



RHT Annuities Settlement

Community Survey

OPEN UNTIL TUESDAY, APRIL 2

TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY ONLINE PLEASE VISIT:



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RHT Annuities Settlement Hybrid Community Conversation

SATURDAY, APRIL 20





TO REGISTER FOR ONLINE ATTENDANCE PLEASE VISIT:



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LIGHT LUNCH INCLUDED. FOR WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION MEMBERS ONLY.



Friday, March 22

Sudbury Theater Centre (1) 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM BUS DEPARTING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (1) 5:00 PM Dinner and refreshments provided at 6:00 PM.

RSVP your tickets by Friday, March 8.

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 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
 (705) 858-0610

Featuring a cast of local Northern Ontario Indigenous artists including Kelsey Tyson, Sarah Gartshore, Lisa Cromarty and Richard Comeau.

Post show, there will be a Reflection space facilitated by local Elders and Knowledge Keepers where anyone can gather and offer support to one another.

1939

STARTING MARCH 15, 2024

From renowned Canadian writers Jani Lauzon & Kaitlyn Riordan, comes the "terrific" and "important" Canadian play "1939". At a fictional Residential School in Northern Ontario, which is preparing for a visit by King George VI, students decide to stage a production of Shakespeare's "All's Well That Ends Well".

While a traditional and rigid approach to Shakespeare clashes with their perspectives, the Indigenous students begin to draw parallels between their own lives and the characters in the play. Discover alongside them themes of resilience and defiance against colonial expectations. As Shakespeare's bittersweet comedy is dissected, 1939 evolves into a powerful statement of self-determination and a bold reclaiming of cultural identity.

CREATED BY
JANI LAUZON
& KAITLYN RIORDAN

DIRECTED BY JANI LAUZON

A message from Wahnapitae First Nation

Biingigen Onaabidin Giizis. As I look at the calendar of programming and events scheduled for March, I consider us fortunate to have these opportunities to gather and celebrate our traditions and culture. I invite all members to come to as many activities as possible to share insights, friendship, and good times.

This month we find ourselves on the brink of significant developments that will shape the future of our community. As you are aware, the RHT Annuities settlement is reaching its final stages. Your input remains crucial in this process, and I urge you to attend the upcoming community conversation and take part in the survey beforehand. Your perspective will help ensure that the settlement reflects our collective needs and aspirations.

In the spirit of celebration and sportsmanship, I extend my best wishes to all those participating in the 50th Little NHL tournament. Your dedication and teamwork exemplify the strength of our community, and I have every confidence in your success on and off the ice.

Additionally, the lands department is seeking your feedback on waste management solutions and the relocation of our community stump dump. Your insights will guide us towards sustainable practices that preserve our environment for generations to come. Please visit the members login on our website to provide your comments, and don't forget to mark your calendars for the engagement event on March 7. Your presence and input are invaluable as we chart a course toward a cleaner, greener future for our community.

Together, let's seize the opportunities before us and continue building a vibrant and thriving community we can all be proud to call home.

Miigwetch,

Ogimaa Larry Roque







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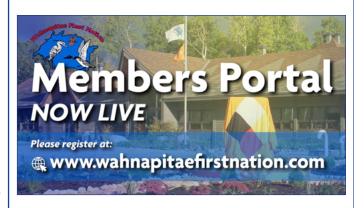


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www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email

For the most up to date information and notices, Wahnapitae First Nation encourages all members to sign-up for email alerts and to register for an account on our website.



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Hours of operation:

Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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REGULAR MEETING • MARCH 2024



TUESDAY, MARCH 26 6:00 PM © MAAN DOOSH GAMIG & VIA ZOOM

Members wishing to attend via Zoom must register online at

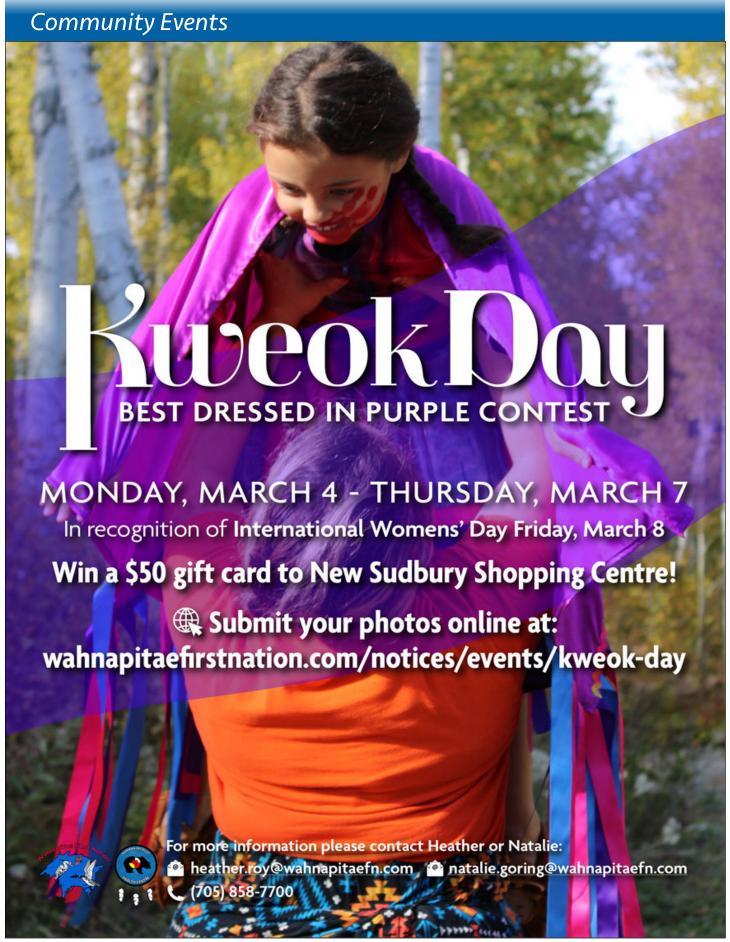


- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is **Tuesday**, **March 19**.
- Registration is only open to WFN members who are over 18.

 Virtual attendees must use their legal name when joining the meeting.
- Once registered, prior to meeting, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the Zoom Meeting.







Responsible Gambling

Infosession followed by Deal or No Dice Game



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

MAAN DOOSH GAMIG (1) 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 4

Light refreshments provided. For registered Wahnapitae First Nation members. Please contact Heather Roy to RSVP or for more information:



heather.roy@wahnapitaefn.com



(705) 858-7700



Community Engagement Session

Waste Management

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

© THE GAZEBO \$\igcup\$ 5:30 PM



Come out and share your thoughts and ideas to update and improve our waste management services. Dinner and refreshments provided.

For registered Wahnapitae First Nation members.
Please contact Sara Lehman with any questions or for more information:



Sara.Lehman@wahnapitaefn.com







RSVP by Thursday, March 14 Pick-up day: Wednesday, March 20

Bring your bags to Maan Doosh Gamig from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Please contact Rochelle or Line to RSVP or for more information:

Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapitaefn.com Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com

(705) 858-7700



& HIV Infosession with Nurse Practitioner Rebecca Foreshew

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 11

Light refreshments provided. For registered Wahnapitae First Nation members 18+ Please contact Heather Roy to RSVP or for more information:

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Nestled in the heart of Canada's rich hockey culture lies a tournament that stands out for its exceptional blend of community spirit, love for the game, and pursuit of excellence.

The Little Native Hockey League Tournament is celebrating its 50th anniversary, a remarkable milestone that brings to mind five decades of unforgettable memories, outstanding achievements, and enduring values that have defined this extraordinary event.

Back in 1971, the tournament's journey began when three First Nations communities - Birch Island (Whitefish River), West Bay (M'Chigeeng), and Sucker Creek (Aundeck Omni Kaning) - came together to host a gathering of young athletes eager to showcase their skills on the ice.

The inaugural tournament featured 17 teams competing in various divisions, but it quickly became a symbol of unity and pride for First Nation youth across Ontario and beyond.

The Little Native Hockey League Tournament has a rich legacy that includes Ted Nolan, a proud member of Garden River, who played in the bantam division during the tournament's first year. His story exemplifies the spirit of the tournament - a platform where dreams can come true, and aspirations take flight.

At the core of the tournament's philosophy are four pillars: Citizenship, Respect, Sportsmanship, and Education. These values guide participants, instilling in them a sense of responsibility, camaraderie, and mutual respect both on and off the ice. This has enabled generations of young athletes to walk away not just with trophies and medals but also with invaluable life lessons that shape their character and future endeavors.

Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the spirit of the Little Native Hockey League Tournament remains unbroken. As we approach the 50th anniversary, there is a tangible sense of excitement and anticipation in the air. From March 9-14, the LNHL Executive will host the 50th Anniversary Tournament in Markham, Ontario, showcasing resilience, determination, and an unwavering commitment to celebrating Indigenous youth and their love for hockey.

With over 245 teams registered, this year's tournament is the largest First Nation youth hockey event in Ontario and across Canada. Wahnapitae First Nation is sending four teams this year: the Wahnapitae Cranes U7, U9, U13, and U18 and an additional 15 of our youth will be playing for other First Nation teams at the tournament.

The festivities kick off on March 9 with the 50th Anniversary Gala and Induction Ceremony, followed by the Opening Day Festival on March 10. When the puck drops and the tournament commences on March 11, the rinks will come alive with the echoes of cheers, the thrill of competition, and the bonds of friendship forged through the love of the game. Finally, on March 14, champions will emerge, and memories will be etched into the annals of LNHL history.

Beyond the trophies and accolades, what will endure is the spirit of unity, the sense of belonging, and the shared passion that unites us all. As we approach this momentous occasion, let us come together to celebrate 50 years of unforgettable moments, cherished friendships, and the enduring legacy of the Little Native Hockey League Tournament.

Let's cheer on the Cranes and all the young athletes taking part in this remarkable event.



EarlyYears

MARCH 2024 PROGRAMMING

Thursday, March 7 & 28

② The Gazebo **○**3:30PM - 5:30PM

For children ages 0-6 years. Parents/guardians must be present.

Please contact Natalie for more information:

Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com
705-920-9106







Tuesday, March 18
© Community Tipi 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM



For more information please contact:

Shining.Turtle@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com 😢 (705) 920-9488



Family Day Sliding Party

Memories to share with generations to come

Amidst the serene backdrop of our Robinson Huron Treaty Lands, under the overcast winter sky, we gathered once again for the joyous occasion of the Family Day celebration. This year's festivities exceeded all expectations, fostering an atmosphere of warmth, kindness and boundless joy.

The weather, as if in harmony with our spirits, graced us with its perfect embrace. With temperatures hovering around a delightful -9 degrees Celsius and not a whisper of wind, it was the epitome of ideal sliding weather. As families, friends, and community members embarked on the journey to our new sliding hill, anticipation mingled with excitement in the air.

Laughter echoed through the crips air as children and adults alike relished the exhilarating rush of sliding down the glistening slopes. The hill became a stage for cherished moments, where stories were shared, bonds were strengthened, and memories were woven into the fabric of our collective history.

Nourished by the warmth of companionship, we indulged in steaming cups of hot chocolate, the rich aroma mingling with the melodies of music that filled the air. The tantalizing scent of roasting hot dogs wafted through the crowd, adding to the symphony of sensory delights that enveloped us.

As the day unfolded in a tapestry of happiness and community connection, we extended our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who graced this special family day celebration. Your participation, your laughter, and your shared spirit of community made this Family Day sliding party an unforgettable success.

In the spirit of thankfulness and togetherness, let us carry the warmth of this day in our hearts as we continue to journey forward, united as one resilient and vibrant community.

Miigwetch to all, and here's to many more joyful gatherings in the years to come.





Community News









Harm Reduction Infosession & Glass Painting



with Nurse Practitioner Rebecca Foreshew

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27



Light refreshments provided. For registered Wahnapitae First Nation members.

Please contact Heather Roy to RSVP or for more information:







Craft Night

KNOT BLANKETS

Thursday, March 28

• Maan Doosh Gamig • 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Please RSVP by Thursday, March 7. Limited spots available.

For more information or to RSVP please contact:

- Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9488
- Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com (P (705) 920-9106





Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com



March

BIN RETURN BY: MONDAY, MARCH 4
PICK-UP: TUESDAY, MARCH 5

BIN RETURN BY: TUESDAY, APRIL 2 PICK-UP: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

© FAMILY WELLNESS CENTRE (178 LOONWAY ROAD) (S) 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM





Please contact Natalie to RSVP or for more information:

Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com





Community News

s we wrap up another fiscal year (March 31st). I am filled with Athankfulness for the remarkable journey we've shared through our land-based program. From its start in July 2023, funded through a Jordan's Principle application, to its conclusion on March 31st, 2024, our program has been a beacon of connection and resilience, bringing us closer to the land, water and spirits of our Robinson Huron Treaty Territory.

session, where we looked not only to aVnnounce the program but also to actively listen to the voices of our elders, parents/ caregivers, youth and members. These sessions were pivotal in shaping the key components of the land-based program, ensuring that it resonated deeply with the aspirations and needs of our community.







In August, we embarked on a journey of immersion, embracing the natural beauty of the land and lakes. We drove miles of dusty roads to find medicines, berries and quiet spots on the North River. The forest literally became a canopy of learning about the trees, roots, berries, mushrooms, and the fauna that we met. The highlight was undoubtedly the annual traditional pow wow, a celebration of culture, and unity that left an indelible mark on our hearts. The success of this event was a testament to the strength of our community bonds and the richness of our traditions.

Community News

As the fall season unfolded, we eagerly expected the annual moose hunt at Frog Lake, on the Robinson Huron Treaty Lands. However, our plans were met with an unexpected challenge- the passing of a young member of our community. In the moments of grief, we found solace in coming together, honoring the spirits of the land, forest, and water through ceremonies that reaffirm our interconnectedness.

Despite this challenge, our spirits remained resilient as we continued with small game harvesting events, and ceremonies embracing the teachings of our ancestors, and passing on invaluable knowledge to future generations. With the arrival of winter, our focus shifted to trapping, tracking and snaring practices, as we navigated the challenges posed by unusually warm weather patterns and we adapted our activities accordingly.

The new year brought renewed determination as we targeted beaver and rabbit snaring seizing the opportunity presented by the increased snow cover. However, unseasonably warm weather in February posed challenges for our ice fishing endeavors, highlighting the unpredictable nature of our environment and the need for adaptability in our approach.



Nevertheless, we pressed on, finding joy and friendship in the celebrations of Family Day under the Bear Spirit Moon. March saw us continuing our efforts, with ice fishing on the small inland lakes, harvesting of small game, and the much anticipated preparation for collecting maple and birch sap from the forest.

The pinnacle of our journey was the family maple sap and syrup gathering at Zhii-baa-wii-naa-niing (Killarney) a testament to the resilience of our community and our deep-rooted



connection with the land. As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense appreciation for your unwavering participation, insightful ideas, and enriching conversations.

It is abundantly clear that our collective love for the land and spirits of our territory knows no bounds. As we look ahead, plans are already underway to build upon the foundation laid in this inaugural year of our land-based program. Together, let us continue to honor and protect our sacred connection to the land, ensuring that future generations inherit a legacy of stewardship and respect.

Chi Miigwetch, from the depth of my heart, for your steadfast commitment and unwavering dedication to our shared

journey. Until we meet again.

Milgwetch, Shining Turtle,
Sturgeon Clan, Anishinawbek Nation

Sunday, March 24

O COMMUNITY TIPI 4:00 PM **POTLUCK FEAST**

Please contact Cultural Coordinator Tammy Chevrette for more information:

🍱 Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 (705) 920-9488



BOATING LICENCE COURSE



ADULT COURSE FRIDAY, APRIL 5 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM 18+ YEARS OLD

YOUTH COURSE SATURDAY, APRIL 6 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM 12-18 YEARS OLD

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For registered members only. To RSVP and for more information:



Marilyn.Nicholls@wahnapitaefn.com





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Community Notices

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TRAILER SCHEDULE:

WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION



Monday, March 18th, 2024 Wahnapitae FN Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 259 Taighwenini Trail Rd

Contact: info@niigaaniin.com

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS! NIIGAANIIN



Please bring the following:

- One piece of government ID
- Your expired health card/drivers license



Mobile Service

Renew your health card, drivers license and benefit from our new MTO services at Niigaaniin Services Mobile ServiceOntario Trailer.



SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR

SUNDAY, MARCH 10



WESTERN UNIVERSITY'S

NATIONAL Western States INDIGENOUS

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Awarded annually to five incoming Indigenous undergraduate students

(First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) studying full-time at Western's main campus based on their outstanding academic excellence and meaningful and impactful contribution toward Indigenous communities. Two scholarships will be awarded to incoming students applying from Canadian high schools, and one scholarship to an incoming Indigenous student applying from a postsecondary institution. Recipients must meet the minimum academic averages for their programs, and will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, creative and innovative thinking, and previous or intended contributions to Indigenous communities (including, on and off reserve and as well as urban settings).

For more information please contact our Indigenous Financial Aid Coordinator Donna Noah at dnoaheuwo.ca or (519) 661-2111 ext. 86437

Scholarship Values

3 awards at \$50,000 each to incoming Indigenous students applying from Canadian high schools*

2 awards at \$50,000 to an incoming Indigenous student applying from a postsecondary institution*

*\$20,000 for year one, \$10,000 for years two to four based on ongoing registration

*not applicable to second entry programs

How to Apply

To apply to the National Indigenous Scholarship Program please go to the following link:

studentservices.uwo.ca/ NationalIndigenousScholarship/ Students/NSIntroPage.cfm

Deadline: March 14th Annually







Healthy Eating With Diabetes

Join IDHC, De Dwa Da Dehs Nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre and attendees as we discuss making healthy choices when we eat foods to better manage diabetes.

- Tips with nutrition for type 1 and type 2 diabetes
- Meal prep
- What foods will help increase or decrease blood sugar?

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Registration Link: https://soadi.wufoo.com/

forms/q1ylwb4s0evln04/

For more information

contact trainingfacilitator@idhc.life.



Apply to the Indigenous Internship Program

Develop skills. Gain experience. Build your network.



Submit your application by March 20th, 2024 at 11:59 PM EDT! ontario.ca/iip



Stump Dump Relocation

Open from March 11 - 29

We ask members to review the proposed site plan and associated guidelines in the members portal at www.wahnapitaefirstnation.com

Please send your comments to sara.lehman@wahnapitaefn.com





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Our traditional name is Wahnapitaeping



For questions, concerns or more information please contact: monica.dorion@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610



Keep Your Pets Safe

Please respect your neighbours and remember to

- keep your animals in your yard
- · keep them leashed on walks
- "poop and scoop"
- avoid letting them bark for long periods of time

For stray or loose dogs, please call:

Stray or nuisance dogs and cats and dogs and cats for adoption.

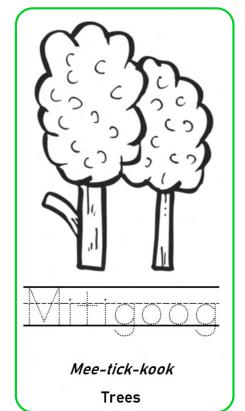
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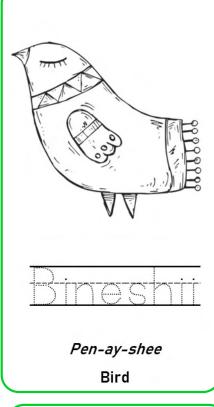
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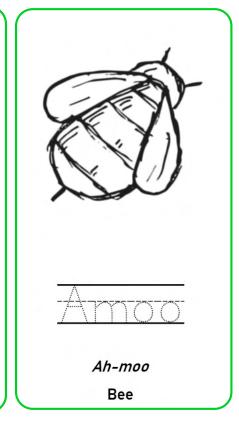
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Indigenous Language Day Activity

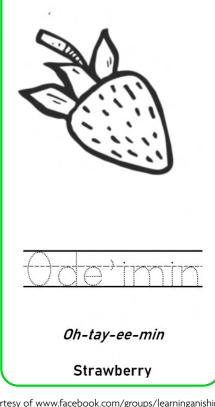
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WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION



March 2024 • Onaabidin Giizis Community Events Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24 4:00 PM • Full Moon Ceremony	25 4:00 PM • CRMF Indian Taco Sale RSVP Deadline Mar 21.	26 12:00 PM • Soup's ON! 6:00 PM • C& C Regular Meeting WEB RSVP Deadline Mar 19.	27 1:00 PM • Harm Reduction & Glass Painting RSVP Deadline Mar 25.	28 6:00 PM • Craft Night Knot Blankets RSVP Deadline Mar 7.	29	30
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