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3 DAYS LEFT!



GENA FLORIO AND TONY FLORIO were among the volunteers who staffed Another Bloomin' Raffle ticket booths at both liquor stores and the Farmers' Market this month. Visit tonight's Farmers' Market for one more chance to purchase tickets in person, or snag your tickets online by visiting: InclusionNWT.ca!

another BLOOMIN' raffle

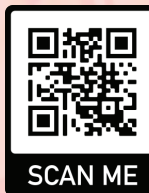


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Picnic on Cinnamon Island



Adult literacy classroom moves onto the water!

by Thomas
Gagnon-van Leeuwen

THE ADULT Literacy Class at the Literacy Outreach Centre had the privilege of paddling up Yellowknife River and having a delicious lunch on Cinnamon Island!

Before going, we read the story of Yamq̄q̄zha and the Giant Beaver, who used to block the mouth of Yellowknife River.

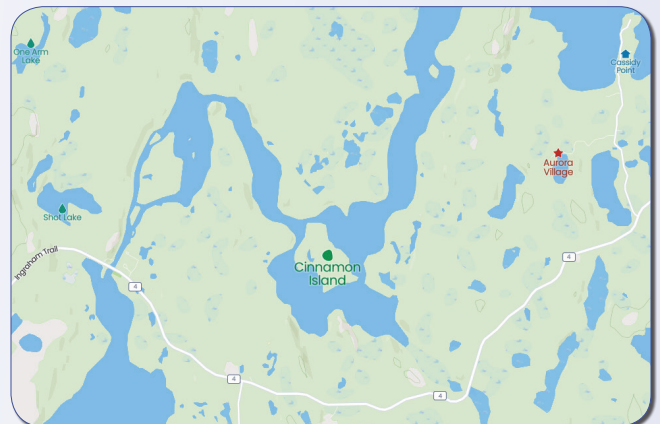
Legend has it the beaver's huge dam has since turned into the rocky point we admired when we put in our canoes

at the bridge.

Along the way, as we honed our paddling skills, we were lucky to spot muskrats, jackfish, bald eagles, ducks and Arctic terns.

Back in the classroom, we wrote diary entries and are now working on a photo story that we hope to share with other adult learners in the North.

Huge shout-out to Jackpine Paddle and our guides Colin and Evan for a beautiful day, and to the NWT On-the-Land Collaborative whose funding made this trip possible!



JULIE WHITE PADDLES (top) to her destination, as part of on-the-land learning with the Literacy Outreach Centre. Inset, from left: Xiaoyi Yan and Kineta Michel consult the map; students trek overland. Bottom: Cinnamon Island on Google Maps.

Raffle ticket sales grow!

Bloomin' Buddies fundraising totals to date...

as of...
JUNE 15

Goldenrod Gena: **\$1,600**

Tulip Tony: **\$1,520**

Daffodil Danielle: **\$1,500**

Geranium: Janet **\$1,500**

Petunia Pam: **\$1,460**

J Juniper: **\$1,000**

Sunflower Shannon: **\$970**

Begonia Ben: **\$940**

Chrysanthemum: **\$780**

Carnation Catherine: **\$710**

Peony Pooja: **\$170**

Crocus Chris **\$150**

Buttercup Bri: **\$100**

Echinacea Esther: **\$50**



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tickets online!





Jordyn Riou and Jesse Senfuma at Summer Buddies 2020.

Summer Buddies returns for 2021!

by Inclusion NWT staff

AFTER TWO SUCCESSFUL SUMMERS, our Summer Buddies Program is back for more Covid-cautious adventures!

Organized by Inclusion NWT, the Summer Buddies program offers youth with or without a disability space to socialize and connect over the summer months.

The Jr. Buddies (ages 6-10) will be meeting daily in the morning, while the Summer Buddies (ages 11-18) will be meeting in the afternoon.

Participants will be placed one on one with one of our trained respite staff to participate in activities that truly speak to your youth's interests.

If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to youth@inclusionnwt.ca, or call 867-446-1772 today!

(Program is subject to change due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.)



Yay Fusion Teen Group update:
The teen group is now on summer hiatus. The group returns to a monthly event schedule in September! Enjoy your summer everyone!



THE INCLUSION NWT YOUNG ADULTS GROUP continues to gather monthly over the summer. Stay tuned to InclusionNWT.ca and our social media pages for more fun events and activities!

THE ODD JOB SQUAD arrived in full force to assist with a large job for a customer in Northlands earlier this month.



THE ODD JOB SQUAD job stats for May

THE ODD JOB SQUAD seeks to assist under-employed individuals who self-identify with a disability to derive a small income from one-time or short-term work while they search for permanent employment.

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(867) 445-6967**

Call 24 hours+ in advance

MISC.
(wood-stacking,
assembling furni-
ture, cleaning etc.)

**DUMP
RUNS**

LAWN CARE
(raking, hauling
gravel, mowing,
trimming etc.)

**SMALL
FURNITURE
MOVES/
DELIVERIES**

**ONLINE
GROCERY
ORDER
PICK-UPS**

**SPECIAL
PROJECTS**

**3 DAYS
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**FINAL WEEK!
GRAND PRIZE
DRAW JUNE 18!**

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We're just as tired of this as you are.
Grand Prize Draw is **JUNE 18!**
So, please just buy a ticket, OK?

\$20 per ticket / 3 for \$50
Only 2,000 tickets available
10 chances to win:
\$100 Early Bird Draws every Friday
Draw 4pm June 18, 2021
1st prize: \$10,000
2nd prize: \$2,500
3rd prize: \$1,000
4th prize: \$500
5th prize: \$200



Draw held at the
Abe Miller Bldg.
and livestreamed
on Facebook

yadda yadda yadda

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THANK YOU!



JANICE MCKENNA donated to Inclusion NWT in May.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

INCLUSION NWT benefited from donations from numerous supporters this spring, including:

- Janice McKenna
- Ray Pirker
- ESJS Gumbboot 2020 fundraising team (collected pre-Covid)

SPONSORSHIP

ANOTHER BLOOMIN' Raffle is in the homestretch, so it's important to remember the businesses who helped get us here through their generous sponsorship:

Weaver & Devore	Unico
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She Bookie Bookkeeping Services	Corruthers Home Hardware
YK Co-op	Matonabee Petroleum
Glenn's Independent	Canadian Tire
YK Motors	Yellowknife Beverages

Inclusion NWT clients & staff make Abe Miller Garden bloom!

More than two-dozen teams took part in 2nd annual fun-raiser

THE AWARD-winning Abe Miller Garden received a splash of colour this week as clients and staff planted dozens of seedlings in the flower bed along 53rd Street.

Petunias, marigolds, dahlias and a variety of perennials populate the two beds adjacent to the sidewalk. Sunflowers grow along the edge of the Abe Miller Building, facing Franklin Avenue.

Clients weeded and turned the soil last week, prepared the garden baskets, and now water the garden regularly after planting the flowers this

week. Clients planted their squash, beets, peas and lettuce plants indoors in early spring and transplanted them outside this week.

Jas Powder, Kinta Michel, Clara Tutucho and Katie Miller worked alongside Audury Carmody, Shay McKinnon and other staff.

"Gardening is a very hands-on project. It's visual. Clients learn the step-by-step process required to achieve a gardener's goals," said Audury. "And we all love being close to nature while we work."



KATIE MILLER waters the Abe Miller Garden alongside Skills Facilitator Shay McKinnon on, June 15.

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Purchase Another Bloomin' Lottery tickets or hire The Odd Job Squad to earn your Scan 2 Win points!



SENIOR SUPPORT

*Lawncare program receives no funding
but is self-sustaining thanks to donations!*



by Inclusion NWT staff

SENIORS AGED 65+ in Yellowknife, Ndilo and Detah have appreciated free lawncare from The Odd Job Squad since summer 2020. Inclusion NWT is on pace to keep this unfunded program running through summer 2021, thanks in large part to donations from seniors and their supporters.

Numerous seniors have donated to the free program regularly or on occasion, and businesses such as YK Motors have made donations earmarked for seniors lawncare.

As part of the free service for seniors, The Squad will cut grass, trim edges and give the lawn an after-winter rake.

Seniors aged 65+ may arrange lawncare by contacting the Odd Job hotline at: (867) 445-6967.

NOTICES



ADAM LEPRIEUR collects refundable recycling.

FREE REFUNDABLE RECYCLING PICK-UP

THE ODD JOB SQUAD still picks up your refundable recycling donations free!

Contact the hotline at:
(867) 445-6967

WE ARE HIRING!

INCLUSION NWT is looking for caring individuals who wish to make a difference in their community.

Positions:

RESPIRE WORKER (casual)

- 6-10 hrs per week
- Mostly evenings and weekends

**SUPPORTED LIVING
WORKER** (casual)

- Mostly evenings and weekends

**Please send resume and
cover letter to:**
ed@InclusionNWT.ca

FUN IN THE SUN!



RICHARD KOLSON experiences the fresh buds on the trees on a walk alongside Supported Living staff (clockwise from left); **Bertha Taylor** has her nails done outside; and **Eva Charlo** displays beadwork given to her by her niece while enjoying the sunshine.