

The Lakeside Bulletin

Those Honored At The 2021 Pine Ridge Ice Candle Ceremony



Rita Brazeau	Tillie Halteman	Miles Hoffman	Beverly Rees
Sandra Chappy	Ellen Harasym	Oscar Hoffman	Dr. Dede Tsianou
Eric Dalzell	Pat Harasym	Connie Lake	Lloyd Zapf
Gorden Dalzell	Russel Harasym	Dwight Newcomer	Bruce Donig
Violet Dalzell	Herb Hicks	Ruth Newcomer	Cynthia Donig
Hazel Fuiten	Ben Hochstetler	Florence Nolet	Jerel Johnson
Ralph Halteman	Clara Hochstetler	Mona Koval	Billy Koval

Community Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Town Office Closed Good Friday	3
4 Easter Day	5 Town Office Closed Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Community Market
25	26	27	28	29	30	

papertraildesign.com

**Notes: Reminder ServiceOntario is open
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00 am –4:30 pm**

Important Phone Numbers In Pickle Lake

Emergency Numbers
 OPP and NAPS.....1-888-310-11222
 Ambulance / Fire.....928-2255
 Forest Fire Reporting310-FIRE (3473)

<p><u>THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKLE LAKE</u></p> <p>Town Office.....928-2034</p> <p>Community Hall___928-2371</p> <p>Curling Rink___928-2126</p> <p>Arena___928-2826</p> <p><u>HEALTH RELATED</u></p> <p>Northwestern Health Unit___938-2234</p> <p>Nursing Station – Mishkeengamang ...928-2298</p> <p>Pickle Lake Health Clinic___928-2047</p> <p><u>TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <p>North Star Air___1-844-633-6294</p> <p>Wasaya Air – Reservations.....1-877-492-7292</p> <p><u>CHURCHES</u></p> <p>Friendship Baptist Church.....928-0905</p> <p>Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church- Lucie Hoffman.....928-2359</p> <p>Pickle Lake Gospel Chapel.....928-2152</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></p> <p>CBC Radio Thunder Bay.....807-625-5000</p> <p>Canada Post.....928-2010</p> <p>Crolancia Public School.....928-2381</p> <p>Hydro One – Emergencies / Outages...1-800-434-1235</p>	<p><u>MISCELLANEOUS – CONTINUED</u></p> <p>Hydro One – Customer <u>Inquires</u>.....1-888-644-9376</p> <p>OPP-Administrative calls ONLY.....928-2211</p> <p>NAPS-Administrative call ONLY.....928-2724</p> <p>Weather Station (Pickle Lake).....928-2431</p> <p>Tikinagan Child & Family Services (Mish Office).....928-2990</p> <p><u>TOLL FREE SUPPORT NUMBERS</u></p> <p>Ontario Works.....807-934-6673</p> <p>Community and Social Services Helpline – Ontario 211.....211</p> <p>Crisis Response Services.....1-866-888-8988</p> <p>Drive Test.....1-888-570-6110</p> <p>Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program.....1-800-465-4377</p> <p>Kids Help Phone.....1-800-668-6868</p> <p>Motherisk.....1-877-327-4636</p> <p>Poison Control.....1-800-268-9017</p> <p>Road Closures – Ontario 511.....511</p> <p>Screen for Life Northwest.....1-807-684-7777</p> <p>Telehealth.....1-866-797-0000</p> <p>Travel Grant, Ministry of Health.....1-800-461-4006</p> <p>Service Canada (Sioux Lookout).....1-800-622-6232</p>
--	--

SERVICE ONTARIO
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

PICKLE LAKE TOWNSHIP
BUSINESS HOURS
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Community Notice

The Betty Johnson Clinic

Starting April 12th, we will have a full time nurse at the clinic.

To make an appointment call the clinic at (807)928-2047

Hours are 8:00 am –4:00 pm

We would like to welcome our new RN Daisy Sugarhead!

In case of an emergency, please call the Ambulance Base at **928-2255**

Reminders

On May 25th to the 27th DiveTest will be here

To book your appointment, you can call 1-800-489-8450 or go online at
<https://drivetest.ca/>

As of April 1st fire season starts ABSOLUTELY NO DAYTIME BURNING. Burning is permitted 2 hours before sunset until 2 hours before sunrise. Please keep aware of burning restrictions.

Thank you!

Call out for Previous Committee Members!

If you have served on the Recreation Committee, Community Economic Development Committee, Tourism Steering Committee, Black Fly Festival Committee or volunteered at such events in the past few years and are still interested in being on these committees/volunteering, please reach out to the Township Office (807-928-2034) and let us know! Committees will be reforming, and we would enjoy having members who have served in the past few years contact us in order to begin the process of reforming these committees.

Early Travels On The 599 Corridor

Michael Vavra

For publication in the Savant-Sturgeon Tourist Outfitters Association lure booklet for the 1955 sport show season. Further research into the Corridor has yielded a wealth of information about this region and it is very hard to choose a topic to write about. However, while doing , I have been honored to meet and talk with several charismatic, knowledge-able, and in general, colorful folks, that have lived in this region for many years. Their knowledge of the growth of the "599" from Ignace to Savant Lake to Pickle Lake is not only phenomenal, but in most cases so vivid and graphic in description that one sits mesmerized in the spell of the tale-weaver. Yes , it sounds like a tall-tale, but these events and the people described are real and documented.

Some of the events tell of great feats of daring-do and others of even greater feats of survival against the harshness that mother nature can dish out this far north, and still other tell of individuals who carved a life for themselves out of this pristine, unforgiving land. It is without reservation that this writer states that a complete history of the 599 corridor should be compiled that includes all this information . The charismatic folks that know the history should be tapped as a resource to aid in the compilation of a true history of one route into the wilds of Norther Ontario. I, daresay, that it could teach us quite a bit about the original settlers of this region and about the roots of civilization along this beautiful wilderness corridor.

As stated, it was hard to zero in on a topic for a lure booklet, because by nature a lure booklet is developed to draw folks from "Down South" up to our magnificent wilderness area. However, by revealing some of the unique historical tales of the region, it may pique the interest of some individuals to come up and just see for themselves what the "599" is all about!!

So come along and join me for a unique journey along the 599 corridor as it stretches from Ignace to Savant Lake to Pickle Lake, and meet one of the most unique gentlemen that I have had the pleasure to interview.

Since a means of transportation is a vital importance in the opening of a new wilderness area, I have chosen to tell you about a most unique form of winter transportation that was used to supply the gold mine towns of Central Patricia and Pickle Lake back in the 1930's. I was able to speak personally with a man that not only knows the history first hand, but actually made a living in his early years by operating the winter tractor train as it plied its route over lakes and portages from Savant Lake rail head to the mining towns up north. This friendly, charismatic gentleman is Bill Koval of Pickle Lake, Ontario. Billy has a tremendous memory of details information about the "train". Details were also garnered from his lovely wife, Mona Hooker-Koval, who was one of the first settlers in Pickle Lake. Mona's father worked for the Hudson Bay Company at its post up north, thus, the Hooker family are an integral part of the history of the area.

Early Travels On The 599 Corridor

Michael Vavra

Back to our story: With two working gold mines up north the rail transportation into Savant Lake took on special meanings. The heavy supplies for the mines and food supplies for the people had to get through. The trail up from Ignace to Savant Lake was also a source of supplies and most of those were moved during the winter months by dog sled. Either way, the goods had to be shipped on up to Pickle Lake, and the tractor train proved to be the best means at the time.

The trail had to be prepared first, and this task usually fell to Billy and his dad. Billy was in his teens at the time and he remembers breaking the trails with snowshoes and horses. The lakes made travel easier as long as the slush was not too bad. Thus the portages were the areas where the horses came in handy for breaking and packing the trail.

Billy recounted an episode when he was 13 years old and he and his father went out to work on the trails and one of the horses stepped out on the lake and fell through the ice, unfortunately the animal fell directly on a deadfall and punctured its chest cavity and subsequently died. After taking care of the animal, they retraced their steps back to Savant Lake, only to discover that during their absence the old Haverluck and Koval Hotel had burned to the ground. The hotel had stood on the present site of the grocery store in Savant Lake.

Once the trail was ready, the train was drawn up and it consisted of two TD-40 International/McCormick Dearing tractors, 10 sleighs, and a caboose. The caboose held all perishable goods and served as a place for the crew to eat and sleep. The crew consisted of four drivers and two brakemen and these were divided into two teams of three. Two drivers and a brakeman drove the train for six hours while the second crew slept, and they interchanged at six hour intervals for the remainder of the journey. Billy stated that when your shift in the caboose was up there was no dawdling or fooling around getting out of that warm bed— you were up and at 'em in minutes.

Once the sleighs were loaded with mining equipment, drums of fuel for the tractor, fresh meat for the people, and other staple items like flour and sugar, the train was ready to depart. OOPS!, forgot the caboose, it held the perishables like the vegetables and the beer. All this for the population of workers at the mines— a total of about 35 people most winters. Billy told of one winter that his father used horses to pull a special load up the trail. The year was 1929, and his dad hauled 40 drums of aviation fuel, the first in Pickle Lake, to supply an old Gypsy Moth aircraft that was used to plot the land claims for the gold mines. Rough sketches were made by pencil while observing landmarks from the air. These were later refined and submitted as the original gold claims for the two working mines.

Early Travels On The 599 Corridor

Michael Vavra

The distance between Savant Lake and Pickle Lake was always figured at exactly 100 miles, across 9 lakes and 17 portages. Depending on conditions, the trip by "train" could take anywhere from 24 hours to one month. Billy recounts the slush was the worst problem and he remembered that on one trip they hit and bogged down in 2 feet of slush. They worked hard to free the sleighs and reach the portages and were successful most of the time. However, he did state that once they had to get planes in to move the supplies north. The operation of the train under tough conditions called for some ingenuity and an example of that task as that usually every morning the temperature reached its lowest and the runners on the sleighs would actually stick to the ice on the lakes. In order to continue moving, the crew would hook both tractors to just five sleighs and pull them to the portage, and return and pull the remaining five to the same spot, reassemble the train and move on. This sounds easy while sitting at my computer, near the wood stove, but it is hard to imagine with temperatures often reaching 40 degrees below zero.

Not all of the trips were relatively routine, Billy tells of one time when a pin broke on the tractor and flew up and broke the casing of the fuel pump. One of the crew, that also handled the maintenance, soldered a piece of tin to the casing, replaced the pin and the tractor went on its way and in fact became the most dependable one they had for quite a while after the incident.

Once the goods reached Pickle Lake, the goods were distributed to the mines and to the grocery store and the return trip was planned for the next week or when more supplies would be needed. The tractor train provided to be a dependable way to move goods to isolated communities during the winter months and the train from Savant Lake to Pickle Lake operated from about 1934-1955. Billy Koval and his family worked the tractor train for all those years and his tales of the train could yield volumes. This is just a sampling of the whole history of the tractor train along the 599 Corridor. As Paul Harvey says, for "the rest of the story", come on up to Pickle Lake and look him up – he can spin a yarn with the best!!

I would like to thank my friends, Billy and Mona Koval for their time, their knowledge, and their willingness to share their valuable memories with this author. I would also like to wish them a very happy 40th Wedding Anniversary set for June of 1995. They are a unique and wonderful couple that exhibit the characteristics that it takes to carve out a living in the wilderness of Northwestern Ontario. Thank you Billy and Mona for sharing some valuable time with me.

The Savant-Sturgeon Tourist Outfitters Association wants to thank you for picking up this booklet and we want to invite you to come north and visit this gateway corridor to Ontario's last frontier. We know that we have something that you will enjoy and we guarantee that you will meet some unique and friendly people.

We want to also thank all our fellow community supporters for their ads and their ongoing support of the 599 Corridor. We would also like to thank the government agencies and individuals that have made this publication a success story. It is through your assistance that we have grown from year to year. Thank you one and all!!

Before You Burn...

Contact your local fire department about **local by-laws and restrictions** on open air burning.

Open air burning can include **bonfires, firepits** and **outdoor fireplaces**.

ontario.ca/firemarshal



**We're hiring for
summer jobs!**



Apply today

Ontario.ca/SummerStudents



Looking for work?

**Statistics Canada is now
hiring candidates to help
conduct the #2021Census in
May. For more info, visit
census.gc.ca/jobs**

*** ATTENTION *
BUSINESS
OWNERS!**



NWMO has donated a **limited supply** of hand sanitizer refills to the Township for distribution to local businesses.

We have glass 750ml bottles available for pickup to refill hand pumps.

**Available for pick up at the
Township Office.**

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO PROSPECTIVE WORKER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

In Northwestern Ontario there is a demand for skilled workers in the mining industry and supporting roles. If you are currently unemployed, or have a hard time keeping a job, we are interested in hearing from you. We want to know what types of work you are interested in training to work in. We also want to know why you are currently having a hard time finding or keeping a job. We use this information to prepare plans and apply for training program funding dollars that can help you access and keep employment.

Thanking you in advance for your time!

Participate @ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCNTDNEWorkerSurvey>

PACE has new programs to help you grow *your* business!

- Tech funding to help you access your customers or work remotely
- A business mentorship program
- Incubator space

Contact Jeremy Dutton, Program Coordinator for details:
jeremyd@-cf.on.ca 1 800 465 5307



Is your business impacted by COVID-19? Are you experiencing cash flow issues?

As a part of the Regional Relief and Recovery Strategy PACE can loan your business up to \$40,000 with 25% of the loan being forgivable and 0% interest and no principal repayment to December 2022.

Applications are now being accepted! Visit the "COVID-19" tab at www.pace-cf.on.ca for a copy of the application!



CFDC Covid Safety Protocol Project
Projects Purpose:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Covid Safety Protocol Project will support businesses that are impacted by the economic disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic across Northern Ontario during their continuing/re-opening efforts. • Will provide businesses with access to capital of up to \$5,000.00 in a non-repayable contribution to assist with the costs related to adapting to new or existing (As of March 15, 2020) operating protocols.
Eligibility:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A SME (Small, Medium Enterprise) i.e. retail shops, restaurants, corner stores, etc., and businesses of strategic importance to the community. • Small and medium-sized enterprises are defined as having less than 500 employees • Applicant has confirmed and attested that no other funding has been accessed for the same purposes and utilization that the Covid Safety Protocol Project is set out to fund. • The SME must have been viable as of March 1, 2020. • SME was Established before March 1, 2020.
Examples of eligible costs for the Covid Safety Protocol Project acquired after March 15, 2020 or until March 31, 2021:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer and employee safety installations such as distancing signs for floors • COVID-19 posters and displays • Acquisition of barriers • Widening of aisles. • Plexiglass and partitions, signage, and other business restructuring or equipment purchases required in support of adaptations that may be required
Examples of Non-eligible costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable Personal Protective Equipment
Funding is eligible until March 31, 2021
Up to \$5,000.00 non-repayable contribution for the SME applicant if costs have already been incurred or to an independent provider for protocol modifications necessary to conduct business due to Covid-19.
** Please Note HST will NOT be reimbursed **
Funding will be issued on a continuous intake model to ensure funds are disbursed as quickly as possible.
Complete attached application and submit to ENTER CFDC CONTACT INFORMATION HERE

ARE YOU GROWING OR
STARTING YOUR OWN
BUSINESS?

HAVE YOU BEEN TURNED
DOWN BY THE BANK?



PACE CAN HELP!

We offer:

- Business Loans up to \$150,000
- Micro Loans up to \$15,000
- Guarantees on lines of credit

CALL NOREEN

807-221-3293

NOREENC@PACE-CF.ON.CA



The Daycare of Colours

Jeseanne Lacasse
Child Care Provider

1-(705)-970-2333

Email: jeslacasse@outlook.com

Pickle Lake

Available anytime, anyday.

Linda's Hair Design

Hwy 646 25 Patricia Ave

Pickle Lake,

(807) 251-1021

For Cuts Color Perms Streaks

For Kids Ladies & Mens

Call for appointment (807) 251-1021



EXPLORE DIVERSITY AND EQUITY



A culture of social inclusion starts with you. We can all take steps towards a more diverse and equitable society. **Lambton College is offering 8 online, one-hour mini-courses at NO COST!** Courses include:

- A Brief Introduction
- Acknowledging Unconscious Bias
- Ageism
- Disability Justice
- Feminism
- Intercultural Awareness
- LGBTQ Identities
- Mental Health



Call **1-877-999-9149** or e-mail picklelake@contactnorth.ca

Get your degree, diploma or certificate or upgrade your skills online **without leaving your community.**

CONTACT NORTH Supporting Rural & Remote Ontario
Soutenant l'Ontario rural et éloigné

STUDYONLINE.CA

@contactnorthdryden



Have you had to travel away for heart surgery? We'd love to hear your story!

Please contact Heather Vita at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation to learn more. (807) 684-7111 or vitah@tbh.net

LOOKING TO ADVERTISE A JOB POSTING OR A SERVICE YOU PROVIDE? AS PART OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PROGRAM, THIS ADVERTISEMENT SPACE CAN BE YOURS FOR FREE!

Please contact the town office at 928-2034 for more information or email: reception@picklelake.org

Participate

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO
PROSPECTIVE WORKER
ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

If any of these describes
your situation please
participate in the Northern
Training Division Survey.



UNEMPLOYED



GRADUATING



INTERESTED IN A
CAREER IN MINING

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCNTDNEWorkerSurvey>

YOUR INPUT MATTERS!

You're an Adult Needing Grade 12 or Looking to Upgrade
a High School Course?

Sioux Lookout Area Adult Education

Flexible and
Individual Pathways
are Developed to
Best Meet Your
Needs



Sioux Lookout Contact – Queen Elizabeth Site, 15 Fair Street

(807) 737-3506 ext. 1302

SiouxLookoutAdultEd@kpdsb.on.ca

Pickett's
Accommodations Available
in
Pickle Lake
Hwy 646

Available Daily, Weekly, Monthly
Completely Self contained includes
satellite, internet, washer, dryer
dishwasher & much more

Ideal for a working crew of 5 people 3
bedrooms

For More Info Call (807) 251-1021 or
(807) 629-5505



The Screen for Life Coach will be visiting your community in 2021!

All safety protocols are in place to keep clients and staff safe.

Pickle Lake

September 30th – October 1st, 2021

We will be parking at the Pickle Lake Community Hall

Mobile Screening for Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer

- Breast cancer screening for women 50 to 74 years of age.
- Cervical cancer screening for women 21 to 69 years of age.
- Colon cancer screening for men and women 50 to 74 years of age.

Call to book your appointment

1-800-461-7031

www.tbrhsc.net/screenforlife





Your Opinion Matters!

Share it to strengthen our community

The **Pickle Lake Economic Development and Infrastructure Plan Survey** is now ready, and we want to hear from **you!**



Visit

www.picklelake.ca/survey

You can also contact the Township of Pickle Lake at:
(807) 928-2034 or toll-free 1-833-985-2245

Pickle Lake Economic Development and Infrastructure Plan Survey

Your thoughts and opinions matter to us..

The Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake has awarded concurrent, provincially funded contracts to Northern Community Solutions, of Thunder Bay, to complete the Infrastructure Development and Implementation Plan, in conjunction with Limestone Partners Canada, of Little Current, who will complete the Airport Road Extension and Airport Opportunities Investigation and Feasibility Analysis. These two independent projects are now in full operation.

Both consulting teams have been asked to investigate the potential of expanded services in Pickle Lake, including retail, warehousing, and other industrial opportunities. The reviews will jointly analyze existing businesses, buildings, and Township infrastructure and make recommendations for expansion and/or redevelopment. The Township has also received additional funding to extend Airport Road to Highway 599, creating an access loop, thereby creating a second entrance to the downtown core. Lands adjacent to this secondary access route, and the new construction to Highway 599, would provide a number of potential opportunities for expanded development by adding a new commercial entry point to Pickle Lake.

As it relates to this project, we are asking for your support by completing the survey below. Your responses will remain entirely anonymous, and we appreciate your feedback, by completing the survey, and as a "Thank You" each respondent will be eligible for a draw to win a \$50.00 gift card.

To fill in the survey, click:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PickleLake2021>

If you have comments or questions regarding this survey, please contact the Township of Pickle Lake offices, or email to ari@northerncommunitysolutions.ca.

