



May 2021 Newsletter

COVID-19 Updates

Taking care of yourself during the pandemic is important for your Mental Health.

Self-Care During COVID-19

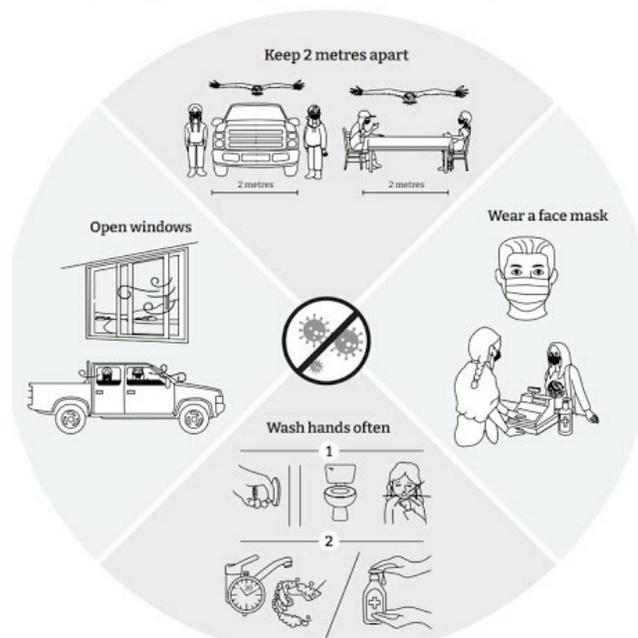


Please visit this web page to learn more about

- Authorized vaccines
- Before you get to your appointment
- Tips for a comfortable vaccination experience
- Possible side effects and reactions
- After getting vaccinated

[What to expect at your vaccination](#)

Stop the spread of COVID-19



Upcoming Events

Due to the current pandemic safety measures, we are unable to host any in-person events and all events are being hosted online through Zoom videoconferencing.

Chief and Council Update

Election Update

As many of you are aware, Council was faced with the unenviable decision of having to postpone the 2021 General Election as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Caldwell First Nation has the right to govern its own process and this decision was not made lightly.

The decision to postpone the election was made in accordance with the most recent medical information available to Caldwell from the Medical Officer of Health of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, and in consultation with the Electoral Officer, whom has emphasized that an open and transparent election process requires direct participation; particularly on election day at the counting of the ballots, which cannot currently be achieved in the current state of the pandemic.

Council is also cognizant of the fact that many members live a distance from the Band Office, and that travel restrictions may also hamper participation in the election process.

Council recognises, and shares, the Membership's desire to complete the election as soon as possible, but the safety of the Members of Caldwell First Nation, and the preservation of an open and transparent election process must remain of paramount importance.

To that end, the election has been re-scheduled to September 18, 2021, with advance polls on September 11, 2021, and the Electoral Officer has been notified of same. Attached to this communication is the most recent communication with Caldwell First Nation from the Medical Officer of Health of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

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Caldwell First Nation Council

Responses to Chat Questions during Council Q&A Session

Council has reviewed the questions asked in the chat during the Council Q&A session hosted via Zoom on January 27, 2021. Please see below for a PDF of the answers.

[Click here for PDF](#)

Three Fires Business Plan Summary and Key Findings

The proposed Three Fires Experience will be a for-profit CFN-owned enterprise and the largest Indigenous restaurant in the world (9,908.51 square feet in total). More than a restaurant, it will be a tourism destination with three main revenue

streams, including the restaurant, winery and event sales. The layout and design elements will be rustic, elegant and upscale, providing a sense of being outdoors in nature and will be creative and differentiate itself from any other restaurants in the area.

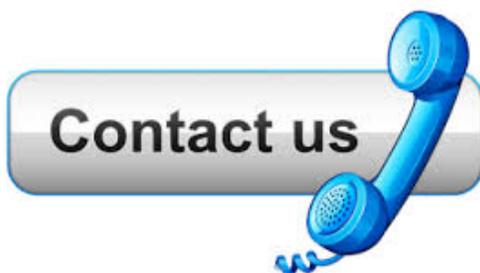
There is growing interest in Indigenous tourism in Canada, including Indigenous cuisine. With Three Fires being the largest Indigenous restaurant in the world as well as having a 100% foothold of Indigenous wineries in Ontario; it is well placed to becoming a premier tourism destination. Add in a scenic view ideally located beside the Caldwell Marina, as well as being en route to Point Pelee cottage country and national park, Three Fires is primed for visitor attraction. CFN is well-positioned to pursue funding that is being made available to Leamington as one of three regions selected for tourism development in Ontario.

The Three Fires experience can contribute not only to revenue generation for CFN that will support self-determination, but also food sovereignty and cultural revitalization for the First Nation. It will serve as a gathering place and community hub that brings together CFN members and non-CFN members alike to celebrate both CFN and Indigenous culture and history and foster relationship-building.

Three Fires is projected to be profitable from the outset (\$685,609 year 1), reach a breakeven point to recover capital investment costs within four years, and yield significant profit growth over ten years (up to \$2.5 million in year 10 and every year after).

[Click here to read more](#)

Administration Update



ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS

****If your email, mailing address or phone number has changed, please update the office staff ****

[Update Info](#)



Tammy Jolicoeur, Membership Clerk is requesting your photos and any information you are willing to provide for Caldwell's Family Tree.

Contact Tammy at
tammy.jolicoeur@caldwellfirstnation.ca

[Email Tammy](#)

Indian Status

Find out more about Indian status and status card applications, the Indian Register, band membership, estates, band moneys and treaty annuity payments.



1 Status card validity during COVID-19 pandemic

- Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has extended the validity date of status cards until further notice.
- Service providers should accept status cards or Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents (TCRDs), with identification, even if the renewal or expiry date has passed.
- Indian status does not expire. Your registration number confirms your status and can be used to access some services and programs.

[For more information](#)



Request for Proposals

Video Production Services

Deadline: May 10th, 2021, 4:30pm

Scope of Work:

- Create a ten-minute (maximum) video that reflects the distinct nations of AIAI member nations (the Oneida, the Mohawk, the Lenape, the Potawatomi, and the Ojibway).
- Use own high-quality filming equipment.
- Conduct and shoot short interviews with Elders and Youth from AIAI member nations to get their cultural perspective in relation to COVID-19.
- Create and provide audio files or transcription of each video.
- Send a rough cut of each video to AIAI for review, comments, and approval before delivery.
- Purchase music rights and graphics, as necessary.
- Edit each of the videos, using their own professional editing software.
- Deliver finished videos on a flash drive or share drive or folder online at full resolution.
- Final video to be completed by August 20th, 2021.

Please note: AIAI is willing to discuss budget details with respondents. Please contact Sylvia Plain at 519 434-2761 ext. 234 or by email: splain@aiai.on.ca

RFP Submission Requirements:

Interested parties are asked to submit a proposal outlining their qualifications by 4:30 p.m. on, May 10th, 2021.

Please ensure the proposal includes the following information:

1. Brief description of your qualifications in relation to this project and why you feel you would be well suited to provide the required services.
2. Work plan outlining the approach to be used.
3. Detailed fee/expense schedule.
4. One digital copy of the proposal submitted in PDF format.

Please send all required documents to Reception, at reception@aiai.on.ca .

Point Pelee National Park - Notice of Middle Island Conservation Management Activities

Parks Canada is responsible for maintaining and restoring ecological integrity in National Parks and is working to ensure the long term health of Point Pelee National Park's sensitive ecosystems, including Middle Island. We have embarked on a multi-year program to improve the ecological health of the island's Carolinian ecosystem, which includes improving habitat for species at risk, controlling invasive species, and protecting native vegetation communities by reducing the number of double-crested cormorants nesting on Middle Island.

From 2008 to 2019, Point Pelee National Park has improved the health of Middle Island's fragile ecosystem and protected native vegetation communities by reducing the number of nesting double-crested cormorants on the island by 65%. An independent study and Parks Canada's monitoring efforts suggest that the previous rapid decline of healthy Carolinian forest cover had stopped, and that the remaining forest cover had not only stabilized but had started to increase in some areas. Although real conservation gains are being made, the current population of nesting double-crested cormorants on Middle Island is still unsustainable and poses a serious threat to the island's fragile Carolinian ecosystem and species at risk.

After Parks Canada deferred the cormorant population reduction in 2020 due to COVID-19, nest numbers rebounded significantly, demonstrating that it is critical to continue consistent management actions on Middle Island. Management activities to reduce the number of nesting double-crested cormorants on Middle Island are scheduled from April 29 to mid-May, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other aspect of the resource conservation program at Point Pelee National Park, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Maria Papoulias
Superintendent | Directrice
Point Pelee National Park | Parc national de la Pointe Pelée
Parks Canada | Parcs Canada
maria.papoulias@canada.ca
Tel: 519-322-2365 x 2217

Culture & Language Update



ANISHINAABEMOWIN with Miskwaankwad

*Starting Thursday April 29, 2021
at 6:00PM*

Classes will be bi-weekly

May 13 & 27

June 10 & 24

*We will learn short sentences you
can use daily*

REGISTER WITH CARRIE ANN
cultural.dev@caldwellfirstnation.ca

CALLING ALL CALDWELL FIRST NATION ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS
WHO MAKE HANDMADE ITEMS
THAT WE CAN USE FOR DISPLAY
AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

- Bead work
- Moccasins, other leather work
- Woodwork, carvings
- Paintings
- Pottery
- Basket weaving
- and more

If you are interested in partaking in this project,
please contact

Carrie Ann: cultural.dev@caldwellfirstnation.ca

Email Carrie Ann

Employment and Training/Post-Secondary

Indigenous Internship Opportunities with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Experience working in the Ontario Public Service (OPS) – grow your future.

The OPS is dedicated to recruiting and advancing top talent while building a diverse public service that is reflective of Ontario's population and communities. These exciting opportunities offer recent Indigenous post-secondary graduates the opportunity to develop their careers and gain valuable work experience with one of Canada's Top 100 Employers.

Bring your knowledge, experience and perspectives to the **Ontario Public Service**. Working with a team of engaged professionals and dedicated leaders, you'll take the next step in your career in a dynamic environment that provides opportunities for personal growth, competitive salary, mentorship, learning and development opportunities, and work-life balance. The ministry has immediate opportunities for interns in the following roles:

- **Project Management Intern (Job ID 163150) – 435 James Street South, Thunder Bay**
Join the Far North Branch where you will support the planning, coordination and implementation of operational and strategic projects in the Far North and experience in areas such as providing program and planning advice, policy development, consultation and engagement.
- **Indigenous Relations Intern (Job ID 162839) – 435 James Street South, Thunder Bay**
Join the Regional Operations Division where you will support the team in providing analysis and advice on natural resource projects and apply your research, analytical, and communication skills to advance reconciliation initiatives in our ministry.
- **Indigenous Relations Intern (Job ID 163147) – 300 Water Street, Peterborough**
Are you looking for an opportunity to demonstrate your passion working with Indigenous Communities on natural resources management? Join the Strategic and Indigenous Policy Branch where you will be part of a dynamic team of professionals on a diverse range of natural resource management projects on lands, forestry, fish and wildlife and complex land claim and treaty negotiations including Ontario's first modern day Treaty with the Algonquins of Ontario. We offer a dynamic, inclusive and rewarding learning environment where you will have an opportunity to develop a learning plan to accelerate your career growth and the opportunity to build your network across Ontario.
- **Human Resources Intern (Job ID 162847) – 300 Water Street, Peterborough**
Join the Strategic Human Resources Business Branch where you will assist in the design, development and implementation of corporate initiatives related to leadership & learning, health, safety & wellness, engagement, recognition and service excellence.
- **Policy Intern (Job ID 162851) – 300 Water Street, Peterborough**
Join our dynamic policy division team where you will be involved in the development and interpretation of ministry policies related to sustainable resource management, providing technical, analytical and administrative support to the development of policies and regulations for biodiversity and invasive species or non-renewable resources including aggregates, oil, gas and salt.
- **Survey and Mapping GIS Intern (Job ID 163260) – 300 Water Street, Peterborough**
Join the Mapping and Information Management Branch's (MIRB) survey and mapping portfolio where you will support survey and mapping activities across the Office of the Surveyor General and the Mapping and Geomatics Services section. You will compile spatial inventories, support program decisions through data management and assist in coordinating specific project components related to the delivery of IM and GIS services to support section staff.
- **Forester Intern (Job ID 162856) – 70 Foster Drive, Sault Ste. Marie**

[Click here for PDF](#)

INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION AND CRAFT TRADES

FOR WOMEN

FREE TRAINING
+
10 WEEK PAID
PLACEMENT

REQUIREMENTS:

- Intermediate Math Skills
- Ontario Resident
- High School Diploma
- G2 License

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Taylor
Employment Counsellor / Job Developer
226-773-4933 | ctaylor@westofwindsor.com

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW
TENTATIVE START DATE: 1ST WEEK OF JUNE 2021

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



[Click here to register](#)

Roots of Empathy Research Symposium

Roots Of Empathy is an organization focused on building caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults.

Research Symposium

Virtual. Free. Public.

May 11 – 12 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

[Register Now](#)

ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program

ATCO is currently accepting applications for bursaries for scholarships to indigenous students across Canada who demonstrate leadership capabilities and strive to be role models in their schools and communities. There are 3 different awards available from \$500.00 - \$1,500.00 per student/year.

[Apply here](#)

Nijiji Indigenous Mentorship

WHAT IS NIJII INDIGENOUS MENTORSHIP?

Since 2013, Lakehead University's Niiji Indigenous Mentorship has allowed students to gain practical experience and develop their skills in a real-world setting. The program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to work with Indigenous students, develop their leadership skills, and gain valuable experience in a real-world setting. The program is open to all students and is a great way to gain practical experience and develop their skills in a real-world setting.

Lakehead UNIVERSITY Niiji Indigenous Mentorship

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 Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5K1
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Lakehead UNIVERSITY Niiji Indigenous Mentorship

ACTIVE MENTORSHIP SPARKS INTEREST FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

Learning Through Mentorship Empowers Indigenous Youth

[Click here for more information](#)

Economic Development Update

2021 Indigenous Youth and Community Futures Fund / One-Year Grants of up to \$30,000

Receive up to \$30,000 for an Indigenous Youth Led Project.

Application Deadline: May 20, 2021, by 11:59 PM

[Click here for more information](#)



Procurement Information

Bridging North America (BNA) is the private-sector partner contracted by the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. BNA is looking to work with companies that are strong leaders in their lines of business and those with exceptional safety records.

Procurement – What BNA Buys

BNA requires purchases of large volumes of materials and services. The contracts for these materials and services vary in scope and award. BNA works with both large and small contractors in the following key areas: administrative and contracts, architectural, civil, construction indirects, electrical equipment, industrial paint and insulation, instrumentation, logistics, piping/fittings/valves, process equipment, and structural.

Procurement Questionnaire

BNA requires all companies wishing to do business with BNA to complete a qualification questionnaire and provide details about relevant licensing, compliance with federal and/or state or provincial laws related to equal employment opportunities (EEO), financial status, insurance, bonding capacity, quality assurance, and health, safety and environmental (HS&E) ratings.

To request a Canadian package and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), contact:
procurement@bnacagp.com

To request a U.S. package and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), contact:
procurement@bnausjv.com

Community Benefits & Local Participation

The objective of the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy is to create accessible employment and contracting opportunities for local residents and businesses in Windsor, Ontario or within 100 kilometers of the City of Windsor, Indigenous Peoples in Canada, and residents and businesses within the City of Detroit.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal established for this project is 2.15% of the cost of the construction and engineering work needed to complete the Michigan Interchange and the portion of the bridge that is located in Michigan. For questions on DBE opportunities on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project, please contact Ron Evans, DBE Consultant, at rmebiconsulting@gmail.com.

Current opportunities can be found at:

<https://www.gordiehoweinternationalbridge.com/en/procurement-opportunities>



BNA Career Opportunities (Canada)

Bridging North America (BNA) is the private-sector partner responsible for designing, building, financing, operating, and maintaining the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

Please find attached the current job listings in Canada for BNA Constructors. These are current as of March 1, 2021. For more information on these positions, please visit the Gordie Howe International Bridge website: <https://www.gordiehoweinternationalbridge.com/en/work-with-bna> where you will be directed to one of the Joint Venture Partners who manage the postings.

Position	Discipline	Department
BIM Database Coordinator	Proj Support	Technical
CAN MS Pylon Superintendent	Superintendent	CAN Bridge
Contracts Assistant	Preconstruction	Technical
Cost Control Coordinator	Project Controls	Project Controls
Deck Superintendent - CAN Bridge	Superintendent	CAN Bridge
Fabrication QA Inspector (Off Site)	Quality	Quality
Handover Manager/Commissioning Coordinator	Preconstruction	Technical
Logistics Coordinator	Field Engineer	CAN POE
Materials QA Manager	Quality	Quality
Project Coordinator	Field Engineer	CAN POE
Project Coordinator - Approach & GIMP (formerly Cabling)	Field Engineer	CAN Bridge
Project Coordinator - Deck 2	Field Engineer	CAN Bridge
QA Manager - CAN Bridge	Quality	Quality
Quality Digital Reporting Trainer	Quality	Quality
Quality Training Coordinator	Quality	Quality
Safety Advisor	Safety	Safety
Superintendent	Superintendent	CAN POE
Superintendent (formerly Paving Superintendent)	Superintendent	CAN POE

March 2021



Presents

Business Planning Program



Want to start your own business?
Is your current business ready for expansion?
Are you curious about small business?

This 7 evenings session workshop is specifically designed to assist aspiring and existing business owners to learn the skill of business planning.

Jeffrey Jacobs (Sierra Consulting) will be presenting
FUNDAMENTALS OF BUSINESS PLANNING:

- Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship
- Business Plan Preparation
- Practical Small Business Management
- Designing a Start Up / Expansion Budget
- Key Funding Sources Available to You
- Your Idea's Industry Outlook and Market Potential
- Marketing and Operations
- Preparing and Understanding Financial Projections to determine the overall feasibility of your idea.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Sessions Start Promptly at 6:30 pm –8:30 pm beginning Tuesday, May 18th and continuing every Tuesday night through to June 29th, 2021.



560 Williams Drive
Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5

Phone 519-332-5151
Fax 519-332-6196
Toll Free 1-888-433-1533
E-mail: info@tcde.on.ca

Funded by the:

**Ministry of
Indigenous Affairs**

Facilitated by the:



REGISTRATION

No Registration Fee
Registrations will be processed on a "First Come / First Served" basis.

INCLUDES
7 Sessions Evenings Workshop
All Training Materials (via email)

VIRTUAL TRAINING — Zoom Classroom
Requirements: Computer (with Audio Capabilities)

EMAIL at maryjane@tcde.on.ca or 1-519-332-5151, EXT. 203

Health Update



INFORMATION NOTICE

AMBULANCE COVERAGE & REIMBURSEMENT

ONTARIO REGION NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS (NIHB) PROGRAM

To: Clients of the NIHB Program, Ontario
Chiefs and Councils/Health Directors
Indigenous Services Canada Partners

From: Heather Larsen, Senior Manager, Program Delivery

The NIHB program may cover your medical transportation costs if you need to travel within Canada for medical care. This benefit covers the travel costs for you to attend medically necessary health services that are unavailable on reserve or in your community of residence and also includes emergency transportation such as ambulance.

The fee associated with ground ambulance in Ontario is shared between the Province and the NIHB program. The hospital or emergency transportation coordinator will apply the maximum coverage available through the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). The balance is then sent to NIHB in the form of an invoice. NIHB reimburses the provider directly so the client should not be asked for payment.

In order to be covered for ambulance transportation, clients must hold a valid OHIP card or, if not a resident of Ontario, be eligible for their home provincial or territorial health insurance plan. Ambulance transportation for out of province clients will be billed in full to NIHB.

Air ambulance is paid in full by OHIP.

If you are contacted by an ambulance provider seeking payment for an invoice, please contact NIHB at 1-800-640-0642 (option 5) or email at: sac.nihboninvoices-ssnafactureson.isc@canada.ca

Indigenous Services Canada
FNIHB Ontario Region NIHB contacts:

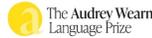
Ontario Region Client Information Line
Monday to Friday 1-800-640-0642
7:00 am to 4:00 pm (CST)

Michelle Young
Program Officer (Payments)
Michelle.young@canada.ca
343-548-9525

Youth Advisory Committee Update

Congratulations to **Anellah Orosz** who is a finalist for the Audrey Wear Language Prize!

The Audrey Wearn Language Prize was created under the mission to encourage youth ages 16-30 to solve a



language based challenge in their community, devising a solution that is measurable, transferable and scalable. Anellah submitted her proposal to develop an app that helps young people learn the Anishnaabemowin language!

The Youth Advisory Committee Members are creating a Youth Newsletter intended for CFN youth as a way to engage and keep youth informed on the tasks and projects they have been up to. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please subscribe to the Youth Newsletter below.

[Subscribe to the Youth Newsletter here](#)

Meet the Staff



Darryl van Oirschot, Education and Cultural Experiences Delivery

Darryl van Oirschot is a Caldwell First Nation member and has been working for the Nation since 2018. He works in the Economic Development Department under Kyra Cole and Kelleagh Alexander, and his title is Education & Cultural Experience Delivery. Darryl also works with and provides support to the Youth Advisory Committee.

“I am grateful to be able to share Who We Are, as a sovereign First Nation, through education and cultural experiences. It is important to keep the teachings from our past as we begin to write our own future as a nation.”

Jo-D Schiefer, Health Programs Manager

Maamgingang Mashkiki Kwe, (“*She Collects Medicine*”) aka Jo-D Schiefer (Simpson) is Potawatomi and a registered Caldwell First Nation Member. She is the mother to two daughters, aged 23 & 18, and a Nana to one granddaughter, aged 3, and has an older sister and brother.

Growing up around elders (many Grandmothers, Aunties & Uncles), they have taught her many

lessons on how to be a kind, caring Anishinaabe; to always help or share what she has with others and be there for others – family, friends and any person she come across who she can share and learn from. Never to be greedy or judgmental, respect the elders, listen to the teaching and stories, always be honest and never look down on anyone or put one's self down either as we all have a purpose here from creator and everything happens for a reason-at the right time. She continues to share culture and traditional teaching with her daughters and granddaughter.



In 2018, she started at Caldwell First Nation as a Medical Transport Driver/Homecare worker and created the Medical Transportation and home meals program from scratch along with her co-worker. She currently works as the Health Programs Manager, creating and assisting in developing the Health Department and various health programs. She is also the Mental Health Crisis Response Team Representative with AIAI, a board member of the AIAI Health and Safety Advisory Board, and a CFN Health and Safety Committee Member.

"My dream is to see our community coming together, working together in unity, creating a better future for all our future families, both on and off reserve. My goal every day is to continually create ways to bring our people together through culture, teachings and health programs. Using my experiences, compassion and commitment has given me the opportunity to contribute in paving the future of Caldwell First Nation Health Services. I am looking forward to continuing my work with my Caldwell First Nation community and continuing to learn and grow together daily."

Feature Article on Tank Standing Buffalo

Tank Standing Buffalo is the son of CFN Band Member, Ella Robitaille and is an artist who currently spends his time towards making cartoons but has also done other artistic projects such as tiki mugs, tattoos, SPFX makeup for movies, and directed music videos. He has also build haunted attractions for carnival and theme parks.

"When I was a kid I remember drawing a little picture for the old newsletter. When the newsletter arrived, I remember how happy I was to see my drawing published, how proud and encouraging my mom was that this was a worthwhile pursuit. That was a defining moment in the development of my artistic path. A moment that I will forever be grateful for. Almost 30 years later and being in this newsletter once again, makes me just as happy as when I was a kid."

See below for photo and a video link of his artistic projects.



In the News

First Nations ambassador Edith Cloutier to be honoured by INRS

The Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS) is proud to announce that it will be awarding an honorary doctorate to Edith Cloutier, a dedicated ambassador of Indigenous identity and a defender of Indigenous rights. Ms. Cloutier will receive the highest academic distinction at the INRS virtual convocation ceremony on May 15. Read article [here](#).

Indigenous leaders worry how a year of lost cultural gatherings impacts their communities

Indigenous leaders worry about how losing cultural gatherings this past year is impacting the mental health of their communities, as well as opportunities to celebrate their culture. Read article [here](#).

Stories from Anemki Wajiw: Hide scraping

The pandemic has many people rethinking the value of their connection to community and their own history. For Jolene Banning of Fort William First Nation, those connections go back generations and include the natural world. Read article [here](#).

Weaving Indigenous and western knowledge

How Indigenous researchers and communities are working in partnership with universities and non-Indigenous researchers to shape the future of environmental sciences. Read article [here](#).

New program aids Indigenous entrepreneurs with tourism ideas

A new provincial program wants to help Indigenous tourism entrepreneurs get their ideas off to a solid start. Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) and the Ontario Tourism Innovation Lab are partnering to launch the Indigenous Tourism Skode (pronounced "Shkoh-deh" in Anishinaabemowin) Program. Read article [here](#).

'A pow wow to remember' series: Reverend Peggy Petahtegoose

In a continued effort to lift everyone's spirit during this time where we are all staying home, the Anishinabek News did a call out to the Anishinabek Nation to submit their fondest pow wow memory. The spring series is called: A pow wow to remember. Read article [here](#).

Indigenous artist Joshua Watts uses traditional art form to connect to contemporary times

Like his ancestors and mentors, Ha'wilh Way'anis' (Joshua Watts) artistic practice carries messages, stories, and lessons through time. Watts, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Coast Salish from Port Alberni, Lake Cowichan and Squamish, says his work comes from thousands of years of practice, history and knowledge. Read article [here](#).

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Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions on what you would like to see, please feel free to contact Julie at ea@caldwellfirstnation.ca.

We hope you enjoyed the thirty-eighth edition of the Caldwell First Nation e-Newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Sincerely,

Nikki van Oirschot

Director of Operations

Editor

