

# The Lakeside Bulletin



## ***We Must Remember***

On November 11th at 11:00 AM cenotaphs, auditoriums, and graveyards around the world are still for 2 minutes. These short 2 minutes leave some minds filled with memories of loved ones, some they may never see again, and others bow their heads in silence for those who risked their lives for their freedom.

Regardless of your reasoning, it is imperative we remember those who have fought to protect our country. This is especially important for younger generations to continue showing support for our troops as they have not felt the effect of wars such as WW1 and WW2; and are more disconnected from the modern day wars some of their family and peers may have lived through.

Being that most Canadians view war through the lens of a news outlet, an interesting opportunity arose when an Afghan Veteran and First Nations Constable J.P. Nanowski, who is currently working for the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, shared his experience overseas in Afghanistan.

Nanowski enrolled in the Canadian Forces as a reservist at the age of 17. He dedicated one day per week, and one weekend per month to his duties as a reservist. During this time he also attended college and university. Once he completed his studies in both tool and die and secured a bachelors degree in psychology, Nanowski signed up for the earliest opportunity to serve in Afghanistan; and in the fall of 2009, his platoon was deployed.

Nanowski served as an M203 Grenadier with the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT). The KPRT worked to bring more stability to the region by identifying public works projects imperative to that region, and worked with local trades workers to implement them. During this time, Nanowski and his platoon provided armored security on construction sites, as well as defensive security in their camp.

During their time in Afghanistan, Nanowski and his platoon befriended a lot of locals, this ranged from police officers to the cooks in their camp. He states "although the country is shrouded in mystery and contention, the people there are no different from any of us. They drive the same vehicles, they watch the same shows, and although a lot of them grow up poor, they will ultimately offer their meal to you before they eat."

In contrast to our similarities, these kind and compassionate people are surrounded by hardships, under the Taliban rule, girls were not allowed to go to school, outdoor activities such as soccer and kite flying were non-existent - such small day to day activities that we take for granted.

In addition to this, depending on the study, the infant mortality rate was 163-189 out of every 1,000 children born. Nanowski recalls how parents would bring children to their camp out of desperation, "Say there was a really young baby that got burned, sometimes the hospital wouldn't even look at him because of the odds of that child surviving were slim to none. We would clear the child in and our medics would patch it up and the child would live."

After the soldiers completed their tours, they would give away their boots to the Afghan Nationals, as well as items such as granola bars to locals that couldn't afford them. In addition to this, Nanowski had family members and friendship boxes of toys that he and his fellow soldiers provided to families.

He has said that more westernized items are now appearing in Afghanistan. Now, with the rise of infrastructure in Afghanistan, buildings are beginning to rise amongst the rubble.

We must remember. We must remember those who have lost their lives and continue to fight for our safety each day. And although we show appreciation on Remembrance Day, we must remember to thank veterans and soldiers every chance we get.

Reference:

Dominik, K. (2014, Nov. 10). Afghan veteran remembers freedoms we take for granted. Bradford West Gwillimbury Topic. Retrieved October 31, 2019.

Thank you to Afghan Veteran and First Nations Constable J.P. Nanowski for providing the Township of Pickle Lake with his experience in Afghanistan, and with some of the moments he captured while serving overseas.

**In Flanders Fields  
John McCrae**

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.**





Photos Courtesy of:  
Afghan Veteran  
and First Nations  
Constable J.P.  
Nanowski



# IMPORTANT DATES: *November 2019*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					①  Court	②
③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦ NWHU Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic 4 PM - 6 PM	⑧ NWHU Immunization Clinic 9 AM - 11 AM	⑨ Bible Club @ Community Hall
⑩	⑪ Office and Clinic Closed  Remembrance Day	⑫ Dr. Mooney @ Clinic  Council Meeting	⑬ Dr. Mooney @ Clinic	⑭ Dr. Mooney @ Clinic  Court	⑮ Dr. Mooney @ Clinic  Court	⑯ Market @ Community Hall 9am - 1pm
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## NOTES:

- On November 11th, a Remembrance Day assembly will be held at Crolancia Public School everyone is welcome. Please look for a post on the Township of Pickle Lakes page for more information, or contact the office at 928-2034 for more information.
- For more information in regards to getting your Flu-Shot or any Immunizations, please contact 928-2234 during 4 PM - 6PM on November 7th, and 9 AM - 11AM November 8th to book an appointment or to inquire about services. Prior to these dates, call the Sioux Lookout Office at (807) 737-2292.





# COMMUNITY NOTICE



## PICKLE LAKE HEALTH CLINIC

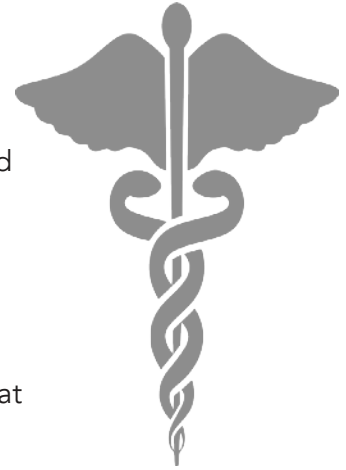


### Locum Doctor In-House

Dr. Mooney will be at the clinic November 12th - 15th and  
November 18th - 22nd.

Please call the clinic at **928-2047** for appointment  
availability.

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



### ***Looking for Volunteer Firefighters!***

**If you are interested in this incredible opportunity please  
email  
[firedept@picklelake.org](mailto:firedept@picklelake.org)**

***\*\*\*We are entering winter, please ensure your bleeder lines are open\*\*\****

### **\*\*Effective Immediately\*\***

There will be an attendant at the landfill on Tuesday and Friday, 8 am - 1 pm and  
Saturday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. You must see the attendant before dumping to  
ensure the items are dumped in the proper areas.

## **FIRE SEASON**

**There is no longer an active ban on fires; Next year, the fire ban will  
commence on April 1st 2020, and run until October 31st 2020.**

**This being said, please take caution while burning, all fires are still to  
be tended by a responsible person until extinguished, and try to avoid  
any burning when the wind exceeds 10km/hr (the wind stirs leaves  
and twigs into constant motion; light flags extended).**

**To report a fire in Pickle Lake call: 928-2255**

**To report a forest fire in northwestern Ontario call: 310-3473**



*Curvy*  CHICK

# POP-UP SHOP

Sat, Nov. 9th  
Pickle Lake Treasures

Noon - 4pm

**Bra Fittings**  
**Plus Size Clothing**  
**Sleepwear**  
**SAXX Underwear**

*see you there!*

256 Scott St, Fort Frances  
[curvychickff.com](http://curvychickff.com)  
[curvychick@hotmail.ca](mailto:curvychick@hotmail.ca)

# TOWNSHIP OFFICE INFORMATION

## Looking to Advertise or Submit Photos?

Advertise  
your  
business,  
products,  
or  
services!

Contact:

Reception@picklelake.org

Or 807-928-2034 and ask to  
speak to Rachael

1/16 Page...\$10

1/8 Page...\$14.00

1/4 Page...\$17.00

1/2 Page...\$25.00

Full Page...\$40.00

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us to  
learn  
more  
about  
pricing  
and  
posting

### HOURS

**SERVICE ONTARIO**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**PICKLE LAKE TOWNSHIP**  
**BUSINESS HOURS**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
**CLOSED FOR LUNCH**  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

