

THE IGNACE BULLETIN

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**IGNACE WINTER
FEST**
Kick-Off
Tower Hill
Saturday, February
5th @ 6:00 p.m.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**FEBRUARY 2022
18, 19 & 20**

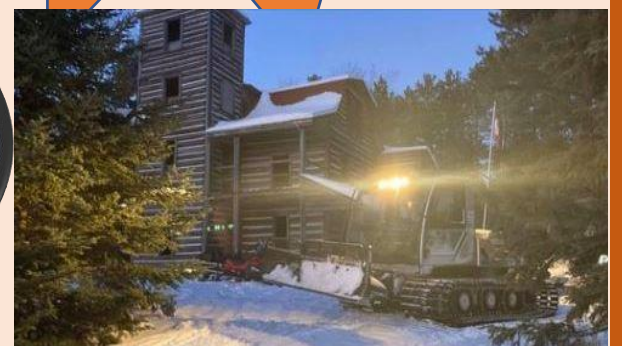
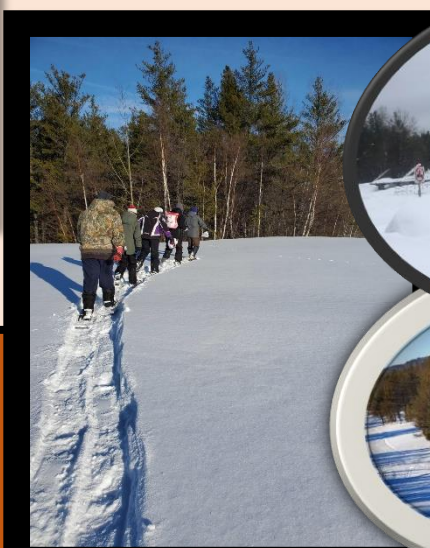
ANNUAL SNOW DERBY!
GAMES NIGHT AND THE
OH-SO-POPULAR
RIDE TO WHITE OTTER CASTLE!!



"Winter Reading Contest-Race to White Otter Castle"
Open to all ages 0+
New and existing patrons welcome to participate
Select your Snowmobile and Race to White Otter Castle
Contest begins February 2nd and will run until March 18
Come join us for some Fun Winter Reading
There will be prizes!!



**Family Day at
the Golf Course**
February 21 at
12:00 pm



Ride to the White Otter Castle
Saturday, February 19th, 2022 at
10:00 a.m.

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Council

Meeting Schedule
21 February 2022
(3rd Monday of the month)

Garbage Pickup

Residential – Thursday
Commercial – Monday & Thursday

Landfill Site

Wednesday & Saturday
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ignace Public Library

Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Depositing snow on the roadway is an
offence under Section 181 of the Highway
Traffic Act – No person shall deposit snow
or ice on a roadway without permission in
writing to do so from the Ministry or the
road authority responsible for the
maintenance of the road. This is enforced
by the Ontario Provincial Police.



IGNACE LIONS CLUB 20—200 FUND RAISER

PROCEEDS SUPPORT MOBILITY ASSISTANCE AND
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING IN IGNACE

\$50 PER TICKET

ONLY 200 TICKETS PRINTED

20 WEEKLY DRAWS FOR AT LEAST \$200

STARTING 12 FEB 2022. WINNING TICKETS ARE
RETURNED TO THE POOL.

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE GALLERY
LOTTERY LICENSE M845909



Greg Rickford, MPP
Kenora-Rainy River



**Would you like a wallet-size,
laminated vaccine
QR CODE CARD?**

Drop by the Ignace Silver Tops Senior Centre
on

Friday, February 4
between 12:00-3:00 pm

Greg and staff will be on hand and ready to help.

For more information, please call 1-800-465-8501

subject to capacity limits
masks required



Kookum’s Corner

By Waabanimki Aanakwadkwe

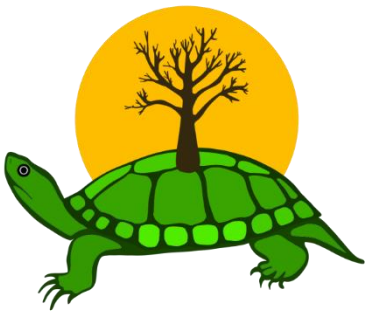
Boozhoo, Waabanimki Aanakwadkwe niindizhinikaaz.
Hello, White Thunder Cloud Woman is my name.

Anishinaabemowin is the language spoke by the Indigenous people in the Ignace area. Anishinaabemowin is one of the three most spoken Indigenous languages in Canada, others being Cree and Inuktitut. Anishinaabemowin was not a written language, so words are often spelt in different ways and there is no correct way. Words are pronounced phonetically. Therefore, P and B and S and Z are often interchanged in spellings.

A nish i naabe mo win

Hello	-	boozhoo	Goodbye – has no translation
Thank you	-	miigwetch	You are Welcome – has no translation
Yes	-	eya	
No	-	gaawiin	
One	-	bezhig	
Two	-	niizh	
Three	-	niiswi	
Four	-	niiwin	
Five	-	naanan	
January	-	gitchi manidoo giizis (Great Spirit Moon)	
Winter	-	baboon	

The Creation Story



The Earth had already been created by Gitchi Manidoo (Great Spirit – Creator), but Gitchi Manidoo saw that the First People were fighting, and not getting along. They were not living good lives or respecting Mother Earth. Families were fighting, brothers against sisters, and fathers against mothers. Gitchi Manidoo decided to purify the earth by sending a great flood that covered the entire earth.

All the humans died except Nanaboozhoo, who was part human and part spirit. He found a log and began floating around in the water. Several of the land animals who had survived took turns sitting on the log with him and some of the birds flew along perching to rest when they got tired.

The animals were all concerned and asked Nanaboozhoo “What will we do now? Where would we live? Nanaboozhoo answered, “I am a good swimmer. If I dive down, then I am sure to find a handful of Earth. We can take it and make a new place to live.”. Nanaboozhoo dove down and tried to reach the bottom. He was under the water for a long time, and

some of the animals started to worry and cry. Finally, he returned to the surface completely out of breath. He said “I am sorry. The water is too deep, and I am not able to get to the bottom to retrieve the Earth.

Sad, but not discouraged, Beaver put up his hand and said “I want to try” because he knew he was a great swimmer. Taking a deep breath and a loud flap of his tail, he dove deep; but he too surfaced out of breath and with nothing in his hand. Otter, who was bigger than beaver, laughed at Beaver “Step aside Beaver, I’m bigger and much faster under water. I’ll get you some earth.”; but after a few minutes he too surfaced huffing and puffing and gasping for air. Everyone sat there with their heads hung, believing it was impossible for anyone to get a handful of Earth.

Little Muskrat with a tiny voice spoke “Can I try?” Everyone turned to look for this tiny voice. Otter said “HA, you are so small, and weak, and you have the tiniest hands, really what can you do, you can’t help us.” Little Muskrat spoke up again, and said, “I can Try!” and he took a deep breath and a huge dive right from turtles back. Everyone waited, and waited, this was taking a lot longer than Nanaboozhoo, Beaver or Otter. The animals began to think maybe they had lost Muskrat, but then Nanaboozhoo yelled “There over there!” They could see Muskrat floating on top of the water, but there was no movement. As they approached, Muskrat, Nanaboozhoo noticed Muskrats tiny little paw was in a fist. Opening Muskrats hand Nanaboozhoo noticed a teeny piece of dirt and picked it up between his fingers.

Just then, Turtle swam forward and said, “Use my back to bear the weight of the new land. With the help of Gitchi-Manidoo we can make a new Earth.” Nanaboozhoo put the piece of Earth on Turtles back, and Nanaboozhoo began to blow on the piece of earth. Suddenly the wind blew from each of the Four Directions. The tiny piece of Earth on Turtles back began to grow. It grew and grew and grew until it was big enough for Nanaboozhoo and the animals to climb up on. They began to dance and sing in the widening circle. After a while the Four Winds stopped blowing. A huge island sat in the middle of the water, and today that island is known as North America.



2021 Christmas Bird Count

There were 19 counters and 17 different species of birds with a total of 728 birds counted.

Bald Eagle	2
Pine Grosbeak	190
Common Raven	148
Black-Capped Chickadee	117
Rock Pigeons	96
Evening Grosbeaks	0
Redpolls	72
Blue Jays	39
Red Breasted Nuthatches	31
White Breasted Nuthatches	2
European Starling	5
Hairy Woodpecker	5
Downy Woodpecker	5
Ruffed Grouse	2
Canada Jay	4
American Crow	2
Dark-eyed Junco	6
Northern Shrike	1



Evening Grosbeaks (above)



Dark-eyed Junco (above)



Redpoll (right)



Northern Shrike (above)



Red-breasted Nuthatch (Left)

The Ignace Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held this year on January 3rd. The CBC has been carried on throughout North America since the year 1900, making this the 122nd year. It must be completed on a day between December 14th and January 5th. Ignace has contributed to the bird count for 31 years.

Prior to the count being established, North American hunters had their own ritual. They would pick a day and start shooting any birds they saw with the winner being the one with the most birds. Fortunately, Frank Chapman, founder of the Bird Lore which became Audubon magazine proposed counting birds on Christmas instead and now there are counts in over 17 countries worldwide although most are still in North America.

This year (2021) we had 18 people counting birds at their feeders and two looking on roads and bush lines. Our counters were Gwen Andres, Claire Berube, Jeanne Bryan, John Carson, Tom Defeo, Jill Wark, Barb Furlong, Rob Furlong, Karen Greaves, Colleen Hogan, Andy & Beth Kasaboski, Melody Kiss, Murray McMahon, Tammy McMahon, Barbara McMullen, Pat Obie, Rick Parsons, Linda Parsons, Dave & Catherine Penney, Brian Warren and Fran Zawerucha.

If anyone is interested in counting birds next year, call Barbara McMullen at (807) 934-2607.

Classic Bruschetta

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, thinly slices
- 4 large tomatoes, diced
- ¼ c. thinly sliced basil
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes

FOR THE BREAD

- 1 large baguette, sliced ¼” thick
- 2 cloves of garlic, halved



Directions

1. In a medium skillet over medium-low heat, heat oil. Add garlic and cook until lightly golden, w to 4 minutes, then remove from heat and let cool.
 2. In a large bowl, toss together tomatoes, basil, vinegar, salt, and red pepper flakes. Add garlic and oil from skillet and toss to combine. Let marinate for at least 30 minutes.
 3. Meanwhile, toast bread: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Brush bread on both sides lightly with oil and place on large baking sheet. Toast bread until golden, 10 to 15 minutes, turning halfway through. Let bread cool for 5 minutes, then rub tops of bread with halved garlic cloves.
 4. Spoon tomatoes on top of bread just before serving.
- You can add a touch of shredded parmesan cheese on top for some added flavour.

Valentine's Day Word Search

c g f l o w e r s i p
j s w e e t h e a r t
e f p a c u p i d a e
v h o i k a c p s r t
a o g u y h e a r t s
l o v e r r d e g o f
e k r a p t r r o w r
n r i r o s e s p x i
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e o s c h o s r o s h
s w e e r t s f r i e
v c h o c o l a t e k

valentine
arrow
cupid
hearts
love
red
fourteenth
hugs
chocolate
pink
roses
friend
flowers
sweetheart
kisses

Shades of Grey

Silver Tops Newsletter
(also online on Facebook)

Active Retirement Living

February 2022

Silver Tops members enjoying our 2021 Christmas Dinner. Thanks to Ignace Tavern for a very tasty meal.



January Executive Meeting Highlights

- Potluck and Bingo have been suspended again under Covid lockdown
- Grant applications for continued digital training has been submitted – should hear result in March.

Tell Me a Story

Years ago, when I worked for CBC Radio in Thunder Bay I had the distinct privilege of meeting Peter Gzowski, author of the Morningside Papers and host of the long running program Morningside. The 3-hour program originated out of the CBC Toronto studio and was heard across Canada Monday thru Friday mornings and was on the air for 15 years.

Once while I was in Toronto on a training session, I went into the studio to watch the program go to air and met Peter for the first time. His executive producer Patsy Pehlman has been my best friend for over 50 years.

Later that year I was going through a particularly bad episode of arthritis and was having to use a walker for a few days. She mentioned this to Peter just before she left for a visit to see me in TB. Peter was known for having a dry and wicked sense of humour.

Patsy arrived at the CBC stations in TB and came into my office carrying a beautiful hand painted walking cane. With a big smile on her face she said, “This cane was from Peter who said, “give this to the old tart.”

I still have that cane. I was never sure if I objected to being called “old” or a “tart”

-From Dawn St Amand

P.S. For those who were not listeners of CBC, Dawn describes the show this way: “Morningside.....a daily reflection of Canada: the here and now of ideas, trends and events and most of all its people.

Big brothers, Younger Brothers

Giving up ice-fishing (or summer fishing) is one of the difficult decisions of getting old-er. A day on the lake always lifts your spirits and leaves you with happy memories, but there are good reasons why, at some point in time, driving a snow machine (Or a boat) is no longer a wise choice.

So – here’s a request for the younger, abler members of our community: Would you consider “adopting” a senior for an ice-fishing excursion? Even an easy, short trip to a nearby lake would be immeasurably appreciated. Think about it. Imagine how happy you could make someone.

Seniors have the time and for the most part are still very physically active. They would make the perfect fishing buddy.

“Computer” Classes a Big Hit

A number of seniors participated in digital learning classes held last fall at the Silver Tops Centre. iPads were provided to those who needed them. Greg Waldock and AJ Patel provided instruction on the iPads and on cell phones, giving individual assistance as required. Participants helped each other as well, sharing their prior knowledge to make the classes as useful as possible.

Since more of our healthcare needs are being met virtually, it is really important that we become familiar and comfortable with the digital world.

Classes will continue in 2022 with the lifting of Covid restrictions, and we have applied for more grant money to continue till the end of the year.

50/50 Draw – December Winners:

M. Biloski - \$438

Tamarack House - \$229.50

Coming Up (when lockdowns are lifted)

- Regular monthly potluck dinners
- Soup Club – want to join?
- Bingo and 50/50 Draws

Wellness – The new year is a good time for a medication check:

- Do they work?
- Are they out-of-date?
- Need to re-assess?
- Time to clean out the medicine cabinet

Silver Tops Membership? Is it for me?

You can join the Silver Tops at age 55, regardless of what colour you “top” is. Membership is only \$20 a year.

Regular meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (when restrictions allow), at 1:00 p.m. We receive reports from our various officers and the members in attendance make decision directing the Club’s business. As a member, expect to be asked to contribute in some way to the continuance of the club, whether it’s cleaning, working in the kitchen, helping set up for events, or any other activity that keeps a club vibrant and a building well-maintained.

Contact our membership officer, Sharleen Warren at 934-0503, to be added to our roll.

Birthday & Anniversaries??

If you know of any birthdays or anniversaries coming up in March – too late for February now – please contact [Liz Russell @ 403-688-6062](mailto:Liz.Russell@403-688-6062) so she can add them to the next months bulletin. It will be a good reminder to all of us to send a card, make a phone call, or you can make a quick visit to recognize the special occasion.

Do You Remember??

Autograph Books – where we got our friends and relatives and teachers and other role-model figures to write something instructive, silly, poetic, and/or witty on page in a small book? One of my favourites (from a not so favourite aunt) was: “Love many, trust few, always paddle your own canoe”

Protecting yourself from being Scammed

Protecting your Identity

- Only give out your personal details and information where it is absolutely necessary and when you trust the person you are speaking to or dealing with.
- Destroy personal information: don’t just throw it out. You should cut up, burn, or shred old bills, statements or cards – for example, credit cards and ATM cards
- Treat your personal details like you would treat money: don’t leave them lying around for others to take

(There will be a monthly section dedicated to different types of scams)

The NWMO launches new borehole studies at potential repository site in Ignace

In September, a group of scientists and engineers lowered six steel canisters (or modules) underground to a depth of 300 metres in a borehole drilling site located outside Ignace. Each module – filled with bentonite clay and pieces of copper – will be retrieved periodically over the next ten years to test how those materials will react in conditions similar to a deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel.

Why bentonite clay and copper?

The proposed [deep geological repository](#) that will contain and isolate Canada’s [used nuclear fuel](#) consists of a series of engineered and natural barriers that will work together to protect people and the environment. Copper and bentonite clay are two of the materials that will play important roles in the make-up of the [multiple-barrier system](#). Scientists will characterize and quantify the properties of the materials through these tests to confirm their long-term integrity in a potential repository host site.

“This is the first time that we have run these tests at a potential repository site,” said an excited Dr. Jeff Binns, an Associate Scientist on the Engineered Barrier Science team at the NWMO that is leading this project. “By placing it near Ignace, we are able to mimic similar conditions to test the copper and bentonite.”

Dr. Binns and his Engineered Barrier Science team worked with their NWMO counterparts from the Geoscience team, as well as the Siting team in Ignace. “They have already collected a lot of data from this site,” said Dr. Binns. “We will use that data to help understand observations from the modules.”

The project was a collaborative effort that spanned across and beyond the NWMO. The equipment for the tests was put together and inserted into the boreholes by Solexperts, a Swiss geotechnical company, and Weatherford International, an American Irish multinational company. The tests are also part of research currently underway by two Canadian universities.

Dr. Sarah Hirschorn, Director of Geoscience at the NWMO, is looking forward to the information that will come out of these tests. “We will remove a couple of modules approximately every two years over a ten-year period,” said Dr. Hirschorn. “Upon removal, the modules will be disassembled, and the samples will be sent to our partners at Western University for corrosion analysis and the University of Waterloo for microbiological analysis.”

At a length of 30 centimetres, the modules themselves are not impressively large. The details they will reveal, though, will inform the design of a project with a massive scale.



New Life Church
630 Pine St



Sunday Morning Services
begin with worship at
11AM

All current provincial restrictions are followed
(masking and distancing)

If you would like prayer, call the church @ (807) 934-2791, please
leave a message if there is no answer. Or message us on Facebook @
New Life Church - Ignace.
No need is too big or too small for God

IGNACE OTTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
QUAD RAFFLE

WIN THIS
QUAD

GRAND PRIZE: CANAM 2021
OUTLANDER 450

only
1000
TICKETS
SOLD



2nd Prize: \$300
3rd Prize: \$200

DRAW DATE
SAT MAR 5, 2022
IOSC CLUBHOUSE
733 CEDAR ST
6:00 PM

EFT: ignaceottersraffle@gmail.com pssd: raffle



TICKETS \$20 EA

www.ignaceotters.com
LOTTERY LICENSE #M845910

WHAT IS HATE MAIL?? HOW TO RESPOND?



Anonymous letters can be hurtful and sometimes damaging. Unfortunately, the authors of these letters feel they can say anything in the content of their letter and let their anger, frustration or nastiness out without any bounds or consequences. This happens all the time online – people experience a lack of restraint when they're communicating, and it's not in person. Still, when it happens online, the person leaves a digital footprint that can be identified. Sending an anonymous letter is how some people deal with the hate they have built up.

You can ignore the letter as some people do not believe that criticism passed through an anonymous platform is worth the attention. (Most people who read and pass on anonymous letters know that the information is mostly untrue with just bits of truth in them to make them almost believable; and was sent to hurt people or is just to be plain malicious).

There are usually more than enough telltale clues in the body of the letter to figure out who sent the letter. It is usually someone close to you, someone you know or knew, a co-worker or even a previous disgruntled employee.

When a writer sends an anonymous letter, it is because they are cowardly. The letter would risk harm to them, risk ridicule, have negative consequences, and jeopardize current employment if they were actually to sign their name to it.

When the content or language in an anonymous letter is abusive, hateful in nature, or overly negative and critical, it is most likely someone who is spiteful and angry. Most people truly do not judge someone by the opinion of another.

Although not illegal or criminal, sending anonymous letters is a cowardly action and, most times, is an effort by someone to do harm or be unkind as they have something against the people they are writing about or they may just be frustrated thinking that they are not being heard or getting their way.

Let's face it, dealing with toxic people (whether anonymous or not) is something that every single one of us has had to confront in our lives at one point or another. Narcissists, compulsive liars, sociopaths, manipulators, gossipers, and those wallowing in self-pity are just a few examples of toxic people. Often people like that will apply a "divide and conquer" strategy to make themselves seem essential. Toxic people will often lie compulsively, not just to others but to themselves, and liars end up exposing themselves or their true selves eventually. They are also jealous of your successes as a person or as a group, and they diminish your successes with adverse reactions.

Toxic people don't take responsibility for their actions. You can't help people dealing with toxic behaviours within themselves until they help themselves. Until then, they will continue to try to hurt others, but know that it's probably not about you at all and really about them.

If you cannot put your name to it, it's not worth the ink you used to write it.

(Professional counselling is also an option if you are feeling overwhelmed during this pandemic.)

Petrina Taylor-Hertz ☺

Lions Club Service Projects



The Ignace Lions Club is still **ROARING** in our community.

Most recently the club has donated money to the Christmas Cheer Fund and Loonie Lunch program.

The Ignace Lions Club has existed in our community for 59 years. The Charter Club was started on March 16, 1962 and then restarted in 1973 and has been active ever since. The membership has rose and fallen over its many years. At present we have less than 20 members. The club is the only active Service Club in our community.

We...

- Act as a Third Party for Northern Travel Grants to support individuals of the community who required financial support to attend out of town medical appointments. (This is a self-sustaining initiative).
- Continue to install and/or relocate ramps as needed by individuals with mobility challenges in the community.
- Loan items such as walkers, cans, toilet seats, etc. to community members
- Support the local Nursery School for children in Special Circumstances
- Support the CNIB Eye Van as it comes to the community for a few days in each August
- Donate to the Ignace Christmas Cheer Fund, Local Food Bank, and Community Children’s Food Security Programs (Blessings in a Back Pack Program and the Loonie Lunch Program)
- Sponsor a Wreath at the Ignace Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11th.
- Provide bottled water at the July 1st Canada day community
- We gave to the township a picnic table in celebration of the Lions 100th Anniversary in 2017
- Ignace School Grade 12 Bursary \$150.00
- Donate to Hope Classic Curling Bonspiel in support of Breast Cancer initiative in NWO.
- Donate to community initiatives that fall under their mandate (LCIF, CNIB, Lions Hearing, Vision, Diabetes Regional Programs)
- Support the purchase of hearing aids for those who meet the club’s mandate.
- Support the purchase of glasses for those who meet the club’s mandate.
- Collect hearing aids and eye glasses to be given to those in need.

If interested in being a member or wanting more information about the Ignace Lions Club please call Berry Wetelainen at 936-0310, Bill Laidlaw at 323-1706 or Joanne Armstrong at 934-6583

IGNACE LIONS CLUB

Officers

President - - - - -

First Vice President - - - - -

Second Vice President - - - - -

Third Vice President - - - - -

Secretary - - - - -

Treasurer - - - - -

Lion Tamer - - - - -

Tail Twister - - - - -

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Wayne Berglund

Leo Gelineau

Jack Helmkey

John Kuznak

John Jorgenson

Merville Fox

Mervin Zaverucha

Donald McNabb

Bert Bruvall

I will have to remember to ask a Lions Club member what a Lion Tamer and Tail Twister are and what they do on the executive. Very curious.



Ignace Lions Club members grows by 60% as they induct five new members!

The new members are pictured above; from left - Fran Zaverucha, Diane Porteous, Margaret Bell, Linda McIntosh and Don McIntosh, sponsored by Lions members Joanne Armstrong and Pam Courchene. A supper was held at the North Woods Motor Inn on Friday, November 28th with out-of-town guests District Governor Mark Osthus and wife Christine (pictured with Lions Pierre and Cathy KeKeyser) from Duluth, Minnesota and 1st Vice District Governor Bill Michl from Fort Frances, Ontario. The Ignace Lions Club is one of many clubs in the 5M10 District which is an International District as it crosses the border to include the geographic area of NE Minnesota and NW Ontario. The Ignace Lions Club invites anyone interested to join them as they are the only service club left in our community.

Nov 2014



40th Anniversary March 2013



Ignace Lions Club celebrates 40th Anniversary!

Over 30 people came out to celebrate the Ignace Lions Club 40th Anniversary on March 2nd. Lions members from Ignace, Dryden, Vermilion Bay and Atikokan were present as well as invited community members. Ignace Lions Club is today a small group of community members (Pierre Dekeyser, Tom Hughes, Sherry Hughes, Millie Gagnon, Pam Courchene, Ruth Robin-son, Dot Cooney and Joanne Armstrong) and now Cathy Dekeyser, who was initiated at the celebration. Angila Sharbot, Lions District Governor, presented pins to Sherry Hughes for 20 years of service and Joanne Armstrong for 30 years of service



Vision Screen at Ignace School
Lions Member Joanne Armstrong and her grandson Evan Berube
Lions provide vision screening to children in Ignace

Ignace Lions, assisted by the Vermilion Bay Lions Club, provided free vision screening to pre-school and school aged children in Ignace last week. A total of 165 children, ranging in age from 7 months to 18 years, were screened at Ignace Nursery School, Ignace Public School and l’école Immaculée-Conception . The screening is totally hands-off, and the identity of the children is totally confidential. Lions stress that vision screening does not replace a full eye examination by an optometrist or other eye care professional, but the camera does have the ability to detect “potential” eye issues. Reports are sent home to parents and, if the camera does detect a potential problem, it is recommended that the child have a full eye examination by an optometrist or other eye care professional to further investigate the issue. Vision screening is vitally important, and we have heard stories in the past of students with vision problems having previously been diagnosed with behavioural problems when, in fact, it was their vision that was causing the problem. There is also a heart-warming story, in which, the camera was unable to scan a child’s eyes. That child was, therefore, recommended for follow-up. It turned out that the child had a tumour in the back of the eye that was interfering with the camera’s ability. The tumour turned out to be malignant and was removed. The impact of that screening was that it likely saved the child’s life.

What’s New??

Welcoming New Physicians to our Community

We are very pleased to welcome two new Physicians to our team. Dr. Joanne Perry begins her work with us on January 24th and will be here on site for two weeks. She plans on providing coverage on an ongoing basis. Dr. Perry is from the Ottawa area and is looking forward to meeting community members and enjoying the outdoors here in the North.

Dr. Ian Ayers will be joining us on February 23rd and plans to schedule time monthly here on site. Dr. Ayers is from Dryden and is looking forward to working within a Community Health Centre model.



Ocean Online Client Portal

The Ocean Platform is a simple tool that connects to our Electronic Medical Record to enable clients to book appointments directly online, complete forms and receive appointment reminders.

We have completed the set up for this system and are hopeful to provide the direct link to clients on our Facebook page and website as soon as some of the onsite restrictions are lifted. The goal is to make it easy for clients to book with no passwords or logins and the simple click on a link.

We have gone live with our check in kiosk which is located in the main lobby. This enables clients to check in for their appointment with a simple swipe of their health card. It also gives you the opportunity to see your demographic data and update it if required. This is a positive step forward in the journey to enabling clients access to their own health records which is an Ontario Health priority.



Q & A for the NEW CHECK IN KIOSK

The Mary Berglund Community Health Centre Hub have received some questions around the newly installed check in kiosk at the health centre that they would like to address 😊. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do not hesitate to give them a call to discuss those.

- Does this mean that the reception will lose their jobs?** ABSOLUTELY NOT. OUR RECEPTION AREA EMPLOYEES ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND WE NEVER INTEND TO LOSE THE PERSONAL TOUCH.
- What if I would rather just talk to the receptionist?** YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE THE KIOSK IF YOU PREFER TO TALK WITH THE RECEPTION STAFF. USING THIS IS COMPLETELY OPTIONAL.
- Why did we need this?** IT IS PART OF A LARGER PRIORITY FOR ONTARIO HEALTH WHICH IS TO ALLOW CLIENTS/PATIENTS MORE ACCESS TO THEIR OWN PERSONAL HEALTH RECORDS. THIS GIVES YOU THE FEXIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO CHECK IN IF THERE IS A LINE UP OR RECEPTION IS ON THE PHONE OR TO UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. WE ARE HOPFUL, THAT IT WILL BE CONVENIENT FOR THOSE WHO DO WISH TO USE IT.
- Can I update information on it?** YES, IT BRINGS YOU TO YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WHERE YOU CAN EDIT THINGS LIKE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION.



Ignace Food Bank – February

February 3 & 17

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Empties are full of opportunity!



Please save your empty alcohol bottles and cans. Jim Gason collects and returns them and the money returned goes to support the Ignace Food Bank. Please drop off the returns at 304 East Street or call Jim at 934-2393 and he will be happy to pick up them up.



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X COUNTRY SKI SETS AVAILABLE



CAMP FIRE & HOT DOGS



SNOWSHOE SETS AVAILABLE



HORSE SLEIGH RIDES
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MBCHC & Ignace Township

FEB 21, 2022 12 – 3 PM

FAMILY DAY

FREE AT GOLF COURSE FREE

