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Statistics Canada Job Posting

Statistics Canada is currently hiring people for census enumerator and crew leader positions.
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Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Age of 18 years or older
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- Flexible and available to work 20 to 40 hours per week

For more information and to apply, visit:
census.gc.ca/jobs-emplois-eng.htm

Statistics Canada

Little Lions and Family Centre - more fun on page 7!

PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

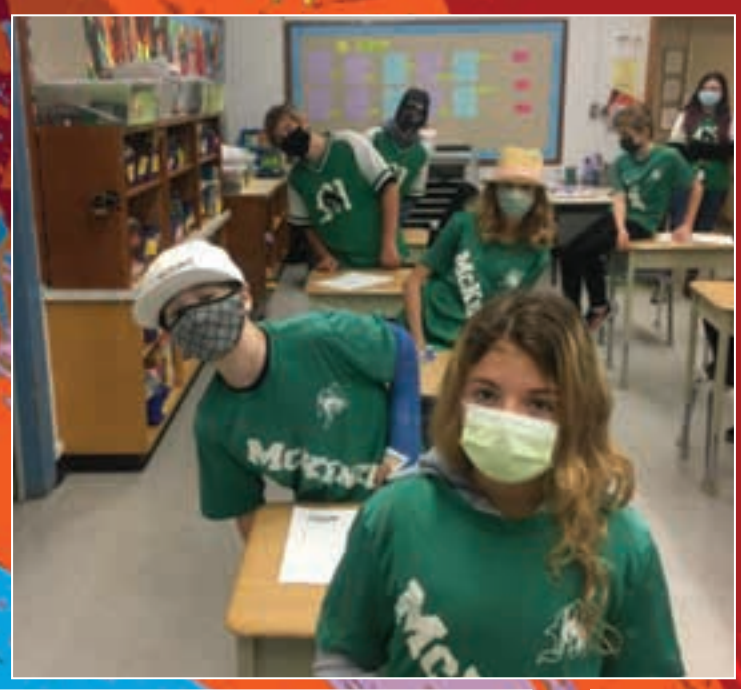
2021 Property Tax bills were mailed out January 29, 2021. Installment 1 was due Friday, February 26, 2021 and Installment 2 is due Friday, April 30, 2021.
Payments can be made on-line or dropped off in the locked mailbox at the Municipal office.

MacGregor Rec Centre - check out the wonderful activities on page 8!

Want a smile and some inspiration? Shuniah's wonderful young people have been **FINDING THE FUN AND ADVENTURE** *in these times!*

Check this entire issue for their greatpictures and stories!

Jaxyn having Guiding fun! Check out pages 3 & 4 to see what the Guiding Group has been up to!



McKenzie School

Article and more pictures on pages 5 and 6!

Shuniah Fire & Emergency Services

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Time to Change your Clocks and the Batteries in all Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Clocks will fall back one hour at 2am on March 14 and **Shuniah Fire & Emergency Services** is recommending residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks.

"In order for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries," explained Fire Chief Blair Arthur. "Once a year, old batteries should be replaced with new batteries. When you change your clocks on March 14, **Shuniah Fire & Emergency Services** wants everyone to take the time to install new batteries in all alarms."

In order to survive a fire, you need to be provided with an early warning and know what to do when the smoke alarms sound. Working smoke alarms are required on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection,

For more information contact:
Shuniah Fire Prevention at 807-983-2021

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MNR.....1 888 310-(Fire) 3473

MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION

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May long weekend to September long weekend
– Friday Hours 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

REMINDER

Invoices received at the Shuniah Landfill sites must be paid at the Municipal office within 15 days of receiving invoice.
The Municipal office is located at 420 Leslie Ave.

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS

November 1 - March 31

MacGregor Site

Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

McTavish Site

Wednesday 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday and Sunday
9:00am-5:00pm

SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS

April 1 to October 31

MacGregor Site

Sat/Sun 9:00am-5:00pm
Wed 8:30am-4:30pm

McTavish Site

Sat/Sun 9:00am-5:00pm
Wed 12:00pm-8:00pm

Happy Lunar New Year, Shuniah!

by Martha Dowsley, Lead Guider, First Shuniah Guiding

Jaxyn making banana bread

Madison with her dog

First Shuniah Guiding has been keeping busy during the cold snap! The girls continue to meet on-line most weeks. They have been working on badges called 'My Mighty Mind', 'My Healthy Relationships'. 'Design Space' and 'World Stage'. Most girls also took up a challenge badge called 'Foodie' which requires quite a few kitchen experiences. Their families seem happy with the results – no food poisoning and lots of goodies to share!

For 'My Healthy Relationships' the girls made special Valentine's reflecting on things they appreciate about their household members. They are also asked to do something helpful without being asked and to say nice things to other people. We asked the girls to share pictures of themselves with their pets as well for this badge. I hope you enjoy the photos! The Guides (ages 9-11) did an activity on bullying amongst pre-teen girls using a wonderful graphic novel as a discussion facilitator.

As part of 'Design Space', all the girls designed and built bird feeders. We hope this project also helps our feathered friends through the coldest time of the year. The Sparks (ages 5 and 6) used items from around the house to help with their designs including egg cartons and paper towel tubes. The girls are working independently on other design projects like decorating their rooms, and building lego models. The Guides are learning how to code online to make computer animations. We found a great program just for kids that tutors them and builds their computer skills.

We learned about Lunar New Year for the 'World Stage' badge. The branches met separately via Zoom to watch videos and do activities. The Sparks (ages 5 and 6) watched a video to learn about Lunar New Year and then completed a quiz together to show what they had learned. The Brownies (ages 7 and 8) collected craft items before their on-line meeting and then created dragon windsocks together (see photo). The Guides examined Chinese Horoscopes and reflected on the fit of their own and classmates' personalities with the animal characteristics of their birth year. They weren't sure their whole class exhibited the list of characteristics. They were also interested in the lucky numbers and compatibility of their horoscope with others.

February 22 was Thinking Day - which is International Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Day. All current and past Girl Guides were encouraged to wear their uniforms that day and to make luminaries to place in their windows that night to celebrate their sisterhood.

Over the next few months the Guides will be working on their Community Service project. They are in the brainstorming and design stage now and will share their plans with you soon!

We should be receiving some cases of Chocolate-Mint girl guide cookies soon to sell in the community. Keep in touch if you might want some!

If you have any questions about Girl Guides are might like to learn more about volunteering with us, please contact Martha – marthadowsley@hotmail.com .

Brownie Zoom meeting - making dragons for Chinese New Year

Sophie F Making stuffed Peppers - a Traditional family recipe

Sara with Murray

Sophie and Sara

Breanna making pizza from scratch

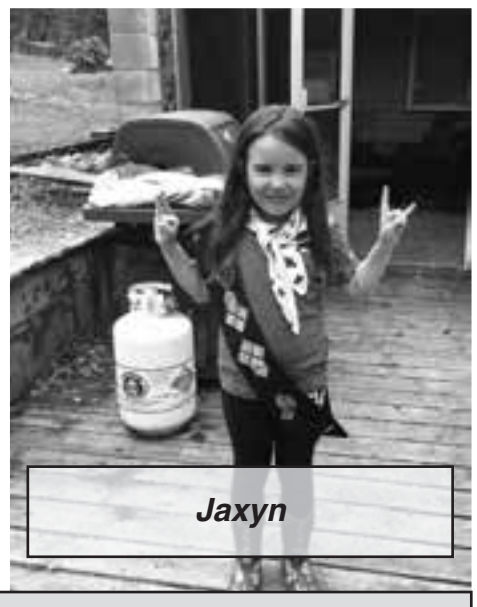
Olivia with Monty the cat

Sophie with her Lunar New Year's Dragon craft

Olivia and Jimmy

Sophie and Reggie the Boston Terrier

Breanna with her pizza



Jaxyn

Hannah and Scout

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Sara with her bird feeder

News from McKenzie School

by Julie Gayoski-Luke
Vice Principal

Warmer weather and lots of a snow is the perfect combination for a load of fun! From snow forts to sledding and snowshoeing, there is no other playground like ours. Watch for some additions this summer as we are updating our already wonderful playground with a new play structure and more!

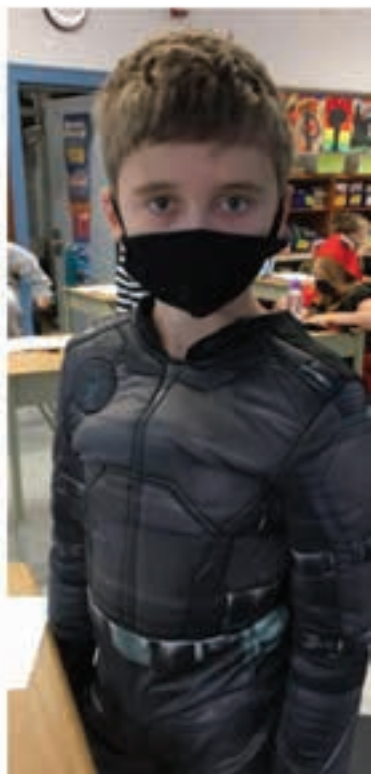
The Annual Festive Dinner happened a bit different this year. Thank you to the Parent Counsel, The Municipality of Shuniah, Mount Baldy Ski hill and all other family donations that contributed to paying for the individual Turkey Dinners to be catered for our students.

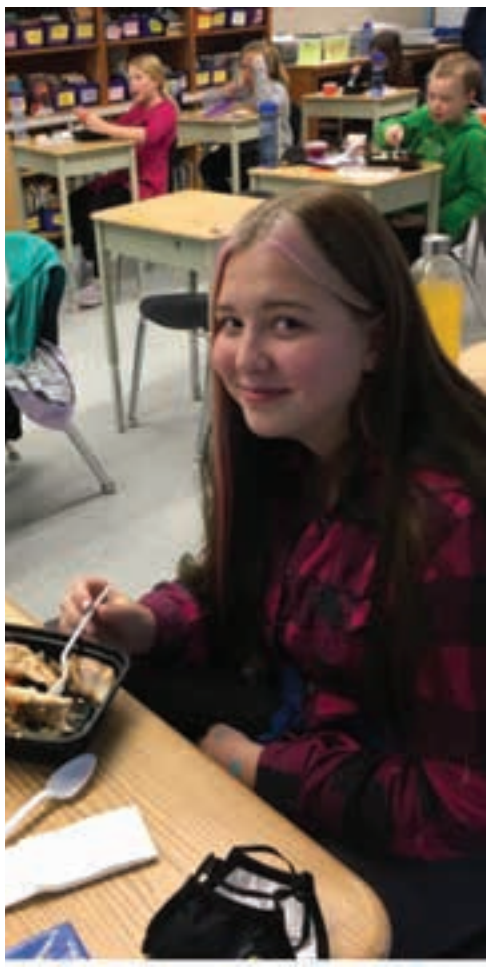
We are so glad to have students in the building. They are learning and building relationships! Such a great place to be. Students took part in two virtual assemblies in the last few weeks. The first, NED - all about Mindset (and yo-yos) and the second one from the Earth Rangers!

If parents have questions about the registration process or the kindergarten program, they can **call 625-5283** or **email kindie@lakeheadschools.ca**. We encourage new families to watch the Lakehead Public Schools Kindergarten video at **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucT7HFNWkKM&t=32s**. The video provides an insight into the exciting Kindergarten programming provided by Lakehead Public Schools. You can register at any time using **https://register.lakeheadschools.ca/VIA/en**.

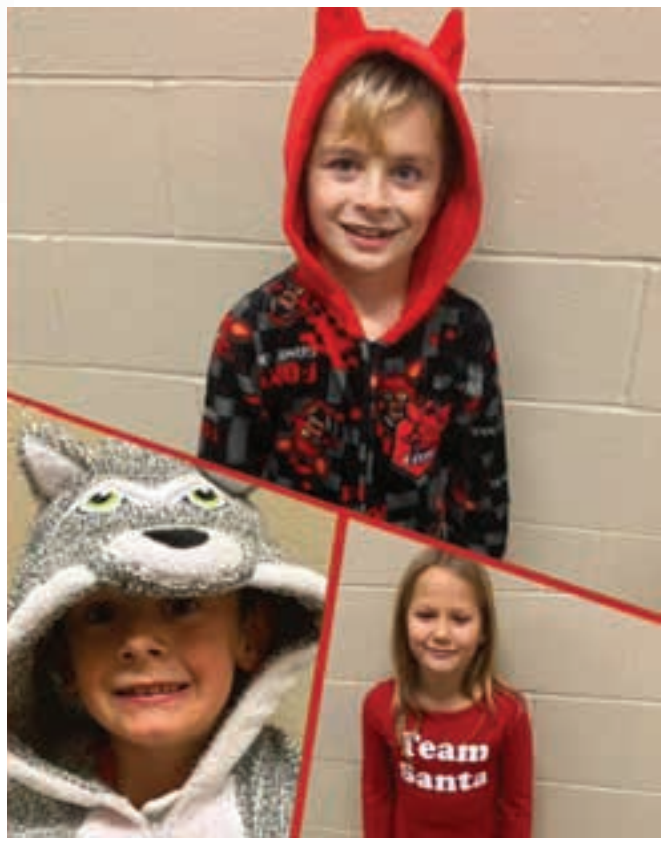
Don't forget to register for the First Riders program if your Son or daughter will be riding the bus for the first time in the Fall. It is Saturday, August 28 from 10-2pm at Confederation College. You need to book ahead with registration starting the **Week of August 23-27, 2021**. **Register for your spot at First Rider online or by contacting our First Rider partner, Iron Range Bus Lines at (807) 345-7387 during the week of August 23rd - 27th, 2021.**

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for up to date pictures and event reminders! **https://www.facebook.com/McKenziePS/**





TONS OF FUN AT McKENZIE SCHOOL!



Little Lions Child and Family Centre

Located in McKenzie Public School *by Gail Goyan*

With all the great weather we have been having, we hope everyone is enjoying theoutdoors. At Little Lions we have spent many hours outside. Enjoy the pictures.
If you are looking for child care, please put your name on the child care register and call 683-5624. Also, if you may need before or after school care in September, please call and let us know.
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What is Happening at the MacGregor Recreation Centre?

800 Lakeshore Drive – More information call 344-1908 email kathmaun@tbaytel.net

Follow MacGregor Rec Centre on Facebook to always know what is going on!

THE MACGREGOR REC CENTRE'S GOAL IS TO PROVIDE THE FACILITY AND SUPPORT TO PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS ENABLING THEM TO OFFER CLASSES IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

NEW COVID PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE INCLUDE:

- CLASS SIZE LIMITS
- NO DROP IN CLASSES – MUST PRE-REGISTER
- SCREENING AND SIGN IN CONTACT TRACING
- ALL PROGRAMMINING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON HEATH UNIT RECCOMENDATIONS

MORNING YOGA

Mondays and Wednesdays @ 10-11am
Fridays and Saturdays @ 11-Noon
$120 for a 10-class punch card or $15 for single class
Art of Yoga is back! Must RSVP ahead of time!
Link to RSVP and book your class time: bookwhen.com/artofyoga
Everyone welcome! Reach out to Art with any questions 707-7374 or email at artofyogacanada@gmail.com

FOREVER FITNESS-ADULT EXERCISE

Mondays and Thursdays 1:45-2:45pm or 3:00-4:00pm
$40/month 2x a week
MOBILITY, FLEXIBILILTY AND STRENGTH! Get rid of ankle and knee pain! Improve your balance! Gain range of motion in your shoulders and hips! Increase your mobility and strengthen your muscles! In this weekly class, we will do a flexibility routine to increase reaction time, improve balance, work muscles to support your body and work on mobility to increase range of motion. This class is open to everyone and even great for first time exercisers in our older community. Contact Dayna at 632-2254 to register. LET'S USE IT – SO YOU DON'T LOSE IT!

SHUNIAH SLUGGERS BOOT CAMP FITNESS

Mondays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00pm
$80/month 2x a week
All fitness levels welcome! Are you ready to safely improve your cardio, endurance and co-ordination? Join Dayna, our knowledgeable personal trainer and certified boxing coach in this non-combative class. Gloves and equipment available. Want to create your own private exercise class of 5-8 friends or family? Contact Dayna at 632-2254 to register and for more information.

SHUNIAH ART GROUP

Tuesdays/Sundays 1:30-4:30pm-START DATE TBA
$20 registration and $10/class
Painting classes: Acrylic and Oil. All levels are welcome to either or both days. Beginner to advanced students will be tutored according to their individual needs. Specific guidance is what makes this three-hour class so special. Space is limited as Jeanne spends time with each student individually and so must limit the number of students in each class. To register and for a list of supplies contact Jeanne Marler at jeanne@jeannemarler.com or 807-631-7856

COACH'S CORNER

Batter up!

Sometimes life is like a baseball game. We win some and we lose some. We have huge plays and big let downs.
This year we have all been riding the bench. Now we are getting the call to get back in the game. So, as we walk up to the plate (especially in the next few weeks) don't expect to hit it out of the park.
Our time we have spent in isolation had made us hesitant and perhaps a bit unmotivated in our lives. But we must make steps to get our social confidence back, but in small steps.
For some people, they seem to already have their shoes on and ready to run, but there is another half that is leery and may seem overwhelmed.
We will need to work at our own pace, as long as that pace is a forward one. It is not the time to quit your hobbies because you were unable to do them, it is a time to reintroduce yourselves to why you did them before.
There are many opportunities in this community to safely move forward and regain your social confidence. Just be kind to yourselves and to others and we will all have lives

And remember...keep swinging!

~ Coach Dayna

SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

Tuesdays 1:00-4:00pm-START DATE TBA
No experience necessary! The disks and cues are ready! Come out and meet your neighbours by joining us for a weekly fun tournament. Please contact Ron to register at rgiardetti@shuniah.org

EVENING YOGA CLASS

Tuesdays 5:30-6:45pm
$40 for 4 class session
Everyone is welcome. This is a gentle Hatha yoga class with an emphasis on exploring the restorative nature of yoga and the mindfulness of the practice. Classes will include postures, breathing techniques, and full body relaxation through a final Savasana (guided relaxation). Please bring your own mat and a blanket.
Contact Instructor- Lynn Kallies to register or for more information email roblynn@tbaytel.net

SHUNIAH YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP ON-LINE-
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS @6PM
❤SHUNIAH FAMILIES!❤
Although we aren't able to hold our Youth Group nights face to face just yet, we will continue to post fun activities and ideas on our MacGregor Rec Centre Facebook page. Join us on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6pm by participating in the activities and adding your own pictures to our post! We miss you and can't wait to be able to see you all again!

Pets are getting bored in lockdown too, so we decided to make them some new toys

Making a string heart

Making the best of the Ontario lockdown!

Youth Group Staff is still posting activities for our Shuniah youth to participate in. Follow the MacGregor Recreation Centre and check out the fun .... Join us!

Check out the FB page to find some fun things to do and some great pix!

Check out the Facebook page for instructions!
https://www.facebook.com/282070742389991/posts/773925603204500/?d=n

LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

submitted by LRCA Staff

Snow depth and equivalent water content are below average compared to the historical averages for February 15th. Average snow depth is 20% below average (between 24 to 55 centimetres), and average equivalent water content is 15% below average (between 51 to 112 millimetres). Since December 1974, LRCA staff have conducted snow surveys within LRCA's area of jurisdiction in the following three locations: McVicar Creek, Pennock Creek, and Current River (Hazelwood Lake).

Even though we have had some extremely cold weather during February, spring is fast approaching, which means that ice conditions will start becoming more unstable. This is a reminder to exercise caution around waterways. The LRCA does not monitor ice conditions in our Conservation Areas; if you plan to go out on the ice, proceed with caution and at your own risk.

Also, be sure to wear appropriate footwear while visiting Conservation Areas. The LRCA does not maintain trails during the winter, so conditions may range from deep snow to ice-covered to muddy and wet. With nicer weather on the horizon, visitation to Conservation Areas is going to increase, so we would like to remind visitors to use caution, as natural trails may be uneven and slippery. It's always a good idea to prepare for how the weather may affect your visit. Be sure to advise others of how long you expect to be in the area, and you should be aware of possible encounters with wildlife and insects such as bears and ticks; plants such as poison ivy may also be present. Conservation Areas operate from dawn until dusk. Pets must be on-leash at all times. Alcohol is prohibited in Conservation Areas. Campfires and overnight camping is also prohibited. Trails are for recreational use only; no bicycles, motorized vehicles, etc. Harvesting of any kind is prohibited. Visitors must adhere to all **Conservation Area Rules & Regulations**. These regulations are in place to ensure that all visitors to Conservation Areas can enjoy them in a safe, sustainable manner. And finally, all rules surrounding COVID-19 must be adhered to, including maintaining at least two metres of physical distance from other people, wearing a mask when physical distancing is not possible, and following Provincial orders regarding group sizes.

Be sure to Follow, Like and Share the LRCA on social media. Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages endeavor to effectively communicate with residents of the Lakehead Watershed. We share flood messages, up-to-date events information, interesting facts and gorgeous photography with our followers, and we would love it if you would join in on the conversation. We will also be posting information regarding possible workshops and small events, depending on the ever-changing COVID-19 situation.

The 2021 Explore Card Parking Pass is available now for $40.00 +HST. Forgo the $5.00 per vehicle parking fee with an Explore Card. They are valid for one full year at all seasonal and year-round Conservation Areas and publicly-accessible Forest Management Properties! Visit us at 130 Conservation Road or order online at www.lakeheadca.com.

Get out and Explore!

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Shuniah Services Covid 19 Update
Updated February 16, 2021

Please check Shuniah.org for new updates

Please call the Municipal Office at: 683-4545 to make an appointment for essential services that cannot be provided over the phone or via email.

THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNDER THE RED ZONE FRAMEWORK.

Residents are encouraged to limit in-person visits to the Municipal Office if the transaction can be conducted through other means (phone, email, mailbox, etc.)

Shuniah buildings temporarily **closed** to the public include: Rec Centre, Public Works and Fire Halls

Burning permits are available on-line at shuniahfire.org or at Crystal Beach Variety

Landfill Punch cards are available at Crystal Beach Variety and the Municipal Office

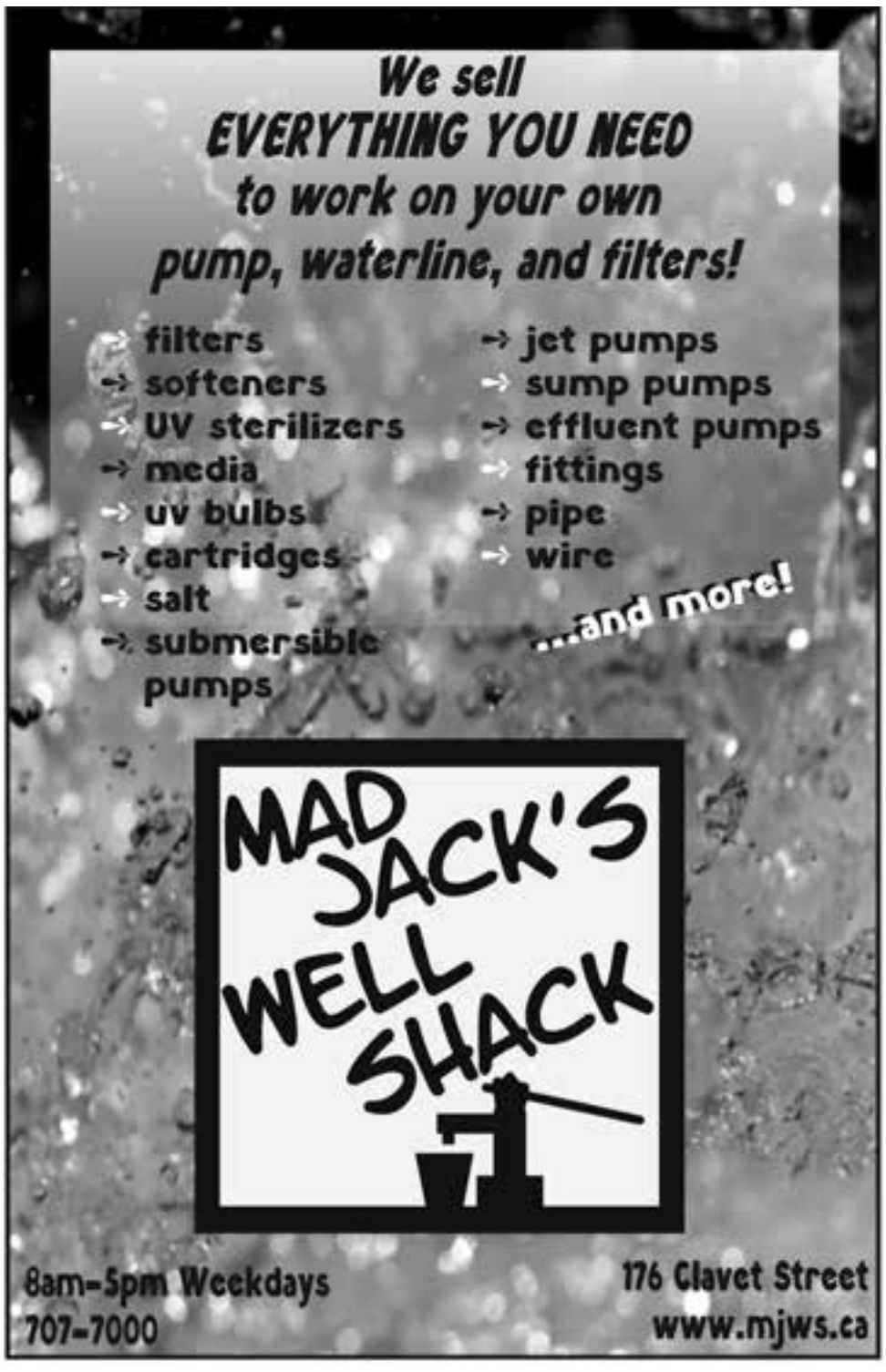
Waste & Recycling:
Both landfill sites are open and running normal business hours and landfill cards are required for punching.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHEN AT LANDFILL SITES. No scavenging or loitering permitted

Council Meetings:
Council Meetings are still closed to the public but can be viewed on ZOOM.

MASKS ARE MANDATORY WHEN VISITING THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AND MACGREGOR AND MCTAVISH LANDFILLS.

We ask all residents to follow the recommendation of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Government of Canada and Ontario Ministry of Health.



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