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Band operations will be
Closed from
December 26, 2016 to January 6 2017
Back to regular hours on
January 6, 2017

The Maawn Doosh Gumig
Community Centre closes for the
holidays on
December 23, 2016 at 8 PM
and re-opens on
January 9, 2017 at 8 AM,
with the exception being to open on
January 1 for the
New Years Feast
and any other
Community Emergencies
as they arise.



HEALTH CENTRE NOTICE

Health Centre staff will be updating their CPR & First Aid on Friday, January 20 and Friday, February 3. The Health Centre will be open. There will be foot care on January 20.

Aamjiwnaang Population Stats
Current: 2389

ATTENTION HCC CLIENTS & FAMILY



Just a friendly reminder to
Home & Community Care Clients
and
Family Members

There will be **NO SERVICE**
on **Monday, December 26th, 2016**
Monday, January 2nd, 2017

All Personal & Home Support Workers
Will have December 25th, 26th, & 27th
And January 1st, 2017

Please make arrangements with family.
Regular hours will commence

On

**The following dates Wednesday, December
28th, 2016 and Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017**



**FROM THE
HOME & COMMUNITY CARE
DEPARTMENT
WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Seniors Christmas Potluck Party

December 20, 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Community Centre—Banquet Room

Gift Exchange - Must be of \$10.00 value

DOOR PRIZES, GAMES, FOOD, FUN!



PLEASE R.S.V.P. By
Monday, Dec. 19, noon,
to Peggy at Health Centre
519-332-6770
if you plan on
attending.

If participating in
Gift Exchange, please
bring one gift that is
suitable for
Male & Female

Aamiwnaang Christmas Concert



Wednesday, December 21st

Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Centre

Doors open at 5:15 pm ~ 6:00—8:30 pm

Please Register... Santa will be here for the night

Remember to add your Child's name to the

Gift Registration (Name & Age *up to age 13*)

Deadline date is Dec. 16, 4:00 pm. Call **519-491-2160**

Anyone wishing to add a Song, Skit, or Dance in the

Christmas Concert, please call Verlynn Plain at the

Community Centre. Help is always needed with

the production of the Christmas Concert.

Stage hands, Lighting, Sound, etc.

Christmas Spirit Contest, Door Prizes

& Refreshments! Fun, Fun, Fun!!!

AAMJIWNAANG CHI' NAAKNIGEWIN

Community Constitution



CHIEF & COUNCIL SIGNING CEREMONY

Thursday, December 22, 2016

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Maawn Doosh Gumig Community & Youth Centre

Evening Agenda

- ⇒ Opening Prayer & Welcome
- ⇒ Pipe Ceremony & Honour Song
- ⇒ Formal Reading
- ⇒ Chief & Council Official Signing
- ⇒ Feast
- ⇒ Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks

MIIGWECH!!

**PLEASE NOTE: MEAT / FISH / BERRIES / CORN / WILD RICE / DRINKS
WILL BE PROVIDED....** We respectfully request that you bring your favorite side dish to share in the celebration at this HISTORIC event....

In Honour of the Past, the Present, the Future....



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION DEADLINE!!

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please be advised that the Council Meeting Agenda Item deadline is the **Tuesday** prior to the Regular Council Meeting (RCM) at 3:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted below). Sorry, no exceptions. Any items submitted after the deadline will be placed on the next RCM Agenda/Meeting.

RCM's are every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Should the RCM fall on a holiday, then it will be held on the following Tuesday.

Miigwech for your co-operation and understanding.

Respectfully,
Lynn, A/Band Council Clerk

If you have any discussion items for
Chief and Council on:

Monday, January 16, 2017

The deadline for submission is:

Tuesday, January 10, 2016 by 3 PM

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW
COUNCIL DEADLINE IS ON
TUESDAY RATHER THAN
WEDNESDAY TO ALLOW MORE
EFFICIENT PREPARATION TIME
FOR THE AGENDA.**

Language Classes
With Francis Pawis
will resume in September.
Tuesdays from 6—8 pm
Community Centre Room C.

COUNCIL AGENDAS

Presently a copy of the Council Agenda is posted on the front doors of the Band Office and Community Centre.

If you would like to receive an "electronic" copy of the Council Agenda, please send an email to:

editor@aamjiwnaang.ca

providing your name and band number.

Only band members can receive an electronic copy of the Agenda.

Thank you.
Sandy Waring
Community Information Officer



Aboriginal Affairs and
Northern Development Canada

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE
MANDATORY IDENTIFICATION TO
OBTAIN A STATUS CARD,
PLEASE CALL: 1-800-567-9604**

- Advise the call centre representative that you want to obtain a Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document (TCRD).
- They will ask a series of questions to confirm your identity and then mail a Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document (TCRD) to you.
- **This document will state your registration number and can be used in place of a Status Card to access benefits and services.**

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year

From Councillor Errol Gray
& Family





AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION
Chief and Council
AGENDA REQUEST FORM

978 Testimoo Ave.
Sarnia, Ontario N7T 2H3
PH: 519-336-8410
Fax: 519-336-0382

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please return this form along with all associated documents to the Band Manager no later than Tuesday, by 12:00 Noon, prior to the requested appearance at a Regular Council Meeting. You will be required to submit one (1) complete copy of your information. If you are submitting your request electronically, please submit in one (1) of the following formats; Word, Excel, Publisher, or PDF.

Regular Council Meetings Occur on the First and Third Monday of every month, in the event the regularly scheduled meeting falls on a Statutory Holiday, the meeting will be held the following day.

NAME:	_____	BAND #:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____	PHONE:	_____
	_____	HOME:	_____
	_____	CELL:	_____

REQUESTED DATE OF APPEARANCE: _____

PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST: (Please provide a brief description of the business for Council discussion.)

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
DATE RECEIVED: _____	TIME RECEIVED: _____
RECEIVED BY: _____	
SCHEDULED FOR APPEARANCE ON: _____	
NOTED CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS: _____	



**AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION JOB OPPORTUNITY
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COUNSELLOR
Full time Contract to Permanent**

Job Summary: the Student Engagement Counsellor reports to the Education Coordinator and undertakes duties related supporting the attendance and academic success of Aamjiwnaang First Nation students enrolled in the Lambton Kent School District through counselling and liaison with parents, teachers and principals.

- Work as part of an inter-disciplinary team to provide specialist services of task centered casework for students and families where a plan is made for improved school attendance
- Monitoring of student Individual Education Plans and identify services as needed.
- Create a supportive environment and plan for students and families to address barriers
- To facilitate effective links between families and schools including setting up meetings, accompanying students and families to meetings and acting as advocate when appropriate
- Maintain a working knowledge of community help agencies and make referrals in the provision of family support and counselling.
- Maintain student data and records.
- Works with Native Educations Workers, school principals, as necessary.

Qualifications:

- Graduate of post-secondary program in Child & Youth Worker, Social Service Worker or other equivalent program.
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to provide client assessment and written reports
- Knowledge of data management systems and ability to generate reports as required
- High level of appreciation of First Nation issues, particularly relating to First Nation youth.
- Excellent public relations skills, including an appreciation of the need for tact, discretion and a positive, cheerful and informed approach with the public.
- Excellent crisis intervention skills
- Knowledge of the Education Act as it pertains to attendance.

Interested Applicants: Include a cover letter, resume and two reference letters. Please forward to:

**Assistant Band Administrator
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
978 Tashmoo Ave.
Sarnia, Ontario
N7T 7H5
Fax: 519-336-0382**

Deadline: All applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 22, 2016. A complete job description is available at the reception desk at the Band Office



AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION JOB OPPORTUNITY

Community Health Representative

Employment Term: 6 month contract to permanent

Qualifications:

- Graduation from a post secondary program in social services, public/community health, nursing or equivalent; must hold current CPR and First Aid Certification
- Excellent working knowledge of public health programs and services
- Working knowledge of computer-based data management programs for administrative purposes
- Facilitation and presentation skills would be an asset
- Exhibits a high degree of initiative and self direction; good analytical, organizational and communication skills
- Well developed interpersonal skills; strong interest in public health issues
- High level of appreciation of First Nations issues

Job Summary:

- Assists in providing health education to the people of Aamjiwnaang First Nation, including, but not limited to health promotion and prevention, and ensuring awareness of the availability of general health care services
- Organizes and arranges for the delivery of health care seminars, workshops, special events and other educational programs and services
- Assists in ensuring the availability of, and access to medical/dental/health programs and services for the people of Aamjiwnaang First Nation
- Assists other health staff in the provision of health programs and services
- Collects and submits weekly drinking water samples
- Performs home visits in consultation with other health programs
- Prepares work plans, budgets and reports
- Performs such other related duties as may reasonably be required by the Director of Health Services

Interested Applicants: Include a cover letter, resume and two references. Please forward to:

Assistant Band Administrator

Aamjiwnaang First Nation
978 Tashmoo Ave.
Sarnia, Ontario
N7T 7H5
Fax: 519-336-0382

Deadline: All applications must be received by January 9th, 2017 at 4:00 pm.



AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Finance Coordinator-Contract to Permanent

The Finance Coordinator is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation Finance department, for recording all financial transactions in a timely manner and for providing accurate monthly financial reports to the Band Manager and Chief and Council.

JOB DUTIES:

- Ensuring committed funds are received when due and allocated accurately by monitoring and analyzing cash flows.
- Ensuring accounts payable and receivable are processed accurately, efficiently and in a timely manner and according to budget, reporting any discrepancies or concerns to the Band Manager.
- Coordinating purchasing procedures for the First Nation. Verify that purchase requisitions comply with financial policy and contribution agreement requirements and are within approved budgets by signing numbered purchase orders.
- Ensure that all financial activities and functions are carried out and administered consistent with approved financial policies and procedures of the First Nation and relevant funding agreements.
- Provide monthly financial reports to the Band Manager, including budget variance reports and cash flow positions. Oversee and monitor bank account balances and reconciliations and the investment of Band funds as directed.
- Provide monthly financial reports to department coordinators, providing advice and assistance are needed to ensure budgets are followed.
- Ensure all required financial reporting to external funding agencies is prepared and submitted in a timely manner.
- Review funding agreements and provide advice to Chief and Council on financial terms. Obtain Council approval and certification of funding agreements and submit to external agencies in a timely manner.
- Ensure adequate property and liability insurance is in place
- Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating and capital budgets, providing advice and assistance to department coordinators as needed. Present to Chief and Council and incorporate any requested changes.
- Coordinate the fiscal year end process, ensuring the accurate and timely recording of yearend adjustments and closing entries in preparation for the annual audit. Work with auditors to ensure that auditing functions and costs are kept to a minimum.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree or college diploma in accounting or a related field
- Minimum of three year's related work experience in accounting and finance at a senior level
- CA, CMA, CGA, CAFM or other recognized accounting designation preferred

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

1. Cover letter and resume listing education and work experience.
2. At least two letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications to:

Assistant Band Administrator

Aamjiwnaang First Nation

978 Tashmoo Ave

Sarnia, ON. N7T 7H5 Deadline for applications is: January 9, 2017 at 4:00pm

******Full job description is available at the Band Office reception desk. The successful candidate must provide an acceptable Police Record Check (C.P.I.C.)******



AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Child Care Centre Supervisor-Contract to Permanent

The Child Care Centre Supervisor assumes responsibility for the day to day operation of the Child Care Centre. The Supervisor is responsible for program planning, mentoring, monitoring, and working effectively with staff. Working with families and children, connecting with the community; Administrative responsibilities related to the day to day operation of the Child Care Centre.

- Assists the Coordinator in the development and monitoring of the Child Care Centre's budget.
- Endorses the ABKM program statement and adheres to the policies, directives, and plans.
- Maintains a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for children.
- Main contact for parents and caregivers
- Maintains enrollment and child records
- Ensure adequate records are maintained and compiled
- Responsible for program staff schedules
- Consults with parents/caregivers and staff on each child's participation and progress
- Develops and maintains a work plan based on the overall goals of ABKM; other reports as required.
- Maintains provincial standards of the CCEYA and makes policy recommendations as required
- Encourage parental involvement in the child care centre.

Child Care Program Development, Planning and Implementation

- Plan and implement a program that reflects the philosophy of the ABKM.
- Monitoring the child care program to ensure compliance with the CCEYA.
- Provide mentoring, training, assigning, and scheduling for staff, students, and volunteers.
- Responsible for designing, implementing, and supervising community/parent/family activities and available to work evenings as required.
- Monitors activities for assessing, detecting, problems, identifying trends, providing new and innovative initiatives, and makes recommendations to improvement.
- Ensures that Indigenous culture and language concepts are integrated into the curriculum and activities.

Staff Supervision

- Conduct monthly staff meetings and support professional development.
- Provide support and direction to educators regarding child development.
- Provide feedback and input to the Coordinator for annual appraisals for each educator and all other Centre employees
- Assist the Coordinator with hiring process and make recommendations on staffing.
- Ensure that all staff comply with the policies and procedures
- Performs such other related duties as may reasonably be required by the Coordinator.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A member in good standing of the College of Early Childhood Educators, with at least 2 years' experience providing licensed child care and working knowledge of the Child Care and Early Years Act. Must have supervisory and management experience.

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

1. Cover letter and resume listing education and work experience.
2. At least two letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications to:

Assistant Band Administrator

Aamjiwnaang First Nation

978 Tashmoo Ave

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FULL TIME YOUTH LIAISON POSITION

The Thames River Clearwater Revival is seeking to recruit a qualified and motivated individual for a full time contract employment opportunity as a Youth Liaison housed at the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in Muncey, Ontario

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The youth liaison will act as the intermediary between the Thames River Clear Water Revival First Nations Engagement Committee and the Antler River Guardians From The Four Directions (ARGFT4D). The main responsibilities include planning, scheduling and budgeting all training sessions and program activities for the ARGFT4D. This will consist of contacting elders, specialists and consultants; coordinating events, travel and accommodations for the ARGFT4D; purchasing equipment and supplies; as well as scheduling work projects and training sessions (subject to time and funding). This position requires experience in written correspondence, request for proposal applications, and developing reports and other written material related to the deliverables of the ARGFT4D.

This position will directly supervise the group leader position of the ARGFT4D and will act as an alternate group leader (when necessary) in leading a team of youth in activities across the Thames River watershed. Due to the nature of this work, the Liaison will be trained in Leadership, First Aid/CPR, Canoe Safety, Safe Boating, Green Check GPS Certification, Health & Safety, and WHMIS (training costs will be covered for the right candidate). There may be other trainings and certifications, subject to time and funds.

The incumbent is also responsible for establishing effective relationships with regional and community First Nation leaders, government officials, technicians and other experts as appropriate, and for developing the program model. This will include the investigation of educational or community programs (current and potential) that could be developed along the river to raise awareness (e.g. organize river bank clean-ups, unity paddle, big canoe, native plant rescue, community based monitoring) and to invigorate the relationship between First Nation communities and the Thames River.

**THE FULL JOB POSTING CAN BE FOUND AT THE BAND OFFICE , COMMUNITY CENTRE
OR ON THE WEBSITE AT WWW.AAMJIWNAANG.CA**

REMUNERATION: \$42,042 / year

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY DECEMBER 22, 2016 AT 4PM EST (successful applicants must be available for interviews between January 2 - 6, 2017)

EMPLOYMENT START: January 9 2017 at Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Muncey, ON

SEND COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE, INCLUDING COVERING LETTER, RESUME AND 3 REFERENCES TO:

Mary Alikakos, Sr. Environment Officer
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
320 Chippewa Road
Muncey, ON
N0L 1Y0
EMAIL: malikakos@cottfn.com
FAX: 519-289-3117



**Request for Quotation
Kitchen Renovation-Aamjiwnaang
First Nation Daycare-1900 Virgil Ave
Administration Office
978 Tashmoo Ave
Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5
519-336-8410**

**Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Invitation to Provide Quotation**

Project Scope: Renovation of the kitchen at the Aamjiwnaang Daycare located at 1900 Virgil Ave. Scope of work to accompany concept drawing prepared by the Southern First Nation Secretariat as follows:

- Removal of partition wall separating storage area/bathroom as indicated on drawing.
- Removal of electrical wiring receptacles and lighting and re-route as needed.
- Removal of existing plumbing lines from bathroom area. Decommission/capping of copper and ABS piping and venting.
- Removal of bathroom door and fill/frame in. Insulation, 5/8 "drywall with 3 coats of compound tape, sanded and painted.
- Removal of kitchen door and relocate per drawing and fill/frame in. Insulation, 5/8 "drywall with 3 coats of compound tape, sanded and painted. Re-use existing door if possible in new location.
- Proper R50-complete with hardware trims.
- 2"x4" @ 16" OC
- 5/8" type X drywall
- Finish 3 coats of compound, tape, sanded and painted. 1 coat primer, 2 coats finish.
- New flooring to transition to existing flooring in the hallway.
- New wall paint-color to be determined.
- New Cabinets with built-in pedestal for the dishwasher. Industrial stainless steel countertops, backsplash. New island with double sink and single faucet turned as indicated on drawing. New plumbing as necessary.

Contractor to clean up and dispose of all debris.

Fixed contract bid is required. The deadline to submit a sealed bid quotation is January 9th, 2017 at 4:00pm to the band office. The sealed quotations will be opened at the Regular Council Meeting on January 16th. The successful bidder will be notified on January 17th, 2017.

Contractors must provide the following:

- WSIB Clearance Certificate
- Proof of Insurance
- Number of days required to complete the job

Sealed quote is to be hand delivered to the Band Office by the closing date.

The office is open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30.



Project Coordinators
Vicki Ware-Education Coordinator
Brian Bois-Public Works
Kelly Williams-Assistant Band Administrator

Full tender report available at the Band Office, Community Centre, Daycare and online

**AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION
UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE RATIFICATION VOTE**

For: Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST	463
NUMBER OF YES VOTES	433
NUMBER OF NO VOTES	29
SPOILED	1

Based on the ratification threshold set out in section 18.7 of the Education Agreement, a minimum of **430** "YES" votes were required.

Therefore:

The ratification threshold for the Aamjiwnaang First Nation **WAS MET**.

Note: The final results on the ratification vote of all First Nations collectively will determine whether the education agreement was approved and will become legally binding.

Signed:



SCOTT JACOBS
(name)

First Nation Ratification Officer:

Dec 2/16
Date



OPEN LETTER TO THE ANISHINABEK NATION

December 6, 2016

Aanii Anishinabek Education System – Welcome!

To the children/students of the Anishinabek Nation communities who ratified, this is for you! For our children yet to come, this too is for you.

To the parents, families and all Anishinabek citizens who made a choice to take a road least travelled by saying YES to the AES, Chi'Miigwech! You have demonstrated loud and clear that the status quo was not good enough – that you could do a far better job of guiding how and what your children will learn - driven by your community, for your community; a future that now holds so much promise.

Algonquin

I am absolutely confident that no one will diminish your resolve to stand behind your children and demand that better solutions are considered, that innovative teaching styles attempted, that passion and energy become the norm. You will lead the charge in ensuring that values and principles of delivering, administering and controlling your Anishinabek Education System is meeting your aspirations.

Ojibwa

Chippewa

To the Anishinabek Nation leadership, I commend you for your staunch support and determination over the many, many years to get here. You allowed your citizens to decide, and decide they did. A great decision!

Delaware

And to those early Anishinabek Education visionaries, we aim to do you proud. The effort of AES Champions at the community level, regional level and staff level of the UOI is a testament to the unwavering belief in this vision.

Mississauga

Odawa

Over the past several years, and especially these last several months, the extraordinary work done by the staff within the Restoration of Jurisdiction (RoJ) supported by all staff of the UOI is very much appreciated and deserving of our heartfelt gratitude – you all did a wonderful job.

Potawatomi

Miigwetch. Tracey O'Donnell, our unrelenting negotiator, work very well done! Together we have made history! Anishinabek Education means that we will do incredible work in the months and years ahead – good work from the heart.

Niigaan gdizhaami – we are moving forward.

Yours truly,

Patrick Wedasen Madahbee
Grand Council Chief

Head Office
Nipissing First Nation
P.O. Box 711
North Bay, ON P1B 8J8

Phone: (705) 497-9127
Fax: (705) 497-9135

Do you need to improve your computer skills for the workplace?



If you do, and you are 19 years of age or older, then come and join our free

6 week Computer Job Readiness Workshop

Presented by Aamjiwnaang's Literacy and Basic Skills Program
Part of Aamjiwnaang Alternative & Continuing Education (AAACE)

at the Resource Centre

Every Monday (2:30-4:30pm) and Wednesday (5:00-7:00pm)

Starting on Monday, January 23 to Monday, March 6, 2017



To pre-register, call Terry (Monis) at 519- 336-8410 x 285, Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:30-2:30. Limited Spaces. Pre-registration required. Computers are provided.



This *Employment Ontario* service is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario and through the Canada-Ontario Job Fund Agreement.

NOTICE

Aamjiwnaang School Bus Transportation Notifications

Any change must go through the Aamjiwnaang Education Department

- Address change
- Telephone number update
- Change of School
- New students
- Bus Service no longer required

Please advise the Education Department at the Band Administration Building of any changes at 519-336-8410 Diane Aiken ext. 246, or Vicki Ware ext. 247.

Bus Drivers will only accept changes as approved by the Education Department.

The Aamjiwnaang Bus Transportation Policy is available upon request. To ensure the bus safety of our students, we must all work together.

RP Home Renos
Interior and Exterior
For free estimates
7 days a week call
Ryan Pitre
519-312-7537

TNT Auto Detailing & Upholstery
Call for free quote or to book appointment
 Owner: Greg Gray
 1909 Virgil Ave-Sarnia, Ontario
 (226)-349-1865
 Auto Detailing
 Upholstery & Carpet Cleaning

Medical Travel Drivers

Terry Plain (Monis)	...519-402-5535
Ron Simon	...519-330-7450
Sheila Firth	...519-383-1073
Mary Lou Williams	...519-337-9342
Carol Miller	...226-932-2419
Christine Plain	...519-466-0054
Fenton (Wimpy) Plain	H: 519-491-5248 C: 519-466-8717

Aamjiwnaang First Nation now has a wheelchair accessible van which can provide transportation services to persons with a physical functional mobility challenge. Anyone who is unable to or finds it difficult to use conventional transit due to their mobility issues will be able to access this van.

This van may be used for the following purposes:

- i. For medical transportation appointments. Medical Transportation Appointments will take precedence over all other bookings. Please note: When using it to attend a medical appointment, you will be required to have a Medical Transportation Form signed at your appointment.
- ii. Community Events during regularly scheduled business hours.

How to Book the Van:

You can book the Wheelchair Accessible Van by calling the Health Centre and speaking with Dorothy. Dorothy will schedule you with a driver.

When calling to book the wheelchair van, please provide a 48 hour notice or longer to avoid being disappointed.

Pick up and drop off of the van will be done at the Health Centre. If returning after hours, there will be a drop box located at the front doors of the Health Center where the keys may be left.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY.org™
TAKE A BOOK • RETURN A BOOK

Aamjiwnaang has a "Little Free Library" at Maawn Doosh Gamig - Community Centre, located next to the front bench for you to sit and read, read, read!

We have joined a movement with thousands of Libraries around the World to promote literacy and love for reading a good book! We have books for all ages!

Feel free to take a book, return a book, or leave a different book...just read everyday!

Aamjiwnaang Education is looking for a volunteer steward to provide overall care of our library. Please Contact Vicki Ware if you are interested.



The library was built by Roger Williams and his artwork displays a beautiful story of Anishinaabe life and worldview. Miigwech Rog!



Mnaasged Child and Family Services

Community Engagement Session

Friday, December 16, 2016

Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Centre

11AM—3 PM

Mnaasged Child and Family Services will be holding a
Community Engagement Session

It will be an informal setting, where the community is invited to come and ask questions about Mnaasged and Mnaasged staff will be there to share information about their services.

Snacks will be provided.

Community Members that attend can enter their name in a **Free draw for an iPad!**

Home With A Heart



Home with a Heart is a unique program designed to help a woman make her home a special place for the family. It includes a step-by-step 12-Week Plan that is easy to understand and fun to apply.

Are you ready to make positive changes in your life? Want to be organized, on budget, enjoy cooking, have time for you, and enrich parenting.

This is the program for you!

Aamjiwnaang Health Centre is bringing this life enriching program to the Community. There is room for 12 participants and its is a weekly session over 6 weeks.

Start Date: January 19, 2017— 9am to 3 pm

End Date: February 23, 2017

Please call the Health Centre to register at 519-332-6770, and ask for Amy Williams.

Life-Changing Benefits

- ⇒ Effectively manage your home
- ⇒ Restore family relationships
- ⇒ Improve financial & social status
- ⇒ Receive life-long skills



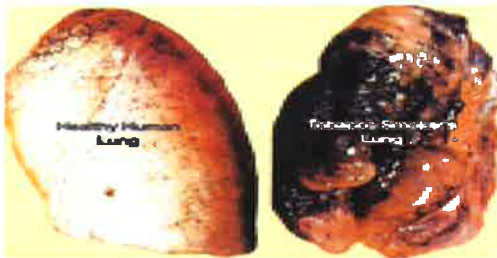
DO YOU WANT TO QUIT SMOKING CIGARETTES?

There is help available at no cost to you.

If you are ready to stop/quit smoking and need help, contact **Kristal Nahmabin** at the Health Center we can arrange a time to meet and discuss your options.

There are so many health issues associated with SMOKING cigarettes. Now is the time to butt out.

Call 519-332-6770 to arrange an appointment.



**GIVE!
IT UP!**
Stop smoking for life.

New Parents Group (Prenatal and Parents with Babies up to 6 months)

Come join us for:

- ✓ Meeting some of the new babies
- ✓ Make a Tie Blanket
- ✓ Lunch

- Wednesday, February 1, 2017
- Community Centre (Gym)
- 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Rides available
- Register by January 25th with MaLynda or Joanne 519-332-6770

Nutrition News:

Sarah Kidd, RD Registered Dietitian from Rapids Family Health Team is available for individual or family nutrition counselling at the Health Centre by appointment on Tuesday afternoons by appointment between 1 pm and 4:30 pm. Initial appointment will be 1 hour minimum.



Call front desk at the Health Center **(519)332-6770** to schedule an appointment.

Diabetic Support group DATES:

Monday, January 16th, 2017

Monday, February 20th, 2017

Monday, March 20th, 2017

The Health Centre Presents:



When Every first Thursday of the month

Time 1:00 – 3:00pm

Where Health Centre

Are you trying to stretch your household dollar further and further? Learn how couponing, cash back sites, & price matching can help!

Door prize of \$25 grocery card

To register please call the Health Centre 519-332-6770

Like us on Facebook! [Amipwnaag Health Centre](#)

If you are FEELING SAD or DISTRESSED and want to talk, support is a phone call away.



Call the toll-free First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line at

1-855-242-3310

Anxiety Awareness Therapy Group

FOR ADULTS DEALING WITH ANXIETY



GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

Group Begins: January 18, 2017 (6 weeks)

Location: E'Mino Bmaad-Zijig Health Centre, 1300 Tashmoo Avenue

The E'Mino Bmaad-Zijig Health Centre and Rapids Family Health Team, are offering an Anxiety Awareness Therapy Group. The program will provide tools for adults (18 and over) living with and managing anxiety in day-to-day life. Group members can expect to learn coping skills and strategies for dealing with Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

To Register, please contact Dorothy or Tracey at 519.332.6770

AGELESS GRACE CHAIR EXERCISE



NEW DAY & TIME

WEDNESDAYS AT 10 AM

Senior's Complex

Facilitated by: Natalie Nahmabin



Aamjiwnaang First Nation
978 Tashmoo Ave.
Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5
Phone: 519-328-6528
Fax: 519-383-1447

Hello I am Laura D. Rogers (Romlewski) I have been hired as the Band Representative for Aamjiwnaang First Nation. I was born and raised in Sarnia, attended Fanshawe College in London and returned to the Aamjiwnaang community in 2007 to raise my daughter with family nearby.

I will be working closely with the Band, Mnaasged and CAS assisting in matters that involve children, youth and families.

If there is anything that I can assist you and your family with please feel free to contact me.

THE YOUTH HUB

The Youth Hub is a collaborative project involving 21 partners that is designed to resolve an identified service gap within the community. The Hub will be a one-stop, multi-service location for youth aged 16-24 in Sarnia-Lambton.

Youth in this age range are particularly vulnerable because they are too old for many child services and too young for adult services. In response, the Hub will coordinate with local community agencies to offer wraparound youth services to suit the needs of youth.

The goal of the Hub is to help youth attain independent living skills, education and employment support, life and social skills and mental health and wellness education. It will also provide access to leisure activities in an inclusive, judgement free safe space as well as address mental health issues and its associated stigma.

Want to know more?

**We'd love to hear from you at
LambtonYouthHub@gmail.com**

TACO SALE

February 3rd, 2017

11:00am-Until Sold Out



All Taco Sale proceeds are going towards taking our youth on a Family Day Skiing and Tubing outing at Boler Mountain!

For any inquiries contact Candace

Phone: (519) 344-6164

**Sarnia Lambton Native Friendship
Centre
233 Lochiel Street
Sarnia, Ontario N7T4C9**





CONGREGATE DINING

...or “Community Dining” is designed to give our Seniors (55 years & older) an opportunity to enjoy a nutritious meal while socializing with others. In addition to the luncheon, short educational or entertainment sessions are often provided.

Criteria:

- Be over the age of 55
- Must attend the luncheon

Cost: FREE!

- Please note that there will no longer be any delivery except for in cases of extreme physical limitation. Must be assessed before approved.

LEFTOVERS will be given to any ill person or families in the community, frozen and saved for use in a near future meal, or given to the seniors in the community.

**PLEASE COME OUT AND ENJOY
A DELICIOUS HOMECOOKED
MEAL
VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME!**

Call Peggy or Robin for more
Info at 519-332-6770



CONGREGATE DINING

55 & over

NEW YEARS FEAST & COUNTDOWN

Wed. January 11, 2017

Noon

Gym, Community Centre

Please sign up with Peggy, 519
-332-6770,

if you plan on attending. Thank
you!

FOOD, GAMES, AND FUN!!





January 12, 2017
12:00 – 1:00pm
HEALTH CENTRE

Want to socialize?

If anyone is interested in volunteering to prepare the soup/lunch on any date please do not hesitate to contact

This will be an opportunity to showcase your talents and to visit with community members.

For further information please call the Health Centre at 519-332-6770

Seniors of Aamjiwnaang News & Updates...

Seniors of Aamjiwnaang hold monthly meetings the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Community Centre in the Seniors Room. Note: The next meeting will be held on January 12.

Attention 55 & over:

The Seniors newsletter is available again after taking a break for the summer.

The newsletter will be available at Congregate Dining, Health Centre, Seniors Complex and the Band Office. **There will be no home delivery.**



Seniors Activity

On November 29, the seniors spent the afternoon making Christmas Porchlight greenery. This is one of the many activities that are planned each month for the seniors.





Aamjiwnaang Caring Connections Nurturing Program

For Women with Substance Misuse Issues
who are Pregnant or Parenting Children

This program's focus is to help mothers learn to balance their recovery from substance use with being the best parent she can be to her children. These roles are often viewed as being at odds with each other as a woman learns that she is supposed to be as selfish in her recovery as she was in her addiction while acknowledging that being a parent is one of the most selfless roles a woman fulfills in her life. This program teaches a woman to nurture herself in her recovery as she learns to nurture her child so the roles can be parallel to allow a woman to effectively manage both roles. The program aims to improve and strengthen the relationship between mother and child to improve outcomes for their newborns, infants and children while strengthening a mother's path to recovery.

**12 week program to be held weekly
On Wednesdays**

****Individual Sessions are available as well.
Call to set up an appointment****

Location: Aamjiwnaang

Contact:

Tammy Martin @ 519.328.1683 OR

Tracey George @ 519.332.6770



Men's Cooking Classes



Health Centre from 11:00 am — 1:00 pm

Upcoming dates are:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

Prize Drawn for Participants

Learn to love delicious food made with a few healthy ingredients.

*Please arrive early so we can start on time.

Call the Health Centre TODAY to register at 519-332-6770.

****Rides are available for pickup starting at 10:15 am.****



Healthy Babies/Healthy Children and Head Start

Monday, January 9th	10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Playdough Fun
Wednesday, January 11th	5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Literacy Night
Thursday, January 12th	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Play and Literacy Specialist
Monday, January 16th	10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Making Bird Feeders
Wednesday, January 18th	5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Making Smoothies
Thursday, January 19th	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Personality Colours
Monday, January 23rd	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Winter Craft
Wednesday, January 25th	5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pajama Night

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Creative Native Scrapbooking



Please join us January
10th from 10 - noon

At the Health Centre

Don't forget to bring your pictures and
we have the rest.

Light snacks and refresh-
ments will be available.



RedPath Addictions Program

Starts September 29, 2016

The program will run on Tuesday and Thursday evening's
from 5 pm to 8 pm

For more information contact:
Robin Maness or
Health Centre: 519-332-6770
Vicki Jacobs at Massaged: 519-383-0404



**** Attention Aamjiwnaang ****



The Culture and Heritage Committee has decided to preserve Aamjiwnaang's precious Oral History and we are seeking Community members to contribute their histories!

If you have stories relating to the History of Aamjiwnaang, and particularly Creation < Precontact, Treaties < Post Contact, Wars (Any war that our ancestors took part in) Educational history and Petrochemical Industries, please consider contributing. Contact us with a contact number where you can be reached. We are expecting this project to take a minimum 2 years to compile.

Miigetch!

The Heritage and Culture Group
519-328-0942 or mdplain@gmail.com

Aamjiwnaang Culture and Heritage

We are an open community group with strengths in various areas and bring a dynamic team to the table.

We specialize in various cultural and heritage information including:

- Historical research
- Workshops
- Volunteering
- Ceremonial information & much more.

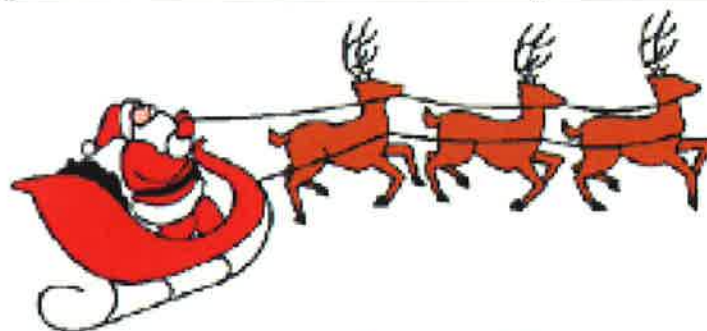
Meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of each month starting at 6 pm. Location: Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Center.

We always accept new group members, requests & presentations.

For more information, contact Marina at mdplain@gmail.com or any Heritage member.

housing department

May all the sweet magic of Christmas conspire to gladden
your heart and fill every desire.



merry christmas
&
happy new year

Housing Committee (2016 – 2018)

Shawn Plain – Councillor

Dallas Sinopole – Councillor

Elaine Williams – Committee Member

Peggy Rogers – Committee Member

Randi Rogers – Committee Member

***Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday
of the Month***

REMINDER

Please remember all Housing
Applications are due by
January 30/2017



Thanks to a generous donation from Chief and Council and Plains Midstream Canada, the Public Works Department will be constructing 2 community rinks. The ice surfaces will be located on the softball diamond behind the Band Office. We are building the second rink for beginners.

Community Rink Rules:

Be courteous and respectful. Skate safe and have fun!

Rinks are not supervised.

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

1. Public Works Dept. will open gate when ice surface is suitable. Lights will be turned on at dusk when rinks are open. Lights will be turned off at approximately 9pm.
 2. Helmets and protective equipment must be worn at all times.
 3. No Eating or Drinking on the ice surface.
 4. Kicking holes, chipping or gouging in the ice surface is strictly prohibited.
 5. This is an drug and alcohol free zone-no exceptions.
 6. PLEASE USE GARBAGE CONTAINERS!
 7. These are your Community Rinks, for our Community members, Please take care of it!
- Violators of these rules may lose the privilege to use this facility.**

Community Infrastructure Partnership Program Signing Ceremony December 14, 2016



As shown above, the ceremony opened with a drum song, followed by the signing of the documents and a gift exchange of flags.

My life has been enriched and fulfilled and it has been an honour and privilege to serve families and care for children of this community for the past 35 years.

The time has flown by unnoticed as I loved and enjoyed my job. It gives me great pleasure in watching children learn and flourish under the loving and watchful eye of their teacher. I have had the opportunity to witness two generation of children grow into successful and confident individuals.

One of my earlier students studied to be an early childhood educator and is now a staff member at the Centre. I have a third generation now enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program. Two teachers now employed at the daycare and new teachers in the future please carry on my legacy of providing a loving, nourishing and safe environment where children love to attend daily.

I now look forward to strengthening my relationships and spending time with my family. Especially my granddaughters, daughter, son-in-law, and husband.

I am going to fulfill one of my dreams of offering love and care to those patients at St. Joseph Hospice.

My word of advice is to spend time with your children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. It is the most precious gift that you can ever give to them and it does not cost money. Love is the greatest gift of all!

I wish you a Merry, Blessed Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Muriel Joseph-Plain
Alias "Toddy"



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Food Guide Survey

The * **Aboriginal Nutrition Network of Dietitians of Canada (ANN)**, the **National Aboriginal Diabetes Association (NADA)** and the **Southern Ontario Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative (SOADI)** * are encouraging you to have your voice heard. We know that it has been more than challenging to address the issue of nutrition and chronic disease in our Indigenous Nations across Turtle Island. We are committed to working with the federal government to sustain a relationship moving forward that supports a consultation process .

Please visit this link and speak to us by filling out this short survey:

<http://soadi.ca/food-guide-survey/>

Or Click here to visit our Facebook page where you will find more details and the survey:

<https://www.facebook.com/foodguidesurvey/>

On January 31, 2017, we will choose a winner from those of you that share, like and complete the online survey.

In addition to us hearing directly from you we will be randomly choosing winners for great prizes like soapstone carving(s), traditional rattle(s), walking poles and cash prizes!!

<https://www.facebook.com/foodguidesurvey/>



**Southwest Ontario
Aboriginal Health
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**TRADITIONAL HEALING
PROGRAM
DECEMBER 2016**

To schedule an appointment. Contact Stephanie at our Chippewa site, 519-289-0352. Contact Sissy at our London Site, 519-672-4079. Please note calendars are subject to change with short notice. Miigwetch/Yaw'ko/Thank you

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SCHEDULING ALL HEALERS/ELDERS: Priority appointments for those supported by proper referral sources from SOAHAC's Traditional Knowledge Helpers and SOAHAC staff where individuals suffer with chronic illness, in need of pain management and the elderly. Please be reminded to bring tobacco with each visit - females are asked to wear long skirts. Our visiting Knowledge Helpers are with us monthly. SOAHAC's onsite Resident Knowledge Helper, Joanne Jackson, London Site. Miigwetch/Yaw'ko/Thank you				1 Joanne Cheechoo London	2 Joanne Cheechoo London	3
4	5 Richard Assinewai Outreach-Windsor Joanne Cheechoo Chippewa	6 Richard Assinewai Outreach-Moraviantown	7 Richard Assinewai Chippewa	8 Richard Assinewai London	9	10
11	12	13 Esstin McLeod Owen Sound	14 Esstin McLeod Owen Sound	15 Bruce Elijah Chippewa Esstin McLeod Owen Sound	16 Bruce Elijah London Esstin McLeod Owen Sound	17
18	19	20 Liz Akiwenzie Chippewa	21 Elva Jamieson Chippewa	22 Elva Jamieson London	23 Liz Akiwenzie London	24
25 STAT Christmas	26 STAT Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31



**Southwest Ontario
Aboriginal Health
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**TRADITIONAL HEALING
PROGRAM
JANUARY 2017**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 STAT Christmas	2 Closed due to STAT Jan 1, 2017 being on a Sunday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Elva Jamieson Chippewa	13 Elva Jamieson London	14
15	16 Richard Assinewai Outreach-Sarnia	17 Richard Assinewai Outreach-Kettle Point	18 Richard Assinewai London	19 Richard Assinewai Chippewa	20	21
22	23 Richard Assinewai Owen Sound	24 Richard Assinewai Owen Sound	25	26 Bruce Elijah London	27 Bruce Elijah Chippewa	28
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Mino Dbishkaayin-Happy Birthday

Dec.16/16—Jan. 12/17

Casey	Delorme	Dec.	16	Gary	Solomon	Dec.	21
Sharon	Kota	Dec.	16	Robert	Stone	Dec.	21
Edward	Ransom-Oliver	Dec.	16	Robert	Verdon	Dec.	21
Julius	Sinopole	Dec.	16	Ashley	Wright	Dec.	21
Amanda	Bird	Dec.	16	Vicky	Barnier	Dec.	21
Justin	Cottrelle	Dec.	17	Kyle	Cottrelle	Dec.	22
Dallas	Sinopole	Dec.	17	Rylee	Crowe	Dec.	22
Rosella	Spero	Dec.	17	Jordan	Day	Dec.	22
Ruby	Williams	Dec.	17	Jacinda	DeWit	Dec.	22
River	Rogers	Dec.	17	Chris	Harvey	Dec.	22
Amanda	Vallieres	Dec.	17	Mia	Iacobelli	Dec.	22
James	Archer-Lewis	Dec.	18	Alexandria	Doxtator	Dec.	22
Christopher	Scott-Stocum	Dec.	18	Charlene	Nahmabin	Dec.	22
Gage	Simon	Dec.	18	Isabelle	David	Dec.	22
Daniel W	Williams	Dec.	18	Aleks	Gergi-Rogers	Dec.	23
Joan	Wilson	Dec.	18	Arlene	Gray	Dec.	23
Jarrold	Wrightman	Dec.	18	Faith	Plain	Dec.	23
Veronica Winnifred	Adams	Dec.	18	Kim	Williams	Dec.	23
Dalton	Bressette	Dec.	19	Robert Allan	Adams	Dec.	24
Amber	Cottrelle	Dec.	19	Michelle	DeWit	Dec.	24
Laila	Cottrelle	Dec.	19	Nicole	Levert	Dec.	24
Carlos	George	Dec.	19	Charles	Plain	Dec.	24
Mya	James	Dec.	19	Tara-Lynn	Rising	Dec.	24
Shawna	Joseph	Dec.	19	Mary	Tinney	Dec.	24
Steven	McNickle	Dec.	19	Debra	David-Accetta	Dec.	25
Grayson	Plain	Dec.	19	Cameron	Gray	Dec.	25
Jennifer	Brander	Dec.	19	Brayden	Kiyoshk	Dec.	25
Marsha	Grant	Dec.	20	Michael James	Adams	Dec.	26
Lisa	Ham	Dec.	20	Tadra	Bird	Dec.	26
Kenneth	Harvey	Dec.	19	Shirley	Chaisson	Dec.	26
Reezon	Parker	Dec.	20	Ronald	Jacobs	Dec.	26
Shawn	Plain	Dec.	20	Jeffrey	Land	Dec.	26
Taylor M	Plain	Dec.	20	Myranda	Maness	Dec.	26
Rosamond	Simon	Dec.	20	Jamie	Munoz	Dec.	26
Chynna	Brooks	Dec.	20	Susan	Rogers	Dec.	26
Evan	Brown	Dec.	21	Jonathan	Bird	Dec.	27
David	Lacourse	Dec.	21	Jessica	Isaac	Dec.	27
Emily	McKay	Dec.	21	Brandon	Joseph	Dec.	27
Nathan	Pamajewon	Dec.	21	Aliyah	Joseph	Dec.	27
Mark	Pevec	Dec.	21	Connie	Sinne	Dec.	27
Nerissa	Pevec	Dec.	21	Wesley	Williams	Dec.	27
Winterson	Rogers	Dec.	21	Kenneth	Collier	Dec.	28

Mino Dbishkaayin-Happy Birthday

Dec.16/16—Jan. 12/17

Randall	Jackson	Dec.	28	Allison	Ireland	Jan.	2
David	Lavallee	Dec.	28	Garnet L	Williams	Jan.	2
Cara	Maness	Dec.	28	Jacqueline	Cunningham	Jan.	3
Jennifer	Pimentel	Dec.	28	Alyssa	Plain	Jan.	3
Christine	Plain	Dec.	28	Darius	Sinopole	Jan.	3
Darrel	Gray	Dec.	29	Randall	Williams	Jan.	3
Jordan	Gray	Dec.	29	Benjamin	Yardley	Jan.	3
Justine	Koglin	Dec.	29	Hunter	Adams	Jan.	4
Little Owl Woman	Matte	Dec.	29	Charmaine	D'Amato	Jan.	4
Kelly	Rogers	Dec.	29	Sydey	DeGurse	Jan.	4
Michael T	Williams	Dec.	29	Daanis	Fisher	Jan.	4
Benjamin	Worsley	Dec.	29	Alexa	Giorgi	Jan.	4
Emily	Harding	Dec.	29	Anthony	Huete-Jacobs	Jan.	4
Stewart	David	Dec.	30	Elijah	Noah	Jan.	4
Terri	Joseph	Dec.	30	Leona	Rogers	Jan.	4
Marshall	Maness	Dec.	30	Dylan	Smith	Jan.	4
Brianna	Parker	Dec.	30	Bryan	Williams	Jan.	4
Chase	Rogers	Dec.	30	Mandy	Van Den Assem	Jan.	4
Kayden	Simon	Dec.	30	Olivia	Rising	Jan.	5
Cheryl	Evans	Dec.	31	Daniel	Fisher-Plain	Jan.	5
Stephanie	MacGregor	Dec.	31	Harley	George-Walker	Jan.	5
Blake	Medeiros	Dec.	31	Cody	Grider	Jan.	5
Lacey	Rogers	Dec.	31	Darlene	Joseph	Jan.	5
Mark	Rogers	Dec.	31	Vince	Joseph	Jan.	5
Gerald	Smith	Dec.	31	Raven	Nahmabin-Hiltz	Jan.	5
Oshkiwesensmawan	Stone	Dec.	31	Theresa	Piche	Jan.	5
Michael	Thompson	Dec.	31	David D	Plain	Jan.	5
Christopher	Vallier	Dec.	31	Mitchel	Williams	Jan.	5
Celsie	Williams-Bressette	Dec.	31	Fischer-Plain	Daniel	Jan.	5
Melanie	Birchard	Jan.	1	Isabelle	Baker	Jan.	6
Selina	Cottrelle	Jan.	1	Michael	James	Jan.	6
Jaylynn	Graham	Jan.	1	Real	Levert	Jan.	6
Nangwaabiikwe	Gray	Jan.	1	Mary Ann	Maness	Jan.	6
Saige Ruby	Hallett-Plain	Jan.	1	Nicholas	Nahmabin	Jan.	6
Lorna	Lawrence	Jan.	1	Jinelle	Chalcraft	Jan.	6
Wanda	Maness	Jan.	1	Russell	Williams	Jan.	6
Shirley	Oliver	Jan.	1	Rebecca	Adams	Jan.	7
Tyson	Plain	Jan.	1	Tyler	Corner	Jan.	7
Krislyn	Rogers	Jan.	1	Jamie	Hanna	Jan.	7
Cayley	Simpson	Jan.	1	Kenneth	Lewis	Jan.	7
Linda	Bressette	Jan.	2	Juanita	Deacon	Jan.	8
Montee	Henry	Jan.	2	Diana Faith	Gray	Jan.	8

Birthdays cont'd

Patricia	Joseph	Jan.	8
Richard	Levert	Jan.	8
Melissa	Medeiros	Jan.	8
Dana	Nahmabin	Jan.	8
Salvatore	Plain	Jan.	8
Arno	Yellowman	Jan.	8
Jossalynn	Gray	Jan.	8
Julie	Bird	Jan.	9
Alexander	Bourgeois	Jan.	9
Ariana	Fotinakis	Jan.	9
Marion	Maness	Jan.	9
Gabbi	Noah	Jan.	9
Janice	Rogers-Feather	Jan.	9
Niah-Envy	Bird	Jan.	10
Amy	Crober	Jan.	10
Samuel	Dennis	Jan.	10
Wesley	George	Jan.	10
Robert	Nahmabin	Jan.	10
Calista	Plain	Jan.	10
Katera	Rogers	Jan.	10
Steven	Stone	Jan.	10
Ivan	Wright	Jan.	10
Adam	Alton	Jan.	11
Philemon Alexander	Bird	Jan.	11
Charmaine	Jacobs	Jan.	11
Melissa	Maness	Jan.	11
Neela	Martinez	Jan.	11
Angela	Shanks	Jan.	11
Jessica	Adams	Jan.	12
Raymond	Fisher	Jan.	12
Richard O	White	Jan.	12
Rudy M	Williams Jr.	Jan.	12



Happy 13th Birthday Shawna!



Love Mom, Derek and the rest of the tribe.

*We want to thank the
Aamjiwnaang Community
for their outstanding support
in the passing of Mary
White. We can not express
how much that meant to us.*

Thank You/Miigwech

*From the
Maness & Jackson
Families*



CALL FOR INTERESTED PLAYERS

I am looking for interested players (boys and girls) for the Aamjiwnaang Hitmen Tyke Little NHL team. Tyke players must be born in 2010, 2011 or 2012.

The Tournament is March 12—16, 2017 in Mississauga, Ontario.

Please contact me if interested.

Andrea Grondin
Manager

519-384-1799

ageorgiegirl@yahoo.ca



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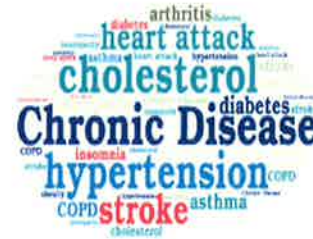
Representatives from Legal Aid Ontario are offering free “Advice Counsel Clinics” for Band Members.

The clinics will be held on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Centre.

Lawyer, Matt Stone and Legal Aid Worker, Sondra Gilbert will be present to assist you with legal questions.

You can drop in or if you would like to make an appointment call 226-402-1600.

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CONTINUING

WHERE? COMMUNITY CENTRE FITNESS ROOM

WHEN? TUESDAY'S & THURSDAY'S

TIME? 10:30AM – 11:30AM

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CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

DECEMBER 21

5—7pm

Health Centre



Aamjiwnaang Afterschool Program

Invites all children between the ages of 6-12 years of age to join us at the
Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Centre

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 3-6 pm

New registrations are always welcome.

Contact: Kayla Pashalinos, Program Leader—226-932-0786

Employees were honoured for their long service at the Christmas Party



Pictured above from left to right: Becky Maness (11 yrs), Tracy Williams (10 yrs), Peggy Rogers (10 yrs), Natasha Montano (10 yrs) and Norma Romlewski (10 yrs). Missing are: Janet Steadman (10 yrs) and Robin Maness (11 yrs).



Pictured above from left to right: Trudy Maness (17 yrs), Daniel Williams (17 yrs), Marjorie Robertson (17 yrs), Deborah Cottrelle (15 yrs) and Tammy Plain (17 yrs). Missing are: Leanne Williams (17 yrs), Melissa Medeiros (18 yrs) and Deborah Plain (18 yrs)



Pictured above from left to right: Melanie Williams (27 yrs), Selina Kim Henry (26 yrs), Malynda Maness (24 yrs), Verlynn White-Plain (21 yrs), Garnet Williams (20 yrs) and Val Cottrelle (20 yrs). Missing are: Gail Nahmabin (21 yrs), Robert Rogers (22 yrs), Carole Delion (26 yrs), Tammy Joseph (26 yrs) Carolyn Nahmabin (33 yrs) and Carl Oliver (34 yrs)



Special honour was given to Muriel Joseph-Plain (aka "Toddy") recognizing her retirement after 35 years of service at the Day Care.

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year !



After dinner staff played "bingo" for prizes!

Healthy Kids Lambton FREE Skating



2016 Friday Nov. 25th

Watford Arena 1:00pm—2:30pm

Sarnia Arena 1:00pm—3:00pm

2017 Monday Jan. 2nd

Mooretown Sports Complex 1:00pm — 2:00pm

Tuesday Jan. 3rd

Shores Recreation Centre 10:00am—11:20pm

Mooretown Sports Complex 1:00pm—2:00pm

Wednesday Jan. 4th

Mooretown Sports Complex 1:00pm—2:00pm

Thursday Jan. 5th

Legacy Recreation Centre 1:00pm—2:20pm

Friday Feb 3rd

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Watford Arena 1:00pm—2:30pm



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Wednesday, April 5th at The
Palace

*****7:30 PM*****

\$130 U.S. -

Coach Bus and Ticket
(Sec.113-114, Row R & Q)

Bus leaves Corunna Ball Field at 3:00 pm
SHARP and Bottom's Up Bar & Grill at
3:15 pm SHARP.

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Maureen Young on FACEBOOK

NASHVILLE TRIP

March 30 - April 2nd

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Sec.118. & Friday is the General Jackson Show-
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\$200 Deposit secures your spot. Remainder to be
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Bus leaves Corunna Ball Field at 4:30am
SHARP and Point Edward Arena at 5:00am
SHARP.

Contact Mo Young on Facebook or Willie at
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St. Clair United Church
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
 978 Tashmoo Avenue, Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 7H5

With all its faults, Yuletide still has to be the greatest time of the year. It splashes colour on an otherwise grey season. It puts a little bounce in your steps (and your cheques). The only bone I have to pick with Christmas is on the turkey. My favourite part of Christmas is the music. After all, what's Christmas without carols? *Silent Night, A way in a Manger, Good King What's-his-name?* Melodies that summon good memories, tender feelings and buried hopes.

Copyright laws aside, no one really owns music. You can't harness harmony. The way a Christmas carol touches us is as boundless as the joy of the season.

Christmas music is fun. From the ring-a-ling of *Jingle Bells* to the twists on old carols that other people's kids sing under their breath. Something about three kings trying to smoke a rubber cigar and shepherds that washed their socks by night.

Of course, it's no secret that 20 centuries ago, a new song hit the history charts. It was a melody that no one had heard before, though some were listening for it.

Star gazers travelled on camelback just to be near the song. For others, it was business as usual. Still others, like Old King Herold, couldn't face the music and tried to silence the song. They failed. The song rang out, wrestled with hate, shook the Roman Empire and shattered the power of death.

And the melody lingers. It drifts over walls and down into deep valleys. It sings to the couple contemplating divorce, to the widow who still expects her mate to call from the living room, to the single person who loathes lonely nights. It wakens the sleeping child in all of us. Some people still don't hear the music. But Christmas is never complete until the song gets inside you. The trick is to listen with the heart.

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ANISHINABE ININIWAG GROUP



Men's Group

December 21, 2016 we will be going to Kettle Point for drum teachings and feast. If you wish to attend contact Robin Maness at the Health Centre 519-332-6770. He will be taking the van. Departure to Kettle Point will be at 2:00 pm.



Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society is looking for a representative from Aamjiwnaang to fill a vacancy on their Board of Directors.

Board meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at 6 pm. They usually last about 2 hours. Board members are also required to participate on one of the three Board Committees. Two of the Board committees meet monthly for about an hour and a half. One committee meets three times a year. Time is also needed to review materials sent out in advance in preparation for meetings.

A copy of the "Terms of Reference" for the Board and Committees are available at the Band Office and Community Centre.

For more information, please contact:

Dawn Flegel, MSW, RSW

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For more information, please call Annette Verhagen of MOECC at (519) 336-1895

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- A. **OFIFC**, <http://www.ofifc.org/>
- B. **Nokee Kwe**, <http://www.nokekwe.ca/>
- C. **Southern First Nation Secretariat**, <http://www.sfns.on.ca/index.html>
- D. N' Amerind Friendship Centre (London), <http://www.namerind.on.ca/>
- E. **Anishnawbe Health Toronto**, <http://www.aht.ca/>
- F. **SOAHAC** London, Chippewas of the Thames, Owen Sound, <http://www.soahac.on.ca/>
- G. **Six Nations** (Ohsweken, ON), <http://www.sixnations.ca/>

Other Job Search Engines:

- <http://www.aboriginalcareers.ca/>
- <http://ca.indeed.com/Aboriginal-jobs>
- <http://www.wowjobs.ca/jobs-aboriginal-jobs>
- <http://www.turtleisland.org/front/front.htm>
- <http://www.eluta.ca/>
- <http://www.monster.ca/>
- <http://www.workopolis.com/>
- <http://www.jobs.ca/>
- <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/jobs/jobbank.shtml>
- <http://www.ofifc.org/>

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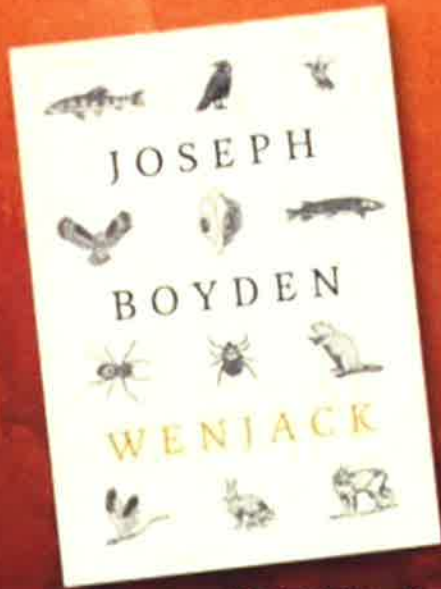
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Where to Get Help

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Bluewater Health Addictions and Problem Gambling 519-464-4400 ext. 5370

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Women's Interval Home 519-336-5200

Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society 519-336-0623

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Please submit your documents in **Word, Excel, or Publisher** formats or info can be hand written; **jpeg** for pictures.

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Sandy Waring
Editor

