



AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION

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Happy BirthdayMar. 30th to Apr. 12th, 2013

Jonathan	Joseph	Mar. 30	Madison Grace	Maness	Apr. 6
Stephanie	Kirkby	Mar. 30	Shaylene	Nahmabin	Apr. 6
Belva	Longton	Mar. 30	Dylan	Rogers	Apr. 6
Ashley	Monk	Mar. 30	Brittany	Adams	Apr. 7
Jesse	Nutt-Adams	Mar. 30	Jared	Hallett-Plain	Apr. 7
Gerald	Stone	Mar. 30	Christopher	Oliver	Apr. 7
Justin	Battista	Mar. 31	Shawnee	Rogers	Apr. 7
Reshonda	Howell	Mar. 31	Timothy V	Williams	Apr. 7
Ronald	James	Mar. 31	Anthony Montana	Adams	Apr. 8
Robert	Keusch	Mar. 31	Alexander	Dunning	Apr. 8
Kristal	Nahmabin-Hiltz	Mar. 31	Lois	Dunning	Apr. 8
Carla	Oliver	Mar. 31	Carol	Joseph	Apr. 8
Grace	Williams	Mar. 31	Kim	Robertson	Apr. 8
Megan	Williams	Mar. 31	Cameryn	White	Apr. 8
Shawnacey	Williams	Mar. 31	Mary P	Williams	Apr. 8
Ashley	Ayers	Apr. 1	Catherine	Champagne	Apr. 9
Christine S	Bird	Apr. 1	Cody	Cooper-Rogers	Apr. 9
Nicole	Cottrelle	Apr. 1	Ella	Diller	Apr. 9
Tammy	Joseph	Apr. 1	Selina Kim	Henry	Apr. 9
Amiee	Kelly	Apr. 1	Shelley	Joseph	Apr. 9
Jennifer	Miller	Apr. 1	Patricia G	White	Apr. 9
Melissa	Plain	Apr. 1	Clayton Two Shadows	Moore	Apr. 10
Paris	Stokes	Apr. 1	Rita	Plain	Apr. 10
Raymond	Williams Jr.	Apr. 1	Daniel	Robertson	Apr. 10
Celste	Bressette-Walker	Apr. 2	Elizabeth	Stone	Apr. 10
Karyna	Doxtator	Apr. 2	Sunshine	Washington	Apr. 10
Stephen	Jackson	Apr. 2	Deborah	Wilson	Apr. 10
William	Jackson	Apr. 2	Steven	Chabot	Apr. 11
Eagle Feather	Matte	Apr. 2	Aiden	Diller	Apr. 11
Walter	Rogers	Apr. 2	Ava	Riley	Apr. 11
Lukas	Simon	Apr. 2	Garnet L R	Williams	Apr. 11
Christine R	Bird	Apr. 3	Jennifer	Williams	Apr. 11
Michael C	Plain	Apr. 3	Elizabeth	Dingler	Apr. 12
Chynoa	Cloud-Siefker	Apr. 4	Frances	Maness	Apr. 12
Shirley	Redfield	Apr. 4	Wayne	Simpson	Apr. 12
Timothy L	Williams	Apr. 4	Mary E	Williams	Apr. 12
Jolene	Joseph	Apr. 5			
Jessica	Kota	Apr. 5			
Natasha	Maness-Abel	Apr. 5			
Benjamin	Pouget	Apr. 5			
Tara	Simon	Apr. 5			
Daniel	Ware II	Apr. 5			
Danielle	Grinder	Apr. 6			

Happy Happy Birthday
to my sister Meg
who's turning the big 2-5!!!
Love Ravena.

Happy Birthday Fez Fez!!**Love you lots.**

Can't believe you're growing up into
such a handsome young boy.

Happy 12th Birthday.

Love Auntie Ravena

**Happy 60th Birthday
to my mama-bear Dizey Pie!!!**

Love you always Pogiss

Happy Birthday

Ashley Ayers & Melissa Plain

Have a good one! Auntie Bon

~ NOTICE ~**SEEKING RECEPTION HELP**

We are looking for people who are available for call-in help in reception at the Health Centre.

If you are interested, please call and leave your name and contact information with Dorothy at 519-332-6770.

Miigwetch.

**Everyone Welcome****Tuesday, April 9, 2013****10:00 – 11:00 am****Health Centre****Home Fire Safety****Session****Light Refreshments**

Guest Speaker: Tom Marshall from Sarnia Fire Rescue Services
For more information please call Jessica at the Health Centre 519-332-6770

Free CPR/AED Training



Lambton County EMS and
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
invite you to participate in a
huge training event!

WHEN: Saturday, April 27th

TIME: 10am - 1pm

WHERE: Maawn Doosh Gamig -
Community Centre

AGES: 12 years and up

WHAT: CPR, AED & Choking -
Earn a certificate!

EVERYONE WELCOME
Bring your friends and family!!

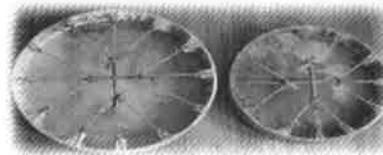
Please call Dorothy
at the Health Centre
to sign up 519-332-6770

APRIL

Employment

Supports Services

- Accepting volunteer applications for 2013 Pow Wow
- April 9 Hand drum Making



- April 9 & 10 Diane Forbes

Diane Forbes
Solution Through Inspiration

Motivational Workshops

- April 30 & May 2 Women's Well-ness

For more information contact:
MARINA PLAIN 519-336-8410

Aamjiwnaang's
1st Annual Rez-Wide
YARD SALE
May 18th, 2013
8:30—1:00

Anyone wishing to get rid of their stuff can get a head start by sorting through it now! Flyers will be put up around town and it will be posted in local newspapers and on the radio as the proposed date nears.

Aamjiwnaang

Junior Kindergarten

Registration for September 2013

Thursday April 25, 2013

At the Day Care Center -

In the JK Classroom

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- ➔ Registration is for children born in the year of 2009
- ➔ **Must** provide birth certificate and/or Status Card
- ➔ **Must** provide up-dated immunization record/Health Card

Please bring your child to the registration; this will take approximately 45-60 minutes. Your child will rotate to various screenings (ex. Dental, eyes, speech & language).

Call **519-344-5831** to make your child's appointment, or you can email me at khenry@aamjiwnaang.ca, I will email you back with your registration time.



From the Home & Community
Care Department—

*We would like to wish you and
your family a blessed Easter and
Happy Holiday.*

It is that time of year to notify the
Community that there will be **NO
SERVICE** on the following dates:

Friday March 29th, 2013

Good Friday

&

Monday April 1st, 2013

Easter Monday

Please make arrangements
with your loved ones and
regular hours will commence on:

Tuesday April 2, 2013

Thank you

*Respectfully Yours,
HCC—Clerk Rebecca Adams*



NATIVE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

Tecumseh, Shawnee Warrior/Chief

So live your life that the fear of death
can never enter your heart.

Trouble no man about his religion,
respect him in his views, and demand
that he respect yours.

Love your life; perfect your life.

Beautify all things in your life.

Seek to make your life long and
of service to your people.

Show respect to all men,
but gravel to none.

When you arise in the morning light,
give thanks for your life and strength.

Give thanks for your food and
for the joy of living.

If you see no reason for giving thanks,
the fault is yours.

Shawnee Sacred Slab

Native Quotes

The power of the world always works in circles;
The east gave peace and light, The south gave
warmth, The west gave rain, And the north
with its cold and mighty wind gave strength
and endurance.

~ *Black Elk*

Among the Indians there have been no written
laws. Customs handed down from generation to
generation have been the only laws to guide them.
Every one might act different from what was con-
sidered right did he choose to do so, but such acts
would bring upon him the censure of the Nation....
This fear of the Nation's censure acted as a mighty
band, binding all in one social, honorable compact.

~ *George Copway (Kah-ge-ga-bowh)*
Ojibwa Chief—1818-1863

Other Famous Quotes

These days, in our materialistic culture, many
people are led to believe that money is the ulti-
mate source of happiness. Consequently, when
they don't have enough of it they feel let down.
Therefore, it is important to let people know that
they have the source of contentment and happi-
ness within themselves, and that it is related to
nurturing our natural inner values. ~ *Dali Lama*

It's surprising how many persons go through life
without ever recognizing that their feelings to-
ward other people are largely determined by their
feelings toward themselves, and if you're not
comfortable within yourself, you can't be com-
fortable with others. ~ *Sydney J. Harris*

"Everyone should perceive the world as exactly
half good and half evil. By doing one more good
act, we tip the scale toward the good."

~ *Kiddushim*

There was a time when man took no more than
he needed. That time is gone.—There was a time
when he gave something back. That time is gone.
—There was a time when he worshipped the Cre-
ator and honored creation. That time too is gone.
—And now that waters are polluted, our natural
resources are all but gone and creation is dying,
It is time to find our way back to earth.

~ *Unknown*

<http://www.orgsites.com/fl/green/>

Lord God Creator of All.

Hear our prayers.

Forgive us our trespasses against
Beloved Mother Earth.

Please accept our prayers of contrition and
heal that which we have not fully appreciated.

Awaken in all hearts a love and
concern for our earthly home.

May her rivers run free and clear.

May her oceans team with healthy life.

May her forests sing in the breeze
of freedom from pollution.

~ *Unknown*

Parenting Children with Learning Disabilities and/or ADHD

For parents of children who are diagnosed or starting the process of being diagnosed.

**3 Week Program starting
Tuesday April 2, 2013
April 2, 9, & 16—5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Supper Included**

The Parenting Program is a 3-week, interactive parent advocacy course that will assist parents to:

- * understand different types of learning disabilities and ADHD;
- * develop an understanding of legislation and the school system
- * learn about resources to assist children;
- * understand their rights as a parent of a child with a learning disability, and
- * become a more confident advocate for their child children.

Facilitator: Joanne Culley, Director, Trained Advocate

Please note: the building is not accessible – there are stairs to climb.



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Aamjiwnaang Education
Department

To Register:

Contact the
Aamjiwnaang
Education
Department at
519-336-8410

Vicki Ware ext. 247
Diane Aiken ext. 246
Childcare available.

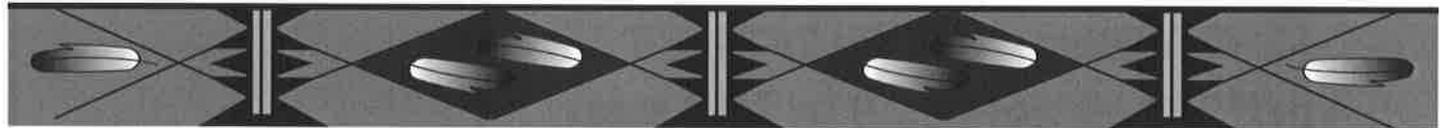
Location: Binoojiiyag Kino Maagewgamgoons Day Care

POWOW NEWS

VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering at the powwow this year, or if you are a youth in need of volunteer hours, please contact **Powwow Volunteer Coordinator—Marina Plain at 519-336-8410, Paula Williams 519-328-6565 or Megan Nahmabin 519-331-5125**

Seeking volunteers for parking, committee booth, maintenance, clean up, registration, etc...



POWOW MEETINGS:
 Every Other **THURSDAY - 5pm** at Maawn Doosh Gumig
April 4 & 18 - May 2, 16 & 30
 If you have any questions please contact:
 Tracy Williams 519-336-8410 or twilliams@aamjiwnaang.ca



Native Youth Olympics



ATTENTION

This year Aamjiwnaang First Nation will be hosting the Native Youth Olympics and we are looking for volunteers. The tentative date is **Friday, June 28, 2013** at the Community Centre. If you are interested or would like more information on how you can help make this event a success, *please call Roberta or Jessica at the Health Centre 519-332-6770.*



Musical Benefit Fundraiser For Mike Plain & Family

NEW DATE



Music with Host band Charles (Fishy) Rogers,
Robbie Antone, White Fire Reed and many others.....

Toonie Table ♦ Food Sale ♦ 50/50 Tickets

Drumming ♦ Singing ♦ Karaoke - 4 spots

(drummers, singers, musicians welcome to sign up)

Saturday, April 13, 2013

11:00am – 5:00pm

Maawn Doosh Gumig
Community & Youth Centre
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
1972 Virgil Ave. Sarnia



Drummers / Singers Contact:
Ada and Wilson Plain Sr.
519-336-4805

Donations for Toonie Table
Contact: Marina Plain
519-328-0942 or 519-336-8410

Mike & Tim Plain and family lost everything they owned when an overnight house fire gutted their home in Aamjiwnaang on January 26, 2013.

"Lets come together to help Mike & family during their difficult time"

If you cannot attend this event and wish to help out in some way, there is a
"Charity Account" set up at: * Scotia Bank * Branch # 10942 * Account # 0210188 *

Danie Mclean

Anyone can attend—whether *you OR your family member*—or friend—is struggling with addiction. Danie provides information and/or counseling to anyone wishing more information regarding treatment options. We are fortunate to have Danie join us Every second Tuesday of each month.

- ◆ Location - United Church basement
- ◆ 9 am - 12 pm

Danie can be reached At:
Cell: 519-786-8164 or
Home: 519-786-3893



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POW-WOW COMMITTEE



2013 Pow-Wow Committee will meet every other Thursday 5pm at the Community Centre April 4 & 18

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Williams at 519-336-8410 ext. 237

RESOURCE CENTRE SCHEDULE Aamjiwnaang's Alternative and Continuing Education for Adults

Tuesday & Thursday
AACE: 9:00—2:00

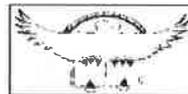
Are you 18 years or older, and would like to increase your confidence and ability for:

- Greater independence, in today's electronic world?
- High School course work?
- GED or Trade's Exams?
- Employment?

Then you'll want to check out...
Aamjiwnaang's Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS)

Program Tuesday & Thursday 9 - 2

**EMPLOYMENT
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Beading Class

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
of the month

6:00-8:00

At the Youth/Community
Center Craft Room

Make your Own “Nish” **Bling**

Ages: 10 yrs-Adult

For more call Valerie at 519-491-1374

With Sue Williams

Ojibway Language Class

Maawn Doosh Gumig Homework Room

With Fran Pawis

Thursdays 6:00-8:00

Ages: 10 years—Adults

Call Val at 519-491-1374
for more information



LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS

Are you a member of Aamjiwnaang First Nation?

Do you have a family member who has needed help for a mental health or substance use problem (or both) in the past 5 years?

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health is currently seeking members of Aamjiwnaang First Nation to participate in a research study. If you have a family member who has experienced a mental health problem (such as depression or anxiety) or a substance use problem and has sought help for one or both of these problems in the past five years, you might be eligible to participate in a study on people's experiences with local services. This study is currently being conducted in your community as part of a larger research project called Researching Health in Ontario Communities (RHOC).

Participants will be asked to:

- Participate in a one-on-one interview about their family member's experiences with services for people with mental health and/or substance use problems and about their family member's experiences of violence.
- Complete an anonymous questionnaire and provide hair and saliva samples (if the participant has not already done so through the Community Mental Health & Well-Being Study).

Participants will be compensated for their time.

If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in participating, please:

- Call or send a text message to Candida at 519-328-1276 (local number);
- E-mail Candida.Wemigwans@camh.ca; or
- Stop by the CAMH mobile lab (parked at Maawn Doosh Gumig - Aamjiwnaang Community Centre) to schedule an interview.

All questions & answers are strictly confidential.

Samantha Wells, Ph.D.
Principal Investigator

Julie George, Ph.D.
Project Coordinator

camh

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Centre de toxicomanie et de santé mentale

For more information about programs and services at CAMH, please visit www.camh.net or call 416-535-8501 (or 1-800-463-6273). For more information about RHOC, please visit www.rhoc.ca.

Aamjiwnaang RHOC Team

Candida Wemigwans



Hello Aamjiwnaang, I am pleased to be given this opportunity to be hired as the Research Associate for the RHOC project. I am a mother of 3, soon to be 4, and I reside on this First Nation and I feel that it is very important for everyone to have a voice/opinion on the programs and services that this FN offers. I encourage every community member to come out and fill out a survey at the mobile lab. You can come by and drop in but we would prefer you to call and make an appointment @ 519-328-1276. Your opinion counts and will help our community become stronger. Chi-Miigwetch

Nim Plain

Boozhoo to all,

I was very excited to be selected as a Research Assistant for the RHOC project. I have resided on Aamjiwnaang basically my whole life, and feel that its important to have a voice into what goes on here, and the kind of services that are provided. Your answers to the survey are very important and you will make a difference for all who live here. I look forward to seeing everyone so we can make Aamjiwnaang a better place for our future generations. **Miigwetch!**



Hello Members and Residents of Aamjiwnaang,

Ada Lockridge

I am very happy to be a part of the RHOC Team. We will be doing our Research in the camh (center for addictions and mental health) mobile lab parked at the community center. There were 400 members randomly chosen to do the study, but All residents here are welcome to take part too. Although you don't get your personal results back, this will help in determining which programs are needed in this community. So give us a call and book an



appointment, but walk-ins are welcomed too. Your answers and results are all totally confidential!

Miigwech & hope to see you soon.

Lynn Rosales

Boozhoo,

Aanii, Greetings,

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the RHOC Research Team for our territory. I have walked my life path this far and have come through many personal struggles some of which were closely related to the issues that we are studying. I truly believe that your participation will provide much needed information for further development of programs and services that will benefit our community for today and our future generations. I look forward to working with you on this project so, drop by for a visit or call us for an appointment.... Meegwetch!!



camh RHOC - Aamjiwnaang

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Boozhoo Aamjiwnaang Anishinabek,
Greetings from the Research Health in Ontario Communities (ROCH) Research Team. If you have been asking yourself what is that trailer at the community center? And, why is it here? Well wonder no more, the CAMH Mobile Research Lab will be the worksite for the Aamjiwnaang ROCH Team for the next few months where two separate research studies will be conducted in our community. The information from the developed questionnaire will further assist in the development of future programs and services specific to our community. Participation is voluntary and the collected information will be protected and stored based on relevant laws and ethical practice to protect the confidentiality of your personal information.



Mobile Lab Hours of Operation

Monday 9 am - 3:30 pm
(last drop-in time 2:30 pm)

Tuesday 9 am - 3:30 pm
(last drop-in time 2:30 pm)

Wednesday 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm
(last drop-in time 7:00 pm)

Thursday 9 am - 3:30 pm
(last drop-in time 2:30 pm)

Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm
(last drop-in time 2:30 pm)

There will be scheduled times for all participants to complete the questionnaire, but drop-in, you are always welcome!!



Quick Facts

1. **Must be a member of Aamjiwnaang**
2. **Must 18 and older to participate**
3. **You will be compensated for your time (\$50.00 in gift cards)**
4. **No personal drug testing**
5. **Personal identity protected**
6. **Option to participate in one to one interview regarding personal experiences with addiction, mental health, violence - CONFIDENTIAL**



MNAASGED CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

AAMJIWNAANG SESSION



**COMMUNITY MEETING
AND BREAKFAST**
Saturday, April 20, 2013
9:00 - 11:00 am

Location:

Maawn Doosh Gumig
Community Centre
1972 Virgil Ave
Aamjiwnaang



- Come and learn about Mnaasged programs and services
- An opportunity to offer advice or give input to services
- Bring your family, children's craft, enjoy FREE breakfast

YOU COULD
WIN AN IPAD AND
OTHER GREAT PRIZES!!



Everyone Welcome

For questions, or more information,
please contact Janice Rising,
Aamjiwnaang Site, 519.383.0404 ext. 224 or
Melissa Patriquin,
Community Development Coordinator
519.289.1117 ext. 223

You are Invited...

21st Annual POW WOW

@ Lambton College

GRAND ENTRY - 11:00 AM

Thursday, April 4, 2013

11am to 3pm

Lambton College Gymnasium

DANCERS

- ❖ Small honorarium for dancers in regalia

DRUMMERS

- ❖ Small honorarium provided

VENDORS

- ❖ Accepting craft donations min/\$20 value

FEAST (3 pm)

- ❖ Elders, dancers, drummers & vendors

Contact:

Aboriginal Cultural/Learning Centre at
Lambton College 519-542-7751 #3494 or

holly.altiman@lambtoncollege.ca

www.lambtoncollege.ca/ACLC

Hosted by:

Lambton College

Aboriginal Student Council



Everyone Welcome

Seniors Pizza and Game Night

**Wednesday,
April 24, 2013 5-8 pm.
Seniors Drop-In Room**
Call Peggy, 519-332-6770,
if you plan on attending.

QUILTING WITH SENIORS

Tuesday's 6 - 8 pm
Community Centre
Library Room

We can also quilt on Thursday
from 2:00-4:00. We will be
sewing the quilt together.
Please bring your own scissors.
12 years - 100 years.
Everyone welcome.
Sign up with Peggy, 519-332-6770

Senior's 55 & over "CONGREGATE DINING"

**Wednesdays,
12 - 1 pm**

Senior's Complex

**Come out and enjoy
a home-cooked,
nutritious, delicious meal!**

Hope to see you there!

**An evening with
Jeff and Sheri Easter &
Kenny and Sonya Sault
Oshweken, Ontario**

**Saturday,
April 6, 2013
6 pm**



If you are interested in attending,
please contact Peggy as soon as
possible at Health Centre,
519 - 332 - 6770, ext. 31.

I have arranged for transportation
to attend and there are
14 seats available.

We will leave from the
Band Office at 2 pm.

We will be a stopping for Supper
along the way, which you are
responsible to pay for.

The event is free and there is no
reserved seating.

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- » Complete your 40hrs of community service for your OSSD.
- » Great leadership experience.
- » Training will be provided.

We will be running our summer camp in your community during the week of July 8-12 at the Maawn Doosh Gumig - Community Centre.

Please email satellite@esqcamps.ca to get more information or to register for the volunteer position.

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A partnership between the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Science
Engineering Education: a partnership for the future



Assembly of First Nations and Atlantic Policy Congress Call for Changes to Contribution Agreements to be revoked, Joint Process Must Be Established

March 20, 2013

(OTTAWA, ON) – Following expressions of concern across a number of regions, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo and Atlantic Policy Congress (APC) Co-Chair Deborah Robinson today called for the Government of Canada to revoke unilateral changes to the standard form contribution agreement until a joint process for consultation with First Nation governments is established and implemented.

“I share the concerns expressed by First Nation governments in many regions across the country regarding unilateral and imposed changes to contribution agreements, and call on Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt to revoke these changes until a joint process is identified and implemented that respects the duty to consult with First Nations. Moreover, there is a commitment to a renewed relationship which must ensure fairness, respect and long term sustainable financial arrangements” said AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo.

In recent days, First Nation leaders across the country have raised concerns and objected revisions made in the 2013-2014 standard form contribution agreement.

The provision funding from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to First Nations Governments and Tribal Councils is facilitated through a contribution agreement.

There is a standard form contribution agreement which outlines the funding relationship and conditions that must be met by recipients of funds. This standard form approach means that the federal government, through their financial and legal officials, prepare a draft model contribution agree-

ment and provide to First Nations governments for signature.

There is no negotiation involved in the content of the contribution agreements, therefore, there is no ability to revise, negotiate or reject the terms and conditions contained in the standard form agreement. Periodically, the federal government revises the standard form agreement in accordance with new laws, policies, procedures or standards. In the past, First Nation leaders have objected to unilateral changes, however, failure to sign the agreements means funds will not flow from the federal government to First Nations.

“First Nation leaders are being forced to decide between asserting and defending their rights and the ability to provide basic community services,” said Atlantic Policy Congress Co-Chair and Acadia First Nation Chief Deborah Robinson. “This is a significant step in the wrong direction and does nothing to support our joint commitment to a fundamental transformation in the relationship between First Nations and Canada.”

The Atlantic Policy Congress Secretariat is an advocate for speaking with one voice on behalf of First Nations communities. Through research and analysis, the APC develops policy alternatives for matters affecting First Nations communities in Atlantic Canada, Quebec, and Maine, USA.

The Assembly of First Nations is the national organization representing First Nations citizens in Canada. Follow AFN on Twitter @NCAtleo, @AFN_Comms, @AFN_Updates.

Contact Information:

Jenna Young AFN Communications Officer
613-241-6789, ext. 401; 613-314-8157 or
jyoung@afn.ca

Alain Garon AFN Bilingual Communications Officer
613-241-6789, ext. 382; 613-292-0857 or
agaron@afn.ca



ATLANTIC POLICY CONGRESS
OF FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS SECRETARIAT



theRedPath

COMING SOON

THE REDPATH LIVING WITHOUT VIOLENCE PROGRAM

The RedPath is an Aboriginal-specific model that was first developed as an Emotion Management Program and delivered within the federal penitentiaries.

The most effective way to decrease problems in the areas of addictions, violence, employment, academics and mental health is through strengthening an individual's identity and awareness.

The RedPath Living Without Violence is based on the RedPath Model, which is an Aboriginal holistic approach to healing and self-wellness, to address the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual aspects of participants.

The RedPath offers a choice to Aboriginal peoples, a new direction when none seems available. With tools and skills learned in The RedPath Living Without Violence Program, participants will go below the surface to understand buried emotions, get to the root of their problems and environmental conditions.

The program will begin April 4, 2013 at Mnaasged Office 5pm-8pm

Registration is limited. Sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursdays.

**ANYONE WISHING TO TAKE THIS PROGRAM
MUST CONTACT**

Robin Maness, Community Justice Program 519-332-6770

or

Sue Rogers, Mnaasged Child and Family Services 383-0404 ext. 222

FOE Eagles Club
Family Easter Evening
Saturday, March 29th, 2013
4:00pm until 7:00pm



This Saturday we will be showing the movie....

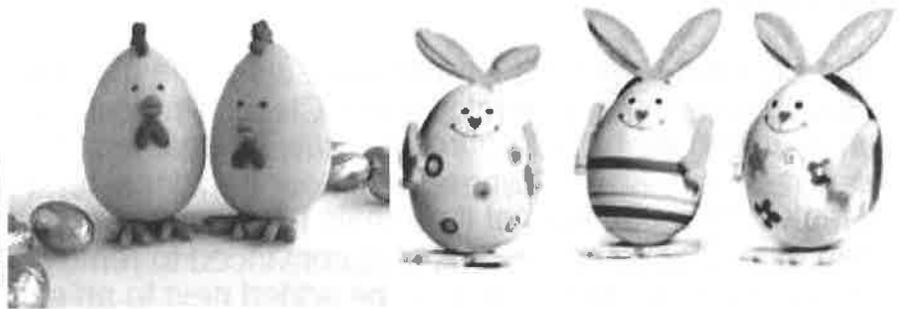
"RISE OF THE GUARDIANS "

This is a FREE event,

NO admission cost!

Adult must accompany children

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FOE Eagles Club Hall
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Just off Confederation and Ontario Streets
East Entrance (back hall)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation approves \$119-million land claim

Chippewas of the Thames, Ontario (March 25, 2013) – Members of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) are pleased to announce the overwhelming acceptance of the Big Bear Creek Specific Land Claim settlement offer. A ratification vote was held in the community on Saturday, March 23, 2013, and 92% of voters have approved the deal.

Of the 2005 eligible voters, a total of 1301 valid ballots were cast, with 1200 in favour of the settlement agreement and 101 opposed.

“The results show that an overwhelming majority of our people support moving toward a better future for our community, one that focuses on self-sufficiency, while ensuring children and seniors get the support they need,” says Chief Joe Miskokomon. The deal includes a education savings plan, as well as a seniors income stabilization plan, and a trust account which is to be continually replenished by Nation investments and businesses.

The Big Bear Creek settlement also sets some major precedents which will benefit other First Nations in the federal Specific Claims Process. “We managed to remove time-limits on how long we have to purchase new reserve lands, and we can also choose those new reserve lands anywhere within our traditional territory,” he says. Until the Big Bear Creek settlement, normal time limits have ranged from 15 to a maximum of 30 years. The federal government was also convinced to remove its contiguous clause, which required new reserves lands to be added next to an existing reserve.

The claim stems from the accidental sale of Chippewa reserve lands near Florence, Ontario by the Government of Upper Canada in the 1830's. The reserve near Big Bear Creek was to be surveyed and set aside for Chippewa's exclusive use, according to terms negotiated by Chippewa Chiefs in the Longwoods Treaty talks between 1818 and 1822.

For more information contact Chief Joe Miskokomon or Senior Policy Analyst, Raymond Deleary at (519) 289-5555

The Chippewa of the Thames First Nation is on the north bank of the Thames River approximately 20 km southwest of London, Ontario. The Nation has more than 2500 members, with 930 people living in the community. The Chippewa consider much of southwestern Ontario as their modern traditional territory. The Chippewa, or Ojibwa as they are also referred, call themselves Anishinabe, which means the original people in their own language.

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Spring Check List

- Clean or replace furnace filter
- Check/clean heat recovery ventilator; wash or replace filter
- Clean humidifier
- Clean sump pump
- Check gutters and downspouts and clean if needed
- Inspect air conditioning; service as needed (usually every two or three years)
- Inspect basement or crawl space for signs of seepage/leakage
- Ensure that ground slopes away from foundation wall.

NOTICE TO ALL TENANTS IN BAND RENTAL UNITS, CMHC HOUSING UNITS, SENIORS COMPLEX, SENIORS DUPLEX AND APARTMENTS

Re: CONTENTS INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the tenant to provide contents insurance for their unit. The Housing Department is not responsible for sewer damage, sewer backup or flooding.

As per the Housing Policy and your signed housing agreement each tenant is to provide a copy of their contents insurance policy to the Housing Department.

Contact an insurance broker for more information.

2012 – 2014 Housing Committee

Errnol Gray	Councilor
Sherr Crowley	Councilor
Jacky Cunningham	Band Member
Ada Lockridge	Band Member
Ron Simon	Band Member

Housing Committee meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. If you have items for the agenda please have all information into the Housing Department one week prior to the meeting.

Thank you.

The Name that Street Contest

We are holding a contest with a cash prize of \$200.00 to determine the name of the new street that will be located on Tashmoo Avenue. If you interested in sharing your ideas with us, please contact the Housing Department at 519-336-8410 by **March 30, 12:00 pm. Good Luck!**

NOW ACCEPTING RESUMES

on behalf of TW Gray

We are now accepting applications on behalf of TW Gray for labourers to work on the new subdivision project on Tashmoo Avenue. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume to the front desk at the Band Office in a sealed envelope and we will forward it to TW Gray.

The deadline for all applications is **March 29, 2013 at 4:30 pm.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Housing Department at 519-336-8410. Thank You.

Please return any borrowed Humidifiers or Heaters to the Housing Department.

Housing Department

Tracy Williams

Housing Coordinator

twilliams@aamjiwnaang.ca

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Housing Clerk

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Duke Maness

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New # 519-344-8595



THE QUESTION OF NAMES

“Names were given, taken, or received during a propitious time in the life of an Indian. The name-giving was generally at birth, puberty, and whenever an individual distinguished himself in the eyes of the tribe.”

Taken from *Turtle Island Alphabet:*

A Lexicon of Native American Symbols & Culture
by *Gerald Hausman / Foreword by N. Scott Momaday*

Indian names are special. They are symbols of power given in special ways. Indian names carry stories of how they came to be. They can be passed down. They can be earned. They can come from dreams and visions. Indian names reveal a special relationship to nature and the great Mystery.

One of the most special events in a traditional Native American's life is the giving of a name. This tradition varied somewhat from tribe to tribe and from individual to individual.

Some nations, such as the Hopi, gave the baby the name that seemed most suited to it. This name came from one of the child's aunts. Among other nations, and no doubt among the Hopi too, there were certain people who were dreamers, and they could call on their dreams for names of children.

Other nations, such as the Lakota, attached little importance to a child's first name. It was merely a sound the child would answer to. Later on, the child would be given another name. This name could stick for the rest of the child's life, or it could change. The names revealed certain aspects of the child's nature and may be even a story about the child's life.

It was also a practice among some of the People to pass on names from old to young. Crazy Horse is an example of this. Crazy Horse, as a small boy, was called “Curly.” The name came from his brown, curly hair. It was a child's name. When Curly became a man, his father passed the name Crazy Horse to him. His father knew that his son deserved and needed a name of power. Crazy Horse's father then took the name “Worm.” It was a humble yet proud name for an elder getting ready to return his body to Mother Earth. A most powerful name was one that came from a dream or vision. Among nearly all Native Americans, a boy was trained from in early life to seek a vision.

This was done by fasting from food and water and concentrating on one's relationship to the Great Mystery. The vision-seeking was a test of sorts, not only of

courage, but of the sincerity of one's heart. Without a vision, an Ojibwa boy could never attain true manhood. He was considered “half a man.” An adult Indian male without a vision to follow or pursue could not be trusted. The vision enabled him to be a positive force within the tribe. It also allowed him true Power, and using it would help his people.

Not all powerful Indian names resulted from vision-seeking, but all true Indian names were earned. An Indian didn't want to earn a name that would cause him embarrassment. He wanted his enemies to speak his name with fear, his friends and allies to speak it with respect.

Some Indians had as many as three names in their lifetimes. First, there was the one given at birth. Then there was another that was earned by the elders' observations of the child's behavior. Finally, there would be the name on the young Indian or one of the elders saw or heard in a vision or great dream.

Indian names linked the People to nature – to the animals, birds, trees or even insects – or to the cosmic entities of Sun, Moon, and Stars. They established a special relationship with one special being. Each one was a name for just one person. If an Indian did not pass his or her name on, it left when he or she died...

From Chapter 4: “Earning an Indian Name” found in *The Native American Book of Life* by *White Deer of Autumn (Gabriel Horn)*

By whatever means or ways her baby acquires a name now, it will one day, no doubt, mirror the character and personality, and voice and echo the reputation of that person. A good name at birth can serve as a guiding force on the journey that is this life. A good name can become the source of great strength while living in this great Wheel of Life.

From Chapter 21: “The Rituals of Names” found in *The Book of Ceremonies* by *White Deer of Autumn (Gabriel Horn)*

An old man once said,
In the end,
when your name is spoken,
The sentiment evoked by its vibration
Will show how well
You have lived your life.”

From Chapter 22: “She Requests a Name” found in *The Book of Ceremonies* by *White Deer of Autumn (Gabriel Horn)*



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Submit resume and cover letter by 4:00 pm Friday, April 12, 2013 to:

Assistant Band Administrator
978 Tashmoo Ave
Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5
Fax-519-336-0382

Grandmother Says...Carrots, Eggs, or Coffee; "Which are you?"



A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they got soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it.

After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma. The granddaughter then asked, "What's the point, grandmother?"

Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity—boiling water—but each reacted differently.

The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her granddaughter.

"When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I?

Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff?

Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level?

— AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Motivational Workshops

with

Diane Forbes
Motivation Through Inspiration



Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2013

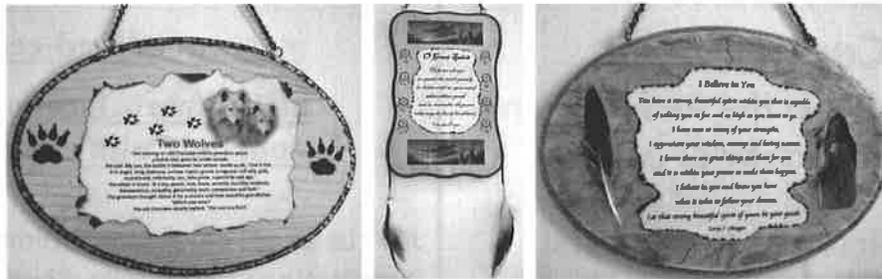
Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Communication Skills

Communication is the key to successful relationships. There is more to communicating than just speaking and hearing. Communicating how we feel and expressing our needs, likes and dislikes while being respectful to the needs of others are essential. Learn tips for developing effective listening & communication skills for building positive relationships.

Wooden Plaque Workshop

Motivational words, poems, sayings and pictures inspire and remind us to have respect for positive communication. Have fun making and designing your own wooden plaque by wood burning, decoupage, painting and decorations to display in your home or to give as a gift sharing positive communication for respecting others.



Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Problem Solving Workshop

Effective problem solving with life's challenges is a "call to action". A problem will stay a problem if we keep doing the same things over and over expecting a different result. Learn tools on how to identify problems turning them into opportunities for personal growth and lessons learned.

Motivational Frame Collage Workshop

Create a beautiful motivational frame collage to arrange photos, inspirational poems, words and stickers with creative problem solving. Enjoy decorating your frame with a variety of art supplies to inspire you at home with positive energy.



For information please contact: Marina Plain @ 519-336-8410

**38th Annual
First Nations Art
2013
CALL FOR ENTRY**



**Woodland Cultural
Centre**

Forms are available in the Aamjiwnaang Administration lobby or online.

Calling All First Nations Artists!

It's that time of year, Woodland Cultural Centre is anticipating another very successful annual First Nations Art Exhibition.

This exhibit gives opportunity to established and emerging artists to have their recent work (s) displayed in a professional gallery setting.

The call for entry is open to artists 18+ of First Nation ancestry. The **deadline for submission is April 19, 2013.**

If you wish your work (s) to be included in the First Nations Art catalogue the deadline to have your work in is April 12, 2013.

The exhibition runs from May 24 - July 26, 2013 with an opening reception on May 24 at 7pm.

Please see attachments for further details. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**First Nations Art
2013 Call for Entry
Deadline: April 19, 2013**

Contact Information:

Woodland Cultural Centre
184 Mohawk St.
P.O. Box 1506
Brantford, ON N3T 5V6

Email:

museum@woodlandcentre.on.ca

519-759-2650

1-866-412-2202

www.woodland-centre.on.ca

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Join us as we celebrate aspiring and established First Nations artists with **First Nations Art 2013!** This is an annual exhibit that features the works from First Nations artists across Canada.

Currently in its 38th year, *First Nations Art* has been an inspiring success since its inception. With hundreds of entries accepted every year, the exhibit has grown from its humble beginnings into a mecca for First Nations artists. Featuring several different mediums, this exhibit opens up and explores the conversation of First Nations art from a historical, cultural and contemporary perspective.

"*First Nations Art* always provides so much positive energy, and so much creativity," said Janis Monture, Executive Director of the Woodland Cultural Centre. "We love seeing First Nations artists from across the country come together and be able to have this opportunity to share these amazing works with everyone."

2013 Day of Mourning Ceremony Sunday, April 28th, 2013

Meeting at:

**“Missing Worker Memorial”,
Centennial Park, Sarnia at 1 p.m.**
(between the playground and the boat ramp).

We are asking unions to bring their union flags and wear their union colours.

We ask that leaflets and other printed material that is not associated to the Day of Mourning not be distributed.

This ceremony recognizes the tragic losses in our community caused by deaths, injuries and illnesses that occur in the workplaces throughout the country.

We **All** have lost a loved one, in one way or another due to these workplaces. You may bring a wreath to recognize one of your loved ones. *(at the end of the ceremony, people take their wreath home to use again the next year; or you can put it on your loved ones grave site)*

We start this event with a Jingle Dress Dance and a Healing Song!

It is very important that we make workers and the public aware of this very important day.

Please pass this information along to your family members and friends who may have lost someone in the workplace.

Thank you.

Ray Fillion, President
Sarnia and District Labour Council

John Millholland, Chair
Day of Mourning Committee

Expressive Trash Competition

How Trash Creative Are You?

The Environment Department is having a Trash-to-Art contest for Earth Day 2013. From now until April 21st all you have to do is:

- *Recycle your trash into a masterpiece*
- *Reuse bottles, cans, tires, rims, metal, toys, etc...*
- *Be creative and let your trash speak*
- *Get a head-start in community clean-up*
- *Win great prizes*

Three Age Categories:

Age: 0-12, 13-18, and 19+



Examples: use lids, speakers, sticks, bottle caps, spark plugs, nuts & bolts.

The rules are simple:

- ◆ *Collect items and trash around the house*
- ◆ *When you see items in the community ditches pick them up*
- ◆ *Put your masterpiece on display by 12:00 pm on Earth Day 2013*
- ◆ *The community will choose the most creative from three age categories*

Have fun, be creative, recycle, reuse, and be rewarded!

Canada ranked third in the world for air quality in 2011, but Sarnia had the worst air quality in the country.

Life inside one of Canada's most polluted communities

From inside a courtroom, it's hard to see what air pollution looks like and how it affects a community. That's why Ecojustice enlisted the help of photographer Garth Lenz to tell a story in pictures about two of our clients and others living in Sarnia's Chemical Valley.

Chemical Valley is home to 40 per cent of Canada's petrochemical industry, whose toxic emissions helped earn Sarnia a reputation for having the worst air quality in Canada. About 800 people — including our clients Ada Lockridge and Ron Plain — are members of the nearby Aamjiwnaang First Nation and have been breathing air laced with cancer-causing benzene and sulphur dioxide for decades.

Ron and Ada have asked the provincial government to protect the air in their community, and to consider how much pollution is already present before more emissions permits are issued. When things didn't get better, Ecojustice was asked to help launch a lawsuit against the provincial government and Suncor, one of the biggest petrochemical companies in Chemical Valley. The case is still making its way through the courts after both groups spent a year trying to exclude much of the evidence and dismiss the case.

Ron and Ada believe that the government is violating their basic human rights, which

is why this case helps tell the story of our recently launched Right to a Healthy Environment campaign and how Ecojustice is using its unique legal expertise to help win it.

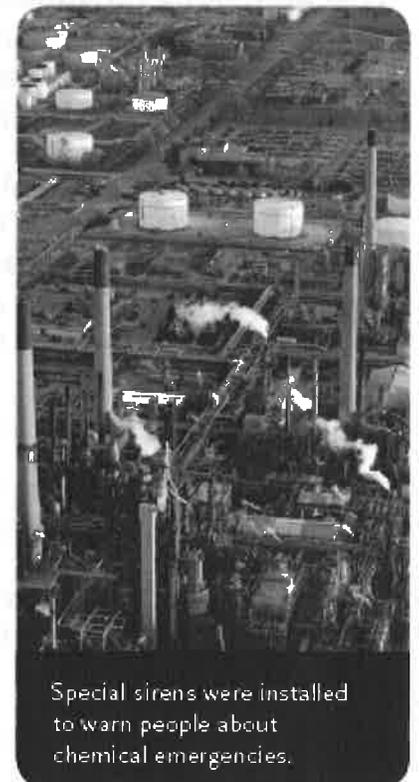
The purpose of the right to a healthy environment is simple: To legally recognize and protect the basic elements of our survival, such as clean air, safe water and unpolluted land. This right has gained global recognition faster than any other human right over the past 40 years. And in the more than 100 countries where the right to a healthy environment is acknowledged, the benefits are clear — stronger environmental laws and lower ecological footprints.

From Norway to Nicaragua, countries across the globe are recognizing their citizens' rights to a healthy environment. It's time Canada does the same.

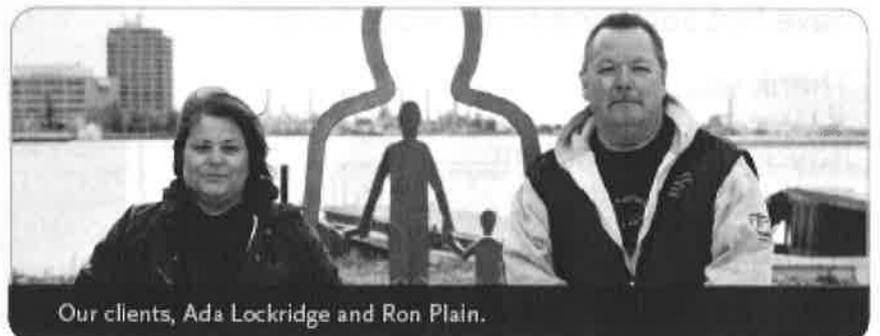
— Justin Duncan, staff lawyer



Learn more by visiting
ecojustice.ca/envirorights



Special sirens were installed to warn people about chemical emergencies.



Our clients, Ada Lockridge and Ron Plain.

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WWW.GARTHLENZ.COM



Children in Aamjiwnaang are being exposed to cancer-causing chemicals such as benzene.



Unchecked pollution means that one day, local residents might not be able to safely eat the fish they catch.



It's time for Ontario to act so that Ada, Ron and other members of the Aamjiwnaang community aren't forced to breathe in toxic emissions year after year.

Ron Plain's toxic tour stops at a contaminated pond.



There were 62 industrial facilities within 25 kilometres of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation reserve as of 2007.





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(for animal control issues only)

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Traps are available at the Band Garage for use by community members. **519-336-0510**

Aamjiwnaang Talons

Baseball Registration

When: **Tuesday, April 2, 2013**

Time: **4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Where: Maawn Doosh Gumig
Community Centre

Final Registration

When: **Saturday, April 6, 2013**

Time: **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Where: Maawn Doosh Gumig
Community Centre

Registration Costs:

\$35. Instructional
(09, 08, 07, 06)

\$55. Novice
(06, 05, 04)

\$75. Mosquito
(04, 03, 02)

\$95. Ranger
(02, 01, 00)

\$95. Pee-wee
(00, 99, 98)

\$105. Minor Bantam
(98, 97)

\$105. Major Bantam
(96, 95)

AAMJIWNAANG MINOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Anyone interested in being a part of a 7 to 9 member board that will develop, organize minor sport programs and oversee major fundraisers for the youth of Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

Duties to include:

- Develop minor team sport programs for Aamjiwnaang Youth
- Monthly Board meetings (or as required)
- To develop by-laws
- Rules & regulations
- Enforce and disciplinary of said by-laws, rules & regulations in conjunction with OMHA, SMAA, OBA, OLA, Ontario Track & Field, NAIG Games and any other Ontario Minor Sport Organization
- Seek charitable donations and oversee major fundraising events
- Organize all Aamjiwnaang minor team sport registrations and to assist all individual athletes in their choice of sport

All interested, please submit your interest by way of a cover letter to: Earle Cottrelle at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Centre.

Any questions, please call me at 519-381-1758

In Sportsmanship & Respect,
Earle Cottrelle

CHIPPEWA TRIBE-UNE

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Sarnia, Ontario N7T 7H5

Phone: 519-336-8410 Fax: 519-336-0382

E-mail: tribeune@aamjiwnaang.ca

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Your next Chippewa Tribe-Une is due out
on **Thursday, April 11th, 2013**

The **deadline** will be on
Tuesday, April 9th, 2013
by **4:00 pm**

Chi-Miigwetch,
Bonnie Plain ~ Editor

***News from St. Clair United Church . . .***

Boozhoo! You know, it is amazing what modern medicine can do. Our daughter, Afton, had major knee reconstruction surgery six weeks ago. She is recuperating very well and the discomfort she now feels is nothing like the pain she experienced before she went under the knife. My husband, Joe, is recovering from surgery to repair his rotator cuff; this is his second go round on that. He had the other one repaired three years ago. So with time, patience and good rehabilitative care they will both be good or better even, than new!

It is not so many years ago Joe and Aft would have had to live with their injuries and the chronic pain that would have accompanied them. You probably know somebody in the same situation. My grandmother is a couple of weeks away from turning 99; it is excellent medical care that has brought her to this milestone. My parents each have a pacemaker; that's what keeps their hearts beating. Modern medicine is the stuff of miracles and a good number of us are living, breathing proof of that truth.

However, it is also a truth that disease continues to claim lives. Good people, kind people, funny people, compassionate and generous people die and those of us who rely on them, who love them, who pray for them are faced with a grief that goes beyond words. Our church family is in the midst of that right now with the death of Joyce Rogers. We, like Joyce's family, had hoped that doctor's tests and treatments would continue to enable a body racked by cancer to live until we were ready to say goodbye! But that's not how it happens is it?

Does this mean that we should give up on the practice of medicine and the women and men who make illness a little more bearable? Not at all. We do need to demand of our governments that adequate funding for research is made available so that cures for diseases that take our loved ones are found. And we need to demand that local and small hospitals are as well staffed as larger ones. We need to give thanks for antibiotics and x-rays, for insulin pumps and even for chemo.

Diseases and conditions that not so long ago were death sentences are inconveniences now. That has happened in our lifetimes and that is amazing! Miracles abound around us; sometimes we see them, sometimes we don't. At least, that's how it is with me. As we at St. Clair celebrate miracles, especially this Sunday the Easter one, we will continue to be saddened by a beloved elder's death.

That's life isn't it? Sadness and celebration often enough part of our living at the same time.

Have a blessed Easter friends, whatever that day means for you!

Rev. Carolyn