation policies were the government's strategies towards First Nation people and their languages. The push from local First Nation governments will provide the grassroots support for the push for larger provincial and federal governments to make serious change to support language.

15. What are some of the challenges of teaching youth their traditional language?

To anyone the challenge with learning a language is to feel that a person values it and sees purpose for it. Learning language is very difficult. For someone to put time and effort into this, there has to be a valued reason. The value and purpose stems from a cultural identity. Anishnaabemowin is so unique to the way of life of the people who use it. The youth our community are initiators when it comes to language. We have a great group of youth in our community who demonstrate interest in the language. Youth are a big part of language revival.

16. What national magazine were you featured in?

Reference to our language learning journey was recently quoted in MacLean's Magazine in the 2016 Colleges Guide, Special First Edition. The article was written by Kyle Edwards and was appropriately titled: "The Vanishing Point."

17. What inspires Patsy Turner?

It's hard to explain, but there is this deep desire to speak my language. I don't know where it comes from, but I often think in Anishnaabemowin but I don't have the words to say what I want. But am learning and teaching my kids, the more I learn.

18. What kind of training have you undertaken with this project?

My husband and I have enrolled in the Anishnaabemowin Immersion Program through Sault College. It is offered in M'Chigeeng on Manitoulin Island. I am a firm believer that the main way to acquire language is through immersion. We have to hear it and be immersed in it. Immersion programs are going to have to be key when communities develop strategies to revive language. We have to travel to immersion courses out of the area and we travel to a weekly language course offered in Nipissing / Garden Village.

19. What kind of funding have you recently applied for?

John, Daisy Fannin, and myself have recently completed a proposal to Canadian Heritage's Aboriginal Languages Initiative. If approved, the project will begin in July of 2016. We will develop a state of the art language app for ipad / android and other mobile and online devices including personal computers. The app will be distributed to all Band members, who number over 1200. The other critical component of the project is signalling to our community in a tangible way that as a community we greatly value our language.

20. What are some of your favourite Anishaabe words?

There are two words that John and I use often. I say "Ma Bishaan" as that is how I learned it from my Mom in Nipissing. John says "Bizhaan Homa" as that is how the Mkominsing (TFN) would say it. Essentially we are saying the same thing, "Come here". We like to tease each other and say that you are saying it wrong or backwards. But I think these two simple phrases are a good example of how dialect differences, both great and small, are going to occur when speaking Anishnaabemowin with other speakers.

Anishnawbek Words and Expressions We Seldom if Ever Hear Anymore - With Duane Paul

1. **N'gee-bah-gish-in kah-nah-gush-too-see duh-bah-zig-we dush.**

- A) I fell for the prank hook, line and sinker.
- B) I've fallen and I can't get up.
- C) This is the place where I fell.
- D) This is the place where I saw the fox.



2. **O'gee koob-ee-say.**

- A) S/he caught a cold.
- B) I got caught in the rain storm.
- C) S/he fell into the water.
- D) I got drenched by the wave.



3. **O'gee ah-zhah-gid-ah-goo-zhin.**

- A) S/he went out on the thin ice.
- B) S/he tripped on the root.
- C) I fell down the stairway.
- D) S/he fell upside down (head over heels).



4. **Kee buh-zoush-in nah o'quaun-duh-way-gun-kaung?**

- A) Did you trip on the stairway?
- B) Did you see any animals on your trip?
- C) Why don't you take that ladder down?
- D) Are you going to be building a new stairway?

5. **Kah-ween maim-kautch nah-we-zhah-min way-dee?**

- A) I don't know why you need to leave so soon.
- B) We don't necessarily want to go there.
- C) I don't want to go back there again.
- D) Go ahead, make my day.



Answers next page.

No Peeking.

Here's a New Guest Columnist for the Blast... Dear Nabby! If you have a question for Dear Nabby or need advice, drop a line to the Blast and we'll send it on! communication@temagamifirstnation.ca

Dear Nabby:

I recently discovered I have a desire to grow my own fruits and veggies. Where do I start? How do I start? What grows best in this area of the world? Can you give me some pointers to help me out?

*Meegwetch.
Sincerely, Curious & Shy.*

Hi Curious and Shy!

This is a great time of year to start thinking about gardening. It's time to order seeds and think about what kind of layout your garden will have.

There are many different options for growing. You can use a flat bed; it's natural to the ground. There are also raised beds, built with stone or wood boards. You can also grow in pots and use a climbing system.

Start with well-rotted manure and high quality potting soil. Be generous with the manure. It will fuel growth of the plants. Also, read about the plants you desire to grow. We live in a technical time with Google. Heirloom varieties are best to grow. Avoid genetically modified seeds and plants- if they're organic, they're not GMO.

Some plants like tomatoes and asparagus love full sun; some are more tolerant of a bit of shade.

Some plants do fine in clay soil while some plants like strawberries prefer a sandy soil.

I hope you are inspired to take the hoe by the handle and work the ground. I would recommend a garden store such as Richter's in Goodwood, On. Richter's sells both plants and seeds.

Sincerely, *Dear Nabby.*



Disclaimer: If you follow Dear Nabby's advice, that's your choice. Temagami First Nation, Dear Nabby, the BI Blast, and all that stuff are not to be held responsible. ;)

Answers to Anishnawbek Words & Expressions We Seldom If Ever Hear Anymore, with Duane: 1. b) 2. c) 3. d) 4. a) 5. b)

Contest Alert! Wouldn't it be cool if a community member who wants to come home for a visit would win?



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LOL! - From <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/01/02/native-humor-preparing-winter-158528>

One year, a young Anishinaabe boy was given the task of ensuring the entire community had enough wood for winter. This was the first time he had been given such an honour and he wanted to do it right. Before he went to work he decided to call the weatherman to ask what kind of a winter was to be expected. The weather man told him it was going to be a warm and uneventful winter. The boy thought to himself, 'this is great. I won't have to work too hard and I'll be able to look good in front of the whole community.'

Just to be safe, he gathered a few of his friends and they went to work for a week. At the end of the week, after chopping and piling the wood, the boy decided to give the weatherman a second call. The weatherman told him it was going to be a very cold winter.

Shocked at this sudden change and not wanting to disappoint the people, he gathered more of his friends and they went to work.

For two weeks they cut and piled wood, hoping that it would be enough to last the whole winter.

Once again the boy called the weatherman and this time the weatherman told him, "Son, its going to be a very bitter, cold and long winter. Maybe the worst winter on record."

Exasperated, the boy had to ask, "What makes you say that sir?" The weatherman replied, "The Indians are gathering wood like crazy!"



February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Breakfast Program 8:15-8:45 @ LMLC Gr. 3 & 4 Sewing DPHC 3:30-5:30pm	Breakfast Program 8:15-8:45 @ LMLC Client Shopping Perry McLeod dinner/cirde 5:30pm	Breakfast Program 8:15-8:45 @ LMLC Gr. 5 - 8 Sewing DPHC 6pm-8pm	Breakfast Program 8:15-8:45 @ LMLC	Breakfast Program 8:15-8:45 @ LMLC	LMLC Carnival Girls Night Out Temagami 18+ 4:30pm
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	Breakfast Program 8:15-8:45 @ LMLC Truth about Drugs 12-18yrs dinner/workshop 5:30pm @DPHC	Breakfast Program 8:15-8:45 @ LMLC	Breakfast Program 8:15-8:45 @ LMLC	LMLC SKI TRIP	LMLC SKI TRIP	
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Quill Boxing DPHC 9-4PM



Family Healing and Wellness Highlights

705-237-8900



*Starting in February we will be doing sewing for gr.3&4 and also Gr. 5-8 I have asked Tracy Paul to come help with this Program.

- Client shopping trip will be on March 1/16 please call by Feb 26/16
- Mina Toulouse will be arriving on Feb.19/16 to do the Quill Boxing Call Linda if you are attending by Feb 17 (lunch is provided)
- Breakfast Program will be offered every day for the student at the LMLC being served 8:15am-8:45am.
- Truth about Drugs Program to start back up February 8 with a dinner at 5:15pm

*We would like to welcome our new Family Healing and Wellness Centre Community Wellness Worker Fred Quenelle who will start at the Doreen Potts Health Centre on February 8th

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February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Elder's Drop-In</i> 1-3 pm Dinner/ Circle with Perry DPHC / FHWC 5:30pm	3 LMLC Early Dismissal 2:30 pm Grade 5-8 Sewing DPHC / FHWC 6-8 pm	4 <i>AA Meeting 7pm Elder's</i>	5 Community Information Session: Negotiations Update 7:00 pm Rec Centre	6 LMLC WINTER CARNIVAL Girls' Night Out Concert Temagami
7	8 Truth about Drugs 12-18 yrs Dinner / workshop 5:30 DPHC / FHWC	9 <i>Elder's Drop-In</i> 1-3 pm TFN Regular Council Meeting	10	11 LMLC Ski Trip <i>AA Meeting 7pm Elder's</i>	12 LMLC Ski Trip Last day for mail-in nominations for By-Election	13
14 	15 <i>Family Day</i>	16 <i>Elder's Drop-In</i> 1-3 pm	17 LMLC PD Day Grade 5-8 Sewing DPHC / FHWC 6-8 pm <i>Elder's Lunch & Bingo</i> 1-3pm Draft Land Code Info Session Rec Centre 5 pm Dinner 6 pm Info	18 LMLC PD Day Grade 3&4 Sewing DPHC / FHWC 6-8 pm <i>AA Meeting 7pm Elder's</i>	19 LMLC PD Day Diabetes Support Group 1pm Elder's Hilary 237-8275	20
21 Quill boxing starts at DPHC / FHWC 9-4pm. Also on 22nd and 23rd.	22 Quill Boxing	23 Quill Boxing <i>Elder's Drop-In</i> 1-3 pm TFN Regular Council Meeting	24 Grade 5-8 Sewing DPHC / FHWC 6-8 pm	25 <i>AA Meeting 7pm Elder's</i>	26	27
28 By-Election Nomination Night	29 Grade 3&4 Sewing DPHC / FHWC 6-8 pm Community Meeting 7:00 pm	Notes: TFN Council By-Election March 13, 2016				

Sunday, February 6 2016 at LMLC

BEAR ISLAND

WINTER CARNIVAL

8:00 Breakfast (Family event - your family team will get points if your team all shows up for Breakfast before 9 am.)

9:00 Bubble Boiling: Family Event (Same as Tea Boiling but using dish soap and the first team to have the bubbles boil over places 1st.)

9:30 Spike Driving

10:00 Jello Eating

11:00 Arm Wrestling (Due to the time it takes, ages 10 and up only.)

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Tug of War: Family Event

1:45 Musical Chairs

2:30 Family Team Event /Event to be determined. May be Relay Race (includes snow shoeing, running, sliding and pulling a team member on a tube) OR Big Ski Event.

3:00 Bingo (3:00 approx. start time)
No participation points awarded for bingo

4:30 Spaghetti Supper and presentation of awards

Sign up for the Snow Sculpture Contest—contact Patsy at LMLC 237-8982 or on the Bear Island Winter Carnival Facebook Page

