

B.I. BLAST

Baa-Jii-Bwon Giizis (say Bah-Jee Bwon Geezis)-Breaking Through Crust Moon
Ni-Kii Giizis (say Ni-Kee-Geezis) -Going Into Spring Moon
March 2013



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.....*And Lots More!!!*

Rita "Bubsey" O'Sullivan

~April 25, 1928-February 4, 2013~

Photo by Peter Brown McMillen

Kwe Kwe!

It's been a busy February, and March is looking jam-packed too. Fundraisers, dinners, concerts, trips, visitors, programs, consultations, ceremonies, meetings...this community is just rocking along! In this issue of the Blast we'll look at some of the past month's events, and what's coming up.

Please don't forget- because this is YOUR community newsletter, everyone is welcome to submit articles, art, photos, ideas, or whatever. What do you want to see more of? Suggestions, helpful hints, opinions...everything is welcome. The only condition is that you "keep your stick on the ice"- play fair and please keep kindness in mind.

communication@temagamifirstnation.ca or 237-8900 Miigwetch!



Cartoon Source: First Perspective News, Winnipeg
John Bigface Cartoons
<http://www.firstperspective.ca/news>

Introducing... Canada's New Minister of Aboriginal Affairs...

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt!

Who is this Bernard Valcourt, you ask:
Here's an excerpt from Wikipedia:

"He was appointed to the Cabinet of Canada in 1986 as a Minister of State. In January 1989, he was promoted to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, but was forced to resign from Cabinet in August when he was involved in a drunk driving motorcycle accident that cost him an eye.

He returned to Cabinet seven months later as Minister of Fisheries and Oceans."

It was in the beginning of the 1990s when the Atlantic Cod Fishery collapsed from overfishing.

Yep.



Community Engagement Strategy Update

- * COMMUNITY SURVEY BEGINS!*
- *BEAR ISLAND INFO SESSION*
- *TORONTO INFO SESSION*
- *WEB EX INFO MEETING

Community Survey:

Feb 6th: The Community Engagement Strategy Committee met, reviewed, & recommended changes to the Community Survey.

Feb. 13th: Joint Council (TAA / TFN Councillors) approved the Community Survey.

The Community Survey will be sent out to the beneficiaries over the next week. Canada Post mailings will begin on Friday, March 22, 2013, and email copies will follow. Everyone should have his or her copy of the survey by **Wed. Feb. 27th**. There will be draws for completed surveys. These \$50 draw prizes will be based on geographic zones and age categories. We are asking that the surveys be returned by **Tuesday, March 12th, 2013**. Anyone who needs any assistance or has any questions regarding the survey, please call Vicki, Duane, or Desi...assistance is just a phone call away.

Following the analysis of the survey, more focussed discussions will begin. Focus group meetings will begin in the areas identified by your feedback. We will keep you updated and you will be hearing from us.

Bear Island Info Session:

An information session was held at the Rec Centre on **Feb. 12, 2013**. We had 9 attendees. Desi gave an overview of the work to date with a PowerPoint presentation. There were some questions and some discussions.

Toronto Info Session

When: **Saturday, March 2nd, 2013**
from 9:30am to 11:00am,
Novotel North York Hotel.
3 Park Home Ave.
North York, M2N 6L3

The location of this session was determined by the need for a location that is easy for city residents to access by public transportation, but is also easy to access

from Hwy. 401. If you are interested in attending please contact us asap. We are looking to have at least 20 people in attendance. Invitations will be sent out to beneficiaries who reside in southern Ontario.

Web Ex Meeting:

When: **Wed. March 6th, 2013 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

This is an internet-based live and interactive meeting. For those who cannot make it to our info sessions, this method of engaging with the beneficiaries only requires members to let us know they would like to participate by sending us their email addresses. We can accommodate up to 25 participants.

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BIEA BLAST!

***Bringing you news
from the Bear Island Education Authority
and Laura McKenzie Learning Centre.***

Kwe Kwe Everyone! Winter continues to be a busy and exciting time for our students.

We had a great Health Careers trip to North Bay in February. Our school visited Garden River Health Centre where the workers shared information about their health careers. An interesting part of the presentation was how diabetes affected our bodies using an organ vest with Velcro attachments. June McGinnis shared stories about what it was like growing up on Friday's Point as a young girl. She described how they paddled around Lake Temagami and how it took 5 hours one time to break ice and paddle to the town of Temagami via canoe. Richard Assinewe also shared traditional teachings. He explained how a ceremony honouring the snow shoes has been lost and he hopes to see it revitalized. He described how important snowshoes were in the past to get us around to hunt and fish in the winter. He hopes to see more young ones snowshoeing in the future! We stayed at the Best Western hotel overnight, had a great dinner, and the next day went down-hill skiing. This trip was made possible with Aboriginal Health and FNSSP dollars.

Our Curriculum project group is working on a curriculum resource book for LMLC. Our plan is to gather information about our own history and culture to teach our future generations. How did our families live in the past? What is our political past and what is in our treaties? What did our people eat in the past, how did they get their food, and how did they cook it? What plants exist in our area? How did people travel? What are significant areas on Lake Temagami and in N'Daki Menan? How do we

survive on the land? We will also work on why learning our language is so important.

Special Miigwetch to John and Patsy Turner, Joe Katt, Daisy Fannin, Jessica Mattias, and Virginia McKenzie.

On February 21st and 22nd the TFN Chief and Council and BIEA School Board met together to discuss Good Governance in Education. We discussed Roles, Responsibilities, Relationships, Decision Making, Strategic Planning, and Legal and Current Issues in Aboriginal Education. We have identified the successes in education as well as important work that still needs to be done.

Please keep in mind these upcoming dates:

Saturday March 2nd – SATURDAY SCHOOL OF ROCK at the REC CENTRE- LMLC and high school students come out for a day of music, canteen and music workshops. Free supper too! (See the next page for more info).

March 08 & 17- North Bay High School Transportation Shuttle

March 18 – Literacy Week Begins- Games/ Scrabble Night

March 20th- Speech Night

March 21st- Literacy Lunch Session for Parents

March 28th – Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast

If parents have any fundraising ideas, please contact the school. We appreciate any help or ideas you may have.

We hope you are enjoying the tail end of winter. It won't be long until spring arrives.

Miigwetch, Cindy, BIEA Education Director

Don't forget to read with your child every day!!!

*Laura McKenzie Learning Centre Proudly Presents
FREE DINNER AND CONCERT*

"The Pick Brothers"



THE PICK BROTHERS BAND have been distilling their big vat of influences together with their vibrant, rock and roll energy to create music that has been raising bigger and bigger roofs (the Opera House, the Mod Club, the Horseshoe Tavern, the El Mocambo, etc.) since they started. World travelers as children, this powerful trio bring a genuine, fraternal chemistry to their original compositions and live performances. A website is in the works and their debut album, PINK LEMONADE, is due out this Spring.

Time:

Dinner-5:30pm

~Concert to Follow~

When:

Saturday, March 2nd 2013

Where:

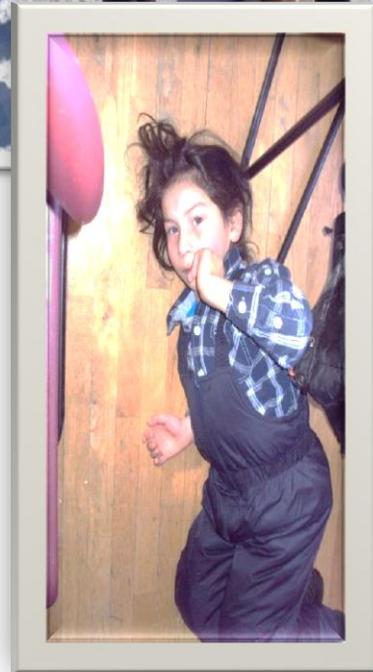
Bear Island Rec Centre

Refreshments Available

50/50 Draw

~B. I. WINTER CARNIVAL!~

February 16, 2013



A Note From Desi:

MEEGWETCH to the
VOLUNTEERS/WORKERS/ATTENDEES
who helped raise \$1304.00 at the **2013
BEAR ISLAND WINTER CARNIVAL!**

Clinic Staff: Carrie, Jess, Donna & Lydia
for cleaning, organizing, shopping,
cooking, preparing, running events and for
functioning with lack of sleep-**BIG
THANK YOU!!!**

And, to all the Volunteers:

Alyssa, Amanda P, Annette, Betty Ann,
Brodie and Krystina, Cathy M., Claudette
and Arnold, Corey, Courtney, Daisy, Dan
S., Delma and Jim, Doug, Duane, Hilary,
Holly, Jamie, Jenn and Nathan, Linda P.,
Lucille and Johnny, Lynn, Michelle T.,
Patsy and John, Roxane, Steve M.,
Tammy, Tessa, Theresa and Steve, and
Virginia H.

That's quite the list of people who helped
out!!!! **THANK YOU!!!!** (If there are
people I may have forgotten to mention, I
apologize).

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And On Behalf of the Community....

CHI MIIGWETCH to **DESI**
for all your hard work!
It Was Great!!!



Family Day Weekend

~By Carrie Landriault~

Well, another great Family Day Weekend has passed, and I think all of us at the Clinic have finally caught up on our sleep. It was a very successful few days. Scott Ward did palm readings, a hypnosis show, and hoop dance workshop. The youth had the opportunity to learn about the hoop dance and teachings behind it. They were able to demonstrate what they had learned, and they did a great job. Dakota House put on an awesome DJ dance and empowerment workshops. I am proud to have been able to bring Scott and Dakota to BI. Donna brought in the MuchMusic Dance Party and workshops, which were also really successful and everyone had a great time. The FHWC staff fed everyone a great supper on Thursday, Desi organized the community to potluck a big meal on Saturday, and on Sunday we were treated to an absolutely delicious prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. Ann Potts and her crew did a fantastic job. To top off the weekend, we celebrated with fireworks- thank you Roger, Louie, and Jamie for putting on the show! Miigwetch!



More From Carrie...Hi Again Everyone!

I am just giving everyone the heads up for a **three day workshop with Lee Mason from Young Warriors Network, March 13 14 and 15th from 9:30 AM until 3:30 At the Rec Centre**. Participants will have a catered lunch provided by June Twain. I also wanted to see how many frontline workers/teachers, or community member would be interested in a Bullying Prevention Workshop during the evening of March 13 or 14? I really think we should utilize as much as we can in the 3 days. So, something to think about... if I get enough responses I will book an evening.

If interested please e-mail me at carrie.landriault@temagamifirstnation.ca or call the Clinic at 8900.

More information will follow in the up-coming weeks. This is open to the community ages 11-up, however, it is at the parents' discretion if they would like their children to participate in this program.

Miigwetch, Carrie Landriault ©

What Do Inuit Folks Get When They Sit On The Ice For Too Long?



Anishnabe Language

This text and table was taken from http://www.native-languages.org/anishnabe_words.htm

Here is a comparison of vocabulary words in Southwestern Ojibwe (as spoken in Minnesota), Ottawa, and Algonquin. Some linguists consider them separate languages, some consider them dialects of a single language, and others consider two of them to be the same language but the third to be separate. Here are the words and you can judge for yourself.

Teme Augama Anishnabai pronunciation was added for fun and comparison.

Source: Temagami Anishnabebemowin Language Resource Booklet 1st Edition 2010)

Miigwetch to Patsy Turner for the spelling versions of the words.

Anishinaabe Word Sets

English	Algonquin	Ojibwe	Ottawa	Teme Augama Anishnabai! ☺
One	Pejig	Bezbig	Bezbig	Bezbig (Say: Bay-zhik)
Two	Nij	Niizh	Niizh	Niizhin (Say: Neezh'in)
Three	Niswi	Niswi	Nswi	Nisin (Say: Ni-sin)
Four	New	Niiwin	Niiwin	Niiwin (Say: Nee-win)
Five	Nànan	Naanan	Naanan	Naanin (Say: Nah-nin)
Man	Ininì	Inini	Nini	Niniim / Nini (Say: Ni-neem / Ni-ni)
Woman	Ikwe	Ikwe	Kwe	Kwe (Say: Kway)
Dog	Animosh	Animosh	Nimosh	Nimoosh (Say: Knee-moosh)
Sun	Kìzis	Giizis	Giizis	Giizis (Say: Gee'ziz)
Moon	Tibik-kìzis	Dibik-Giizis	Dbik-Giizis	Dbik Giizis (Say: D'bik-Kee'ziz)
Water	Nibì	Nibi	Nbi	Nbii (Say: N'bee)
White	Wàbà	Waabishki	Waabshki	Waabaa (Say: Wah-bah)
Yellow	Ozàwà	Ozaawi	Zaawi	Waabinaywaatay (Ozaawaa) (Say: Wahb'in-nay-wah-tay (Oh-zah-wah))
Red	Miskwà	Misko	Msko	Mskwaa (Say: Mis-kwaw)
Black	Makadewà	Makade	Mkade	Makadewaa (Say: Mu'ka'day wah)

Julia Turner Travels In Style!

The Tikinagan is an ideally engineered baby carrier for this landscape, complete with roll bar! Sophia was the first passenger in this one, and now Julia feels very comfortable and content in it. Patsy says it is comfortable and convenient for her too. The frame was made by daddy John, and Marty created the bag. Niiiiice!!!



Temiskaming Art Gallery Community Outreach Visit

**Monday March 25th at 10am at the
Rec Centre**

Temiskaming Art Gallery Director Peter Greyson will be visiting Bear Island to discuss artist development. It will be an informal session for anyone interested in growing a career as a visual artist.

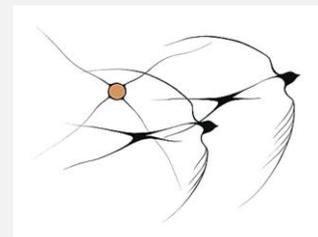
Whether you work with traditional materials such as birch bark, quills, hide, etc., or paint, sculpture, etc., or even if you have only thought about exploring art, you are welcome.

Peter will talk about available grants and how to apply for them as well as the tools you need to present your work. Any art-related discussion and questions are welcome. If there is enough interest, more sessions may be possible.

Lunch will be served.

Please contact Daisy at the Clinic, 8900,
or email

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NOTICE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION & DINNER

Tuesday, March 05, 2013

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

BEAR ISLAND RECREATION CENTRE

***ELDERS COMPLEX UPDATE WITH
Tom Laronde, Four Winds and Bret Cardinal,
Architect***

- CATERED DINNER AT 5:00 p.m.
- UPDATE PRESENTATION
- QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

***For those Bear Island residents requiring
transportation to this info session please
contact the Band Office to make arrangements***



When will you Rage?

Premiering March 9th, 2013 at 7:30pm
At North Bay's Capitol Centre

A new work created and choreographed by Penny Couchie

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE CAPITOL CENTRE BOX OFFICE
\$20 General Admission or \$10 for Students & Seniors

When Will You Rage? is a "journey past the pain, the rage, the grief to rescue the curiosity, passion, tenacity and love." (Excerpt from *When Will You Rage?*) *When Will You Rage?* brings forward the stories of women who move past the fear of resistance to reclaim sovereignty. This 70-minute dance theatre piece is an investigation of the history of personal, family, and community trauma and the passing of these traumas from generation to generation. Largely based on the stories of creator/choreographer Penny Couchie, her great-grandmother, grandmother, mother and aunts, *When Will You Rage?* honours those who have come before, recognizing and celebrating their strength and resilience.



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Credits: Penny Couchie - Choreographer / Creator / Co-Producer, Alejandro Ronceria - Dramaturg / Co-Producer, Muriel Miguel - Script Dramaturg, Ruth Howard - Theatre Designer, Edgardo Moreno - Composer, David Sweeney - Lighting Design and Projections, Deborah Ratelle - Production Manager, Josh Bainbridge - Stage Manager, Dancers: Sarain Carson-Fox, Lilla Leon, Tamara Podemski, Linnea Wong
Aanmitaagzi: Sid Bobb - Co-Producer, Clayton Windatt - Media Specialist, Sherry Guppy - Lobby Installation, Perry McLeod-Shabogeesic - Visual Art, Vocals: Animikiikwe Couchie, Binaeshee-Quae Couchie-Nabigon, Tasheena Sarazin, Drumming / Vocals: Chris Couchie, Gerry McComb, Darren Nakogee, Creative/Cultural/Historical Consultants: Animikiikwe Couchie, Bonnie Couchie, Eva Couchie, Carol Guppy, Christina Lella, Lee Maracle and Community Members from Nipissing First Nation, North Bay, Temagami First Nation and Temagami

Singer/Songwriter

Duane Paul has performed his music at our annual Music Fest on Bear Island for the past several years as well as the Dream Catcher Express cultural event in Temagami and at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Duane has been playing guitar since his high school days and more recently has been writing his own original songs, about the land, the legends, and the people of our homeland.

Duane will be releasing his first CD, 'Warrior Songs' in the near future.



The following lyrics were written after Duane attended a Sun Dance in Honour of Benjamin Chee Chee.

I REACHED OUT TO THE RISING SUN

Early one September morn
Before the sun began to shine
We gathered 'round the sacred fire
We were waiting for some time
And then the silence was broken
By the heartbeat of the drum
It echoed through the valley
As I reached out to the sun
As I reached out to the rising sun.

I met people there from far and wide
With their prayers and their desires
They asked me where I came from
And what brought me to their fire
I said I came in with the west wind
And I was just passing through
I was following the red road
And this is where it led me to.
As I reached out the rising sun
Wondering if we'd ever walk as one...

The journey down the red road
Can be much like life itself
You can wager on a better hand
Or you can play the cards that you've been dealt
You can count all your losses
You can count your blessings too
But don't count on lady luck
When you can reach out if you choose
You can reach out to the rising sun
Wondering if we'd ever walk as one...

I heard the heartbeat of the drum
As I reached out to the rising sun
I reached out, I reached out, I reached out, I reached out...

©Duane Paul 2013

Fundraising Event for Jen Peshabo

Late Night with Randy Becker

Comedy and Music-what more could you ask for from Randy!

Auction: Baked goods!

50/50 Tickets sold will be drawn tonight.

Date: March 30, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: At the Recreation Centre

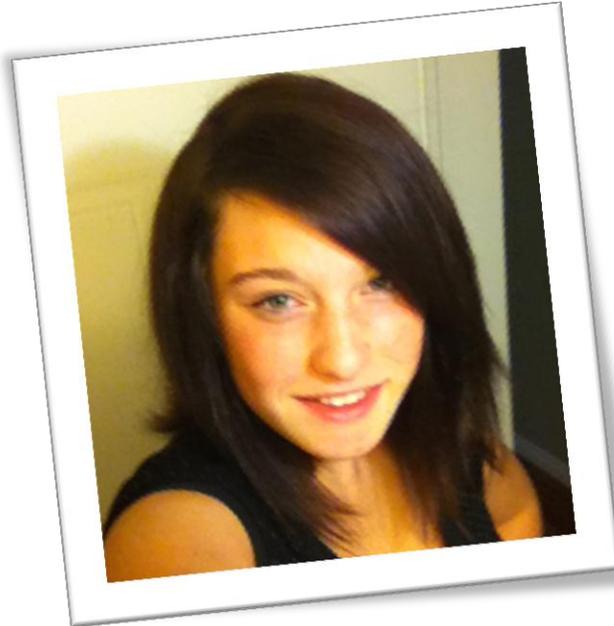
Admission: Free-Donations to Jennifer's EUROGRAD Trip is

Appreciated!



Contact: Delma Peshabo, 705-237-8706
Daisy Fannin, 705-237-8766

Ashley Paul Fundraiser!



Ashley models at Gauvreau Academy in Sudbury and has successfully auditioned to attend the Canadian Model & Talent Convention in Toronto this May. She will have the opportunity to meet Over 50 of the World's Top Modelling & Talent Agents, attend workshops & seminars, as well as participate in many competitions! For more information, you can visit the website at www.cmtc.ca .

Ashley's Family will be hosting a spaghetti dinner to raise funds to get Ashley to Toronto for this exciting opportunity.

March 14th 5-8pm at the Elder's Building.

50/50 Tickets are also being sold...contact Hilary or get them at the store. Wanda Niemi has them available in town too. The winner will be drawn at the dinner on March 14th.

☺ **Let's Support Our Youth to Help Them Reach Their Dreams !** ☺

Thank you in advance for all of your support.

CALL OUT
SUMMER ART EXHIBITIONS 2013
ON BEAR ISLAND

If you are interested in exhibiting your original works, contact Marty Pridham in writing by March 31st.

Marty Pridham
General Delivery
Bear Island, ON
POH 1C0

Dr. Cindy Blackstock – First Nations Child and Family Caring Society- AFN Human Rights Tribunal Complaint Update

It's finally started! The first day of hearings was Monday February 25th. One of the first to testify was AFN Chief Shawn Atleo. The hearings are expected to continue for about 14 weeks, around the beginning of May.



The Journey of the Nishiyuu

There is another amazing chapter in the Idle No More story, unfolding right now. A group of young people from Whapmagoostui, on the northeastern coast of Hudson Bay in Quebec, is walking from home to Ottawa. Here are some excerpts taken from a CBC article:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/story/2013/02/04/north-cree-walk-gains-more-participants.html>

“A group of Cree youth, between the ages of 11 and 21, is continuing its trek this morning from northern Quebec to Ottawa. Six youths and one guide left the James Bay Cree community of Whapmagoostui on Jan. 16 on their walk, called 'The Journey of Nishiyuu', which means the Journey of the People in Cree. Their goal is to support the Idle No More movement and to raise awareness of their culture and the environment. Their numbers have been growing steadily over the past two weeks. There were seven walkers at the start, and now there are 26, including an 11-year-old girl, Abby Masty, from Whapmagoostui.”



The journey has attracted international interest, with close to 23,000 people following it through a Facebook page. (Including many TFNs!) They will have walked close to 1,300 kilometres by the time they reach Ottawa. Big plans are in the works to celebrate their arrival. <http://nishiyuujourney.ca/>

Community Events Calendar

~ March 2013 ~

DPHC 8900*FHC 8600*LMLC 8982*Band Office 8943

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Darryl Tonemah Rec Centre <i>Call Donna for more info 8900</i>	2 LMLC Presents Free Dinner and Concert-"The Pick Brothers" Rec Centre 5:30pm
3 At LMLC: Adult Tai Chi 11:00 Youth / Kids Karate 1:00 <i>Wear comfy clothes! Call Donna for more info 8900</i>	4	5 Urban Poling-DPHC 11:00am Elder's Complex Info Session and Dinner Rec Centre 5:00pm LMLC Gym Night 7pm	6	7	8 Transportation Shuttle for North Bay High School Students	9
10	11 LMLC March Break	12 LMLC March Break Urban Poling-DPHC 11:00am LMLC Gym Night	13 LMLC March Break Young Warriors Workshop with Lee Mason Rec Centre 9:30-3:30 <i>Call Carrie for more info 8900</i>	14 LMLC March Break Young Warriors Workshop with Lee Mason Rec Centre 9:30-3:30 Sliding at the Sliding Hill 1-3:00pm <i>Call Donna or Jess for more info 8900</i> Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for Ashley Paul Elder's Building 5:00pm	15 LMLC March Break Young Warriors Workshop with Lee Mason Rec Centre 9:30-3:30	16
17 Transportation Shuttle for North Bay High School Students St. Patrick's Day	18 Scrabble and Games Night-- LMLC Literacy Week	19 Urban Poling-DPHC 11:00am LMLC Gym Night	20 LMLC Speech Night Deadline for April BI Blast Submissions	21 LMLC Literacy Lunch Session for Parents	22	23
24	25 Temiskaming Art Gallery Artist's Workshop - Open to Everyone 10:00am-2:00pm <i>Call Daisy for info 8900</i>	26 Urban Poling-DPHC 11:00am LMLC Gym Night	27	28 LMLC Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast	29 Stat Holiday-Good Friday	30 Late Night With Randy Becker-Fundraiser for Jen Peshabo Rec Centre 7:00pm
31 Easter	Disclaimer: Not all programming may be listed, and dates are subject to change. Please contact programmers or event reps if you need confirmation or information. ☺					

Agnes Longhi

~November 6, 1926-January 31, 2013~



Aggie and Felix Longhi on their Wedding Day, With Jane Katt



Agnes in recent years



A Note to Everyone...



We honoured Bubsey by putting her on the cover because her work benefited the community so profoundly and she was so well known. Agnes Katt Longhi, here on the back cover, also passed away in February. She was the last surviving member of her family. Both Aggie and Bubsey were deeply loved.

As the Grandfather Teachings say, in terms of Humility, everyone's life is equal. Everyone's light shines. We are all following our own unique path and none is less important than the other.

The Blast will work hard to honour everyone equally.

Your help is needed! If you want a passing, a birth, an anniversary, or any special occasion published in the Blast, please contact us.

Supply a photo if you wish. Please ensure all family members or people who may have an opinion are "on board" with publishing your announcement. This is your community newsletter, so your input is really crucial. **Miigwetch!**

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