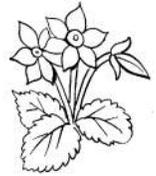


B.I. BLAST



Waabiigoonii Giizis – Flower Moon

May 2015



Ngii waabmaa Migizi wedii Obabika Zaa gii hig gan



Photo by Natasha Mathias

Aanii, Kwe Kwe... Ziigwaan -Spring- is On The Way!

And haven't we earned it! What a long Bi'boon. But Ziigwaan is here. The birds are flying north and break up is upon us. Everything is about to burst into green and rebirth.

Spawning season ... Woody will be busy doing his volunteer work to help the fry survive.

This month the NOSM Students will be here, the long weekend holiday is on the 16th to 18th, FHWC is hosting a Fast Tent from the 21st to 25th, the BI Challenge continues.

And the Air Boat was launched! Here it is on the first trip of the year, the morning of April 27.



Photo by Lynn White

The BI BLAST Belongs to the People.

Your voice is needed and welcome!

Do you have a memory, story, concern, photo, or idea to share?

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

Please send your contribution to communication@temagamifirstnation.ca

Or BI Blast, C/O TFN Band Office, Bear Island, Lake Temagami ON POH 1C0

If you're close by, feel free to drop it off or call 705-237-8943
to arrange a pick-up.

Kudos to all the guys who kept the B.I. roads, Elder's drive-ways, and the Ice Road safe for everyone over the winter!

- ♦ Roger Assiniwe
- ♦ Randy Becker
- ♦ Chris Mathias
- ♦ John McInnis
- ♦ Jamie Saville.

We know you put in lots of long hours in some tough conditions.



Chi Miigwetch!

FYI... TFN Has a New Catering Policy.

For More Information, Please Call the Band Office.

(705) 237-8943 / (888) 737-9884 or tfn@temagamifirstnation.ca

Regular Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 7

Tuesday, May 21

7-9pm

Council Chambers

Mapping Project Update

Hello everyone,

Just a little update from the mapping project staff. Following the community info session regarding the Trans Canada Pipeline on April 20th, our team headed out onto the field for April 21st and 22nd. There was some wild weather for us while we were out recording observations along the pipeline. Two biologists from Premier Consulting came along with the mapping project staff. We will be conducting other fieldwork along the pipeline as spring moves into summer. If you have any Traditional Knowledge along the pipeline area, please give us a call!

So far we have completed 31 interviews and there are still more to do. We will be conducting interviews on Bear Island during break up. After the interviews are finished up at the end of May, we will be doing some verification/ editing and then will start the report writing.

Miigwetch,

Casey Becker

N'Daki Menan Mapping
Project Coordinator

(705) 237-8900



From the Finance Department...

GWAY-A-KO-CHI-GEWIN – Strong Accountability

It's a busy time of year for the Finance Department as we prepare for the annual audit. BDO Canada from North Bay will be conducting our audit again for the 14/15 fiscal year and will be in the community doing their field work between June 8th and 19th. The audited financial statements of TFN will be submitted to our funding agencies by the end of July and presented to the community in September along with our annual Community Financial Report.



*"You handled the audit so well, we're promoting you from
Accounts Receivable to Accounts Deceivable."*

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

Vicky.blake@temagamifirstnation.ca



Lands and Resources News– Latchford Dam

Latchford Dam Replacement Project Meeting

Thursday, April 16 /15

Government representatives from Public Works and Government Services Canada, Transport Canada and Dept. of Oceans and Fisheries, attended a meeting on Bear Island with TFN Chief and Council, TAA Chief and Council, and Community Residents Interested in the Latchford Dam Project. The purpose of the meeting was to present information about the Latchford Dam replacement Project and allow those who attended to express any concerns the community may have about the project.

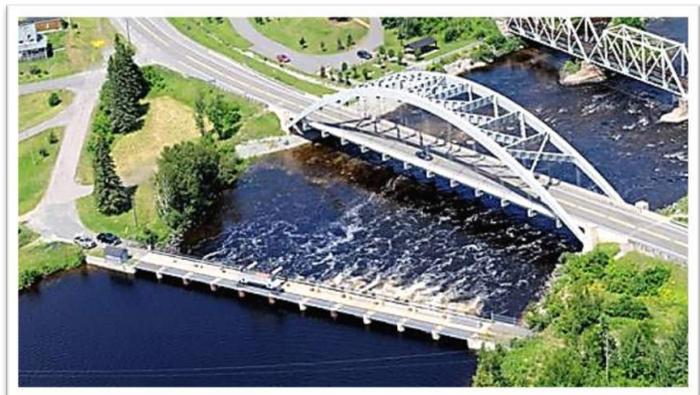
Government representatives included:

- Stephen Haayen-Department of Fisheries and Oceans Aboriginal Liaison Officer
- Heather Flynn-DFO Fisheries Protection Biologist
- Tania Havelka-Transport Canada, Navigation Protection Officer
- Sarah Bunting-Environmental Officer, Transport Canada
- Keri Holtby Levine- Aboriginal Consultation Officer, Transport Canada
- Eugene Chown- Director, Engineering Assets, Public Works and Government Services Canada
- Patrice Deneault- Project Manager, PWGSC
- Harpreet Gill (via phone)-PWGSC Director Engineering Assets Strategy Real Property Branch

TFN/ TAA interests, views and concerns were discussed and information was shared.

Robin, Doug, and Council Members made it clear to the government representatives that TFN / TAA did not consider the meeting to be a consultation. Strong discussion ensued regarding federal and provincial government bodies not following their own regulations and obligations regarding proper consultation with First Nations. Steven Haayen noted that almost every meeting he attends with First Nation communities begins with an admonishment from their leaders that they do not consider the meetings to be proper consultation, and that they would have to agree to disagree on it.

Robin, Doug, and Council Members challenged the govt. representatives to provide documentation of their consultation protocols and explain how they followed them. It was noted that both levels of government leave themselves open to legal actions by First Nations if they do not follow the laws of meaningful consultation.



Doug outlined his efforts to get information from citizens regarding current, future, and past use of the area where the dam is located. He conducted a telephone survey.

He noted that as part of proper consultation, Traditional Ecological Knowledge study funding should have been provided, but none was.

Lands and Resources News– Pipeline

Energy East Pipeline Proposal Meeting, April 20/15

The evening of April 20th, Temagami First Nation Lands and Resources Department held a community information session to discuss issues related to the Energy East Pipeline proposal. Energy East is a subsidiary of Trans Canada Pipeline, or TCPL. This proposal is based on a plan to convert an existing west –east natural gas pipeline to an oil transportation pipeline, which would carry 1.1 Million Barrels of crude oil per day. The proposed pipeline is approximately 4400 km in length in Alberta and ending New Brunswick at refineries.

The East Energy proposed pipeline traverses approximately 80 km of n'Daki Menan. The first pipeline was originally installed in the 1950s, with a second and third pipeline added in the 1970s, and 1990s, with no community consultation. The pipeline crosses approximately 35 waterbodies, including the Montreal River, Net Lake, along the eastern side of Highway 11, near Temagami Marina Bay of Lake Temagami, among other waterbodies, exiting n'Daki Menan south of Marten River.

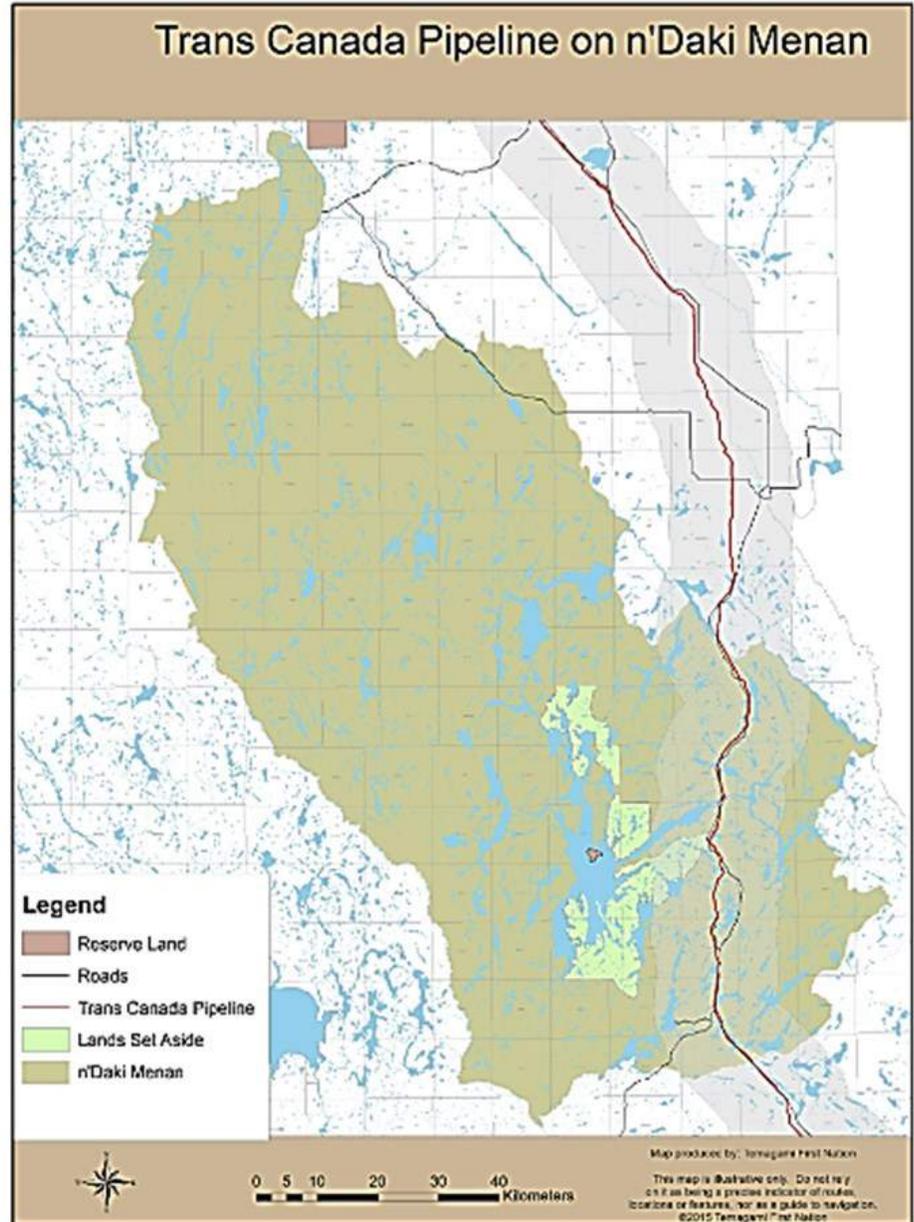
Temagami First Nation has hired Premier Environmental Services and Willms & Shier to assist us in fully considering the possible effects of the proposed project across n'Daki Menan for the land and people, particularly as it relates to the following issues:

- The potential environmental and socio-economic effects, including the environmental effects of accidents or malfunctions;
- The engineering design and integrity of the Project;
- Potential impacts of the project on our interests;
- Safety and security associated with the construction and operation including emergency response planning and third-party damage prevention;
- Contingency planning for spills, accidents, or malfunctions during construction and operations of the Project; and
- The terms and conditions to be included in any recommendation or approval the Board may issue for the Project.

Our current efforts are being expended on the potential impacts and benefits relating to this project. It was very clear that our people are very concerned about how the lands and waters and all lifeforms which depend on n'Daki Menan could be affected in the event of the pipeline rupture, and the amount of oil that could be released in a matter of minutes in our environment. We will track the issues that you have identified within the context of the project and bring back to you how the project proponent intends to solve the concerns identified.

TransCanada Energy East Pipeline, Continued

Temagami First Nation has sought “Intervenor” status before the National Energy Board and participant funding to intervene at the NEB. If we receive Participant Funding this funding will be used to prepare and participate in the hearing. Once the hearing is over, the National Energy Board is tasked with making a recommendation to Cabinet on whether the project should proceed and if so what conditions should be imposed. The Federal Cabinet makes the decision on whether the project should proceed or not. Given the current Prime Minister’s economic agenda, it is expected that it will be approved.



***Temagami First Nation and Teme-Augama Anishnabai
have not consented to this proposed project.***

We look forward to meeting with you at future meetings.

ATTENTION ALL BEAR ISLAND RESIDENTS

The Bear Island First Response Team is still looking for new members.

Are you interested in helping others and willing to volunteer some of your time to this worthwhile cause?

If so, we need you and look forward to working with you.

If you are interested or would like more information on this position please contact Kim Jones or Scott Poirier at 705-569-3258.

We will require a minimum of four to six people to sign up prior to commencing training for the position. Training for new members will likely take place in the spring.

Please consider joining this wonderful team!



At this time we would like to remind community members to please learn your lot number so if you do ever need to call for an emergency we will know where to find you. Liz at the Band Office can tell you what your lot number is. Just give her a call—237-8943.

The number to call in case of an emergency is

705-569-3434

The Truth and Reconciliation Walkers

Passed Through N'Daki Menan during the last week of April. They are walking to raise awareness of the effects of Residential Schools. Temagami First Nation has made a donation to their cause.

You can read more about the Walkers and their work on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/trcwalkers/>



Sunday, May 24th

11:30am-1:30pm

Elder's Bazaar– Auction– Yard Sale



Check this out!

Sean Burrows made this airboat. Here he is taking a spin with his wife Lori Ann.

Miigwetch to John McKenzie for the photo!

FNLMA - Land Code Project Update

Hello! I would like to introduce myself to you and explain why I am talking to you through the BI Blast. :)

My name is Lori Anne Stanger. I am truly grateful and humbled by the opportunity to work for you as well as have the chance for me and my daughter to further family relations and of course meet new friends!

I have been hired to serve as your Land Code Development Coordinator. In summary, it is my duty to ensure your voice is heard and your input is honoured as the Temagami First Nation Land Code process and all it entails continues to proceed in a smooth and timely manner.



Lori Anne

So what are the steps necessary?

- ◆ Develop a Community Ratification Process Document (CRP): This document sets out the procedures and rules of the community approval process. It will include the procedure by which TFN will decide whether to approve its Land Code and Individual Agreement as required under the Framework Agreement and the First Nation Land and Management Act. This document will also identify how Eligible Voters will be located & informed of their right to participate in the Community Vote and the process by which they can exercise their right.
 - It will also lay out
 - How the vote is to be conducted
 - Who is eligible to vote
 - The rules and tasks of what TFN, the Verifier, and Ratification Officer must follow in the conduct of the Land Code vote.
- ◆ Develop ways to contact and consult with both on and off reserve members wherever they may be.
- ◆ Develop a draft Land Code that reflects the needs and views of Temagami First Nation

Steps Necessary, Continued-

- ◆ Develop and draft an individual agreement with Canada that describes the specifics of the transfer of administration between Canada and the Band.
- ◆ Following the rules set out in the Community Ratification Process document, a ratification vote would then be held on the Land Code and Individual Agreement.

What is included under a land code?

Land Management under a land code includes:

- ◆ Interests and licenses for land and natural resources
- ◆ Revenue and expenditures
- ◆ Zoning, land use, subdivisions, land development
- ◆ Environmental Assessment
- ◆ Environmental Protection
- ◆ Transfers, including wills and estates
- ◆ Matrimonial property
- ◆ Dispute resolution
- ◆ Enforcement
- ◆ Administration & accountability, including conflict of interest rules and delegated authority

Land Management under a Land Code DOES NOT apply to:

- ◆ Oil and natural gas
- ◆ Atomic energy
- ◆ Migratory birds
- ◆ Endangered species
- ◆ Fisheries
- ◆ Taxation exemptions and powers
- ◆ Any lands except reserve lands

More on next page...

FNLMA, continued

Community Consultation

I believe community consultation must be an honest experience. To do that I need YOU.

Let's start with these questions: HOW do YOU want to be consulted? Do you have family off reserve? Even out of province? Ask them to check out this article. No matter where you are?

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT AND VALUED

We plan to use different avenues for consultation, as well as this wonderful BI Blast, to keep everyone involved. That being said, I invite and welcome all suggestions as to how you would like to receive notices, information, provide input, get your questions answered etc. Snail Mail? Conversation over tea? Community Meetings? Visits to the office? Email correspondence? Phone conversation? Website? *Be sure to check the TFN Website often as I will have more information up there soon!*

Are there some I have not listed here?

LET ME KNOW WHAT WILL WORK BEST FOR YOU

I can be reached by email at Lori.Stanger@Temagamifirstnation.ca

Phone 705-237-8275 or drop by the Lands and Resources Office.

There is also a GREAT comprehensive list of Q&A'S found on the First Nations Land Management Resource Centre Website. <http://labrc.com/faqs/>

If you would prefer to read a hard copy of it please drop by the office and I will be more than happy to give you one. I will be also be collecting any questions/concerns you have and will provide them and the answers in every BI Blast. Who knows? Someone out there may be wondering the same thing.

TFN has organized the current Lands and Resources Advisory Committee to also act as advisory committee for this project. They can be reached at:

Duane Paul: duepal21@hotmail.com

Marie Paul: Marie Paul: marie.paul@temagamifirstnation.ca

Kimberly Montroy: kim.montroy@temagamifirstnation.ca

Peter McKenzie: peter.mckenzie@temagamifirstnation.ca

Staff Support: Lands & Resources Manager

Robin Koistinen: robin.koistinen@temagamifirstnation.ca

By: KPP



Bingo!

May 6, 2015

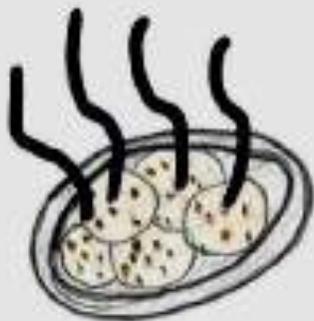


Bingo!

Elder's Building

7^{AT} pm

Baked goods, Hot Dogs
Pop, and more!



Grades 5-8

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School Fundraiser!

News of the People... Fun, Accomplishments, Good Stuff!

Shaiyena Cote competes in the annual North Bay Fur Harvesters Auction every year. She is a skilled skinner and always places high in her category.

Here she is, in an article from the Nugget on April 12, 2015. Story and photo by PJ Wilson.

Vets Bring Youth Into Business

She's 17 years old, a veteran of the trap lines in the area.

"I've been out on the trapline pretty much since I was a baby," Cote says as she pauses to answer some questions.

Her father has a trapline in the Red Squirrel Road area, and Cote has always been part of the operation – at least as long as she can remember.

She's part of the new generation of trappers, or potential trappers, who were out in force Saturday at the 24th annual Fur Harvesters Auction convention.

She's part of the future of the industry, according to some of the long-time trappers taking in demonstrations, competitions and workshops being offered.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 trappers and visitors from across Ontario and the northern United States were expected to pass through the days during the two-day convention that began Friday.

They come from this area to as far away as the Yukon Territory, some bringing in furs for the next sale in June. The convention "is something everyone looks forward to," Mark Taylor, public relations manager for the auction and one of the convention co-ordinators, says.

Bringing young people into the industry, he says, is important to its future. "There are quite a few older trappers, but we're trying to promote it with the kids, get them involved," Taylor says.

John Laurie, from Stirling, Ont., is helping his two younger sons develop their interest in trapping. His oldest, he says, "has discovered girls" and has drifted away from it.

"I think it's very important" to help younger trappers learn the business, he says. "You get them away from the video games, teach them about the outdoors.

"You show them that whatever you take, you use. It's a renewable resource."



Ty Laronde's hockey team

donated money to Nick Paul (North Bay Battalions and Canadian Junior gold medal winner) for his charity, Points for Paul. The team got to practice with him. Ty then got to attend a North Bay Battalions game during the Frisbee toss and Ty got to go on the ice and picked up the frisbees with some of his team mates.



Ty's team provided Nick with a signed picture thanking him for the opportunity to attend his practice. You can learn more about Points for Paul here:



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/north-bay-regional-health-centre-foundation/points-for-paul/>



Cathy Metcalfe and *Memphis*

have been loving the spring temperatures. Looks like Memphis gets the best ride, though! Lucky guy!



Sisters Kennedy and Darcie Roy

Have had a fantastic year in hockey. Not only did they win gold with the Moose Factory Scrappers at the LNHL (along with team mate Shaiyena Cote), but they also played with the AA Sudbury Lady Wolves.

The Lady Wolves won their division's Provincial Championship, then went on to play the Nationals in Red Deer, Alberta. They played against teams from Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, and New Brunswick.

And...

they won.

Yep.

National Champions.

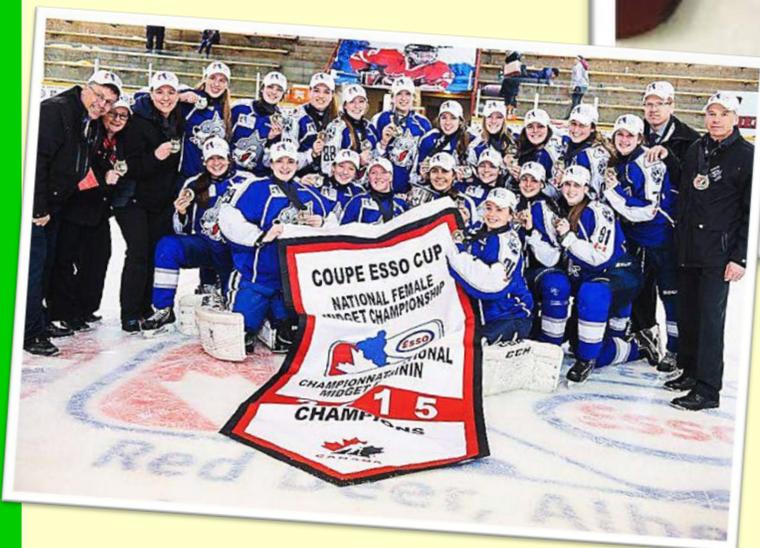
Oh Yeah!

Woot Woot!!!!!!!!!!

You go, girls!!!!



Kennedy (left) and Darcie (right) are daughters of Eddie Roy.



Ardie Moore

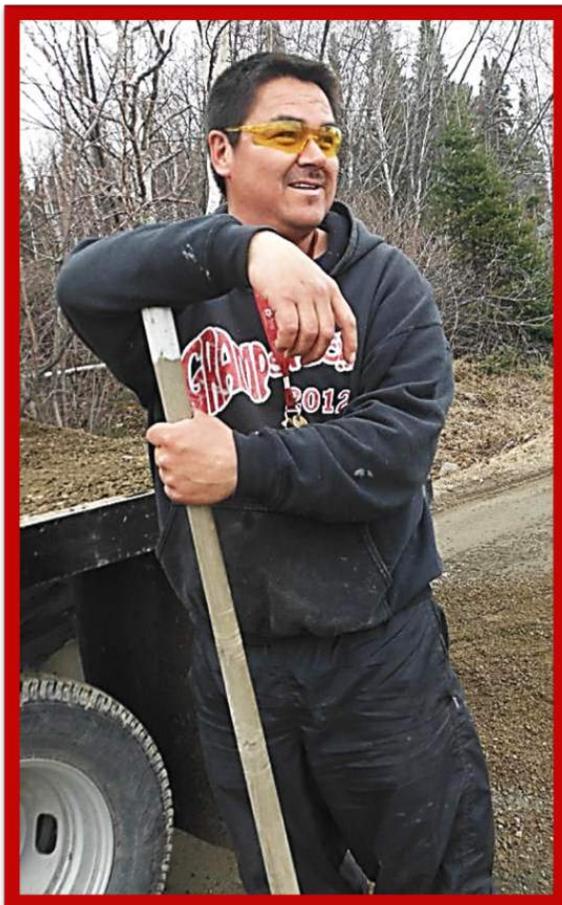
Has been busy experimenting with the science of bow making. Here's one he made out of Oak recently. He says the next will be Ash. Ardie says he loves to go out in the bush and observe nature. His girls enjoy it too, especially Grace.

Very cool, Ardie! Keep it up!



Chris Mathias

A.K.A. Goob, is putting in long hours keeping the roads in shape on B.I. It seems like pretty hard work, but Goobie says, "I Love It!"



Like the saying goes, "You can take the Man out of B.I., but you can't take B.I. out of the Man!"

We're glad you're home, Goobie and Ardie.

Mary Laronde

Recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of her career with the Union of Ontario Indians.

She received this beautiful commendation from the Union in recognition of her work.

It reads:

Message from the UOI Excellence Program...

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So today, we salute you, Mary, for your longevity and dedication in serving the Nation for twenty years and in making a difference in our Anishinabek communities.

Congratulations, Mary!

Congratulations, for sure!

We are all proud of you, Mary!

Love ya!

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*In Honour of Earth Day... and Our Health...
It's Time to Say Goodbye to Bottled Water.
Contributed by Hilary Paul.*

Fact #1. Many bottlers get their water from municipal supplies. Coca Cola filters and bottles water from municipal sources in Calgary and Brampton for its Dasani brand. Pepsi's Aquafina comes mostly from Vancouver and Mississauga. That's right: they're taking city tap water and selling it to you.

Fact #2. Recycling isn't happening. Canadians consume more than two billion litres of bottled water a year. Unfortunately, most of those bottles — more than 85 per cent, in fact — get tossed into the trash rather than the recycling bin. How many are recycled in n'Daki Menan? Burning plastic produces toxic fumes that stay in the atmosphere, so that's not a solution.

Fact #3. It takes a lot of oil to make and transport bottled water. Each bottle of water takes about a third of its size in oil just to manufacture it. Then when we buy it, we use fuel to bring it home, and fuel to take the bottles to the dump. Then they stay in the dump. Plastic takes over 1000 thousand years to break down. And our dump is almost full. Why choke it with useless plastic?

Fact #4. When plastic is exposed to sunlight and water, it looks like it's rotting. In fact it's just breaking down into tiny pieces that end up in the land and water and in the stomachs of tiny creatures who eat it. These tiny toxic bits add up and compound in the bodies of larger animals, birds, fish, etc. who eat them. And us.

Around the world, more than a million birds and marine animals die every year from eating plastic waste or from becoming entangled in plastics.

Fact #5. The stuff in plastic water bottles may be harmful to your health. Bisphenol A is just one chemical that's been in the news — and in many plastic bottles — recently. This compound mimics estrogens (human female hormones) and has been linked to breast and ovarian cancers and childhood developmental problems. It is found in clear, hard polycarbonate plastic commonly used in household and commercial water coolers and some reusable bottles, and it's just one potentially harmful substance associated with plastic containers. It gets worse when the water gets warmed up in the plastic, like when it's left in your car.

Fact #6. We are blessed to live in a place where the water is still clean. We are at the height of land in a beautiful watershed. The water treatment plant and home systems ensure that nobody's going to get "beaver fever". If you think your loop water tastes like chlorine, put it in a pitcher and let it stand overnight to allow the chlorine to evaporate — or consider buying a filter for your tap. To carry water with you, fill up your stainless steel or glass bottle from the tap, and enjoy. Water is a precious resource that belongs to all of us. Let's not take it for granted. And let's not put it in plastic.

LMLC News



The next step for us now is to do some painting on them and share a song at our school pow wow next month

Anishnaabemowin Update- With Patsy

Drum Making

Last week we were fortunate to have a drum making session with 14 parents and volunteers lending a hand. The school received some Culture money from a New Paths funding grant, which I was able to purchase all the supplies for drum making and enough drum sticks for all the kids. It was a productive afternoon. Jamie Saville and Roger were able to lead the group in the process of making the drums. It was tricky at first but by the end the drums pulled together nicely. It helped that there were a number of helpers that were familiar with making drums. Thank you to all the helpers that showed up: Jamie Friday, Johnny and Lucille, Desi, Alice, Tyler, Jamie, Roger, Lynn Mongrain, Joe Katt, Virginia Saville, Dan Mongrain, Tashina, Amanda Paul, Amanda Assiniwe.



Akii Giizhgad – Earth Day

Akii Giizhgad Kina Giizhigak: Earth Day Everyday! This year we have plans to recognize Akii Giizhgad on May 5. The students will be cleaning the garbage in the community and having some hot dogs and drinks. In class we spent time discussing how it is our responsibility to care for Shkikimikwe (Mother Earth). We worked on some projects highlighting ways that we could do this.

Wesiinhyag

This month we spent some time playing games, reading books and using the puppets to discuss different wesiinhyag (animals). We discussed how wesiinhyag and people all co-exist in the world and each has special gifts we share with one another.

Drumming

This month the Grade 5 – 8 class has made weekly visits to the daycare to share our drums and our drum songs. It has been a lot of fun to see the little kids all drumming, trying to sing and just excited to have special guests visiting them at the daycare. We have been sharing a lot of songs and have plans to continue visiting and singing at the daycare.

Also, I have started holding a weekly drum group with the kids at the school. Each week during Wednesday's lunch hour the students that want to stay, can sing and drum. We are learning a number of drum songs that we can sing in class, at the daycare or other special occasions.



LMLC Regalia Project

Denise Lafontaine took the initiative to create the Regalia Project for the students of LMLC. Each student will have 2 items to start them on their way to full Pow Wow Regalia. Each child, along with parents, was consulted to see what colours they liked and what symbols they would like to incorporate to personalize their Regalia. Denise assembled the sewers, searched for funds and is co-ordinating the whole project. This is all volunteer. She works part-time at the school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and has used her days off to plan, shop, and oversee the project. When asked about her volunteer work on this ambitious project, Denise stated that it would not be possible without the collaboration of the staff at FHWC, DPHC, and the Band Office. She is grateful to have the skills and experience of Tracy Paul and Marty to make the project a reality. We plan on showcasing their outfits at our Mini-School Pow Wow on May 22.

Way to go Denise, and... everybody!!!
Fantastic.

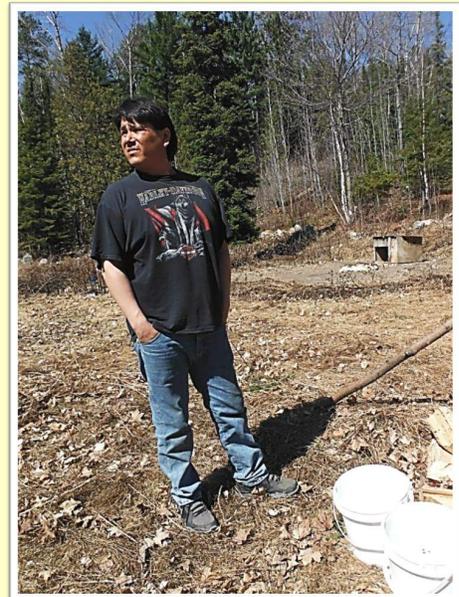


LMLC News



Learning about Maple Syrup... With Mark Sams

During sap running time, the students were treated to a visit to Mark's syrup operation. They got to taste sap and toffee and see how syrup is made. It takes a lot of sap, a lot of firewood, and a lot of patience! But as generations of Ancestors can attest... it's soooo good.





LMLC News



Congratulations to LMLC!

The students entered a contest held by the Aboriginal Firefighter's Association of Canada- it was a country-wide competition to create the best multimedia communication to educate people on how to keep safe from fire. And, guess what? ***They won first, second, and third place.*** Woot, woot!!! For their efforts, they received a new computer, ipads, and other great stuff for all the students in the school to share and learn with. Each student who worked to make it happen was rewarded with a gift card from LMLC. You can see their great work at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AFAC.ACPI?fref=ts>

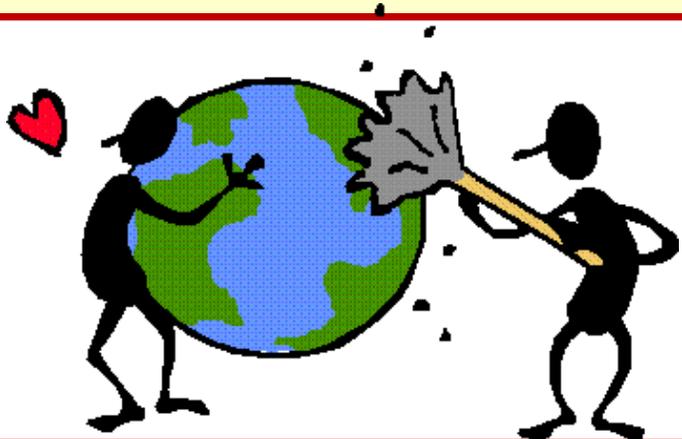


May 4 to 8...

Earth Week at LMLC.

Earth Day is Every Day!

Chi Miigwetch, Shikimikwe.



LMLC News



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May 8 - Mrs. B's Class -Mother's Day Tea Party-afternoon.

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May 10 - Mother's Day Dinner provided to winner of fundraising draw.

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May 18 - Victoria Day - No school

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May 22 - LMLC Spring POW-WOW - 1:00-2:30 pm @ school.

NEW REGALIA will be revealed!!

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May 29 - LMLC Yard Sale 11:00-2:00 pm

Upcoming Events in May...

⇒ May 4- 8- Earth Week. Teachers will be doing various activities pertaining to caring for the Earth.

⇒ May 5 - 1:15 Community Clean-up

⇒ May 6 - 11:30 am- Monthly School Assembly

⇒ May 6- 7pm- LMLC Fundraising BINGO @ Elder's 6:30 pm;
Mother's Day Dinner Draw @ Bingo



Bear Island Biker Gang

An Important Message from Patsy...

“Our Language, Our Future”. ...

Language has always been important to my family. I grew up hearing the language at home, and Anishnaabemowin was the first language for my mother and her family. Unfortunately, as was often the case at the time, the language was not taught to us as children. Sadly, this is a common story for many of my generation growing up.

When Mary Katt passed away last year it was especially upsetting because we became one step closer to our community losing its fluent, first language roots. Over the years, I was fortunate to meet with many of our language speakers: Tillie Potts, Bill Twain, Mary Katt, Elsie Chapman, June Mc Innes, Lucille McKenzie and others, most of whom have passed away, leaving us only a handful of speakers.

As a language resource teacher in the school, in my home and in the community, I feel it's time to “step it up” if we are serious about transmitting and actually using our language.

I have taken several Anishnaabemowin university courses over the years, none of which have produced the level of fluency necessary to engage in meaningful conversation. In researching potential opportunities, I found the Anishnaabemowin Immersion Course offered through Sault College and delivered in M'chigeeng.

I am confident that it rises to the level that is needed to speak the Anishnaabe language with greater fluency.

Both John and I have registered for this intensive program. With this training, we will use our learning to help promote the speaking of Anishnaabemowin in the community.

Understandably, there will be some dialect differences, but the dialect difference will be addressed through some independent learning with our existing speakers and other language resources the community has produced over the years.

*Abjitoon
Kaawinitoonmin!
Use it or Lose it!*



Indeed, it is learning and understanding the common framework of Anishnaabemowin that is critical in speaking. The dialect differences (much of which have been catalogued over the last 20 years) become easily transferable. We already, for the most part, teach with our dialect at LMLC despite most of our resources originating from First Nations with different dialects.

The value of language immersion among speakers, whose role it is to teach and speak the language to learners, is significant. Anton Treuer spoke at one Language Conference about the mortality of the language. He stated, "It is at such a state right now that we cannot get held up on dialect differences. That will have to get worked out along the way. We have to do whatever we can to hang on to the language, first and foremost."

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-Anton Treuer

This initiative is a large undertaking for our family. It will require a lot of studying and traveling back and forth to M'chigeeng. It will take us away from our work, and at times keep us away from our children. As well, there are large financial considerations.

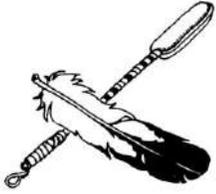
However, there are many benefits that will stem from a community-driven move to support a push for the Anishnaabe language. Possibilities include a community plan of action, youth language initiatives, adult language programs, training, staff language support for community programs, and more.



***Map of the Algonkian Language Area.
Algonquin, Chippewa, Odawa, Oji-Cree...etc., etc. It's all the same structure, just local accents and phrases.***

As part of making a serious commitment to stepping up revitalization of the Anishnaabe language of our ancestors, John and I are seeking a community investment for this initiative. The cost for both of us to attend this course next year will be approximately \$30,000. We are approaching the community and a few other funding agencies to cover these costs.

We are looking forward to this initiative and extending what we learn to the community.



LMLC Mini-Pow Wow



Friday, May 22, 1:00-2:30pm

Everyone is Welcome.

Come on Down and Help Us to Celebrate the
Reveal of the Students' Regalia!



Community Clean Up

Tuesday, May 5

Sponsored by LMLC

Meet at LMLC 1:15

Depart in Groups 1:30

Barbecue at Band Office 3:00

LMLC Yard Sale

Friday, May 22

11am-2pm



Come on Down and Get Your Bargains!

Save the Date!!!
The 2015 TFN Pow Wow
is on
Saturday July 11
Sunday July 12



*Congratulations to the Elders
on another delicious, busy
barbecue! -April 29th.*

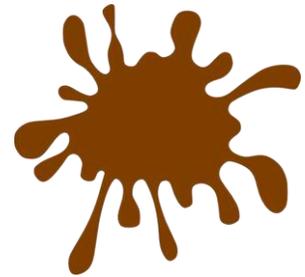


*There's another one
coming up on
Wednesday May 27th,
11:30am-1:30pm!*

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

1. Ah-zhah doo-way-naum-ah-wun ah-bin-no-jeense-uk.

- A) The boys are playing ball this weekend.
- B) The children were playing on the ice.
- C) The ballfield was too muddy to play on.
- D) The children are now playing baseball.



2. Ah-zhah schwah zoosh-schwah-day wuk ah-nin-nah-wuk.

- A) The men were walking on the ice.
- B) The men have finished skating.
- C) There is too much snow on the rink.
- D) The ice rink is starting to melt.



3. Gah-wudge n'gee dah-bis-say-se ah-zhon-ee-ah.

- A) I couldn't afford to pay the bill.
- B) I barely had enough money.
- C) I don't have enough supplies.
- D) He is not making enough money at his job.



4. O'gee-wee-je-see-gwunish-e-maun.

- A) He / she spent the spring with us.
- B) He / she is moving away in the spring.
- C) The weather should be nice this spring.
- D) I hope we have nice weather in May.



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5. Tah-jah gee chi-g'sin-ah bay-boon-oong.

- A) I think it will be very cold next winter.
- B) It looks like the winter is finally over.
- C) It was very cold last winter.
- D) I hope it doesn't rain too much this summer.



Here's Another Great Photo by Lynn White... This Gorgeous Waterfall is to the West of Bear Island. Miigwetch, Lynn!



Language Answers: (No Peeking!)

1.-D 2.-B 3.-B 4.-A 5.-C



Temagami Community Market

*... is looking for VENDORS and
MUSICIANS/entertainers for 2015.*

SATURDAY 9 am to 1 pm JUNE 27 to SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

** Vendors
wanted! **

Contact Dianne @ (705) 569-3686 or
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Registration @ \$25/year

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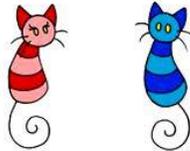
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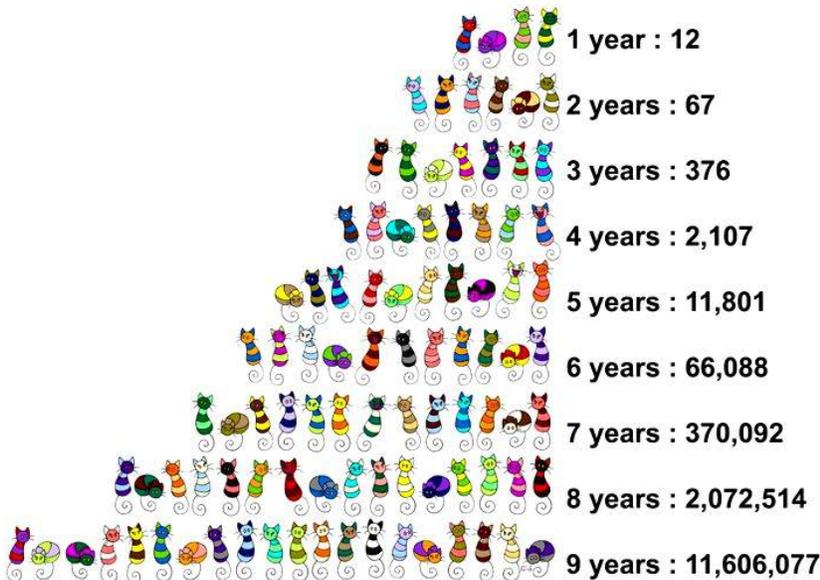
The North Bay
and District
Humane Society
Has a Lower Cost
Spay and Neuter
Clinic for Pets.

An unspayed female dog, her mate and all of their puppies,
if none are ever neutered or spayed up to:

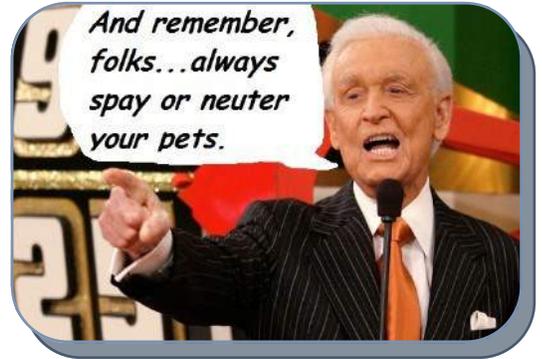
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4 years = 2,048 5 years = 12,288 6 years = 67,000



An unspayed female cat, her mate, and all of their offspring producing
2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total :



*And remember,
folks...always
spay or neuter
your pets.*



<http://www.northbayhumanesociety.ca/programs-services/fix-your-pet/>

OR Call 705-474-1251

The 1st Annual Temagami Canoe Festival is July 17-19, 2015

With canoe race events on Saturday July 18th – the White Bear Challenge and the Family Challenge.

This festival will draw participants from the region to compete in canoe race events, take part in workshops and canoe demonstrations and learn about the history of the area from guest speakers. Families can take guided hikes in the old growth forest, participate in canoe clinics and tour Canada's oldest canoe manufacturer, the Temagami Canoe Company.

The *Temagami Canoe Festival* is taking place at Temagami's Waterfront while the Temagami Deepwater Music Festival is underway. All in attendance can enjoy *free* live music and Aboriginal drumming while waiting for their teams to arrive at the finish line. Other venues include the Welcome Centre's Bunny Miller Theatre and the Temagami Legion.

Craft and food vendors will be on-site along with canoe retailers and manufacturers showcasing their products.

The Temagami Canoe Festival is sponsored by Celebrate Ontario and the Municipality of Temagami.

More information and registration packages for the race events will be available at www.temagamicanoefestival.com



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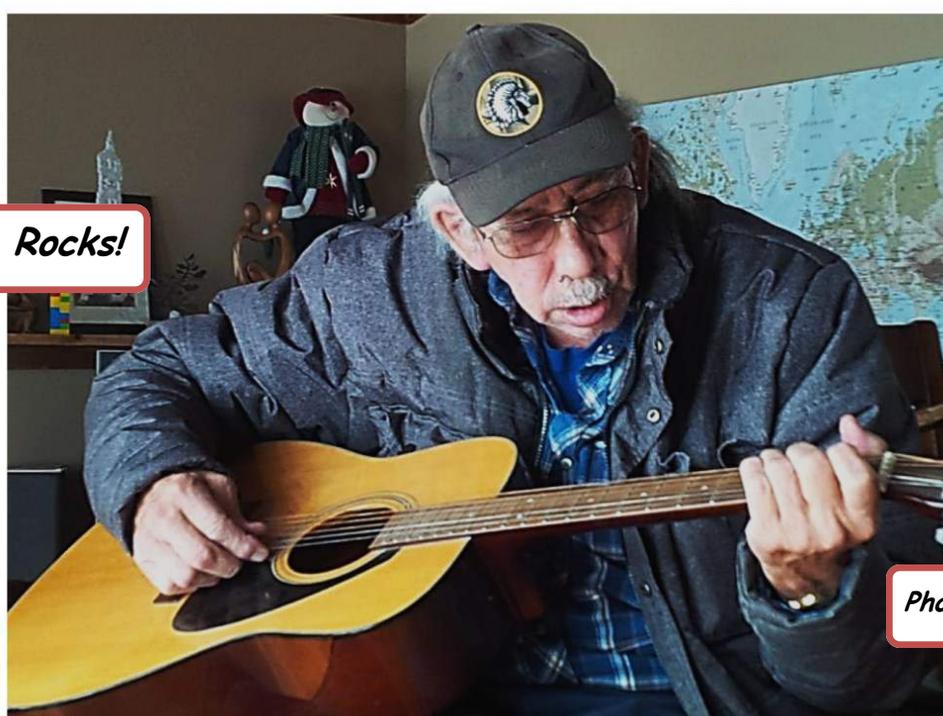


Photo by Kim Cowan

Temagami Artistic Collective hosts the

Temagami DeepWATER Music Festival – July 17-19, 2015

This July *Temagami Artistic Collective* is hosting the *Temagami DeepWATER Music Festival* with hopes of making it an annual festival to promote music and arts and culture in the area and to help stimulate the local economy in the summer months. This exciting community event brings together local and regional musicians, with a strong aboriginal component.

The *Temagami DeepWATER Music Festival* will be held on Temagami's Waterfront with performances from 4 pm on Friday until Sunday at 4 pm. There will be hours of *free music* on the covered, outdoor stage on Friday July 17th from 4 to 7 pm, Saturday 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Friday and Saturday evenings the Welcome Centre's Bunny Miller Theatre highlights ticketed performances with headliners. On the bill for Friday is Juno nominee "Digging Roots" and Saturday is APCMA nominee "Raven" featuring David Laronde. Show times 7:30 pm ... be sure to get your tickets ahead of time.

All day Saturday and Sunday, The *Temagami DeepWATER Music Festival* includes many craft and food vendors as well as Temagami Lions Club BBQ. A few short steps away the Temagami Legion will be open for an open-mic session beginning at 3 pm on Saturday July 18th and dinner beginning at 5 pm. The Temagami Legion will also be open Friday and Saturday evenings after the Theatre performances.

Temagami Artistic Collective (TAC) has been instrumental in developing a music scene in Temagami since it's inception in 2003. Along with providing wonderful entertainment over the years, part of TAC's mission is to provide opportunities to develop and mentor local musical talents.

The *Temagami DeepWATER Music Festival*, July 17-19, 2015, is sponsored by: Ontario Arts Council, the Municipality of Temagami, Temagami First Nation and AuRico Gold Inc. ; more sponsors to be announced at a later date.

For ticket information and more information about this event visit Temagami Artistic Collective on Facebook, call Carolyn or David Laronde at 705-569-2904 or email temagamiartisticcollective@hotmail.com



Accommodation information: Contact Temagami Chamber of Commerce at 1-800- 661-7609 or 705-569-3344 www.temagamiinformation.com

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <small>Tower hike/weiner roast lunch 10:30am @ FHWC *Family Dance 7pm*</small>
10 	11 Exercise Walk 6:30pm Kids 6-12yrs Game Night 6:30p-8pm	12 Women's Dinner & Presentation 5:30pm	13 Men's/Boys Drumming 6:30pm	14	15 LMLC Cooking Gr. 2-3@ 1:30pm	16
17	18 Victoria Day Holiday	19 Youth Dinner/NOSM presentation 5:30pm	20 Lunch for Learn 12pm DPHC for LMLC students	Tentative dates for Fast Camp		
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Family Healing and Wellness Highlights

705-237-8600



Women's Dinner/Presentation Tuesday, May 12, 2015 please let us know if you are attending.

Men's/Boys Drumming Wednesday, May 13, 2015 6:30pm @ FHWC

LMLC cooking Friday, May 15, 2015 @ 1:30pm (gr 2-4)

Youth Dinner/NOSM presentation Tuesday, May 19, 2015 @ 5:30pm (ages 13-19yrs)

Dinner&Sharing Circle with Perry Thursday, May 28,2015 @5:30pm please call to let me know if you are available.

***Men that are interested in taking part in Edu-therapy or I am A Kind Man program please contact Linda or Annette @ FHWC.**

***Women that are interested in attending a 8 week edu-therapy session can contact Linda or Annette.**

****Community Spring Fast is coming up and tentative dates are set for May 22-25, 2015. Anyone wishing to take part and would like to fast or help please call Annette or Linda @ FHWC 7052378600. We are in the process of finding a site for the fast and there will be a notice sent out to the community on the location.****

Client shopping trip for men or women please call FHWC by May 28, 2014

Shopping trip will be on June 4, 2014.

Any questions about our calendar please call FAMILY HEALING AND WELLNESS CENTRE @ 237-8600

Migwetch!!!

~ May 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Chris and Carrie's Yard Sale 1pm	4 LMLC Earth Week Activities Start	5d Community Cleanup 1:15 LMLC Regular Council Meeting 7pm	6 LMLC Monthly Assembly 11:30am	7	8	9 Tower Hike and Weiner Roast 10:30-1:30 FHCW
10 Mother's Day Luncheon Rec Centre 	11 Kids' Game Night 6:30-8:00pm FHCW	12 Women's Dinner & Presentation 5:30-8:00 FHCW	13 Boys' and Mens' Drumming 7:00-8:30pm FHCW	14 Diabetes Dinner & Movie DPHC	15	16
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31	Notes: FHCW Fast Tent is Tentative– call to confirm 8600 NOSM Students depart May 22 Tower Hike and Weiner Roast– Children under 5 need an adult to come with!					

