



# B.I. BLAST



ADIKAMEK GIIZIS ~ WHITEFISH MOON ~ NOVEMBER 2015



DONALD MCKENZIE, VETERAN OF WORLD WAR 1

**Kwe Kwe...** Here we are already at November. Hallowe'en was a wild and crazy event as always on B.I.—the kids always score enough goodies to last until Christmas around here! Inside there are lots of photos of the great costumes and the great fun everyone had at the dance.

And of course **Remembrance Day** is November 11th. Bear Islanders will be at the Cenotaph as always, but there are ceremonies everywhere- let's get out and remember the sacrifices of our Veterans and their families, and pray for peace.



### **Notice– Relocation of Rez Departments:**

- **Lands and Resources** is now located at the former Family Healing and Wellness Centre.  
**Lands and Resources can now be reached at 705-237-8600.**
- **Family Healing and Wellness Centre** is now located at the Doreen Potts Health Centre.  
**FHWC can now be reached at 705-237-8900**
- **Community Support Services** is now located at the former Lands and Resources Building.  
**CSS can now be reached at 705-237-8275.**

### **The B.I. BLAST is YOUR Community Newsletter.**

Do you have a thought, a photo, a story, opinion, or memory to share? Please do!

All we ask is, "Be Nice, Keep Your Stick On the Ice!"

Send your stuff to Daisy at the Band Office:

[communication@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:communication@temagamifirstnation.ca)

General Delivery, Bear Island, Lake Temagami ON POH 1C0

Or just drop in and drop it off!

**AND IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR MAILING ADDRESS HAS CHANGED, PLEASE LET DAISY KNOW AT THE ABOVE CONTACT INFO!**

*Introducing...*

*Reese McKenzie Ball*



*Little Sister to Nixon and Oliver  
Daughter of Melanie and Jason Ball  
Born August 12, 2015 ~ 8lbs 11oz*

# On October 22, 2015 Albert (Sonny Boy) Mathias peacefully passed away. He was 81.

On Monday October 26, 2015 Family and Friends gathered to celebrate Sonny Boy's life. It was a special gathering that garnered family and friends travelling from many various geographic locations to share their love and respect for Sonny Boy and provide support to each other.

Acknowledgements include: Deacon Mike from North Bay who performed the lovely catholic service and internment at the grave yard; Wayne and Ronda Potts for the uplifting music during the wake and funeral service, pall bearers Eddie Mathias, Steve Missabie, Reynold Turner, Chris Mathias, Tom Mathias and Bob Mathias; brother's George Mathias and Joseph (Busty) Mattias for ensuring the grave and rough box were in order for the burial; sisters Ann Potts, June Twain and Deb Friday for contributing to the outstanding food during the gathering and for the numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who provided generous food donations for the wake and funeral. Sonny Boy's siblings Anita and Alex Mathias regrettably were unable to attend the service,; they were missed.

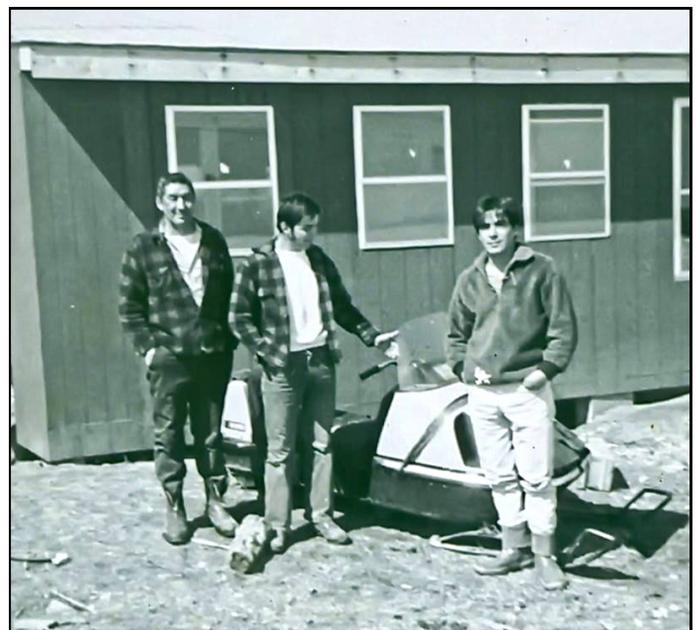
Sonny Boy was born on August 3, 1934 in Haileybury. He was the oldest of nine children; his parents were the late Joe and the late Elizabeth (Lizzie) Mathias. Sonny Boy was predeceased by his sister Doreen Potts.

Sonny Boy and his family grew up on Daki Menan. The family lived on their traditional territory and had a homestead at Turtlesell Lake. During the summer, the family would gather on Bear Island with other Teme Augama Anishnabai Families.

Sonny Boy was one of the last "bush men" of our People. He spent many years living on and with the land. He was a highly regarded guide, hunter, trapper and fisherman. He understood and respected the land that provided for his family for many years.

Sonny Boy lived with Pa (Joe Mathias) on Bear Island and they continued to hunt, trap and fish on the family lands. Sonny Boy met the love of his life Karen at Camp Chimo on Lake Temagami. They were married in December of 1964. Their son Edward (Eddie) was born in April 1965. During Eddie's childhood he moved to Michigan with his mom Karen. Eddie would regularly return to Bear Island each summer to spend time with his dad, Sonny Boy, and visit with his Bear Island relations.

Following the passing of his Pa, Sonny Boy continued to live in his home and would spend a great deal of time with his Ma (Lizzie). As one walked by Grandma Lizzie's house, on the hill by the store, you would often see Sonny Boy at one end of the table and Lizzie at the other end, enjoying a cup of tea and talking in our traditional language. Lizzie was very close with Sonny Boy as this was her first born and understandably, held a special place in her heart.



*Above, from left: Sonnyboy, Roger Faubert, Alex Mathias.*

Sonny Boy was quite a character. He was generally a quiet man who kept to himself and maintained his home to impeccable standards. There were times when Sonny Boy's personality would change,; he would be more vocal and outgoing - we knew that his alter-ego "Sammy" was present. "Sammy" was quite the dancer with his signature move of toes up moving back and forth to the music. He was also known for his routine trips from Bear Island to Temagami on the local plane from Lakeland Airways.

In Sonny Boy's later years he reconciled with Karen. Through their rekindled relationship Sonny Boy found peace, love and support. We would often see Sonny Boy, Karen and Eddie spending quality time at their home on Bear Island.

Sonny Boy suffered from serious complications of the disease of diabetes. He could no longer live independently on Bear Island; he moved to Notre Dame du Nord where he lived in the local Anishnabai nursing home.

Although he was not happy being away from the land and his community he received suitable care.

Through the years a number of his siblings and family would visit Sonny Boy at the nursing home.



Sonny Boy was supported by his caring siblings during his time in Notre Dame du Nord. Family members provided Sonny Boy with assistance to maintain his home on Bear Island and his stay at the Anishnabai Nursing Home.

Special acknowledgement goes to: Joseph (Busty) and Linda Mattias (brother and sister in-law) and Ann Potts (sister). Their dedication and support to Sonny Boy was greatly appreciated.

Sonny Boy returned home each summer with the support and assistance of Karen, Eddie, and his siblings Ann Potts, Deb Friday and Busty. He treasured his time at home and would often be seen heading out to set net in his boat or sitting on his deck enjoying a cigarette and saying hello to each passerby.



Sonny Boy turned 81 this past August. He treated himself to a new motor for his boat. He was able to take his boat out for a spin where he enjoyed the wind on his face and the freedom of moving gracefully over Lake Temagami.

Sonny Boy – you are home.

Respectfully submitted by family.



*Top and right photos: Sonnyboy in 2015.*

*Lower photo, from left: Deb, Ann, Sonnyboy, Karen, baby Eddie.*

# RIP Basil Johnston

By **STEVE TURNER** for the Globe and Mail

October 8, 2015

Aurora, Ont. -- When my father moved from Temagami First Nation to Toronto, he befriended the renowned author and academic Basil Johnston at the "Indian Club," which we now call the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto. The two men were highly educated, spoke Anishinaabemowin comfortably, and teased one another for "not speaking Indian properly." They also held a deep Catholic faith and both were committed to improving the lot of aboriginal people living in the city.

My father was the best man at Basil's wedding and when I was born, Basil and his wife, Lucie, were my godparents. Basil also became my hockey coach and, after my father died suddenly in 1980, I remember turning to him for fatherly guidance.

I recall once hearing my mom talking on the phone with Lucie, who was angry with Basil because he had been ranting about the residential school he attended. My mother told me Lucie had been upset at how ungrateful Basil was to the school that gave him the education that he used to go on to university and achieve the success he enjoyed. Nobody knew at the time where Basil's anger came from - not even his wife.

Fast forward to 2004. The Temagami First Nation held its first "Education Days" fete, and one of the highlights of the event was a dedication to my late father, who had been the first person from the Temagami First Nation to acquire a university degree. Basil was invited to speak about my dad and the importance of education, and I was excited to see him after losing touch for several years. I looked forward to introducing my wife and sons to him, as well as having a chance to express my sorrow at his wife's passing.

Basil began by talking about his residential school experience. He told the gathering how he was taken away from home at a very young age, and how the older boys began sexually abusing him, followed by school staff. The horrors he related completely blew our minds and the realization struck hard about the terrible price Basil paid for his education.

It was through him and his tale that I came to understand how abuse could carry through from one generation to the next, as what was "taught" at residential school would sometimes be brought home to the community.

I had no idea.

I realized that Basil's treasured wife, Lucie, and his good friend, my father, passed on without ever learning what had happened to him as a child because he - like many of his peers - kept these horrifying stories to himself for decades.

I commend his spirit. That day, Basil stood before 200 strangers and articulated what happened to him, why it happened and why it should never happen again. I realized then how truly lucky I was that no one in my immediate family had to go through that experience, but I was saddened that my godfather was so horribly abused as a young, defenceless boy.

Basil's story underscores the need for reconciliation for those who had to endure the unendurable at these schools. Stories like his were told in a variety of formats across the country before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which heard from more than 6,000 people, concluding in the spring of this year. I always imagined that disclosing this chapter of his life was like a breath of fresh air for Basil and I hope that it helped him find peace and enjoy the fruits of life during his retirement.

Basil took his spirit journey on Sept. 8. While those of us left in this world were sad to see him leave, I have no doubt that those whose love and friendship he cherished and who left on their spirit journeys before him were there to greet him when he arrived home. Rest well, Basil, and Meegwetch. *-Steve Turner, Aurora, Ont.*

For more on Basil, please see here:

<http://anishinabeknews.ca/2015/09/10/anishinabek-remember-storyteller-basil-johnston/>



Notice

# TAA ASSEMBLY

Sunday, November 15

10:00 am

North Bay Indian Friendship Centre

980 Cassells St., North Bay ON

## **Agenda:**

- Membership Code
- Land Claim Negotiations Update
- More Items May Be Added

For More Information, Contact

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## How to Make a Will

A presentation by Tanya Hutchings, AANDC Indian Estates Officer

Hosted by Temagami First Nation

**Wednesday, November 18**

### Schedule:

2:30-4:00, Presentation for Elders, Elder's Building

5:00-6:30, Potluck Supper, Rec Centre

6:30-8:00, Presentation for all, Rec Centre

### Purpose:

- To provide general information about the importance and advantages of Estate planning and Wills.
- To encourage you to think about your Estate and write a Will.
- To provide you with information and / or awareness of the procedures respecting deceased estates.
- To explain the roles and responsibilities of your Administrator / Executor.

There will be 25 sample Will Kits available.

Please note that Tanya is not allowed to help with writing a Will.

It's time for the...

# Elder's Annual



Sunday November 29, 1:00 pm

You Know Where... The Elder's Building!

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## NOTICE

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION & Discussion on  
Outpost Cabins**

**POTLUCK LUNCH – BRING YOUR FAVOURITE DISH**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 /2015**

**Bear Island Rec Centre**

**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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### AGENDA

- 1 - Review and discussion of the resolution from March 19/2008**
- 2 - Possible Locations**
- 3 - Construction and estimated costs**
- 4 - Usage**
- 5 - Maintenance**
- 6 - Tourism Opportunities**
- 7 - Establish a committee**

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LAKE SHUTTLE AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS  
BEVERAGES AVAILABLE – POTLUCK LUNCH  
WEBEX AVAILABLE: Contact [communication@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:communication@temagamifirstnation.ca)

Below is the result of the 2nd Vote on the Outpost Cabins Resolution.  
Please attend the Info Session (Previous page). Miigwetch.

Community Meeting held March 19, 2008

**RESULTS**

Bear Island Recreation Centre

Resolution #2 March 19, 2008

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Family Outposts

Our People grew and evolved on Daki Menan for thousands of years

Our People were born from our Motherland

We agree that when out on the land we feel good

We agree that through strong links with Daki Menan we will make wise decisions about our future

We support the establishment of Family Outposts throughout Daki Menan

We support providing assistance and resources for our Family Outposts

We need to promote our Family Outposts and celebrate their completion

We encourage our programs and services to facilitate programs on Daki Menan at the Family Outposts

Moved by: Jane Twain

Seconded by: Linda M.A.L. Mathias

Date: March 19, 2008

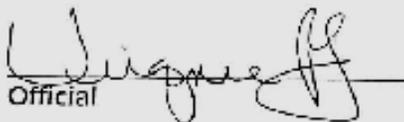
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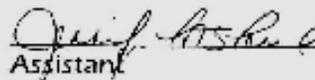
**RESULTS FROM THE SECOND AND FINAL VOTE HELD AT COMMUNITY MEETING THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2008.**

In Favour:	<u>65</u>	Spoiled Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Against:	<u>32</u>	Total Number of Cast Ballots:	<u>101</u>
Abstain:	<u>4</u>		

**RESOLUTION #2 March 19, 2008 – CARRIED**

Certified true & correct to the best of my knowledge:

  
Official

  
Assistant

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Note: In accordance with the Tribal Constitution terms and conditions thereof.

Resolution No 2 Mar 19 08 Official Result CARRIED

# Report on Finance Community Information Session

October 3, 2015

The finance community information session held on October 3, 2015 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. was attended by 6 members of Council, 4 staff, and 15 community members.

The morning session included a presentation of the global budget for 15/16 along with work plan presentations by Vicky Blake, Roger Assiniwe, Jessica Mattias and Lynn Mongrain.

There was a discussion about hydro costs and billing. Hydro One will be sending staff to Bear Island to ensure that everyone is receiving the correct billing.

The Teacher's trailer is being relocated to prepare the site for the Elder's Complex which will begin construction in the spring. There is a plan for a new building that will accommodate staff while the multi-use facility is being built and which will become housing afterwards.

Lynn explained that a consultant will be hired to review the post-secondary policy and the plan is to have a revised policy implemented by the spring and in place for next fall.

In the afternoon there was a presentation on the Future Generations Fund Investment by Andrew Mitchell of Ridgewood Capital and the Community Financial report was reviewed.

Copies of these reports are available by contacting Vicky Blake at the band office.

**Vicky Blake**

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**Save the Date:**

# COMMUNITY MEETING

**Saturday, November 28**

**Bear Island Rec Centre**

**Agenda TBD / TBA ASAP**

# Temagami First Nation Land Code Development



October 21<sup>st</sup> saw some brave souls venturing into the rainy night to come out to another community information session on the proposed Land Code and Community Ratification Process. (Ratification meaning how the Land Code will be voted on).

We also had some use the Webex system! A reminder for future information sessions, if you are not able to make it to the meeting? Contact us ahead of time and I will send you the access code. If you are unsure how to use this system, the "How To" video is now on your Land Code website at [www.temagamilandcode.com](http://www.temagamilandcode.com)

The Land Code Committee and I have the responsibility of guiding this process, however we need your assistance to shape this Land Code by having open discussions through the sharing of information and ideas. So please let me know how you would like to be engaged in these discussions. Perhaps a formal meeting session is not your thing. Perhaps Webex is not your thing, and THAT'S OK! Would you prefer to have us meet with you individually and discuss the Draft Land Code and CRP document over a hot tea or coffee? Upon invite, we would come and meet with you in your home; or you can drop by the office; or call me at my new number! **705-237-8600**.

In closing for November's BI Blast. Please note I am now at a new location! You can visit me at what was known as the Family Healing and Wellness building. Please drop by and say hello! I look forward to seeing you. 😊

[www.temagamilandcode.com](http://www.temagamilandcode.com)

Lori Anne Stanger – Land Code Development Coordinator

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***L&R Community Tour –Young Davidson Mine,  
Matachewan October 22, 2015 ~ Photos by Kim Cowan***



*Top: wide view of the site*



*Middle: The TFN gang and their guide*



*Bottom: Rock crushing plant on the right. Slurry holding tanks on the left. Pumped from there to the Tailings pond.*



*Left: Slag heap in the distance*

*Below: Jamie and Lori Anne selfie it up!*



*Above: current Tailings Pond.*

*Right: Proposed future Tailings Pond, formerly Davidson Lake.*



*Left: Vehicle entrance to the inside of the mine.*

# HALLOWE'EN...BEAR ISLAND STYLE!





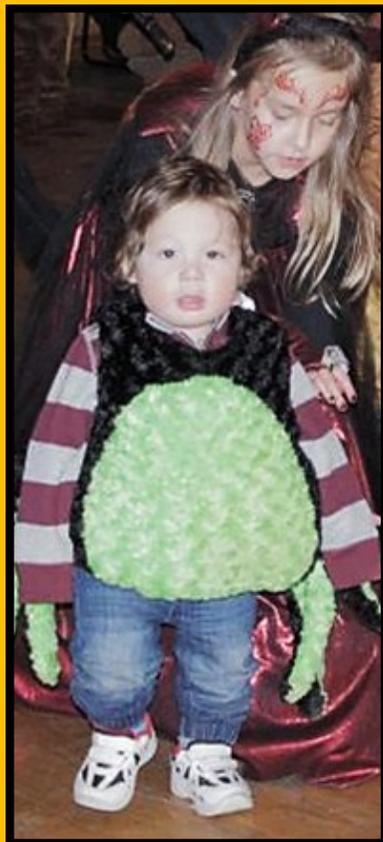












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TO DONNA AND  
EVERYONE AT  
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EVERYONE AT  
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GREAT PARTY!**



# *Anishnawbek Words and Expressions We Seldom if Ever Hear Anymore – With Duane Paul*

## 1. Ah-mooz-ah-day-ay kee gee-is-zah nah?

- A) Are the moose still calling (rutting)?
- B) Did you cook the moose heart?
- C) Are you going to fry that moose meat?
- D) Do you like moose stew?



## 2. G'chi-mooz n'gee wah-buh-mah.

- A) I saw a big moose.
- B) He saw a big moose.
- C) He shot a big moose.
- D) There is a big moose close by.



## 3. Pun ah-gootch-way-schut o'gee gee-way-aun.

- A) I wish I had a place I could call home.
- B) He does not have a place to call home.
- C) It's been a long time since he returned home.
- D) I will be returning home soon.



## 4. Kin-ah zhu-oh-nah-boo o'mo-day-ap-koun n'gee mah-nik-quay-aun.

- A) I drank the whole bottle of wine.
- B) I went all the way to town by dog sled.
- C) I made some wine from the berries.
- D) I have only one bottle of wine left.



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

5) *Kee bee-gah-bid-oon nah wah saach-ah-goun?*

- A) Did you open the window?
- B) Why did you break the window?
- C) Who closed the window?
- D) Did you break the window?



### *Did you know...?*

Moose used to live in many areas of Europe and even Scotland. They still exist in Norway, Sweden, Russia, and in patches in some Eastern European countries.

In 2011, the first moose calf was born in Scotland since 900 A.D., after a re-introduction program.



<http://www.scotsman.com/news/have-i-got-moose-for-you-birth-is-first-in-scotland-for-1-000-years-1-1655764>

*Language Answers: (No Peeking!) 1.-B 2.-A 3.-C 4.-A 5. -D*



## *News, Accomplishments, and Random Good Stuff from the Community*



**Jordan Metatawabin** has discovered that he has a serious talent for Electrical work. Jordan is doing College-level electrical training and recently got an average of 87.6% in his courses! He is looking into apprenticeship to further his learning. You go, Jordan!



Guess who???? - Answer on inside back page.

Awww! After 10 years and 2 kids together, **JJ Peshabo** proposed to **Bev St Denis** on their anniversary. He had it all planned— they were at Mom and Dad Delma and Jim’s house for supper, with sis Jen and bro Matthew there to witness. He did a great toast which was hilariously interrupted by his family... then he surprised Bev by revealing the carved jack o lanterns you see in the photo.



*It's all on JJ's facebook page... love it.*

***Congratulations, Bev and JJ!***



A year and a half of work and fundraising by **Misty Paul** has finally paid off. Misty worked with Jules Koostachin to get a monument to Shannen Koostachin created. The beautiful statue is located on the New Liskeard waterfront. The New Liskeard location was chosen as it was where Shannen and her sister Serena went to high school in her family's efforts to get her the quality of education they couldn't get in their home community of Attawapiskat. Kudos to Misty for her efforts. Kudos also to everyone who donated to the cause at the 2015 Pow Wow and individually. Kudos as well to Family Healing and Wellness Centre for holding a taco dinner fundraiser to support the fundraising. Shannen started her spirit journey in NDaki Menan, so it is very meaningful that the people of this community gave so generously to the project.

***In the photo: Darnell Kooses, Misty, Alex Paul Sr., Shannen in bronze, Tracy Paul.***

**Vicki Grant** recently spent 5 days in Anchorage, Alaska, attending the First Alaskans Institute's annual Elder's and Youth Conference on behalf of Imagine Canada.

Vicki said she was impressed and moved by the respectful interaction between the generations, and the meaningful discussion that was held on issues ranging from language retention to climate change. The effects of climate change are easy to see everywhere there, Vicki says, as ice fields melt away at an alarming rate.

You can learn more about the conference on the First Alaskans Institute facebook page. Sounds like a great organization and a great event.



## Terry McKenzie Receives The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award

**-By Vicki Grant**

On October 6, 2015 Terry received the honour of the **Governor General's Caring Canadian Award** from his Excellency, Governor General David Johnson.

The ceremony was held at The Citadelle, the Governor General's residence in Quebec City. <sup>1</sup>



### History of the **Caring Canadian Award**:

When the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc became Governor General of Canada, he was determined to thank the thousands of caring people who give so much to their fellow citizens, the unsung heroes who volunteer their time, their efforts and a great deal of their lives to helping others, and who ask for nothing in return. Created in 1995, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award recognizes individuals who volunteer their time to help others and to build a smarter and more caring nation.

The award also highlights the fine example set by these volunteers, whose compassion and engagement are so much a part of our Canadian character. It allows us to thank them for their contributions and for the positive impact they have had on the lives of others and is given to recognized living Canadian and permanent residents in Canada and or Abroad.

The Caring Canadian Award consists of a letter, certificate and a lapel pin.

Terry has been recognized for her volunteer work and her leadership in volunteerism within the community. Many in this community know that



Terry, on her own initiative, for over eight years, has been and continues to organize and host Movie Nights for the youth and the young children in the community on a weekly basis. She does not charge an entry fee and she personally buys all the movies. She sells pop, chips and snacks. She encourages the young people to volunteer their time to help her. The Teme-Augama Anishnabai Elders Club has supported her efforts by allowing her use of their building and their audio -visual equipment. In return she takes on the responsibility of looking after the building, making sure it is clean when she is finished.

*1-The Citadelle of Québec is the largest British fortress in North America. Construction spanned from 1820 to 1850, and the citadel is today an integral part of the fortifications of Québec is located on Cape Diamond, the city's highest point. The citadel was recognized as a National Historic Site of Canada in 1980 and is part of the Historic District of Old Québec, which was placed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1985.*

## *Terry's Caring Canadian Award, Continued*

All the funds go back to the Teme Augama Elder's Club to help pay for heat and hydro.

Terry has a Facebook page that she uses as a way of communicating with her participants. She uses this medium to get feedback of the movies she will be showing. Below is an example of her post looking for feedback:

*"Halloween Movie Night: We might have movie night on Friday and Saturday Halloween weekend. It would be after the dance on Friday and after trick or treating on Saturday. I am probably gonna show classics like The Thing, The Fog, Prince of Darkness, and some others. Any suggestions? Good ones, not lame remakes! They must be scary!"*

If she has concerns about safety she will post a notice such these examples:

*"It's stormy out there; if you're far away or off the loop you might wanna pick up your children."*

*"We have started the movie, playing the 10 minutes or more of previews so late comers won't miss anything."*

*"Parents with kids at movie night, can you please pick up your children tonight. A car/truck went by the building very fast, it was dark and I do not know who it was. It was called in. If I can't get a hold of a parent, I will find them a safe way home so they are not walking in the dark."*

She acknowledges and thanks the youth for helping her. The high school students can use this time towards their volunteer hours for high school. An example:

*"I would like to thank Misty Paul, Ashley Paul, Thomas Saville, Cylas, Janique, and Noah for setting up and cleaning on Feb 11th."*

While having rules, she does apply them with a sense of humour:

*"Reminder...cool whip is a topping, not a cup of cool whip and a splash of hot cocoa!"*

*"She brings community together, volunteers her time and money and then continues to give back by raising money through this initiative, for the Elder's group. Terry continues to be a role model for our community"* -a quote from a letter of support from Patsy Turner

Misty Paul wrote in her letter of support, "Terry has always volunteered her time to various community events throughout the years. She has volunteered her time as well as made donations to help with school events such as the annual winter carnival, Christmas craft sale, and other various fundraisers over the years. Along with this she has always been proactive in the community for the elderly population.

*Terry goes above and beyond the average volunteer dedicating her time and making donations for the benefit of others. She truly cares for the community and it is great honour to know her"*

Congratulations, and Meegwetch, Terry, for contributing to the health and wellbeing of our community! And to quote Ardie Moore from the ndakimenan voices facebook page,

*"Good hearted community member.... So deserving Terry....my kids love what you do and me too!"*

If you know a friend, neighbour or member of your community who deserves this unique award, please share their stories by nominating them: <https://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=14464&lan=eng>

*The Blast is also so happy to finally get Terry in the pages... she is impossible to photograph! She always ducks and hides. (Unless she's in a Halloween costume!) So... gotcha Terry! Great looking photo! And Miigwetch and Congratulations for sure!!!*



*Aww, so sweet! This letter from Malia was contributed by Summer Camp and Stewardship Project Coordinator Robin Potts. Miigwetch, Robin, Miigwetch, Malia!*



July 14, 2015

Thank you so much for giving me the chance to go to summer camp.

I spent two full weeks at the Canadian Adventure Camp. I made new friends, had lots of adventures and learned many new skills. The team was wonderful!

My favorite part was learning Archery. I hope to get my own bow soon and practice some more. I also had a chance to canoe, kayak, water ski, swim, rock climb, do gymnastics and more.



I was happy to share with everyone about my cottage and family history on Lake Temagami. I hope one day I can be a camp councilor in Temagami too.

Miigwetch,  
Malia



*And More Great Summer Memories... Robin Potts Contributed Her Own Account of a Special Trip With Her Kids and Their Cousin.*

This summer, Kylie, Brian, Mag and I did a Dumoine River trip with our travel day being Friday Aug. 14, 2015.

We departed from North Bay Friday morning with our gear. It took approximately 8 hours to reach our drop off destination, which was the northern part of Lac Dix Milles @ 10 Mile Lodge in Quebec. There was a bridge there where we loaded and headed for the mouth of the Riviere Du Nord (approximate 5 km river run), only to run into an unmarked dam to start-- causing a waterfall that was otherwise marked as a class 2 rapid on the map. We portaged into Riviere Du Nord finding the water level low at that time of year, so better to run in the spring.

We covered approximately 90 kms of river over 5 tripping days (Sat. Aug.15- Wed. Aug. 19, 2015).

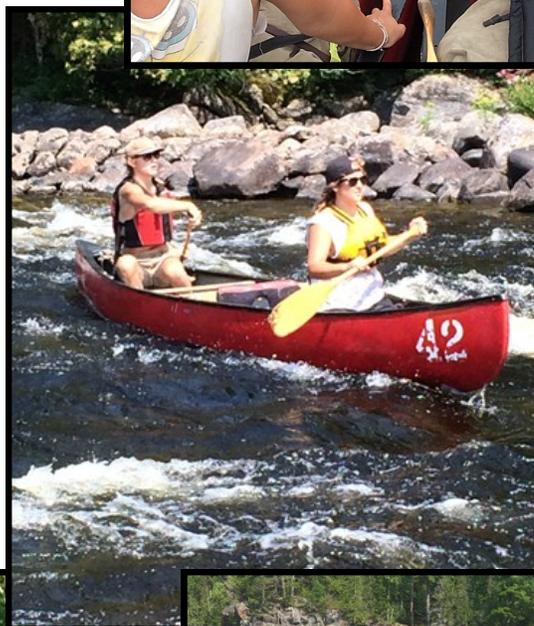
Our meal menu was created by Kylie, Mag and Brian -- just to highlight a few items: pizza & dessert bannocks for floating lunches, bush coffee every morning and bush tea to end the days, oats, fresh caught fish, bacon, corned beef hash with potatoes, and coffee cake - to name a few.

Anyhow, I just wanted to share with you a short poem and a beautiful picture that I took as we exited the Riviere Du Nord and entered the mouth of the Dumoine River.

The poem is a small simple reflection piece from the trip. This was my first time doing the trip and it was beautiful to have done it with such beautiful people- my children and my niece !!

Meegwetch, Robin.

***Robin's beautiful poem is on the following page.***





### The River

Where do you take me?

Where do you go?

I ask you,

You do not answer.

You do what you know.

Windy, winding, pebbles and stones

Ripples and rapids moving we go.

Wandering, can I find what I am looking for?

My eyes are wide,

My paddle deep,

I dig for the answers, for I feel weak.

River, flow through me

Take my tears

Take my fears

I ask from you, what do you know?

Mysterious and misty

Currents and calm

Show me more,

I want to see me in you

For you are beautiful

And I want to know that beauty too.

Robin.

# LMLC

## News Flash

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Team Spirit Update		
Congratulations Turtle Squad for earning a total of 388 points for the month of <b>September</b> . Their team win earned them a pizza party.		
Team Standings		
2	Turtle Squad	388
1	The Monsters	383
3	Blue Sapphires	365
4	Thunderbirds	346



### September Award Winners

#### *Virtue Award: Respect*

Josephine Sawyer  
 Sophia Turner  
 Keitay Becker

#### *Perfect Attendance Award*

Adonis Roszel  
 Denton Saville  
 Ania Pladzyk  
 Tyson St. Denis-Peshabo

#### *Native Language Award*

Josephine Sawyer

#### *Most Improved Award*

Nicole Goulin  
 Madison Mattias

October Awards will be held on  
 Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
 starting promptly at 1:45 pm.

Everyone Welcome!

### Young Entrepreneurs

This year, in conjunction with our fundraising efforts, we are encouraging students to become entrepreneurs. Students bring forward an idea they feel will make money for their year-end trip. With the help of a mentor, they brainstorm ideas that bring their idea to fruition. This involves planning, organizing, costing and implementation of an idea. For their efforts, they earn 20% of the net profits.

This month, "The Bakery Bosses" Angel Jones and Peyden Mongrain organized a bake sale. They had help from students Chris Landriault and Cylas Paul. Together, they took on the task of learning to bake and decorate cupcakes. Angel and Peyden also made layered "Rice Krispie" Squares.

In order to help the students turn more of a profit, Chris' father donated delicious chocolate chip peanut butter cookies, Peyden's Aunt Annette baked homemade pies, and her Grandma Linda baked mouth-watering bread and cinnamon buns. Renee brought in decorative cookies.

Altogether, the "Bosses" netted \$224.00 for which \$180.00 was given for the year-end trip. Students were thrilled to earn \$44.80 for their efforts. With part of their personal profits they purchased food items needed to enjoy a home-cooked breakfast of sausage and eggs.

Well done, "Bakery Bosses!"

### Harvest Moon Dinner for 6 Winner

Congratulations Carrie Landriault

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A special thank you to the continued support of  
 the community for their purchase of tickets.

# LMLC News Flash, Continued



## A Little Taste of China

Students from Grades 2-4 have been exploring the many wonders of China. As part of this exploration, they got the opportunity to learn how to prepare Won Ton soup. Many of the students had never tried the soup and were a little reluctant to give it a try. However, once they did, they couldn't get enough of the special dumplings. The students made enough dumplings so that they could be shared with many of the Grade 5-8 students and staff.

Thanks to Miss Denise for sharing her expertise with the students. A special thanks to Amanda for keeping the kitchen clean and safe as Miss Denise was busy teaching the students how to wrap the dumplings properly.



## Christmas Card Delivery Service here on BI

Students Keitay Becker, Angel Jones, Peyden and Kaiya Mongrain are leading the Christmas Card Delivery Service for Bear Island. The service is much more affordable than the traditional postal service.

The idea came about from the Elders at one of their afternoon socials. At this social, it was brought forward that Bear Island residents used to send each other Christmas Greeting cards, however, this stopped when postal rates hiked to \$1.07 per card. After some discussion, their ideas were presented to the staff and students. From these ideas, it was decided to proceed with specially designed stamps that can be used here on the island.

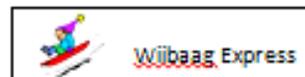
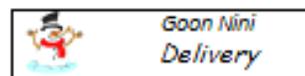
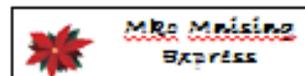
Community members will be able to purchase school-designed stamps to place on the envelopes of their greeting cards. Once the cards are ready, they are to be dropped off into a special box at the school. From there, Keitay, Angel, Peyden and Kaiya will ensure delivery of the greeting cards.

### Price List for stamps:

Individual Stamp	\$ .50
Sleeve of 20	10.00
Sleeve of 40	15.00
Sleeve of 80	25.00

Order forms will be available at LMLC, Band Office, and the Doreen Potts Health Centre as of Monday, November 9, 2015. Staff and students will also be out and about the community with the forms.

### Stamp Samples:



The stamps would also be an added addition to any off-island or Christmas gifts.

# LMLC Anishnaabemowin Update



*With Patsy Turner*

## **Kwe Kwe! Mno Taasewang! Happy Halloween!**

The students have had an eventful month in Anishnaabemowin. Each day, they've been practicing monthly words that are practical and could be used in school or at home.

The beginning of the month started off with a boat trip on Ndaki Menan. We had 3 boats take all the students out on the lake. Alex Paul was our guide. He brought us by Chimo Island, Cattle Island, Portage Bay Peninsula, Narrows Island, Pelican Narrows, Temagami Island, High Rock Island, Philip's Bay, Shiningwood Bay and Mko Mnising. He shared stories of the different places and caught some fish as well. We appreciated the trip and appreciated the drivers of the boats for helping us out: Alex, John Turner and Jamie Saville.



The students worked on Ndaki Menan projects after the trip. They also worked on Fire Prevention Poster Contest submissions. The theme is "Hear the Beep, Where you Sleep". We translated it and used the theme in Anishnaabemowin on our posters, "Noondan Beep Nebaayeg, Fire Alarm Daateg Nibaagamgongkan".

We will have a prizes at the school level and then they will be entered into the Ontario First Nations Contest.

The students completed a couple of Halloween activities as well. They learned a Kosman song, a pumpkin song, and they painted pumpkins and pictures. We then gifted these pumpkins to the different program buildings, as a Halloween decoration.

Also, thank you to Brenda for being a big part of the month filling in for me while I am away for my Anishnaabemowin Immersion course. This month I was also away for 4 days for our week long Immersion camp, which was held at Anderson Lake in Espanola. I will be attending my 2<sup>nd</sup> Immersion Camp again November 24 – 29.

**Aabjitoon Kaawinitoonmin! Use it or Lose it!**

*-Patsy*

## September Words

Kwe Kwe

Nwii mnikwe. I want a drink.

Nwii zhaa wigwaamenskan. I want to go to the bathroom.

## October Words

Bzindaan! Listen

Nongom Now

Gwaabmin Miinawatch! See you again!

*More photos next page...*

# LMLC Anishnaabemowin Update Photos



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# TMEFC NEWS



Kwe Kwe,

October was such a busy month at the Tillie Missabie Family Centre. We are preparing for our license renewal. We also had other extracurricular events.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our annual Thanksgiving lunch for the parents and children. We also honoured the children who left the program in September to go into grade one. We had a fabulous lunch and a really amazing turnout, with 61 people in attendance. It truly was a great meal and we are so happy with the parental support we have from our families.

Thank you to the daycare employees who work so hard at these events.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated birthdays at the daycare. We tried to be creative with our snacks so that the children were not having cake 3 days in a row. The parents of the children came and celebrated at the daycare with their children.



On October 19<sup>th</sup>, the daycare children and families, along with Theresa and Mrs. B's class, went to the Pumpkin Patch at Leisure Farms. The weather did not cooperate at first but overall there was a great turnout and the children enjoyed themselves.

November will be just as busy as we prepare for the Christmas season.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the children will visit all the band buildings for the annual trick or treat. It is always fun to see the creative costumes the children come up with and fun to see the TFN workers dress up.

The daycare is always looking for relief workers. If you are interested in cooking, cleaning or spending some time with the children, give me a call and I can get the process started.

As always, please make sure your child has everything they need at the daycare and prepare for the changes in weather (Rain suits, hats, mitts, warm jackets, etc.).

Be sure to notify us of any changes in your schedules or when you will be off the island.

I would also like to remind parents and caregivers that the drop off times for the children are 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. for the half day program.

The daycare closes at 5:00 p.m. The 15 minute grace period is for parents who work until 5:00; this allows for parents to travel to the daycare from their workplace.

For further questions, please contact me.

In Kindness,

Tammy Presseault

RECE Program Supervisor

Tillie Missabie Family Centre

# TMFC Thanksgiving Lunch







*Chi Miigwetch to Tammy and all the staff at TMFC for hosting such a busy, delicious event. Occasions like this are what makes life on Bear Island so special.*

Chi Miigwetch also to Vanessa and Betty Jo

for cooking up a storm... it was delicious and there was plenty to go around. Betty Jo started cooking at 1:30 in the morning the day of the meal.

*Ouch! You're awesome, Betty!*





*Temagami Community Market*

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# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

*Local Artisans,  
Baked Goods,  
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Luncheon 11:00am to 2:00pm*



*10:00am  
to  
3:00pm*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

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*Food Donation to Temagami Food Bank appreciated.*



**SHUTTLE BOAT SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2015**

SCHEDULE A MONDAY TO FRIDAY		NOVEMBER 2015							
Depart <b>Bear Island</b> WEEK DAY (MON-FRI)	Depart <b>Mimirood</b> WEEK DAY (MON-FRI)	Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7	
*8:00 a *8:30 a *9:00 a	*8:15 a *8:45 a *9:15 a	8	9 237-8201	10 237-8201	11 <i>Remembrance Day - closed</i>	12 237-8955	13 237-8955	14	<b>WEEKDAY ON-CALL TRIPS AVAILABLE</b> -must be booked in advance
*1:15 p *4:00 p *4:30 p *5:00 p	*1:30 p *4:15 p *4:45 p *5:15 p	15	16 237-8955	17 237-8955	18 237-8955	19 237-8201	20 237-8201	21	<b>No Service:</b> Weekends or Holidays  <b>PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES - PFD'S MANDATORY &amp; MUST BE WORN BY ALL PASSENGERS!</b>
		22	23 237-8201	24 237-8201	25 237-8201	26 237-8955	27 237-8955	28	
		29	30 237-8955	1 237-8955	2 237-8955	3 237-8201	4 237-8201		

**NOTE: ON-CALL TRIPS MAY REQUIRE ONE (1) HOUR NOTICE – PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE FOR BOOKING & CANCELLED TRIPS**

**THIS SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE – WEATHER PERMITTING**

**FOR MORE INFO CALL (705) 237-8943 – All trips must be confirmed by calling the Driver or Band Office\***

- Two Regular size Bin Limit; \$10 per passenger (regular scheduled trips); \$50.00 per On-Call Trip

- Driver: **Dean Potts (705) 237-8955** \* **Dan Mongrain (705) 237-8201**

# NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Remembrance Day	12	13	14 Youth 12-18 Trapping trip
15 Youth 12-18 Trapping trip	16 HBHC Child Health Clinic 4pm @DPHC	17 Dinner/Sharing Circle w/Perry 5:30pm	18	19	20 HBHC Parent shopping	21
22	23 HBHC Dinner Workshop 5pm	24 Youth 12-18 dinner with Perry McLeod 5:30pm	25	26 Men's Dinner/ Video 5:30pm	27	28
29	30 CWW Client Shopping	1 HBHC parent shopping	2 Women's Dinner & presentation 5:30pm	3	4	5 Youth ages 12-19 Dinner & presentation 5pm

## Community Wellness & Healthy Babies Healthy Children Highlights

705-257-8900

**CWW Client shopping trips for men & women please call Annette before November 26, 2015 for shopping trip on December 30, 2015.**

**\*We have relocated to the Doreen Potts Health Centre and if you are looking for any of our services (Community Wellness Program, Healthy Baby Healthy Children program, NNADAP, and NCWP) we can be contacted at 7052378900.**

### Youth Programming

- Youth ages 12-18yrs overnight trip on the land November 14 &15, 2015.
- Youth ages 12-18yrs Dinner/Presentation November 24/15 @ 5:30pm @ DPHC
- Youth ages 12-19yrs Dinner/Presentation December 5/15 @ 5pm

**Dinner/Sharing Circle w/Perry**, November 17/15 @ 5:30pm please call the DPHC to confirm your attendance.

**Healthy Babies Healthy Children Dinner and Workshop** Nov. 23/15 @ 5pm please call to confirm your attendance by Nov.19/15.

**Men's Dinner/presentation** November 26/15 @ 5:30pm please call if you are attending.

Any questions about our calendar please call @ 237-8900 Millgutch!!!



~ November 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Elder's Drop-In 1pm Elder's Building  <i>Regular TFN Council Meeting 7pm</i>	4	5   AA Meeting Elder's 7pm	6	7  Outpost Cabins Community Info Session & Discussion 10am-4pm Rec Centre
8	9	10 Elder's Drop-In 1pm Elder's Building	11 Remembrance Day 	12   AA Meeting Elder's 7pm	13	14 FHWC Youth Trapping Trip
15 FHWC Youth Trapping Trip  TAA Assembly 10am-? North Bay Indian Friendship Centre	16 HBHC Health Clinic DPHC 4pm	17 Elder's Drop-In 1pm Elder's Building <i>Regular TFN Council Meeting 7pm</i>  Dinner & Sharing Circle w Perry FHWC 5:30pm	18 How to Make a Will Info Session 2:30 Elders Only, Elder's Building 5:30 Potluck Rec Centre 6:30 General Session, Rec Centre	19   AA Meeting Elder's 7pm	20 LMLC PD DAY  HBHC Parent Shopping	21 Temagami Christmas Market 10am-3pm
22	23 HBHC Dinner & Workshop	24 Elder's Drop-In 1pm Elder's Building  Youth Dinner with Perry 5:30pm FHWC	25	26 Men's Dinner & Video 5:30pm FHWC  AA Meeting Elder's 7pm	27	28 Community Meeting 10am-4pm Rec Centre
29	30 CWW Client Shopping	Notes:  Answer to "Guess Who?" : - JJ Peshabo, Jesse Paul, Brody Turner!				

**REMEMBRANCE DAY~ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

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**JOHN TURNER**

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