



AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION'S

# Chippewa Tribe-UNE

## Aamjiwnaang's 15th Annual Earth Day

### AGENDA

10:00AM - TEAM REGISTRATION  
(PICK UP BAGS AND GLOVES)

10:15AM - OPENING PRAYER &  
DRUM

10:30AM - COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

12:00PM - BBQ LUNCH &  
ANNOUNCE WINNERS  
(GARBAGE/RECYCLING) & DOOR  
PRIZES

1:00PM - CLOSING PRAYER &  
MIIGWECH



CLEAN-UP  
CONTEST!

DOOR  
PRIZES!

★ INFO  
BOOTHs!

★ BBQ  
LUNCH!

★ HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS -  
GREAT VOLUNTEER  
EXPERIENCE! ★

## Celebration!

**SAT., APRIL 26, 2025**

**@ MAAWN DOOSH GUMIG  
COMMUNITY & YOUTH  
CENTRE (1972 VIRGIL AVE)**

**10AM - 1:00PM**



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT COURTNEY OR ALEXANDRA IN THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (519) 336-8410.

# Mino Dbishkaayin-Happy Birthday

Desirae Bird	Apr. 17	Joseph Maness	Apr. 24
Kiyara Gray	Apr. 17	Jason Nahmabin	Apr. 24
Brenda Cottrelle	Apr. 17	Lynn Rosales	Apr. 24
Vernon Dale Gray	Apr. 17	Mia Cottrelle	Apr. 25
Samantha Jacobs-Bressette	Apr. 17	Garret Gray	Apr. 25
Brian Maness	Apr. 17	Derek Rising	Apr. 25
John Nahmabin	Apr. 17	Aimee Branton	Apr. 26
Kayla Plain	Apr. 17	Joshua Campbell	Apr. 26
Brandon Rogers	Apr. 17	Liana Clark	Apr. 26
Stacy Rogers	Apr. 18	Joel Fontaine	Apr. 26
Raymond Gray	Apr. 18	Ethan Joseph	Apr. 26
Mikyla Kampers	Apr. 18	Edwin Maness	Apr. 26
Shaylene Petit-Dann	Apr. 18	Ember Nahmabin	Apr. 26
Abraham Plain	Apr. 18	Tiarra Nahmabin	Apr. 26
Christine Lindsey Rogers	Apr. 18	Telford Francis Adams	Apr. 27
Heather Wiley	Apr. 18	Deborah Cottrelle	Apr. 27
Shayla Adams	Apr. 19	Gail Lapp	Apr. 27
Dryden Taylor	Apr. 19	Gordon McKay	Apr. 27
Diane Aiken	Apr. 20	Jessie Plain	Apr. 27
Gage Boucher-Oliver	Apr. 20	Brennan Williams	Apr. 27
Preston Hardcastle	Apr. 20	White-Lightning Strikes Clark	Apr. 28
Anthony Kulanda	Apr. 20	Rebecca Coates	Apr. 28
Tracy MacPherson	Apr. 20	Joshua Esguerra-Irreno	Apr. 28
Olivia Malone	Apr. 20	Ryan Parkinson	Apr. 28
Millie Simon	Apr. 20	Komonii Whittaker	Apr. 28
Larissa Sinopole	Apr. 20	Blair Williams	Apr. 28
Roger T Williams	Apr. 20	Brittany Williams	Apr. 28
Robin Wood	Apr. 20	Ravena Williams	Apr. 28
Joseph W Bird	Apr. 21	Shy-Ann Williams	Apr. 28
Angel Lewis	Apr. 21	Tristan Williams	Apr. 28
Melinda Plain	Apr. 21	Tennie Johnston	Apr. 29
Tianna Plain	Apr. 21	Nicholas Olynyk	Apr. 29
Edie Rogers	Apr. 21	Wilfred Plain	Apr. 29
Elizabeth Steele	Apr. 21	Caleb Riley	Apr. 29
Reece Walker	Apr. 21	Muhammed Rogers	Apr. 29
Priscilla Cottrelle	Apr. 22	Adam Williams	Apr. 29
Nancy Jackson	Apr. 22	Leanne Williams	Apr. 29
Alysha Ross	Apr. 22	Jeremy Fisher	Apr. 30
Brianna Malone	Apr. 22	Caleb Hallett-Plain	Apr. 30
Nesyre Plain	Apr. 22	Landen Plain	Apr. 30
Hillary Roes	Apr. 22	Lilyan Plain	Apr. 30
Sandra Smith	Apr. 22	Kim Rogers	Apr. 30
Everly Walker	Apr. 22	Jasmyne Westbrook	Apr. 30
Isabelle Ambrecht	Apr. 23	Layla Adams	May. 1
Alexander Baker	Apr. 23	Niigaanii Gray	May. 1
Tanner Bird	Apr. 23	Hailey Daws	May. 1
Ryan Bois	Apr. 23	Lori Jackson	May. 1
Cheyenne Cloud-Siefker	Apr. 24	Dawn Maness	May. 1
Elizabeth Worrell	Apr. 24	Kya Matthew	May. 1
Tanya Gray	Apr. 24	Carl Oliver	May. 1
Sarah Jackson	Apr. 24	Debra Plain-McGregor	May. 1
Donald Jacobs	Apr. 24	Nathanial Rogers-Stonefish	May. 1
Allison Kirkby	Apr. 24	Crystal Williams	May. 1



# Aamjiwnaang **ELECTION LAW CHANGE** Have Your Say

**Aamjiwnaang is preparing to adopt its own Election Law**

## **Your ideas will guide key decisions:**

- Chief and Council Term Length
- Requirements for Leadership
- New roles e.g., Deputy Chief
- Election Appeal Process

## **How to participate**

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**Meeting at Maawn Doosh Gumig**  
April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Light Refreshments

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**Zoom:** Email Kyle White for the link  
May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Survey**

**Paper Version:** Pick up Maawn Doosh Gumig & Administration Office

**Online Survey:** Email Kyle White for the link

### **To learn more, contact:**

Kyle White, Governance Officer | Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
519-336-8410 Ext: 202 | [kwhite@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:kwhite@aamjiwnaang.ca)

**Complete the survey. Enter the draw.**

**Three prize winners to be announced in June.**



## *In Loving Memory*

### **John Wayne Cottrelle**

"Gaazhag" - Cat (Asiniig-aki inini) of Aamjiwnaang First Nation, was called by the Creator on Friday, April 11, 2025, with his family at his side. John was born on September 17, 1943 in Sarnia, ON. He is predeceased by his mother Olive Cottrelle, Uncles and Aunties: Livingtone "Stein", Alfred Sr "Waagosh", Milford "Dago", Beatrice "Beat", Tom, and Robert, and cuzins Marilyn, Thelma "Tilly", Lorriane (owed Dad \$2), Dorothy "Duck", and Alfred Jr "Joe Buck".



He is survived by his loving wife Ferne Cottrelle of 57 years, fur baby Diesel, daughters, Orenda (Dickie) Yuzicapi, and Janice Cottrelle (Brian Greyeyes); grandsons Francis Richard Jr Yuzicapi and Joshua John Cottrelle-Greyeyes; also remembered by Tianna (Brayden) Martin and Therron Greyeyes, brother-in-law, Laverne (Betty) Zehr and sister-in-law, Ruth (Kevin) Mead. John is also survived by nieces and nephew, Kelly (Mike) Ford, Chris (Kelly) Mead and Michelle Zehr along with their families and close friends.

John worked as an Equipment Operator in Stratford, ON for 42 years. He retired from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Lodge 1927 and moved to Regina, SK in 2008 with Ferne to be close to their family for more fun and new adventures.

Thanks to the RGH nurses and doctors who cared for our Dad.

A private family service to celebrate his life will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Speers Funeral Home in Regina, SK. John will be laid to rest at a private family service on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery.

# AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION

## ONTARIO WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

978 Tashmoo Avenue - Sarnia, Ontario - N7T-7H5 - Phone 519-336-8410 - Fax 519-336-0382

### COMMITMENT FEE TO REDUCE NO-SHOWS & LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATIONS

Please be advised that effective April 1, 2025, Employment & Training is implementing the Commitment Fee Policy that is currently used by the Health Centre & Child and Family Services. This will help to reduce the number of no-shows and last-minute cancellations, which will cut down on wasted costs, and will open space for people on the waiting list. This will only apply to no-shows and last-minute cancellations, who will be required to pay a small, refundable deposit (\$10-\$20) when registering for the next two events. This will be explained when signing up for applicable events. Miigwech for your understanding.



### REMINDER

The protocol for membership services has changed. Appointments will be required for membership services Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Appointments are not required for membership services on Wednesdays, but it will be a “first come, first serve” basis for services and thus wait times cannot be guaranteed. It is encouraged to make an appointment throughout the week to minimize waiting, to make sure enough time can be allotted for all the services needed, and

to allow the Membership Office to serve you better. Some services can be requested by phone or through email. Picking up or dropping off paperwork such as forms, letters, etc. does not require an appointment. To contact the Membership Office by:

Phone: 519-336-8410, ext. 230

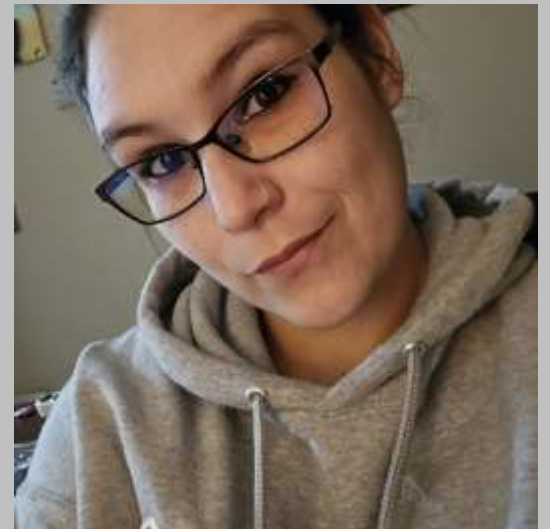
Email: [cadams@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:cadams@aamjiwnaang.ca)



**Hey everyone,**

**I'm Avery Robertson and I am working as the summer student Coordinator at the Aamjiwnaang Band Administration office. I have Just completed my first semester of social service work at FNTI and will be continuing towards the completion of my diploma in the fall. This summer I plan to gain experience and further my knowledge to further my career growth. In my spare time I enjoy playing rugby and am part of the Sarnia Saints women team. This summer I look forward to traveling to the UK with my team for our Scotland and England rugby tour.**

**Aanii, my name is Megan. I have lived on and off the reserve for many years and had the amazing opportunity to work in the various buildings and positions within Aamjiwnaang First Nation. I am the new Social Worker with the Aamjiwnaang Home and Community Care Program. I am a support person for the Home and Community Care clients that have life-limiting illnesses. My role is to help with Advance Care Planning, be a support person during End of Life for the client and family; and assist with navigating and supporting clients with barriers they face e.g. food security, obtaining ID, and filling out forms.**



**I am located at Ganigiwe – Hospice like Space Building and will be available to see clients wherever it may be best to assist them e.g. home, health centre, community centre, Ganigiwe etc.**

**Please contact Elizabeth Cronk, HCC Supervisor or Lexi Avina, HCC Nurse Case Manager, to be referred to for my service 519-332-6770.**

**Miigwech & Baamaapii**

HAPPY 25\*  
BIRTHDAY  
Samantha



Indigenous Artisans, Crafters,  
Vendors & Food Vendors!

# GWETAANDAWE MARKET

1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

April, May, June, October,  
November & December  
9am to 2pm

1972 Virgil Ave.  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
(South of Sarnia)



For more info, contact Herb Urlacher at: [burlicher@amjiwnaang.ca](mailto:burlicher@amjiwnaang.ca) • 519-336-6410



## ARTIST CALLOUT

Submit a logo for the official Native Youth Olympics 2025 Games! Reward is \$250 and bragging rights! Logo must be created on a computer program. Artist must be from an Indigenous Community, between the ages of 12-30.

**DEADLINE IS MAY 9TH**

Email designs to [trogers@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:trogers@aamjiwnaang.ca)



**NATIVE YOUTH  
OLYMPICS 2025**



**COMING  
SOON**

**Summer 2025**

The Native Youth Olympics are returning for Aamjiwnaang youth athletes aged 7-17, making a comeback since 2019. Stay tuned for updates! For further information, contact Tyson at 519-491-2160 ext 112 or by email at [trogers@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:trogers@aamjiwnaang.ca).

AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION

Community Safety Committee

# LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Open to Public School Youth

**Win \$100**

Neighbourhood  
Watch

Community  
Safety

*Our Slogan...*

**See Something!**

**Say Something!**

Together  
we can  
stay safe

Crime  
Stoppers

Deadline for

Submission is April 30<sup>th</sup>

Submit designs to the  
Community Safety Committee  
at the Community Centre





# Aamjiwnaang First Nation

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**Position Title:** Seasonal Labourer (multiple positions)

**Location:** Sarnia, ON

**Duration:** Contract – May to September 2025

**Posting Closes/Deadline:** April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

**Tentative Interview Date(s):** April 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Purpose of the Position**

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This position performs general property, building repairs and maintenance services, including but not limited to grass cutting and landscaping. This position reports to the Public Works Coordinator.

### **Responsibilities**

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#### **Major Accountabilities:**

- Basic building and maintenance repairs
- Spread topsoil, lay sod; plant flowers, grass, shrubs and trees; and perform other duties to assist in the maintenance and construction of landscapes.
- Cut grass, rake, fertilize and water lawns; fall and spring clean-up weed gardens, prune shrubs and trees; and perform other maintenance duties as directed by the coordinator or delegate
- Follow all health & safety regulations including wearing appropriate protective equipment and following Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for safe handling of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and other dangerous chemicals.
- Clean working areas and maintain tools and equipment.

#### **Tools & Equipment:**

- Packers, chain saws, hedge shears, sod cutters, pruning saws, cut-off saws, chainsaws, mowing equipment, string & bush trimmers, power blowers, turf rollers, rototillers, etc.
- Hand tools such as shovels, rakes, hammers, wheelbarrows, picks, pruning shears, handheld and hose-end sprayers, saws, soil cultivators, water sprinklers, etc.

### **Minimum Requirements**

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- Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma or equivalent
- Ontario Driver's License an asset
- Must have reliable transportation to and from work

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

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#### **Knowledge**

- Reading: WHMIS labels, equipment manuals, complete logs and incident reports, job instructions and procedures
- Ability to take instruction
- Able to work in a team
- Willingness to learn
- Problem solving
- Customer Service
- Communication skills

- Ability to lift and work in diverse weather conditions i.e., wet and/or humid conditions, hot or cold weather

### **Personal Attributes**

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- Punctual
- Reliable
- Cooperative
- Attention to detail
- Self-responsibility
- Ability to work independently
- Adaptable/flexible

### **Other Considerations**

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In accordance with Section 16 Special Programs of the Canadian Human Rights Act, preference will be given to Aamjiwnaang Band Members with relevant education/experience (R.S.C 1985, c. H-6, s16 (1-3)).

### **Application Process**

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If you are interested in this opportunity, kindly forward your resume and cover letter via mail, email, or fax to:

Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
978 Tashmoo Avenue  
Sarnia, ON  
N7T 7H5  
Attention: Ashley Fisher, Human Resources Officer  
Or  
[humanresource@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:humanresource@aamjiwnaang.ca)  
Or  
519-336-0382 fax

For more information, check us out online at [www.aamjiwnaang.ca](http://www.aamjiwnaang.ca)



# Aamjiwnaang First Nation

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**Position Title:** Maajiigin Gumig Greenhouse Supervisor

**Location:** Sarnia, ON

**Duration:** Full Time Permanent

**Posting Closes/Deadline:** April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Tentative Interview Date(s):** May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Purpose of the Position

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The Maajiigin Gumig Greenhouse Supervisor reports to the Special Projects Liaison Worker and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Maajiigin Gumig greenhouse business, supervision of staff, plant production and sales. The Maajiigin Gumig Greenhouse Supervisor will oversee the execution of the Maajiigin Gumig Business Plan dated December 15, 2023, to achieve a self sustainable business.

### Responsibilities

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#### Major Accountabilities:

- Assign work schedules and duties to greenhouse staff and supervise their work
- Determine types and quantities of horticultural plants to be grown, based on budgets, projected sales volumes, and executive directives
- Regulate and maintain plant irrigation systems and climate control systems
- Regular inspection of greenhouse plants for soil conditions, pest control, fertilize, prune and propagation to maintain optimum growth and production
- Maintain greenhouse structure and the surrounding grounds and equipment
- Provide information to customers on the care of trees, shrubs, flowers, plants and lawns
- Attend relevant trade shows and conferences as budget allows

#### People Management:

- Provide supervision to greenhouse staff
- Supervisor and support direct reports to ensure and foster wellbeing in a cooperative working environment in accordance with policies, procedures, and systems in place
- Ensure staff conduct themselves in a professional manner in dealing with Aamjiwnaang Band members, staff, and the public
- Train and guide new team members on programs and services offered
- Communicate performance expectations and goals while motivating staff; conducting performance conversations and providing professional development opportunities as required
- Coordinate all aspects of scheduling, including time off requests and ensuring adequate staffing coverage and caseload coverage
- Oversee new hires and onboarding process
- Ensure staff compliance with all relevant policies and procedures

#### Health, Safety, & Compliance

- Ensure workplace health and safety by identifying prevention opportunities, ensuring direct reports are trained in incident reporting systems, investigating potential risk and accidents, and applying timely corrective measures
- Adhere to relevant legislation, policies, and procedures
- Maintain a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for community and staff

**Finance & Administration**

- Ensure effective utilization of budget funding and resources, providing recommendations to Special Projects Liaison Worker as needed
- Monitor and report on budget and resources as required
- Maintain relevant and appropriate records
- Perform necessary administrative duties including but not limited to maintenance of QuickBooks, inventory, requisitioning of materials, supplies, equipment
- Implementation of Marketing Plan as per the Business Plan including but not limited to website maintenance, promotional items, educational workshops, tours, special events and speaking engagements for schools, corporate entities, the community as well as other First Nations
- Preparation of bid submission to secure and manage contracts
- Assist in the development of operating budgets
- Provide quarterly reports to the Economic Development Committee, or as requested

**Minimum Requirements**

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- Diploma in Horticulture or associated degree required
- A minimum of one year's experience in business management and customer service – related industry
- Must have reliable transportation

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

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- Experience in business management and staff supervision
- Strong interpersonal skills, time management and organizational skills
- Knowledge of and experience in development and implementation of a marketing strategy/plan
- Knowledge of Carolinian zone plant species and traditional medicines and indigenous cultural practices
- High degree of professionalism and dedication to self, staff, and customer service
- Working knowledge and experience with computer, landscaping design software, QuickBooks, and Microsoft office programs
- Experience in bid proposals and management of contracts

**Personal Attributes**

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- Maintain strict confidentiality in performing the duties of this position
- Demonstrate integrity and credibility and the ability to represent AFN with professional competence
- Interest in First Nation wellbeing and community

**Other Considerations**

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Sarnia, ON  
N7T 7H5

Attention: Ashley Fisher, Human Resources Officer

Or

[humanresource@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:humanresource@aamjiwnaang.ca)

Or

519-336-0382 fax

# SCIENCE RENDEZVOUS

## Join us on Saturday May 10th



A **FREE** family-friendly science festival at Western University for all to enjoy!

**Free bus transportation and \$15.00 meal vouchers** will be provided to those from Aamjiwnaang First Nation for those who register on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Please [click this link](#) or scan the QR code to complete our brief registration form. We will contact you to confirm your spot!



@WesternUSciRen



[sciencerendezvous.uwo.ca](http://sciencerendezvous.uwo.ca)



**Attention  
Aamjiwnaang!!!  
Coming Soon!!**



**Pacers Lacrosse flex**

**passes will be available to Aamjiwnaang members.**

**There is a *limited supply* that will be *first come first served*, with a limit of 4 per household.**

**The pacers will also be hosting  
an Indigenous Game Night on May 22nd.**

**Stay tuned in for further announcements on availability.**

**AAMJIWNAANG HEALTH CENTRE**



# AAMJIWNAANG WALKING GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
FROM 10-11AM  
STARTING APRIL 30TH  
\* LAMBTON MALL - MEET AT FOOD COURT \*

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE SCAN QR CODE:



\*LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION\*



QUESTIONS? CALL CELSIE 519-332-6770 EXT. 308

Aamjiwnaang Health Centre  
Health Promotion




# CREATE YOUR OWN SEASONING WORKSHOP

Monday April 28th  
5-7PM  
Health Centre

Scan QR code to sign up:



COME JOIN US AS WE CREATE OUR OWN SEASONINGS FROM SPICES AND LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING!

QUESTIONS? CALL CELSIE 519-332-6770 EXT. 308  
\*COMMITMENT FEE POLICY IN EFFECT FOR THIS WORKSHOP\*

# MEASLES

If you have any symptoms of measles: please self-isolate, wear a mask, and call your health care provider for assessment.

Please do not show up for any appointments without first notifying the clinic by phone of your symptoms.

**PLEASE DO NOT GO TO ANY PROGRAMS OR ATTEND SOCIAL GATHERINGS WHILE YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS**

Those who are at greatest risk for severe illness from measles are:

- unimmunized or have only had 1 dose of a measles containing vaccine
- Immunocompromised
- pregnant

A measles vaccine is available for those who are:

- 12 months of age (1st dose)
- 4-6 years old (2nd dose)\*

\*The second vaccine dose may be given as early as 4 weeks after the 12 month of age dose based on health care provider recommendations

-adults 18 years and older who were born after 1970, who have only received 1 dose of a measles containing vaccine may be recommended for a second dose by a health care provider

Anyone who is born before 1970 is presumed to have natural immunity to measles.

If you have any questions, please contact Celsie Bressette at 519-332-6770 ext 308



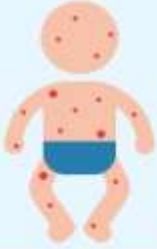
# MEASLES

## NOT JUST A DISEASE FROM THE PAST

- Cases of measles have been reported in Ontario
- Measles is very contagious, it infects 90% of close contacts who are not immune
- Measles virus can live in the air and on surfaces for 2 hours
- Measles can cause serious health complications and death

### SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Small, white spots inside the mouth
- Rash starting 3-5 days after symptoms begin



If you have symptoms of measles, self-isolate and contact your healthcare provider for assessment. Make sure you phone ahead to protect others.

### MEASLES VACCINE SAVES LIVES

Protect yourself, your family and your community by making sure your measles vaccines are up to date!

# Education Award Winners



## Chris Pitre Indigenous Student of the Year

Chris is enrolled in the Business Human Resources program and has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to his studies, achieving an impressive 4.15 GPA in the fall semester. Chris is often found at the centre diligently working on his coursework. Beyond academics, he has shown kindness and generosity in his actions—one memorable moment was during our moccasin-making workshop, where he crafted a pair as a heartfelt Christmas gift for his partner. While he started off as a quiet presence, it has been incredible to watch his confidence grow over this school year. It has truly been a pleasure getting to know Chris and seeing him succeed in his program.



## Oshki Stone Indigenous Student Award Winner

Oshki is currently our marketing co-op student at the Institute of Indigenous Learning. She has not only worked hard in the Marketing program but has also helped create a welcoming and engaging space for everyone around her. Whether it's through social media, sharing a funny story, or just bringing good vibes into the centre, Oshki always makes an impact. What makes her journey even more inspiring is her decision to return to school to pursue her career goals. Her determination and commitment to personal growth have been incredible to see. Congratulations Oshki!





Congrats Abby!!



and Jackson!!!



Western's Indigenous Graduation Ceremony April 2025

# Western



CUSTOM TYPEFACE FOR WESTERN UNIVERSITY: HELLMUTH



Lambton College Awards Ceremony April 2025  
Congratulations Shepherd, Madison, Ryan and  
Shawnacey!!!



# Lambton College



**Aamjiwnaang Health Centre**

# *The Garden:*

## **OUR ORIGINAL EDUCATION SYSTEM**

*with Samantha Doxtator*

COME LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GARDENING, INDIGENOUS DIET, AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY. THIS WORKSHOP ALSO INCLUDES HOW TO GET STARTED FOR BEGINNER GARDENERS, SEED STARTING, MAINTAINING, HARVESTING AND SEED SAVING.

**WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH  
10AM-12PM  
MAAWN DOOSH GUMIG**



To sign up,  
please scan  
QR code

**Questions? Call Roberta 519-332-6770 ext. 313**

### Walpole Island First Nation 31st Annual Spring Pow-wow - May 17/18, 2025

## Reviving Our Old Ways - "Gaa-bi-shiwebag Zhaashqwa"

**GRAND ENTRIES:**

Sat, May 17 - 12pm & 6pm

Sun, May 18 - 12pm

**SPECIALS:**

Baby Pageant: Sunday 1:30 pm

Youth/Adult Smoke Dance

Sunday at 3:30

**NO ADMISSION FEE: FREE TO ATTEND**

**Sound by Powwow Sound & Events**



**Host Drum:**

Snye Creek Singers,  
Bkejwanong & Southwestern  
Traditional Territories

**Emcee:**

Adrian Dion Harjo,  
Kickapoo/Seminole,  
Kansas City, USA

**Head Elder:**

Darren Wrightman,  
Bkejwanong Territory

**Sr. Head Male Dancer:**

Stacey Kicknosway,  
Bkejwanong Territory

**Jr. Head Male Dancer:**

Tacoma Salter,  
Bkejwanong/Oneida Nation

**Arena Director:**

Theland Kicknosway,  
Bkejwanong Territory

**Sr. Head Female Dancer:**

Donna Pinnance,  
Bkejwanong Territory

**Jr. Head Female Dancer:**

Payton Shipman,  
Bkejwanong Territory

**Singing Groups:** All singing groups require a minimum of 5 exclusive singers at registration.

**Victory Dance:** WIFN  
Achievements Sat 3:00

**Hand Drum & Owl (couples)  
Dance Special:** Saturday 6:30

**Other Specials:** To be  
determined as date gets closer

**ABSOLUTELY NO PERSONAL/PRIVATE FUNDRAISING RAFFLES/TABLES/BOOTHES. PLEASE BE A LEADER BY NOT DOING THIS.**

**LOCATION:** Walpole Island Sports Complex Fairgrounds (770 Tecumseh Road). Inside arena if indement weather forecasted. **INDEMNITY:** Walpole Island First Nation and the Pow-Wow Committee will not be held responsible for injuries, lost/stolen/damaged articles, or short-funded travellers.

**ACCOMODATIONS:** Nearest hotel is Wallaceburg Inn (519) 627-0781. Others in Sarnia, Chatham, or Sombra **CAMPING:** Tents only

**ELECTRICITY/WATER:** There are no electrical or water hook ups. Water supply on site. **EMERGENCY SERVICES:** On site

**MORE INFORMATION:** Stacey Nahdee at: [walpoleisp@hotmail.com](mailto:walpoleisp@hotmail.com) Mobile: 226-627-9133 or Facebook: Stacey Nahdee

**FUNDING/SPONSORSHIP:** Walpole Island First Nation/Various Depts/Pattern Energy, Powwow Committee, and others to be updated.

**Aamjiwnaang First Nation**  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A PRIVATE SCREENING OF

# PLASTIC PEOPLE

The Hidden Crisis of Microplastics



Friday, April 25 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Sarnia Library Theatre  
124 Christina St S, Sarnia Ontario N7T 8E1  
**OPEN TO EVERYONE**  
**NO TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED**

TELUS Independent TELUS Hunt Canada Ontario

**Age-Friendly Expo 2025**  
Sponsored by: Wellings

## Wellness Village

Explore the Path to Wellbeing

### Interested in being a Volunteer?

**Opportunities to assist with:**

- Set up/Tear down
- Providing direction to attendees
- Managing food area
- Welcome table
- Distributing and collecting surveys
- Networking support
- Supporting exhibitors
- And many more!!!

Point Edward Arena

TUESDAY MAY 6 8AM-3:30PM	WEDNESDAY MAY 7 9AM-6PM	THURSDAY MAY 8 8AM-12PM
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Flexible Shifts Available

**We Appreciate You!**  
Receive a FREE Lunch/Dinner & T-Shirt

To Register as a volunteer: 

For more information, contact:  
agefriendlysarnialambton@gmail.com

**3rd Annual Youth Baseball Tournament 2025**

**Date:** May 3-4, 2025  
**Time:** TBD\*\*\*  
**Location:** Walpole Island Baseball Diamonds (Upfront)

**Register Now!**  
(519) 491-2160 x 106  
ashleywilliams@aamjiwnaang.ca

**AGES 7-12**

Rides will be provided. Must meet at the community centre morning of. More details will be provided closer to the date.



**3RD ANNUAL Youth Baseball Classic**

Now open to surrounding First Nation communities!

**9AM OPENING CEREMONY**  
LOCATION: WALPOLE ISLAND BASEBALL DIAMONDS (UP FRONT)  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
CONCESSION STAND & TOONIE TABLE. 50/50  
MAY 3-4, 2025

\$100 per team. Registration/roster deadline: April, 27th 2025

If your child doesn't have a team, please reach out!

Ages 7-12 Teams must be Co-Ed

[Youth.Council@wfn.org](mailto:Youth.Council@wfn.org)

# Thank you!

We would like to take the time to thank those that came out to our Messages of Hope and Love event on April 8, 2025.

The purpose of the event was to present data from a study that Aamjiwnaang was a part of regarding "Prenatal Opioid Exposure". If you did not attend the event but would like a copy of the report we have it available on USB sticks at our office (Child and Family Services Building). Along with presenting the data, we also had the opportunity to premier a video about a member's lived experience.

**We invite you to view the video through the QR Code attached or the link provided**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ogl1VkJrvc>

**Alzheimer Society**  
SARNIA - LAMBTON



# *“Healthy Brains”*

## *DROP IN*

*In partnership with the Alzheimer’s Society of Sarnia-Lambton*

**Monday May 12th | 5PM-6:30PM**

**Where: Ganigiwe - 1702 St. Clair Parkway**

**Food  
Activities  
Door Prizes  
Information**

To sign up, please scan QR code below:



**Questions? Call Lexi 519-332-6770 ext. 302**



**Aamjiwnaang Children & Youth Services**

**Caregiver Support Group**

# CARE FOR YOUR SMILE

Are you a caregiver to a child or youth? This is for you! Come hear how to care for you & your child's smile with our dental hygienist Courtney Ricciuto-Thompson!

**Thursday, May 1, 2025 | 5-7pm**



Door Prizes



Light Refreshments



Childminding



Open to the entire community



**Child & Family Services**  
974 Tashmoo Ave.



**Transportation Available**  
Upon request



**Contact for more info:**  
[mlefaive@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:mlefaive@aamjiwnaang.ca)

## Aamjiwnaang Child and Family Services

# Tax Clinic

We have Liz Cloud coming to do two half day sessions to complete taxes. If you are interested in getting your taxes done stop by our office (974 Tashmoo Ave) any time before April 23 to pick up a form and we will book you a time slot!

Limited spots available!

The form **MUST** be filled out for your scheduled appointment!

**April 23 & 30**  
**1:00pm - 3:00pm**



Please have the following documents:

- T4's, T5007s, T4P, and slips that were issued.
- Rent, childcare, and hydro costs
- Completed form that you will pick up when you book your appointment

If you have any questions please reach out to Jessica at

[jessicaplain@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:jessicaplain@aamjiwnaang.ca) or at 519-336-8410 ext.

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**POW WOW**  
*Dance nights*

**DROP IN POW WOW DANCE NIGHTS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES**

LOCATION MAAWN DOOSH GUMIG COMMUNITIY CNTR

- April 3, 2025**  
Starts at 5:30PM - 7:00PM
- May 1, 2025**  
Starts at 5:30PM - 7:00PM
- June 5, 2025**  
Starts at 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Pow wow Season is coming fast!  
Bring your little dancers out for some practice, Street clothes or outfits are welcomed.  
Light refreshments will be provided.



**CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES**

If you have any questions contact Matthew Isaac  
Email: [misaac@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:misaac@aamjiwnaang.ca)



**JOIN US FOR**  
**Easter In The Park**

**Lunch, face painting, balloon twisting, DIY bird feeders, bounce houses.**

**April 19, 2025**  
**12-4pm**  
**Maawn Doosh Gumig**

**Aamjiwnaang Children & Youth Services**



**Youth sized pow wow belts Workshops**

*Come make a youth sized pow wow belt for your child. Pow wow season is coming fast! Limited space available.*

**Date/Time**

- April 24, 2025
- Start at 5:30PM
- Ends 7:30PM

**Location**  
Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Centre




Matthew Isaac  
[Misaac@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:Misaac@aamjiwnaang.ca)  
519-336-8410 Ext 206  
closing Date April 13 draw to follow

**SAVE THE DATE**



**AAMJIWNAANG POW WOW** *62<sup>nd</sup>* ANNUAL

**JUNE 21 & 22 2025**

Vendor & General Inquiries: contact:  
Tracy Williams  
[Aamjiwnaangpowwow@gmail.com](mailto:Aamjiwnaangpowwow@gmail.com)  
519 490 5996  
[www.aamjiwnaang.ca](http://www.aamjiwnaang.ca)



# SENIORS INFO CORNER

## APRIL



**1**  
APRIL

**SENIORS COFFEE TIME**  
**CANCELLED**

DUE TO MOCCASION WORKSHOP

**3-4**  
APRIL

**SENIORS TAXES**  
PRE BOOK HEALTH CENTER

**8**  
APRIL

**GAME NIGHT**  
5:30PM SENIORS COMPLEX



**15**  
APRIL

**SENIORS COFFEE TIME**  
**CANCELLED**  
DUE TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENT

**16**  
APRIL

**CONGREGATE DINNING AND**  
**EASTER B-I-N-G-O**



**18 & 21**  
APRIL

**OFFICE CLOSURE**  
GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY



**22**  
APRIL

**POT LUCK GAME NIGHT**  
5:00 PM SENIORS COMPLEX



**24-25**  
APRIL

**RED DRESS BEADING WORKSHOP**  
SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP ON ORIGINAL FLYER

SENIORS 60+

# RED DRESS BEADING

**MUST HAVE** WITH JANET STEADMAN

EXPERIENCE BEADING



LIMIT OF 12 PEOPLE AND MUST BE PRESENT FOR BOTH DATES

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY APRIL 24TH & 25TH 2025**

SCAN QR CODE / CALL BECKY IF HAVING ISSUES



GANIGIWE 9-4 PM

FOR AAMJIWNAANG BAND & COMMUNITY MEMBERS



PRENATAL OR HAVE A NEW BABY IN THE HOUSE?

REACH OUT FOR A...

## WELCOME BABY KIT & SERVICES

HEATHER ROBERTSON AT 519-332-6770 EXT 305  
OR  
MALYNDA MANESS HENRY AT 519-332-6770 EXT 311

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK GROUP: AAMJIWNAANG DROP IN DAGO MAAJIIGOOG BINOOJIINYAG

Save the Date

Stay tuned for booking info!



31st May

**Veterinary Wellness Clinic**  
Maawn Doosh Gumig

Dogs \$45  
Cats \$40

Includes vaccinations, heart worm testing, microchip, & deworming.  
Flea & tick meds available for additional \$.

Open to Aamjiwnaang Band /Community Members ONLY.  
This is a wellness clinic only. Spay/Neuter will be in the fall.

Wellness Clinic for your furry family members



60+ SENIORS

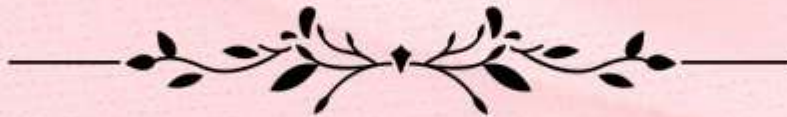
*Mother's day*

**BRUNCH**

**MAY 10TH**

**SATURDAY**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 2024**



COMMUNITY CENTER -  
SENIORS ROOM

**LIMITED SPOTS**



SENIORS 60+ TWO DAY

# DRUM BAG WORKSHOP

WITH TAMMIE ALTON

MAY  
1

MAY  
2

10 PARTICIPANTS

9-4 pm both days

Draw will take place on  
Monday April 28th, 2025

Health Centre



Must be present for both days to complete drum bag.

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR CALL BECKY EXT 312!



SENIORS 60+

LIMITED QUANTITY



# FLEETWOOD MAC MANIA

IMPERIAL THEATER

<p>Scan QR Code to Sign up</p>	<p>7:30 PM   02 May 2023 168 N, Christina St Sarnia On</p>
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Aamjiwnaang Health Centre

**SPRING THRIFTING  
DAYS**



May 9th & 10th, 2025

10 am til closing each day in  
the community centre gym.

# Spring

*Time to start your spring decluttering and collecting for our annual spring thrifting days! Clean out your closets, your basement & your cupboards. Spring clothing, household items, books, shoes, sports equipment, etc. are some ideas. Drop off anytime during the giveaway and find space at a table.*

Call Natalie at (519)  
332-6770, ext. 326.  
for further info.



**AAMJIWNAANG HEALTH CENTRE/WEST LAMBTON HEALTH CENTRE**

**HEALTHY COOKING CLASS**

This is a healthy cooking class for Aamjiwnaang community members age 18+, on and off reserve, which will be monthly. (We are replacing the women's and men's with just the one class). This class is facilitated by a Diabetes Educator/Nurse and a dietitian from West Lambton Health Centre. This class is very beneficial to learn new ways to prepare food in a healthier way! The participants are hands-on with prepping and cooking the delicious meals! We then get to enjoy the results!



**Tuesday, May 13,  
2025 - Noon**

**Health Centre  
Community Health  
Room**

**Please sign up by  
Friday, May 9,  
2025 as we have  
limited space at  
(519) 332-6770,  
ext. 326. We will  
hold draw if  
necessary.**

**Transportation is  
available if  
needed. Leave  
your phone # if no  
answer when you  
sign up.**

**Come on out to  
learn how to  
make delicious,  
healthy meals!**



### Aamjiwnaang Health Centre

(Senior's Program, Health Promotion, Community Mental Wellness)

*'Red Dress' Corn Husk Doll-Making  
Class with Samantha Doxtator  
(in commemoration of MMIW Day)*



**Monday, May 5, 2025 from 9 am—3 pm  
Banquet Room—Community Centre**



**Please sign up using the QR code or the provided link by  
May 1, 2025. This is for Aamjiwnaang community members  
18+. Draw will be held if necessary.**



# Spring/Summer **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

***For Aamjiwnaang Band Members  
0-17 years old***

Each child is eligible for reimbursement up to \$250.00  
for the purchase of Spring Clothing!

Spring clothing expense forms can be picked up and  
returned with original receipt to Brittany. All receipts  
and expense forms are due by June 6, 2025 to the Child  
and Family Services Building (974 Tashmoo Ave)

***Example of eligible items; Rain Coats, Rubber  
Boots, Pants, Shirts, Shorts, Shoes etc***

If you are not able to front the cost for this  
funding we will provide a rain coat, a pair of  
shoes, a shirt, a bottom, socks and underwear.  
Please fill out the form with your child(ren)  
sizes.



***Submissions will NOT be accepted via email you must mail in the  
receipts to our office!***



**Questions?**  
**[Brjacobs@aamjiwnaag.ca](mailto:Brjacobs@aamjiwnaag.ca)**

Our Mailing Address:  
Attentions: Brittany  
978 Tashmoo Ave  
Sarnia, Ontario  
N7T 7H5



## Dago Maajiigoog Binoojiinyag Namebin Giizis-Sucker Moon April 2025



Sunday - Name Giizhigad	Monday - Shkintam Giizhigad	Tuesday - Niizho Giizhigad	Wednesday - Nswi Giizhigad	Thursday - Niiwo Giizhigad	Friday - Naano Giizhigad	Saturday - Ngodwaaswi Giizhigad
1st Wednesday of the month Courtney will be joining us for dental screening 11am-12pm		1 Basket Making with Bonnie 10am-2pm <b>Sign up required</b>	2 Umbrella Craft 10am-12pm Wind Painting Craft 5pm-7pm	3 Lambton College Mini Pow Wow Grand Entry 11am-3pm	4	5 Basket Making with Bonnie 10am-2pm <b>Sign up required</b>
6	7 5 Little Ducks 10am-12pm Easter Basket Craft 5pm-7pm	8 Marble Painting Eggs 1pm-3pm	9 Baby Chick Craft 10am-12pm Noodle Egg Painting 5pm-7pm	10 Jean Jacket ribbon applique With Tammy 10am-12pm <b>Sign up required</b>	11	
13 	14 Fork Paint Bunny 10am-12pm Bunny Name 5pm-7pm	15 Earth Day Craft 1pm-3pm	16 Easter Fun 10am-12pm Easter Fun 5pm-7pm	17 Buckskin drum bags From kids hand drum workshop 10am-12pm	18 Good Friday	
20	21 Easter Monday	22 Water walk 10am	23 Egg Carton Bird feeders 10am-12pm 5pm-7pm	24 Moss Bags with Chochi 10am-4pm <b>Sign up required</b>	25 Priority given to those excepting or have babies 6 months and younger	26
27	28 Bug Prints 10am-12pm Dinner and Park 5pm-7pm	29 Sensory Fun 1pm-3pm	30 Bug Painting 10am-12pm Dinner & Gym Night 5pm-7pm			

**Transportation is available call or text Paula 226-349-2427**



**RIGHT TO PLAY**

2025

# April

Program Runs: Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday  
2:30-5:30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sports Night European Dodgeball	2 Mental wellness Coping with anger/Craft night	3 <span style="color: red;">Cancelled due to funeral</span>	4	5
6	7	8 Sports Night Soccer Baseball	9 Team Games/ Group goals	10 Cooking/baking night	11	12
13	14	15 Sports Night Paddle Ball	16 Mental Wellness day	17 Bake Sale 3:30-5:30	18 Good Friday	19
20	21 Easter Monday	22 Sports Night Football	23 <span style="color: red;">No Program</span>	24 Teen Cuisine	25	26
27	28	29 Sports Night Open Gym Night	30 Medicine Pouches			

# CROSSWORDS

**Across**

- 1. Pubs
- 5. Excuse me!
- 9. Church walkway
- 14. Baldwin or Guinness
- 15. Hawaiian cookout
- 16. Fast
- 17. Baby buggies
- 19. Work dough
- 20. Brownish gray
- 21. Coasted
- 23. Shed tears
- 24. Author \_\_\_\_ Hemingway
- 26. Coldest
- 29. Fork feature
- 31. Part of FDR
- 34. Bunny's motions
- 38. Move quickly
- 40. In a while

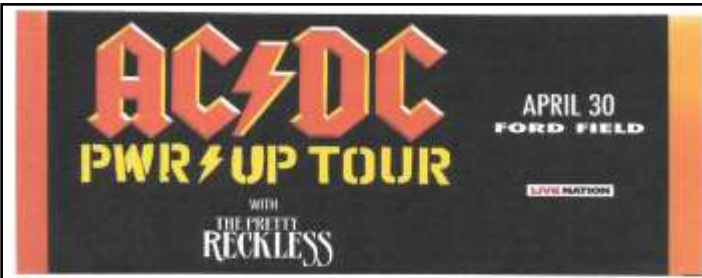
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- 41. Assumed names
- 43. Make like new
- 45. Fangs
- 46. Imitator
- 48. Love god
- 49. \_\_\_\_ worker
- 51. Gather crops
- 53. Motor
- 55. Dusk's start time
- 60. Actor \_\_\_\_ Allen
- 62. Gambling cubes
- 64. Wrangler
- 65. Laker Shaquille \_\_\_\_
- 68. At no time hereafter
- 70. Like old bread
- 71. Genesis location
- 72. Met solo
- 73. Compact
- 74. Post
- 75. Exploit

**Down**

- 1. Sew temporarily
- 2. Communion table
- 3. Show again
- 4. Range
- 5. "\_\_\_\_ That Jazz"
- 6. Tones
- 7. Sooner
- 8. Orchestra's output
- 9. Noah's craft
- 10. Bond creator \_\_\_\_ Fleming
- 11. Onlooker
- 12. Pinocchio, e.g.
- 13. Whirlpool
- 18. "\_\_\_\_ we forget"
- 22. Accomplished
- 25. Ocean movement
- 27. Lampreys
- 28. Writing tablet
- 30. Apollo agcy.
- 32. Roman emperor
- 33. Mined minerals
- 34. Bonnets
- 35. Margarine
- 36. Bit by bit
- 37. Glossy fabric
- 39. Birch or spruce
- 42. Thick carpet
- 44. Epochs
- 47. Come before
- 50. Cover
- 52. Cat's sound
- 54. Baseball teams
- 56. Roaming tribesman
- 57. Mushroom "seed"
- 58. Uncanny
- 59. Staircase part
- 60. Pitch
- 61. Involved with
- 63. Equal
- 66. "The Greatest"
- 67. Directed
- 69. Conclude

# ***WILLIE'S ADVENTURES***



**APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> / 2025 at 7:00 PM**

**\$100 CDN or \$70 US**

**(RIDE ONLY)**

Badder Coach Bus leaves Foodland Corunna at 1:30 PM SHARP, Food Basic's Sarnia 2:00 PM SHARP and Point Edward Arena at 2:30 PM Sharp. And Kroger's 24<sup>th</sup> St Port Huron at 3:30 PM SHARP. Soft Sided Coolers allowed and all ages. Contact Willie at "New Willie's Adventures" at 519-384-1957 or [willie@cogeco.ca](mailto:willie@cogeco.ca)

**B Badder**



**CHICAGO CUBS vs DETROIT TIGERS**



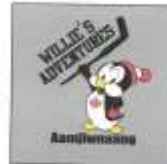
@ Comerica Park, Detroit, Michigan

**Sunday June 8th at 1:40 pm**

*"Guaranteed a SNOOPY BOBBLEHEAD"*

**\$150 US or \$200 CDN PP**

Badder Coach Bus, Pepsi Porch Tickets  
Bus leaves Foodland Corunna at 8:00 AM SHARP, Food Basics Sarnia at 8:30 am SHARP and Point Brewery at 9:00 am SHARP. Soft sided Coolers allowed and stopping at Krogers. After game stopping at the Brass Rail – Coney Island, Port Huron for a beverage. Ticket's available from Willie at 519-384-1957 or [willie@cogeco.ca](mailto:willie@cogeco.ca)



**B Badder**

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS**

**VS**

**DETROIT TIGERS**



*At Comerica Park, Detroit*

**Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:10 pm**

**\$ 170cdn pp (Sec.149)**

**Includes: Coach Bus, Ticket, Bus leaves Foodland, Corunna at 12:00pm SHARP, Food Basics at 12:30pm SHARP and Pt. Edward Arena 1:00pm SHARP. Soft Sided Coolers allowed & stopping and picking up at 1:45pm at Krogers. Contact Willie at 519-384-1957 or [willie@cogeco.ca](mailto:willie@cogeco.ca) You now pay by etransfer**



**B Badder**



COMERICA PARK, DETROIT

**Toronto Blue Jays vs Detroit Tigers**

**\$185 C & \$135 US PP**

**Sunday – July 27th – 1:40 pm**

Badder Coach Bus, Ticket (Sec-RFBAL Adirondack Chairs), Bus leaves Foodland Corunna at 8:00am SHARP, Food Basic's Sarnia at 8:30am SHARP. Point Edward Arena at 9:00am. Only soft-sided coolers allowed.  
Ticket's available from Willie's Adventures at 519-384-1957 or [willie@cogeco.ca](mailto:willie@cogeco.ca)



**B Badder**



## Aamjiwnaang Mental Wellness Drop In

- Open to community members of Aamjiwnaang.
- Our Outreach staff will be there to provide information, supportive services and advocate for your needs.
- You can visit to warm up in the winter and cool off in the summer.
- If you need, we will provide transportation to showers and laundromat, on scheduled days.
- There is access to a computer for information and filling out forms.
- Health service providers can be accessed for information or to assess health as needed, and other community supports can be met here as well.
- You are welcome to come over for a coffee and conversation.
- If you'd like to donate items for our guests please stay tuned, we'll let you know what is needed. MIIGWECH

**OPEN Monday—Thursday**  
**1pm—4pm**

**970 Tashmoo (Blue Building)**  
You can reach us at  
**519-336-8410 ext 211**  
or **519-332-6770**

# ANISHINAABE LODGE

## UPDATES & REMINDERS

- Always take garbage and belongings with you when you are finished your session. There are garbages located just outside the lodge entrance.
- Solar lights have been installed on the interior of the lodge. You can manually turn the lights on or off using the remotes located in the plastic bag beside the entrance door. If the lights will not turn on, they likely did not receive enough sunlight during the day.



### ACCEPTABLE USES:

- Community Events
- Practicing Culture
- Teachings
- Gatherings

### FOR BOOKINGS

Contact **Joel Piché**  
519- 336-8410 ext 218  
or email  
[jpiche@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:jpiche@aamjiwnaang.ca)

The Lighthouse Ministry's

# Women BIBLE STUDY

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God

**Tuesdays Weekly 6:00 PM**

Hosted By  
Pastor Crystal Dowling

The Lighthouse Ministry's

# Kingdom WOMEN WARRIORS

**Tuesdays Bi-Weekly 6:00 PM**

"Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness, She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness."  
Proverbs 31:25-27 NKJV

**123 Maness CRT, Aamjiwnaang**

Hosted By Pastor  
Crystal Dowling

**For Up-To-Date News and Information on First Nations you may visit:**

**Chiefs of Ontario visit:**

<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/>

**Anishinabek Nation visit:**

<http://www.anishinabek.ca/>

**Assembly of First Nations visit:**

<http://www.afn.ca/>

**Southern First Nation Secretariat:**

<http://www.sfnso.ca/>

**Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs.html>

**Indigenous Services Canada:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada.html>

**Job Search Websites**

**OFIFC** [www.ofifc.org/](http://www.ofifc.org/)

**Nokee Kwe** [www.nokekwe.ca/](http://www.nokekwe.ca/)

**Southern First Nation Secretariat,**  
[www.sfnso.ca/index.html](http://www.sfnso.ca/index.html)

**N’Amerind Friendship Centre (London)**  
[www.namerind.on.ca/](http://www.namerind.on.ca/)

**Anishnawbe Health Toronto** <http://www.aht.ca/>  
**SOAHAC** London, Chippewas of the Thames,  
Owen Sound,

<http://www.soahac.on.ca/>

**Six Nations** (Ohsweken, ON),  
[www.sixnations.ca/](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/>



**JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE**

Do you know a First Nations child that hasn't reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday who has a medical, social, educational, or cultural unmet need?

Jordan's Principle may provide assistance to remedy that unmet need and assist the child and family, whether they live on or off reserve.

Start the process by contacting the dedicated Jordan's Principle Call Centre and Help Line:

English: 1-855-JP-CHILD  
(1-855-572-4453)

French: 1-833-PJ-ENFAN  
(1-833-753-6326)

Email: [InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc-gc.ca](mailto:InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc-gc.ca)

Christian Hebert  
Jordan's Principle Navigator  
Anishinabek Nation  
Phone: 705-497-9127, ext. 2386  
E-mail: [christian.hebert@anishinabek.ca](mailto:christian.hebert@anishinabek.ca)

Marina Plain  
Jordan's Principle Navigator  
Anishinabek Nation  
Phone: 519-328-0942  
E-mail: [marina.plain@anishinabek.ca](mailto:marina.plain@anishinabek.ca)



**REDOWNLOAD POLLUTION REPORTER APP FEBRUARY 1ST!**



Redownload the Pollution Reporter app to report a pollution event, spill, or leak to the Ontario Ministry of Environment.

For more info check out the Land and Refinery Facebook page!





**ATTENTION TO ALL MEDICAL DRIVERS!!!**

**Medical Travel slips are now due  
Fridays before 4:30pm.**

**Medical Travel Drivers:**

Terry Plain (Monis) 519-402-5535

Sheila Firth 519-383-1073

Christine Plain 519-466-0054

Muriel (Toddy) Joseph 519-336-6323 or  
519-312-2403

Ron Simon 519-331-7607

Marion Waters 519-312-5283

Kailey Maness 519-328-5366

Jill (Henry) Smith – 519-384-0076:  
Available after 4:30 pm and weekends

**Wheelchair Accessible Van Driver:**

Contact the Health Centre at 519-336-  
6770

Mark Rogers 519-383-5405

**Attention ODSP Clients**

Janet Wilkinson will be available for in  
person appointments

**May 14th, 2025**

**from 9am—4pm**

If you need to contact Janet Wilkinson  
please call

519-337-3735 ext 2266



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**FYI - Health Benefits under  
Indigenous Services Canada**

**The Non-Insured Health  
Benefits Program (NIHB) -**

**(Indigenous Services Canada) is a National  
Program administered by Health Canada  
providing coverage for:**

**Dental, Drugs, Medical Supplies & Equipment,  
Medical Transportation, Vision Care, and Short-  
Term Crisis Intervention Mental Health  
Counselling.**

**Client Questions? - contact the NIHB client  
information line at: 1-800-640-0642**

**Using you Benefits: When you present your  
status card to any health provider, as if they bill  
directly to NIHB before obtaining the service.  
Ensure the health care provider verifies that the  
product/treatment is an eligible benefit listed  
on NIHB**

**Be Aware: If you are asked to pay upfront, it  
can take 6-8 weeks to be reimbursed, and you  
may not get reimbursed if the benefit was not  
pre-approved. You may want to seek out a  
provider that does bill directly to NIHB. The  
Drug or product may be an exception benefit  
requiring the provider to call the Drug  
Exception Centre at 1-800-580-0950**

**Benefits Outside of Canada: You must  
purchase travel health insurance if you travel  
outside of Canada. If you are a migrant worker  
or a full time student working or studying  
outside of Canada, call NIHB to ask about  
coverage at 1-800-640-0642 More information  
can be found at <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng>**

**Reimbursements: Mail your reimbursement  
form along with your original receipts and a  
copy of your prescription to;**

**NIHB/FNIHB**

**Health Canada, address locator 1902D  
200 Eglantine Driveway, 2nd Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9**



**Aamjiwnaang Chief & Council**

**Agenda Item Submission**  
**Information and Deadlines**



- \* Regular Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Monday of every month, **starting at 5:30pm**. If Monday falls on a statutory holiday the meeting is generally held the following day. Please note, that from time to time meetings may be cancelled or postponed.
- \* Deadline - Tuesday's prior to the regularly scheduled meeting date, by 12:00 noon, for Band Manager review.
- \* Agenda Item Request Form is available at reception for the following locations: Administrative Complex (Band Office), E'Mino Bmaad-Zijig Gumig (Health Centre) & Maawn Doosh Gumig (Community Centre); and, on the Aamjiwnaang website.
- \* Your completed request form can be submitted in person or email, you may also wish to attach additional documentation and information to support your request (i.e. acceptance letters, budget, personal summary, etc.).
- \* Requests will be reviewed by the Band Manager, to ensure that the appropriate personnel/ department have the opportunity to respond or resolve the request, prior to being placed on the Council agenda.
- \* The guidelines set out above are in place to ensure that the flow of information to and from the Council table is efficient, and that your matter is addressed and resolved in a timely manner.

**If you have discussion items for  
Chief and Council on:  
May 5th, 2025  
Your information is due by:  
Tuesday April 29th 2024 at 4:00pm**

Miigwech, for your co-operation and understanding.

Ashley Jackson, Aamjiwnaang Council Clerk  
[ajackson@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:ajackson@aamjiwnaang.ca)



**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: [pnahmabin@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:pnahmabin@aamjiwnaang.ca) providing your name and band number.

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

Thank you.

Patrick Nahmabin  
Community Information Officer



**Aamjiwnaang First Nation**

**Public Works Dept.**

The designated after-hours phone line for the infrastructure service emergencies, basement back-ups, animal control requests, Security Issues or winter maintenance issues. There will be one main contact number that will be used for those occurrences.

The after-hours phone number is:

519-331-3596

Please continue to use the band garage number during regular office hours.

The Garage number is 519-336-0510.

Leave a message if no one answers.

**NOTICE – Aamjiwnaang Seniors**

**RE: Seniors Travel and Recreation Funding**

Chief and Council along with the Community Services Committee have developed a new Seniors Travel and Recreation Funding Policy to help assist Seniors with Travel and Recreational activities. **This application is for Seniors who have reached the age of Sixty (60) years and over. The maximum funding is \$800/CA per fiscal year.** Applications can be picked up at the Community Centre or Band Office. For more information please contact the Community Centre – 519-491-2160

**NOTICE - Band Members**

**RE: Youth Funding Policy / Funding Applications**

Chief and Council along with the Community Services Committee have developed a new Funding Policy to help our youth with their Sports, Arts and Recreational activities. **This application is for youth to the age of 25 years. The maximum funding is \$800/CA per fiscal year. This maximum will take into consideration LNHL reimbursement and any other recreational funding.** Applications can be picked up at the Community Centre or Band Office. For more information please contact the Community Centre – 519-491-2160



**Indigenous Services 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.

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Fax: 519-491-0912**

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**The next issue is due out on:  
Friday, May 2nd, 2025  
The deadline for submissions is  
Wednesday, April 30th, 2025  
at 12:00pm**

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

**This paper and past editions can also be found on the Aamjiwnaang website at: [www.aamjiwnaang.ca](http://www.aamjiwnaang.ca)**

If you have stories that you would like to share, please submit them to the Editor at : [editor@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:editor@aamjiwnaang.ca)

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