

B.I. BLAST



Gitche Bi'boon Giizis ~ Big Winter Month ~ January 2016

Mino Nimkadaading, Happy New Year!

This issue of the Blast is out later than usual due to the December holidays.

Winter Solstice on December 22 marked the days becoming longer instead of shorter. That's a nice thought, considering we still have 4 months of winter to go. But November and December were so mild, we've had it easy. Well, except for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day when the hydro was out all over Bear Island and area! From pogos for Christmas dinner to firing up the generator to fleeing to North Bay, people found a way to deal with it and still celebrate being together. And if you just can't get enough of Christmas, don't worry- as of January 12th, there are only 353 shopping days left until Christmas 2016! ;)

The Lake is finally freezing up. With visions of Ice Roads dancing in our heads, we're happy about the cold weather!

Have you moved? Do you have a new phone number or email address?

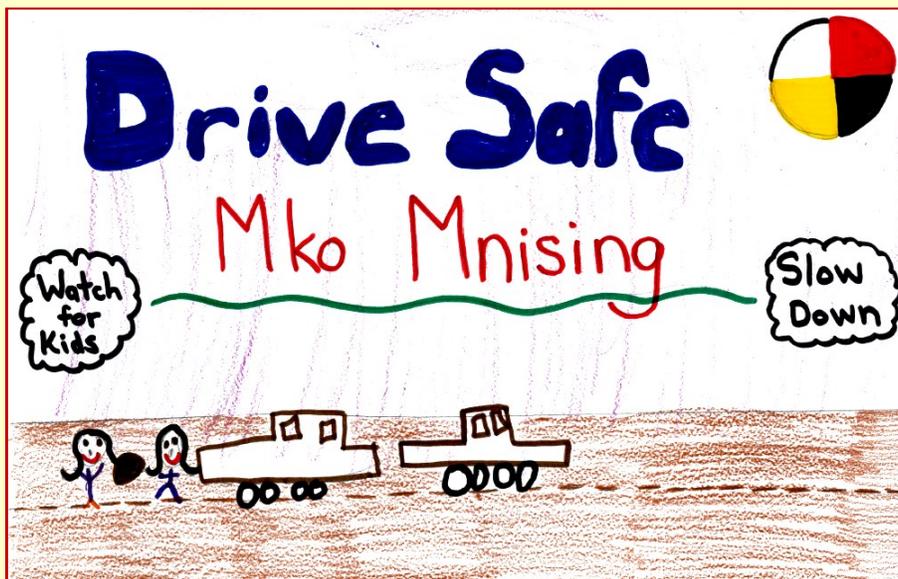
Please let Temagami First Nation know so we can keep in touch.

Contact communication@temagamifirstnation.ca

or call or send a letter to the Band Office: 705-237-8943 / Toll Free 1-888-737-9884

General Delivery, Bear Island, Lake Temagami ON P0H 1C0—Miigwetch!

Winter Means FUN For Kids! Please watch out for the young ones playing and sliding around the roads.



Artwork by Angel Jones

*Mommy Rebecca Metatawabin, Daddy Brady Sylvester,
Big Sister Nicole and Big Brother Jeremy are thrilled to present...*

Delaney - Jane Chantal Sylvester



Born December 8 2015

2:31 PM

6 lbs 1oz

In Loving Memory of Nancy Paul-Woods...

Paul-Woods, Nancy Alice - Passed away at St. Michael's Hospital, Thursday, September 17, 2015, in her 71st year. Nancy was the beloved mother of Nistum Woods of Toronto, sister of Jesse Shortt of Toronto, Jean Willing of Kingston, Mary Shortt of Niles, Michigan, Rose Shortt of Callander, Joyce Lavigne of Redbridge, Christine Shortt of Scarborough and Loretta Shortt of Canmore, Alberta. She will be lovingly remembered by 2 grandchildren. Nancy will always be remembered for her infectious laugh, strong will and passion.

Her friends and colleagues within the Native community will surely smile when they think about Nancy because of her fun loving personality and character, a woman that believed in enjoying life to the fullest.

Funeral services were held on Friday, September 25, 2015 at the Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home & Chapel, at 1:00 p.m. and at Wigwamen Terrace, 14 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON at 3:00 p.m.



Photo from: http://www.thestar.com/life/health_wellness/diseases_cures/2010/11/03/nancy_paulwoods_65_first_nations_stay_away_from_the_white_things_to_stay_healthy.html

In Loving Memory Of
Kathleen "Chaich" Gilbert...

GILBERT, Kathleen "Chaich" - Passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, December 14, 2015, in the beginning of her 57th year...

Pre-deceased by her parents Flora Rita Moore and Terrance John O'Sullivan.

Loved by Friend and "Partner in Crime", Chris-"Christy" Sawyer. Devoted Mother of Laura Faith Irvine, Jared Moore Gilbert (Annette) and Molly Howe Gilbert.

"Fun" Loving Grandmother of Jomy, Emma, Beau, Ben, Sam and Grace! Survived by her siblings Maureen, Ursula and John O'Sullivan. ... Aunty will be sadly missed by her nieces and nephews, Jennifer, Nathan, Damian, Jessica, Michael, Terry, Sylvia, Cyrah, Sophie, Emily, Nathan, Maya, Josie, Christian, Coby and Victoria!!

Remembered by many, "CHAICH" enjoyed family, friends and reading! She loved Jesus, Hank Williams and coffee! (...shaaa) ... Kathleen was OUR grandmother, mother, sister and friend. We remember she loved, she lived and she laughed! Chaich spent every moment she had here on "MOTHER" earth... searching for the "pathway(s)" to inner peace!!

Visitation to be held at the McGuinty (North Bay) Funeral Home on Thursday December 17th, 2015 from 2-4pm & 7-9 pm.

Closing "words" will be heard at 8:30pm. Celebration of "Spirit and Life" to be held on "Mother's Day", Spring 2016 on D'aki Menan.

Memorial donations to the Temagami Community Foundation (St Ursula Church) would be appreciated by the family.



Greetings from TFN Chief Arnold Paul

Kwe Kwe, Happy New Year.

I've had a lot of meetings to attend in the past few months.

In November, I went with Second Chief Joe Katt, TAA Chief John McKenzie, and TAA Second Chief Ursula O'Sullivan to Indigenous and Native Affairs in Ottawa to discuss where we are at with the Membership Code. We straightened out some important items and are on track to proceed with ratification in 2016.

After that meeting I went to Akwesasne with Social Services Coordinator Jessica Mattias to attend a conference on Front Line Workers and Trauma. There were very heavy stories of suffering and its effects on workers. Sometimes the stories were difficult to hear; I congratulate those who work in healing and those who are on their own healing journey. It is so important for workers to practice self-care to avoid burnout. I was particularly impressed with a speaker named Patrick DeCello, an expert educator in the mental health and addictions field. Here's a link to his website: <http://dandsassociates.net/index.php?route=pavblog/blog&id=15>

November 24th to 27th, I attended a meeting with the Chiefs of Ontario and the Ontario government in Toronto. This was a unique event, held for the purpose of proceeding with work spurred by the new Accord signed by Indigenous Nations of Ontario and the Provincial government. Areas of discussion included children and youth, economic development, education, environment, health and justice.

At this meeting, I was particularly interested in working on amendments to the Child and Family Services Act, or CFSA. The 1965 federal agreement needs to be scrapped as it does not work with the new Accord between First Nations and Ontario.

In addition, I have a personal experience from my childhood of being put in the system, which I believe gives me a strong understanding of its workings and its history as well as how it feels to be in it.

Statistics show that 75% of Indigenous children removed from their homes into care are taken due to poverty-related issues, not due to violence.

Also, consider these statistics, referenced from the Toronto Star:

- Indigenous youths (under the age of 18) make up 2.5% of the population.
- 23% of the youth in the Ontario child protection "system" are Indigenous.
- There are approximately 16,000 youth in care in Ontario, so 23% represents about 4,000 of our children in the system.
- Ontario's children's aid system is made up of 46 different agencies, with a total annual budget of approximately \$1.5 billion.
- At 23% of the in-care population, in-care Indigenous youth then theoretically cost about \$400 million per year.

Is this a business? It is easy to imagine that each child in the system is dealt with by 13 or 14 different government agencies that all work in silos. I believe that if our population were given that much of an annual budget, we could create new ways to serve our children. I am interested in innovative ways of changing the system for the better. One agency in Manitoba is removing parents from the home, rather than the kids. Workers and chaperones care for the children, and the end result is much less trauma for the children as they are not uprooted from their neighbourhood or home or school.

It is 2016. Foster Care is the new residential school. We can do better.

Finally, in December, I went with Second Chief Joe Katt and Councillors Donna Mattias, Sherwood Becker Sr., Alice Becker, and Jesse Paul to the AFN Annual Convention. I felt fortunate to be part of that historic event, as newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attended to demonstrate his government's willingness to take a new and respectful way of working with First Nations.

Greetings from Chief Arnold Paul, Continued

It was the first time a Prime Minister attended an AFN Assembly. (Pierre Trudeau attended before he was first elected.) Justin Trudeau announced that his government would move on the five promises the Liberals made during the recent election campaign:

1. Launch a national public inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women.
2. Make significant investments in First Nations education.
3. Lift the two per cent cap on funding for First Nations programs.
4. Implement all 94 federally related recommendations flowing from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
5. Repeal all legislation unilaterally imposed on Indigenous people by the previous government.

Here's a link showing the entire speech:

<http://aptn.ca/news/2015/12/08/watch-prime-minister-trudeaus-address-to-the-afns-special-chiefs-assembly-here/>

I think it was a very useful experience for all of Council in our growth and development as leaders. We voted on about 21 resolutions and did some networking too. At the end, the gala was a hoot. Kashtin was the headlining act.

Hey, even politicians need to have some fun!

Chief Arnold Paul



Arnold With Ovide Mercredi



Arnold, Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners Wilton Littlechild, Dr. Marie Wilson, Justice Murray Sinclair



L-R: Woody, Jesse, Perry Bellegarde, Arnold, Joe

One more photo from Council's trip to the AFN Conference:

Having a Ch-Bop at the photo booth!



From left, front: Jesse Paul, Jody Becker, Christine Friday, Joe Katt, Alice Becker.

From left, back: Alice's galpal, Woody Becker, Anthony Rota, UNKNOW PHOTOBOMBER!!!, (for real!), Arnold Paul.

Council thought she was with Rota, Rota thought she was with Council. Bahhahahahahah!

And Speaking of New Attitudes, New Starts, Optimism, and a New Year:

Here's an excerpt from an interview with Cree Author, Playwright, and Virtuoso Pianist

Tomson Highway:

When asked about Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who won praise this for his new attitude to Indigenous Canadians:

"Yes, he's opening his mind and his heart, and he's listening," says Highway. Compared to Stephen Harper, who had a "heart of ice" and spoke only of the economy, Trudeau is "talking about human issues, issues that matter to humanity. That means there's room for change," he says.

And Highway sees Canada's Aboriginal Peoples on the precipice of great change. He believes pain and trauma are the birthplace of beauty and creativity. From manure, as he puts it, comes vegetation.

"I think we're on the verge of something extraordinary as native people. Collectively as a nation, we have suffered a certain kind of trauma, which brings us to the threshold of extraordinary achievement. That's what I'm here to help with, to help open to the door to extraordinary achievement, and I think it's going to be spectacular."

I tell him that's the best prediction for the New Year I've ever heard.

Highway — who speaks far too quickly for note-taking — seems like he could philosophize like this forever, but nothing serious can ward off his humour. He makes a joke about flattery and flatulence as we shake hands goodbye.

"Every moment of every day should be an act of joy," he says. "I dance down the street."

<http://www.metronews.ca/views/metro-views/2015/12/10/tomson-highway-talks-trudeau--aboriginal-future-in->

Are You Looking for Work?

The 2016 National Census is Coming Up.

The Official Census Webpage Says:

Staff is needed for a variety of supervisory and non-supervisory jobs across Canada for the 2016 Census.

These jobs are ideal for students, recently retired persons, stay-at-home parents, and those wanting to supplement their income.

We offer:

- flexible work hours
- competitive wages
- work in both rural and urban areas.

Go to:

http://www.census.gc.ca/ccr16d/ccr16d-03/ccr16d-03_000-eng.html

To apply now!

Updates from Capital Projects Co-ordinator Peter McKenzie

Multi Use Building project update:

A temporary Band Office is being constructed on Lot 58 so that TFN Administrative Staff will have an office to work out of while the Rec Centre and current Band Office are being decommissioned. It is anticipated that staff will be moving into the temporary Band Office in March 2016 until the new Multi Use Building has been constructed. When the TFN Staff moved into the new Multi Use Building the temporary Band Office will be utilized as a TFN staff rental housing.

Elders' Complex project update:

Lots 46, 47, & 48 have been prepared for construction of the new Elders' Complex to begin on those particular lots. Construction of the Elders' Complex is planned to begin in May 2016.

Matrimonial Real Property Law update:

The 2nd Draft of the TFN MRP Law is being developed and will be provided to TFN members for their review prior to the next Community Information Session – which will probably occur during the month of February 2016.

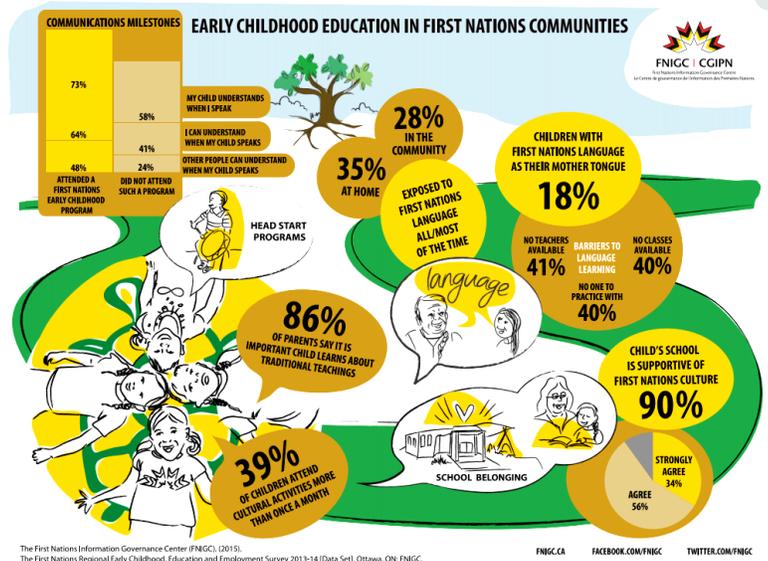
FNREES Survey Update

In March 2015, Temagami First Nation participated in the First Nation Early Education and Employment Survey. Cindy Hare and Desi Senf interviewed children and adults and submitted the anonymous answers to the First Nations Information Governance Centre. The objective was to fill information gaps with solid data, for First Nations to use. The results are now published and can be read in a series of colourful and informative “infographics” like the one to the left.

You can see them here:

<http://fnigc.ca/news/new-data-offers-comprehensive-look-early-childhood-education-and-employment-realities-first>

Scroll down the page for the links.



This article has a good overview of the survey and its findings:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/aboriginal/new-stats-offer-snapshot-of-life-in-first-nation-communities-1.3326682>

Land Code Update

With Lori Anne Stanger



This year is full of exciting possibilities for Temagami First Nation Members!

As we go into this New Year I want to highlight some sections of importance that have been raised at past Land Code Information Sessions.

Land Tenure: Under the Land Code it is possible to strengthen tenure security for interest holders. In plain English? Rules can be created where a TFN member would hold a CP (certificate of possession) to not only their home but also to the lot their home sits on.

Mortgages and Seizures: This part would lay out the rules and processes that would be followed. Example: When a TFN member holds a mortgage on reserve, the mortgages and seizures section would lay out the highest mortgage (degree of risk) TFN would accept if signing onto a Ministerial Guarantee or the First Nation Market Housing Fund. This section would also outline the process that would follow if there was a default on mortgage.

Land Laws: It is important to remember the Temagami First Nation Land Code would be a legal document that would lay out and define the process that must be followed for Land Laws to be created. It would outline who could propose a Land Law and how it would be approved and or disapproved.

Enforcement: This section states that Temagami First Nation would have the power to enforce its Land Laws and what types of enforcement we would want. Example: Fines or alternate means for achieving compliance such as community service.

If I can stress one thing about this Land Code, it is: The HEART OF THE LAND CODE lays out how members would be consulted and what the approval processes would entail should changes ever be necessary. The Temagami First Nation Land Code can never be unilaterally changed by any one group, elected council or Aboriginal Affairs. It must be followed and not just put on a shelf.

I invite you to become informed and join us at upcoming information sessions. I will be sending out a calendar at the end of January! Be sure to watch for it in your mail and on the website! :)

If you have not been on the Temagami First Nation Land Code website recently, please sure to check it out! **The first full draft of the Land Code is there!**

www.temagamilandcode.com

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Miigwetch to Jennifer Potts Paul for This Info!



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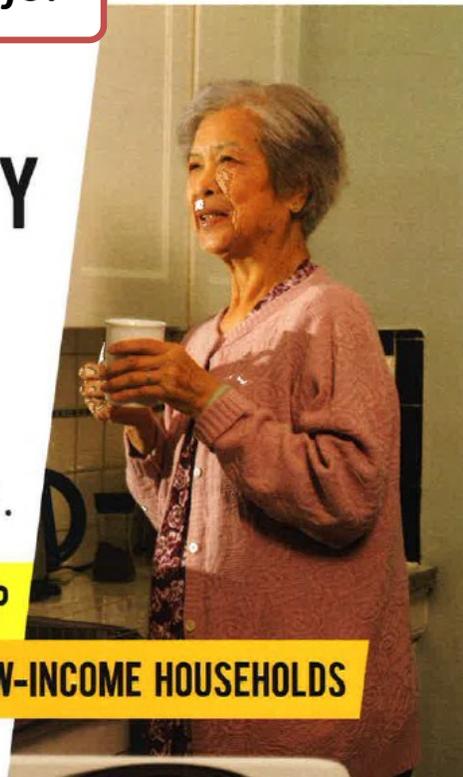
NEW ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

With the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP), low-income households can receive a credit on each electricity bill.

The amount of the credit will depend on how many people live in your house and your combined household income. Find out if you are eligible and how to apply.

THERE'S HELP

FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS



Visit OntarioElectricitySupport.ca 1-855-831-8151

DO YOU QUALIFY?



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).

YOU COULD RECEIVE A CREDIT ON YOUR ELECTRICITY BILL

Beginning in 2016, the OESP will reduce the cost of your household electricity by applying a monthly credit directly to your bill.

WHAT SUPPORT COULD YOU RECEIVE?

The amount of the credit you receive depends on two factors:

- How many people live in your home and
- Your combined household income

For example, a home with four people and an annual income of \$37,000 will receive an on-bill credit of \$34 each month.

OESP CREDIT AMOUNTS

Level of Household Income (\$)	Number of people living in home						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29,000 or less	\$30	\$30	\$34	\$38	\$42	\$50	\$50
29,001-39,000			\$30	\$34	\$38	\$42	\$50
39,001-48,000					\$30	\$34	\$38
48,001-52,000							\$30

Note: Amount of credit is subject to regulatory approval and may change.

If your home is electrically heated, or you rely on medical devices requiring a lot of electricity, OESP offers a higher level of assistance. First Nations and Métis will also qualify for a higher level of assistance.

READY TO APPLY?

- 1 Gather up the following:
 - Your electricity bill
 - Birthdates and names of all residents in your home as registered with the Canada Revenue Agency
 - Social Insurance Numbers, Individual Tax Numbers, or temporary taxation numbers for residents over the age of 16
- 2 Visit our website: OntarioElectricitySupport.ca
- 3 Complete the online application (you will see it on the home page). Print and sign the consent form and mail it to the address provided on our website.

You will be notified of eligibility after your application and signed consent form have been reviewed.

If eligible, the credit will appear directly on your electricity bill in about six to eight weeks from the date of approval. You will receive OESP for two years before having to reapply.

Please note: If you have not filed an income tax return recently, or if your situation has changed since you last filed, you can apply for OESP through a designated agency listed on our website. You will need to bring all of the documents listed in Step 1 above, plus proof of your household income.

There were lots of goodies at the

Elder's Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale...



Jamie checks out the pretty stuff that Marty is selling, and Maureen shows off her swanky new toque she won! Love it!



A Reminder... Contributed by Hilary LeFrancois. Thanks, Hilary!





News, Accomplishments, and Random Good Stuff from the Community



Kim Chapman spent some time last summer transcribing records for the NDakimenan Mapping Project. She recently wrote about her experience.

This has been such an enriching, interesting, and fulfilling job. I just want to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this exceptional project. I have gained so much knowledge and history not only of my own family, but also other community members of n'DakiMenan.

If you ever want to learn about your heritage here is some advice: Talk to Seniors, they are inspiring! For all the transgressions they have survived to provide us for what we have today, we can never thank them enough.

I will leave this position enriched and with a whole new perspective and appreciation for our founding Fathers and Mothers. Chi-Miigwetch.



Chi Miigwetch for sharing your great words, Kim!

Isaiah Mathias-Paul

Knows about how to keep a trapline! He had fun with his family in Quebec over the holidays, getting some tasty waboozoog.



Huge Accomplishments in 2015 for the Great Granddaughter of the late Raymond and Margaret Becker:

Isabella Becker has made a mark in her passion for the game of hockey. This past year Isabella was selected by the Sudbury Wolves AAA Major Peewee team to be only one of 2 girls to play at the highest level of boy's hockey. Isabella was very successful, rating 5th overall in her team points for the year. With the past season, Isabella also played for her school's grade 7 & 8 team. As well, Isabella played in the L'NHL for Whitefish First Nation as a guest player then next was her 3 on 3 team. For season's end Isabella was selected to play hockey in the World selects girl's invitational tournament in Bolzano, Italy by Pro Hockey out of Toronto.



<http://www.sudburysports.com/?content=articles.php&articleId=6520&PHPSESSID=ltmhls4r5j5ecofel12v>

After returning back, Isabella concluded her season by playing spring hockey for Pro Hockey Development in the Toronto region and New York.

The start of this season Isabella went back to the girl's hockey program with The Sudbury Lady Wolves. Her team is playing out of Vaughan this year in the Lower Lakes Female League. This year, Isabella has made a change in her school. She now attends St Charles College for grade 8. This move was for the quality of education and the school's excellent Girl's hockey program starting in grade 9.



With the move to St. Charles, a great opportunity was given to Isabella; the head coach of the Girls' High School Team offered her a call up to be the first grade 8 student to play with the High School team in a tournament in Toronto.



Isabella has currently been offered a chance to play on two different spring hockey teams playing in Quebec and also the Toronto area. She has also been invited to play again for Pro Hockey this summer in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic.

Isabella's parents are Dwayne & Terry-Lynn Becker and her brother is Joshua Matte.

*How awesome is this?
Isabella, please get your Dad to stay in touch with the Blast and keep us up on your hockey career and adventures! :)*

New Year's Baby **John White** turned 83 as
2016 came in.

Looking good, John! We love you!



Congratulations to **Sophia Turner**,
who not only won first place for her artwork in
the LMLC Smoke Alarm awareness
contest, but also won \$250 for it at the
regional level in the Aboriginal Firefighter's
Association of Canada contest. Now her entry
will go to the National Level. Students used the
theme,

"Noondan Beep
Nebaayeg, Fire
Alarm Daateg
Nibaagamgongkan."

"Hear the Beep,
where you sleep!"



Last month we were treated to a couple of lovely photos of Theresa Davey visiting with her mom Lulubelle Dankewich. This month one of Lulubelle's sons, **Doug Dankewich**, is sharing his passion for downhill skiing. Living in Alberta, Doug has access to some awesome powder at Lake Louise, about a half hour drive from Banff.



Doug is from Red Lake Ontario, and has resided in Calgary, Alberta since 1999. The beautiful Rocky Mountains continually beckon Douglas. Whenever they have time, Douglas and his wife Esther and step-son Andrew get out on the slopes. They LOVE Alberta's Mountain Parks.

Casey and Dan Becker's New Business is Open and Taking Bookings!

TemagEco: Lake Temagami Ice Fishing



Looking for a one of a kind vacation experience?
Check out TemagEco Ice Fishing Bungalow rentals on Lake Temagami.

Lake Temagami Eco Bungalows are situated on a pristine deep clear lake with stunning views. You will enjoy beautiful sunsets and discover the reason why so many return to this area! You will have a chance to catch lake trout, pickerel, whitefish and ling; all of which are great tasting! Build some great memories with friends or family and reconnect with nature.

About Us

TemagEco's mission is to provide excellent customer service where clients feel comfortable and enriched by their stay. We will promote green energy, eco living and reconnecting with nature. We encourage people to learn about First Nations culture and share their experiences on Lake Temagami. Our goals are to: Minimize impact. Build environmental and cultural awareness and respect. Provide positive experiences for both visitors and hosts. Provide direct financial benefits for conservation. Provide financial benefits and empowerment for local people.

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Our Packages

Weekday Rentals: 4 nights
\$800

Rental will cover 4 person bungalow, ice shack and heated composting toilet plus all amenities listed on the website. Rate also includes return shuttle ride.

Check in 2:00 pm Monday -Check out 10:00 am Friday

Only \$50 a night per person based on full occupancy

Weekend Rentals: 3 nights
\$800

Rental will cover 4 person bungalow, ice shack and heated composting toilet plus all amenities listed on the website. Rate also includes return shuttle ride.

Check in 2:00 pm Friday -Check out 10:00 am Monday

Only \$67 a night per person based on full occupancy

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TFN Community Christmas Dinner

December 16, 2015



Miigwetch to
Nathan and
Jennifer and
their Crew for a
great feast!









LMLC Christmas Concert

December 16







BIEA News

With Lynn Mongrain



Happy New Year Everyone!

The Bear Island Education Authority is in the process of policy review for the Secondary and Post-Secondary Policies. I have been in contact with an education consultant that will be working on this process. We will be in contact with the community, past students and our current students for any input in the near future. We tried to have an information session over the holidays, but had to be cancelled due to the snow storm we had. We will re-schedule this session until it is safe traveling on the lake. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the education office.

The Staff and Students at the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre were quite busy for the month of December. The Annual Christmas Craft Sale/Penny Sale was big success! This is one of the LMLC's big fundraisers and they made approximately \$3,000 to go to the end of the year school trip.



Scooping the bargains at the Christmas Craft Sale



Ever Cute Sales Lady!

There was also the Christmas Concert on December 16th that the staff and students worked hard on. The performances were all great! The next fundraiser scheduled for the LMLC is the Winter Carnival on Saturday February 6th! See you all then!

In November I was away at the Chiefs of Ontario Education Symposium in Thunder Bay for a week. The opening keynote address was from The Right Honourable Paul Martin. He spoke about the next steps for First Nations education. He also gave guidance on managing external relations. It was also great to see the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Carolyn Bennett come to speak about First Nations education. She even did the hokey pokey with everyone! Overall, it was a very informative 3 days in Thunder Bay.

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

Miigwetch,

Lynn Mongrain

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The Staff and Students of the
Laura McKenzie Learning Centre
extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents, community service
providers, elders and the Temagami First Nation Band office
for their continued support in our on-going fundraising
efforts. Please know that we are forever grateful for your
numerous contributions and participation.

Since September, we have raised approximately

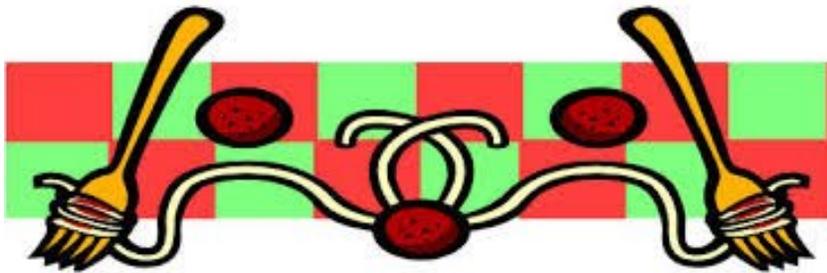
\$ 3,500.00

Wishing all of you a year filled with joy and happiness.

Tuesday, February 19th

LMLC Spaghetti Luncheon

\$5, includes drink and bun



Everyone Welcome!

Parents, please accompany your children.

Saturday
February 6

LMLC Winter
Carnival

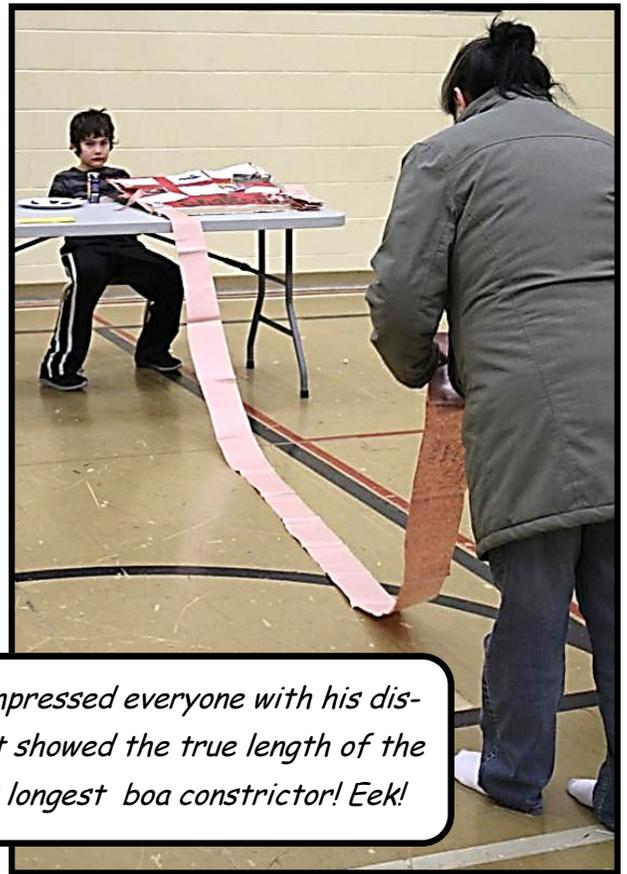
See You
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LMLC News

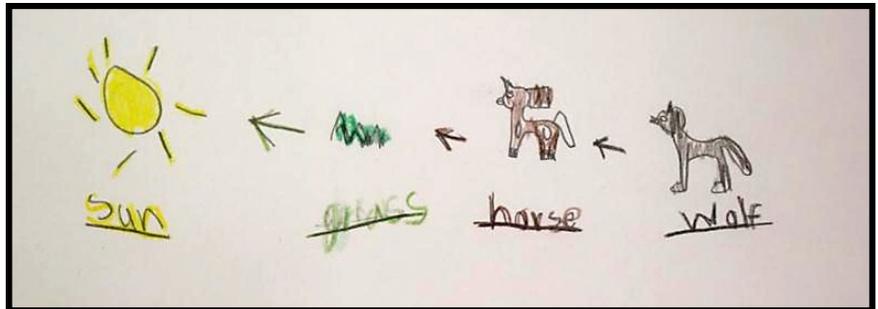
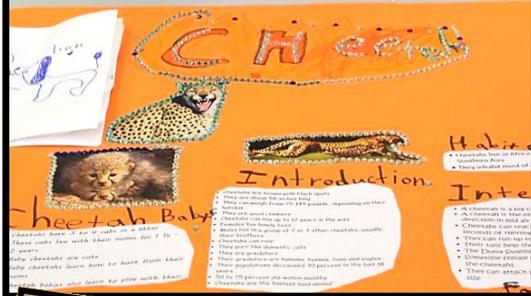
With Mrs. B's Class



Mrs. B's grades 2,3, and 4 Class held an afternoon event at which the students got to show off their work learning about Animals and their Habitats. Each project by each student was unique and showed both their artistry and hard work researching. Well done, everyone!



Jason impressed everyone with his display that showed the true length of the world's longest boa constrictor! Eek!



LMLC Anishinaabemowin Update

With Patsy Turner



December was an exciting month. We had a number of Christmas activities and Christmas words that the students worked on learning.

The students practiced a song for the Christmas concert. This was a song that many community members recognize and love. It is called "You Are My Sunshine" "Giin Aytum Zaagaatay". A number of years ago Mary Katt worked with me and she translated the song. It is a beautiful song and even more so when we hear the kids sing it in the language. They performed this December 16th at the Christmas Concert.

I always like the students to contribute something to the Christmas Craft Sale in Anishnaabemowin. This year the students made Marshmallow Goon Niniwag (Snowmen), Pkwezhaansag Wigwaman (Gingerbread Houses), and Beading with Virginia McKenzie. Miigwetch gii wiidookwishin Virginia. Thanks for helping, Virginia!



Kazia Shij Goon Nini

One thing I like to do is have the students make something in the language to share with some community members of their choice. Last year we sent out Anishnaabemowin Christmas cards. This year we typed out Christmas greetings in the language and put them in a frame. Then the kids wrapped them and we delivered them to some community members.

A number of years ago Henry used to go visit the Elders and get different words for us to teach the kids at the school. This word for Santa, I believe, came from his visit with Tilly Potts. It is

"kaa-mii-zaa-ka-doon-ej-shoomis".

She explained that this word meant "old man with a long beard". An interesting Anishnaabemowin challenge the students and staff participated in during December was to correctly pronounce this word for "Santa". Over the month of December they practiced every day. Almost every student and staff person managed to correctly pronounce the word and earn 10 points for their monthly team challenge. Some students even got their parents and grandparents to learn the word and this earned those students additional points. Gwaabmin! - Patsy



LMLC

Pizza Fundraiser

The students will be selling Pizza Kits once again this year.

They will start selling early February. Our delivery date is March 1st. Our goal is to sell 100 kits. We earn \$5 for every kit that we sell. We have been able to reach our goal for the past couple of years. If a student does not get to selling you any, please call the school and we'll take your order.

We will be selling them till about the 19th of February. Miigwetch !

Teme Augama Anishnaabemowin for Everybody!

Crossing Our Fingers...

Recently, John and Patsy and Daisy completed a proposal to Canadian Heritage to appeal for funds to promote Anishnaabemowin in the community and to the membership. We wanted to share this information with you. We will find out later this year if it was successful.

Canadian Heritage is a national fund that covers various cultural projects, celebrations, etc. One of its programs is called the "Aboriginal Languages Initiative". If our proposal to the Initiative is successful, the project will begin in July 2016. It will utilize our remaining language speakers and other creative and talented citizens to aid in the development of a state of the art Language App for ipod / ipad, Android and other mobile and online devices including PCs. Subsequently, this App will be available to our citizens, who number over 1200.

The App will be actively used by our staff, our Leadership in Councils and by the students in our school and daycare, which number 41. The App will be available free of charge on itunes and other locations online, for our citizens and for any Canadian citizen who wishes to obtain it.

Training will be made available for both using the app and maintaining it.

This Project is part of a wider effort in the community to begin to take extraordinary measures to save and renew our Anishinaabe Language.

The other critical component of this Project is signaling to our community, in a tangible way, that as a community, we greatly value our language as an essential and integral element of who we are as a people, and that we are resolved to move forward in a significant way towards this end – The Renewal and Revitalization of our Language.

This intent and resolve will be marked most obviously by converting Primary Community Signage on our roads and our buildings where people work into Temagami Anishinaabemowin. The positive psychological impact this will have on our citizens and those who visit our Nation cannot be understated, both in terms of instilling pride-regarding OUR Language, and confidence in who we are as Anishinaabe people.

Darrick Baxter of Ogokilearning.com is the creator of the App system. He has worked with Indigenous communities all over the world, helping them to keep their unique languages and dialects alive with this modern technology. You can see more about it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPB18oUXZ8Q>



TMEFC NEWS



Kwe Kwe,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We had a different Christmas this year with the power outage but it was still a good holiday.

In October, we had 66 people attend our Thanksgiving lunch. We managed to fit all our families in the daycare. I want to say thank you to the Tillie Missabie Family Centre staff for all the hard work that goes into this event. The meal was delicious.

We also went to the pumpkin patch with the LMLC. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate at first which meant some of the younger children could not attend but overall, the children who did go had a good day. Next year, we will plan the trip a bit earlier.

November was also a busy month. Unfortunately we had a few closures due to power outages and illness. I want to say thank you to the parents for your understanding and support.

The Tillie Missabie Family Centre had the licensing inspection on November 4th, 2015 and our license was renewed. There were many changes this year to the process and there will be changes made to some of our policies and procedures. I will be working on these changes in the next few months and will be asking parents for their input. Please do not hesitate to ask me about these changes.

We hosted our annual Christmas dinner on November 29th, 2015. We had approximately 70 people in attendance. I want to say thank you to Nathan and Jenn Sawyer for preparing such a great meal, Jesse who did a really good job with the potatoes, and to the 5 youth, Emily, Kaitlyn, Lisa, Connor, Thomas and Angel, who helped with decorating the rec. centre, serving the meal and cleaning up. You did a great job. Santa was not able to come this year due to some technical difficulties but he still managed to send some gifts for the children.

I also want to say thank you to the LMLC for allowing the daycare children to participate in the Christmas concert. I was so proud of the children and the staff who worked with them on their performance. It truly is a beautiful sight to see them sing and dance and enjoy themselves.

As of January 12th, 4 staff are enrolled in ECE courses. Vanessa is continuing with the ECE program, J.J. is starting the ECE program, Kelly is starting the ECE Resource Consultant course and I am continuing with the Leadership in ECE course. I want to say that I am very proud of the employees for continuing with their education as I think it shows their commitment to our children and our program.

Amy Paul will be starting maternity leave, effective January 8th, 2016. We would like to congratulate Amy on the new addition to her family. Amy will be missed while she is away. We are still in the process of hiring for her replacement.

As always, I have a few reminders for our parents. Please ensure that you notify us when your children will not be in attendance and to keep them at home when they are ill so we can prevent the spread of illness. Encourage your children to wash their hands and to cough or sneeze into their arm instead of their hands.

In closing, I want to ask the community to be safe in your travels and to be vigilant when driving in the community. The children are often out sliding in the evenings (now that there is snow) and sometimes they are difficult to see. Take care everyone.

In Kindness,

Tammy Presseault

RECE Program Supervisor

Tillie Missabie Family
Centre



Elder's Casino Rama Trip 2016 (call out)



The Casino Rama Elder's trip will be on Saturday January 30th 2016 to see Tanya Tucker in concert at Casino Rama.

There are 56 seats available and the call in date will be Wednesday January 13th, 2016 starting at 10 am sharp.

Early call-ins will not be accepted before this date or time.

You can only call in for yourself and or spouse to be added to the list. You must be 50 years of age or older to attend this trip. The itinerary and rooming list will be mailed out prior to departure.

**To reserve your spot please call only Hilary at Community Support Services
705-237-8275 on mentioned date.**

Thank you

Hilary LeFrancois

Blast from the Past!

L-R: Eddie Roy, Sandra
Laronde, Vicky Blake,
Mr. Prefasi.



Bill Katt winning the 1962 Race. Miigwetch Jack Humphrey.

Emmy Mitchell is Returning to Bear Island! Her previous visit was very well received. Alice says: "When she came last February, she provided a great deal knowledge in healing of our spirits. People described her as gifted, unique, and soulful. Participants felt they had a greater understanding of themselves as Anishinabe Kwewuk. Last year we were well attended with 20 participants joining in the evening or days. People are able to attend anytime, but will benefit the most if they attend the full 5 days. "



NATIVE CONNECTIONS

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EMMY MITCHELL

Doreen Potts Health Centre
LUNCHES ARE PROVIDED

CALL TO RSVP 237-8600 ALICE

Stepping Stones Program Outline

Jan 21 - 25th

Re-awaken the mind body and spirit
Dying, Death and Grieving from cultural/spiritual aspects
Grounding, Running energy and protection
Meditation
The importance of journaling

Birthing and welcoming
Intuitions
Past lives and soul retrievals
Readings
Evening Session

Spirit helpers and guides
Receiving messages
Dreams and interpretations
Meditations/Readings

Evening Sessions

Biography of Emmy Mitchell



NATIVE CONNECTIONS

Emmy Mitchell is known as a knowledgeable Mohawk medicine woman. She was born with a gift of healing, not specifically of the physical body but healing of the hearts and minds of those she comes in contact with.

Emmy preserves and perpetuates the culture of her people. She is fluent in the Mohawk language, versed in Herbology, and educates on traditional ceremonies and alternative healing modalities.

Emmy obtained her nursing license, holds a bachelors and master's degree in Theology, majoring in Ministry and Divinity and a Master's Degree in Education. She obtained a certified Mediumship course from Certified Medium Belle Salisbury, certified Angel therapist through Doreen Virtue and learned soul retrieval from world renowned Shaman, Sandra Ingerman.

Emmy has also obtained various alternative healing modalities and combines it for the benefit of all people she works with. Emmy works with many spiritual healers within her own community, and in numerous Native Tribes. Emmy has conducted workshops regionally and at a national level. Her words and skills have provided healing, comfort and guidance to thousands of people.

Emmy spear-headed the Ten Month Pilot Project for the Home Detox Center in her community which was recognized and reputable. It was considered and enormous success by all, not just for clientele but for families and the whole community at large.

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Gezhtoojig Employment & Training

Line Crew Ground Support Training 15 Week Certificate Program

NEW ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

START DATES: SPRING 2016
NOW ACCEPTING RESUMES

Location:
CAMBRIAN COLLEGE
Sudbury Campus

All ages over eighteen are encouraged to apply.

- Grade 12 or equivalency
- Valid Driver's License

Please view the Line Crew Ground Support Training Program video on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/linecrewgroundsupporttraining>

Gezhtoojig Employment and Training in partnership with the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association and Cambrian College are seeking Aboriginal participants for this 15 week job readiness program.

This program will prepare individuals for integration into employment opportunities in the Power Line and Construction sector. As new power grids and infra-structure projects are being developed across Canada, the need for skilled workers in these industries are increasing.

This program is designed to prepare the trainee for entry level opportunities with various power and construction companies seeking safety conscious ready to work employees.

TRAINING MODULES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHMIS• Construction Health & Safety• Traffic Control Temp. Work Zones• Defensive Driving-Commercial• Hoisting & Rigging-Basic Safety• Mobile Crane Operator 0-8 Ton Anchors• Elec. Safety-Hydrovac Operators | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipotential Grounding & Bonding• Pole Line Construction ...
1) Climbing 2) Framing 3) Theory
4) and Transformers• Introduction to Electrical Theory• Electrical Safety High Voltage• Working at Heights-Fundamentals of Fall Prevention• Propane in Construction• Confined Space Hazard Awareness for construction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ladder Handling• MSD Prevention Workshop-Trades• Safe Pole Handling• Hydraulic Aerial Equipment• Rescue Practices• Conductor Stringing Methods• Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance |
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For more information or to apply contact:
Ron Sarazin – Special Projects Coordinator
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HAPPEN HERE**

Aboriginal Women in Trades

Do you want to develop your skills in the trades in a relaxed environment? Are you interested in the trades but are not sure which trade is right for you?

This program will incorporate a holistic approach to employability skill development, self-development, academic skills, and safety certifications with practical hands-on training in the identified skilled trade areas.



For further information contact:
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GIRLS NIGHT OUT

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2016

7:30 PM

**TEMAGAMI WELCOME CENTRE
BUNNY MILLER THEATRE**

FEATURING ::

**THE LADIES' OUTFIT
MOUNTAIN ASH
ESTHER PENNELL
BOBBIE MAXWELL
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LINDSAY HODGSON
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2016 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Game night @ Clinic starts @6:30-8:00 pm Ages 7-10 years		Children 7-10 years old craft night @ DPHC 6:30-8:00 PM		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Game night @ Clinic starts @6:30-8:00 pm Ages 10-14 years		Emmy Mitchell – Stepping Stones Workshop Jan 21-25 th		One on One with Emmy First come first serve
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31			Perry McLeod Dinner & Circle @ DPHC 5:30 PM			

“There is no such thing as “good” days or “bad” days. There are just days. It is how we react to them that makes the difference.” - From the “Women Who Do Too Much” desk calendar

Family Healing and Wellness Highlights

705-257-8600



If you are interested in attending Emmy Mitchell please call Alice to confirm by January 15th

Sat 23rd -45 mins one on one with Emmy -participants are required to have their spirit name, date of birth and Clan two days prior. Please note this day could possibly change.

Please call DPHC to reserve your spot for Perry’s dinner and circle by Friday Jan 22nd

Victoria Wylde will be here in February to set up for her services – Our February calendar will have more information

January 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 <i>Elder's Drop In 1-3 pm DPHC</i>	6	7 <i>AA Meeting 7 pm Elder's Building</i>	8	9
10	11	12 <i>Elder's Drop In 1-3 pm DPHC</i> Game Night Ages 7-10 yrs DPHC / FHWC Regular Council Meeting 7pm Council Chamber	13 LMLC Carnival Planning Meeting 3:45	14 <i>AA Meeting 7 pm Elder's Building</i>	15	16 David Laronde Raven & Republic North Bay 9pm
17	18 Joint Council Meeting 7pm Rec Centre	19 <i>Elder's Drop In 1-3 pm DPHC</i> Game Night Ages 10-14 DPHC / FHWC Spaghetti Lunch LMLC	20	21 Emmy Mitchell Stepping Stones Workshop Begins <i>AA Meeting 7 pm Elder's Building</i>	22	23 One on One with Emmy
24	25	26 <i>Elder's Drop In 1-3 pm DPHC</i> Regular Council Meeting 7pm Council Chamber (TENTATIVE)	27 Perry McLeod Dinner and Sharing Circle DPHC / FHWC 5:30 pm	28 <i>AA Meeting 7 pm Elder's Building</i>	29	30
31	Notes: LMLC Winter Carnival Saturday, February 6th—All Day at LMLC! Girls' Night Out Saturday, February 6th, 7:30 pm					



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