

2025-2029 ELECTION CANDIDATES Nomination Meeting

For Election of Chief, Councillors(4) and, One on-reserve and one off-reserve Trustee(2).

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

© Maan Doosh Gamig © 9am - 8pm 259 Taighwenini Trail Rd., Capreol ON

Further information will be shared by:





CALL OUT FOR ELECTION APPEAL BOARD

The Appeal Board shall be composed of three members as follows;

a) an elder, who is a member of Wahnapitae First Nation and at least 65 years of age;

 b) a person, at least 21 years of age, who is not a member of the band and who does not have vested interest in the outcome of an election appeal or a petition for removal of a council member from office; and

c) a band member, at least 21 years of age, who is familiar with the traditions, values and language of the band and who does not have a vested interest in the outcome of an election appeal.

The term of office of the Appeal Board shall be from the date of appointment until the day on which the council selects another Appeal Board for the next scheduled election in accordance with the Wahnapitae First Nation Band Custom Election Code.

If you are interested in sitting on the Wahnapitae First Nation Election Appeal Board, please submit letter of interest to the Executive Director via email: <u>ed.tyson@wahnapitaefn.com</u>

Date deadline to apply: March 31, 2025

Notice:

The Information Management Law & Amended Band Custom Election Code ratifications have not been adopted due to a lack of membership quorum for voting.

For Band Custom Election Code information please contact: Melissa Brideau, Senior Executive Assistant ⊠ Melissa.Brideau@wahnapitaefn.com () (705) 858-0610 Ext. 203

For Information Management Law information please contact:
Taylor Bertrim, Governance Research Specialist
Taylor.Bertrim@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610 Ext. 254



Wahnapitae First Nation 2025: Election Code Amendment Ratification Statement of Results

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March 13, 2025

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% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO CAST A BALLOT	21%
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SPOILED BALLOTS	0
INDIVIDUAL BALLOT COUNTS	
YES	101
NO	35

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YES	117
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KILLARNEY SUGAR BUSH EVENT

*DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO WEATHER

BUS DEPARTURE FROM BAND OFFICE	9AM		
ARRIVE AT SUGAR BUSH	11AM		
LUNCH AND OPENING	11-12PM		
MAPLE SYRUP AND ACTIVITIES	12-3:30PM		
CLEAN-UP AND CLOSING	3:30-4PM		
BUS BACK TO WFN	4-6PM		

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE! NEW RSVP DATE: WEDNESDAY APRIL 2, 2025

Lori Corbiere lori.corbiere@wahnapitaefn.com 705-858-0610 X 253 OR

Cinnamon Cyr cinnamon.cyr@wahnapitaefn.com 705-822-6713

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Bus Transportation
- Elder transportation
- Lunch, Snacks & Refreshments
- Ceremony and story telling
- Maple Syrup making and teachings
- Snowshoeing
- Nature Scavenger Hunt
- Camp Fire
- Giveaways

WHAT TO BRING

 Proper clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions

PLEASE NOTE:

**CHILD SUPERVISION IS NOT PROVIDED.

WFN and the property owner will not be held accountable for any injuries or lost items. A waiver will be provided to sign before departure for liability purposes.

WW RLD HEALTH DAY

Maan Doosh Gamig () 10am-2pm

Swag Bags, Baby Moccasin Craft, and Mindfulness & Exercise Activities

Lunch provided. To RSVP or for information please contact: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700



Transform Tuesdays

Exercise Activities with Heather & Alison

April 8, 22 & 29 [©] Maan Doosh Gamig © 11:00 AM

Exercises can be modified for mobility needs. For questions or more information please contact: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com Alison.Sabzali@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700



Thursday, April 17 Maan Doosh Gamig (5:00 PM)

Dinner served at 5:00 PM followed by Bingo at 5:30 PM.

For questions or more information please contact: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ((705) 858-7700







Games and fun with snacks and refreshments!

Friday, April 11

Maan Doosh Gamig ()6:00 PM - 8:00 PM RSVP by Tuesday, April 8.

> Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ((705) 858-7700



 Metamorphasis Yoga Studio, Capreol () 3:00 PM Rides and passes provided, depart 2:30 PM from Centre of Excellence. Please RSVP to:
 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700



April 2025 Community Newsletter

Mednesdays

Maan Doosh Gamig

April 2 • 1 pm World Autism Awareness Day

April 9 • 10:00 am Alcoholism Infosession & Craft

April 16 • 1:00 pm Parkinson's Infosession & Craft

April 23 • 10:00 am Lesbian Visibility Presentation & Craft

April 30 • 10:00 am HIV/AIDS Infosession & Crafting

Information sessions with light snacks and refreshments. For more information and to RSVP please contact: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700



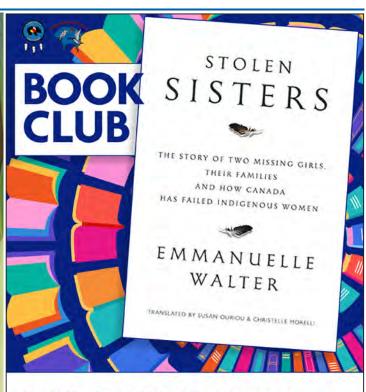


RSVP: Thursday, April 10 Pick-up: Monday, April 14 Bring your bags to MDG from 4-6pm.

To RSVP and for more information:

Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapitaefn.com
Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-7700





APRIL DISCUSSION MEETING Wednesday, April 30 MDG 2pm

Sign-up with Heather by Monday, April 7. Privather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Anishinaabemowin Language Sessions

Co-Facilitated by Debbie Recollet & Debbie Plain-McGregor

Tuesdays • April 15, 22 & 29

To register and for more information please contact: Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9488

Join us for a Lunch & Learn

session on Decolonizing Math Education with Dr. Ruth Beatty

This presentation will explore how Indigenous Knowledge can be integrated into math education. Drawing on over a decade of collaboration between Indigenous leaders, artists, educators, and non-Indigenous allies, we will explore how connecting provincial math curricula with Indigenous cultural practices can enhance student learning. Learn about co-planning, co-teaching, and the benefits of embedding Indigenous pedagogy in math instruction.



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April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

O Centre of Excellence - Elders Lounge (3:00 PM) Cards, snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:



Traditional Spear Fishing

LAND-BASED PROGRAM

Weather dependent. For questions of more information please contact: Lori.Corbiere@wahnaptiaefn.com © (705) 858-0610



Thursday, April 24

• MDG • **6-8:30pm** RSVP by Tuesday, April 22.

Dinner and refreshments. 16+ Only 10 seats available. Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9488

WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION'S AFTERSCHOOL AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PARTNERS WITH WHINNYING IN LIFE



Whinnying in Life is a non-profit charitable organization, and they have been working with community members for many years. Brenda is the Founder and Director, and we are grateful and appreciative of the opportunities she has given our youth. They have created a safe place for individuals to work with horses and receive therapeutic benefits. Benefits of spending time with horses: Horses are forgiving, Horses are honest and good listeners, they are patient and want to connect to people, They're attentive and non-judgmental.

Our youth are engaged and love their time at Whinnying in Life. Twice a month we combine both our ASP and YLP groups. Our older youth assist the younger ones which is great to see. They get to learn from each other and engage positively together in a safe and meaningful way. Before our session with the horses begin, our Mindfulness instructor Mme. Leelee works with the youth and guides mindfulness sessions through art, journaling, and focusing on our senses and breathing, so we can approach our session with the horses in a good way. Our youth can help to groom and feed the horses, walk and ride them and even do carting with the minis.



After hearing the youths feedback, and discussing with Brenda, we have decided to continue collaborating with Whinnying in Life during our Summer Camp for the month of July every Tuesday from 11am - 2 pm. The youth will have a variety of exciting, and supervised activities throughout the day such as crafts, groom and pet walks; play time with minis, time at the park and Riding and Carting with the horses, which is available for youth if they choose. Our youth are excited and looking forward to our future sessions at Whinnying in Life.

POST-SECONDARY APPLICATIONS



How to make homes safer from fires

Over a five-year period beginning in 2015 and 2019, fire departments responded to roughly 347,000 home structure fires per year. That data, courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association. underscores the significance of home fire protection measures.

Smoke detectors are a key component of fire protection, but there's much more homeowners can do to protect themselves, their families, their belongings, and their homes from structure fires.

• Routinely inspect smoke detectors. Smoke detectors can only alert residents to a fire if they're working properly. Battery-powered smoke detectors won't work if the batteries die. Routine smoke detector checkups can ensure the batteries still have juice and that the devices themselves are still functioning properly. Test alarms to make sure the devices are functioning and audible in nearby rooms. Install additional detectors as necessary so alarms and warnings can be heard in every room of the house.

• Hire an electrician to audit your home. Electricians can inspect a home and identify any issues that could make the home more vulnerable to fires. Ask electricians to look over every part of the house, including attics and crawl spaces. Oftoverlooked areas like attics and crawl spaces pose a potentially significant fire safety threat, as data from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) indicates that 13 percent of electrical fires begin in such spaces.

• Audit the laundry room. The laundry room is another potential source of home structure fires. NFPA data indicates around 3 percent of home structure fires begin in laundry rooms each year. Strategies to reduce the risk of laundry room fires include leaving room for laundry to tumble in washers and dryers; routinely cleaning lint screens to avoid the buildup of dust, fiber and lint, which the NFPA

notes are often the first items to ignite in fires linked to dryers; and ensuring the outlets washing machines and dryers are plugged into can handle the voltage such appliances require. It's also a good idea to clean dryer exhaust vents and ducts every year.

• Look outward as well. Though the majority of home fires begin inside, the NFPA reports that 4 percent of such fires begin outside the home. Homeowners can reduce the risk of such fires by ensuring all items that utilize fire, including grills and firepits, are always used at least 10 feet away from the home. Never operate a grill beneath eaves, and do not use grills on decks. Never leave children unattended around firepits, as all it

takes is a single mistake and a moment for a fire to become unwieldy.

• Sweat the small stuff. Hair dryers, hair straighteners, scented candles, clothes irons, and holiday decorations are some additional home fire safety hazards. Never leave candles burning in empty rooms and make sure beauty and grooming items like dryers, straighteners and irons are unplugged and placed in a safe place to cool down when not in use.

Fire departments respond to hundreds of thousands of home fires each year. Some simple strategies and preventive measures can greatly reduce the risk that a fire will overtake your home.

Source: MetroCreativeConnection.com



Christopher Roque Memorial Fund 50/50 Raffle Tickets

To purchase or for more information please contact: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700 Betty-Kay.Hill@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 822-5690



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WORKSHOP

Sunday, April 13

To RSVP and for more information please contact: Lori.Corbiere@wahnaptiaefn.com (C) (705) 858-0610 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (C) (705) 858-7700

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Work on it Wednesday

Looking to start a new project or have unfinished beadwork at home? Join us for dinner and crafting!

Wednesday, April 2

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 26: Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9106



APRIL 3 RSVP BY MARCH 27

MAY 1 RSVP BY APRIL 24

Maan Doosh Gamig () 5:00 PM
In person or pick-up only. Seniors are welcome to
socialize afterward with a game of cards or chatting.

To RSVP or for more information: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com \$705-858-7700



Give away and Renew

Monthly Traditional Drumming Song provided by Lori Corbiere, Land-Based Worker

Oh moon mother, light of the night, Stars who are your company, dance with you, Teach us the mystery of your dance, We many be in harmony with you,

Learn to give away and renew,

Oh moon mother, your loving gaze, Falls softly on the sacred mountains, Oh moon mother your shining gaze, Falls softly on the sacred ocean,

Sacred light dance in the light of the night,

Dancing in harmony with you, Ocean waves dance in the light of the night,

Dancing in harmony with you,

Teaching us to give away and renew,

Oh moon mother, your loving gaze falls softly on the sacred mountains,

Oh moon mother, your shining gaze falls softly on the sacred oceans,

Oh moon mother, light of the night,

Stars who are your company dance with you,

Teach us the mystery of your dance,

We may be in harmony with you.

Learn to give away and renew. Learn to give away and renew.



OFFICES CLOSED EASTER MONDAY • APRIL 21



BIRCH BARK CANOE

Sign-up with Heather by Thursday, April 3. Delivery on Thursday, April 10.

Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700 *Must be a senior and signed up to recieve kits.



Medicinal Teachings & Story Telling

Storytelling is an incredibly vital element of our Indigenous history and learning. It is how we share our skills and knowledge with each other and future generations.

This winter season, we invite our Elders to share their words and take part in Medicinal Teachings with Line. Elders will be able to make medicines and learn about the emotional and spiritual support it can provide.

Thursday, April 10

• WFN Yurt & Tipi (behind MDG) • 1 PM - 4 PM

For more information please contact: Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700



Family Bingo Night

38 participants showed up to show their stuff in games and bingo for a shot at the jackpot. The lucky winner took home a brand new Meta Quest 3 Virtual Headset. Chi-miigwech baamaapii.



Wednesday **April 16**

Monday April 28

Maan Doosh Gamig () 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Traditional drumming and songs facilitated by Tammy Chevrette, Cultural Coordinator. Light dinner and refreshments provided. Everyone 16+ welcome. RSVP requested.

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

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TRAILER SCHEDULE: WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION



Contact: info@niigaaniin.com

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS! NIIGAANIIN



Please bring the following:

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



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



First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement

The Claims Period is now open.





Jordans Principle Counsellor: 🤷 Betty.Kay-hill@wahnaptiaefn.com 🛚 📞 (705) 822-5690



SERVICE CANADA IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Service Canada provides Canadians with a single point of access to a wide range of government services and benefits.

Service Canada will be in your community to help you apply for the programs and services listed below.

What to Bring: Visit Canada.ca for a complete list of required documents.

Programs and Services	Location	Date	Time
Social Insurance Number (SIN)	Elders Lounge		11.0
Canada Pension Plan (CPP)	259 Taighwenini Trail Road, Capreol, ON	Thursday, April	3:00p.m. to
	Additional Services:	17th, 2025	7:00p.m.
CDCP - Canadian Dental Care Plan – Applicatio	Passport Applications My Service Canada		
Employment Insurance (EI)	Account (MSCA)		

Information on Service Canada's programs, services and benefits can be found online at Canada.ca or by calling 1 800 O-Canada.

Abby Roque signs her name in PWHL History Books

Abby Roque of the New York Sirens etched her name in Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL) history on March 22, 2025, by scoring the league's first-ever "Michigan" goal against the Ottawa Charge at Prudential Center.

The dazzling goal, a lacrosse-style move first popularized by Mike Legg during the 1996NCAA tournament, saw Roque scoop the puck onto her blade and tuck it into the net from (Wikipedia). behind The moment came early in the third period, as Roque collected the the puck in corner. maneuvered behind the net, and executed the move flawlessly, despite her team ultimately falling 5-2.

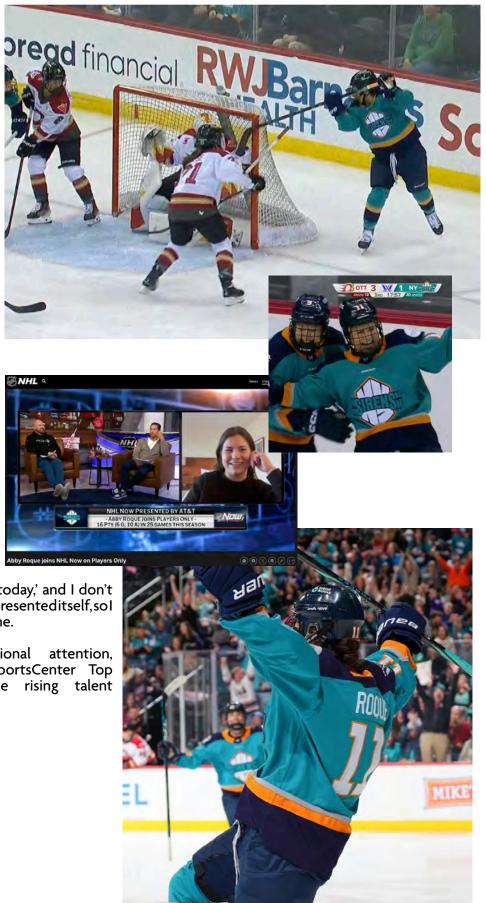
Roque, a native of Michigan, admitted that the idea of scoring a Michigan goal had been an ongoing joke among teammates. "It's something that has become a joke and we say every day

when I come to the rink: 'Michigan today,' and I don't actuallymeanit, but the opport unity presented itself, so I had to try," Roque said after the game.

The goal quickly gained national attention, earning a feature on ESPN's SportsCenter Top 10 and further showcasing the rising talent within the PWHL. (www.NHL.com)

Watch Abby's Live interview on NHL Players Only here:





Notice:

Rental Units Available

To apply or for more information please contact:

housingcoordinator@wahnapitaefn.com () (705) 858-0610 ext. 210





Online Job Board Employment, Education and Training

WWW.WAHNAPITAEFIRSTNATION.COM

MEMBERS CALL FOR DESIGN TEAM

Community Eagle Staff

To volunteer or for more information please contact: Lori.Corbiere@wahnapitaefn.com **\$** (705) 858-0610



The VSS will be offering LNOAO Level A Ojibwe from July 2nd to July 30th. Students who have recently graduated from Grade 8, or who are already in high school and would like an Ojibwe language credit are encouraged to sign up.

The course is offered through an asynchronous format however, the instructor will also provide Zoom sessions if students would like to join to receive face to face instruction.

Open to Grade 8 graduates to Grade 12 students!

For more information please contact: Marlo Beaucage – Principal <u>Marlo.beaucage@a-e-s.ca</u>

Anishinabek

Education System



We are excited to share that the NRHC will now temporarily provide Psychiatric Support Service appointments for members. Kevin McPhee is a highly experienced therapist with 40 years in the field. He has spent 30 years working in a pediatric psychiatric setting and has collaborated with numerous First Nations communities since 1989. In 2002, Kevin completed a postgraduate specialization in family and couples therapy. He has taught at the college, university, and medical school levels and has also served as an expert witness in court, specializing in parenting and parent-child relationships. His practice extends internationally, providing clinical services to individuals in various countries. Kevin remains deeply passionate about his work and is honored and excited to have the opportunity to support the members of our community.

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HEALTH CENTR

Book now. Call or visit us today. (9) 190 Loonway Road (C) (705) 858-7700

NEW EVENT TIME

SealSkin

RedDress

AWARENESS PIN WORKSHOP

Resilient Inuk

Saturday, April 26

Maan Doosh Gamig (12-4pm)

Lunch and refreshments provided. Limit of 15 seats. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 16.

Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com \$ (705) 858-0610
Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com \$ (705) 920-9106



Traditional LABRADOR TEA

Health Benefits

Beneficial for sore throats, chest congestion, coughs, lung infections, and overall respiratory health. Also supports digestive and kidney function.

Recipe

 1. Mix 1/2 tsp. of leaves with 1 cup of boiling water.
 2. Add in 2 tsp. of leaves (15-20) with 4 cups filtered water.
 3. Add in 1 tsp. honey and 4-6 drops of lemon juice (optional).

Drop-by for teachings of traditional medicines, teas and more.
 NRHC Clinic and Centre of Excellence
 Lori.Corbiere@wahnaptiaefn.com (C) (705) 858-0610
 Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com (C) (705) 858-7700



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National Immunization Awareness Week April 2025

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Drop-In Clinic No appointment needed, plus a free Craft with your visit!

Thursday, April 24

NRHC Primary Care Clinic (190 Loonway Road)

() 8am-4:30pm

Drop by to complete clinic, vaccine registrations, review your childs development, or ask any questions you might have.

We're here for you.



EPOXY Charcuterie Board WORKSHOP

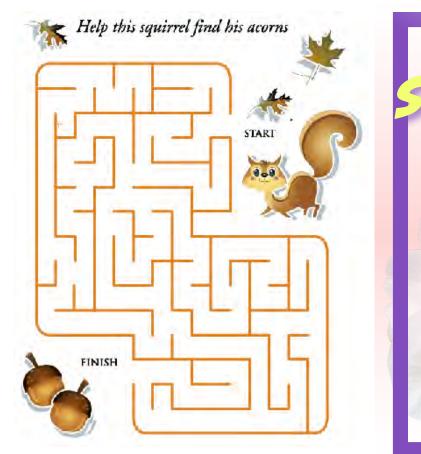
APRIL 12 & 27OMaan Doosh GamigOlam - 3pm

*Limit of 25 seats, must attend both dates. Lunch and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 9. Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com 705) 858-7700



We have



MOTHERS DAY SUNDAY MAY 11

SHOUT OUT

Winner to be featured as the Mothers Day Super Mom in the May Community Newsletter! They will also win a \$50 giftcard to any spa they choose, and a traditional medicines and teas gift basket!

Send us a picture and tell us who you think is a Super Mom and why.

© communications@wahnapitaefn.com Deadline for submissions: Monday, April 21

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN POLICING?

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Beaver & Taurus

People born at this time have a strong practical element to their nature, making them steadfast and reliable. They like the tried and tested and prefer to engage in what has already been established, rather than initiating new projects. In western astrology these people are ruled by the planet Venus, the planet of love. Love for people born at this time can often be very physical and sensual. In Native American tradition the Beaver totem, found in the east on the medicine wheel. reflects this. The beaver spends much of its time working to create security by building, in the same way that his ancestors have done so many times before him. The Beaver creates happiness and security by building his dam, a structure that helps protect him against the rough world outside.

In Western astrology the Taurus individual is happiest if he can see all his worldly possessions around him, protecting him from a dangerous world. The Taurus individual may need to feel, somewhere underneath, that the possessions he has worked so hard to get, really will protect him from misery, they really will bring him true happiness in some way. If you are born at this time a part of you may relate to the need to build a world around you that is so secure, a world that is crisis free. The Beaver individual can learn much from its natural partner, the snake, found in the west on the medicine wheel.

Source: https://twofeathers.co.uk/pages/nativeamerican-astrology?srsltid=AfmBOorKKTEC2oCt07o ju-LHU49HG5j3meprDk6v-3OEW-OJ0Ncg6vYs#red-hawkand-aries

EARTH DAY READ

A glistening rock, the delicate imprint of a bird's tracks, a vibrant sunset—what beauty do you find in the natural world? Award-winning Indigenous author, CBC journalist, and former Saskatchewan Poet Laureate (2021–2023), Carol Rose

GoldenEagle (Cree/Dene), offers a luminous tribute to the art woven into everyday life. Paired with breathtaking illustrations by Hawlii Pitchette (Cree), My Favourite Artist invites readers to embrace the simple wonders of nature and celebrate the profound beauty of Mother Earth and all our relations.



Available for pre-order April 1, 2025. <u>https://linktr.ee/medicinewheelpublishing</u>



Congratulations to all the teams, coaches, and supportive families who represented the Wanbedeh Flying Cranes at the 51st LNHL tournament over the March break in Markham. Your dedication to the sport, and hard work continue to make your community proud. A special chi-miigwech to Craig Tyson and all of the other volunteers who make this tournament such a success for our youth members.

The 2025 Election for Chief and Council is approaching, we will be hosting many events and sharing many notices so please be sure to keep yourself updated. Should you need to review any policies, procedures, or documents, you can find all of the updated versions on the Laws, Policies and Procedures page of our website. The first official date that we can share is for the Election Candidates Nomination Meeting, which will be held at MDG on May 10 from 9am to 8pm. Please be sure to read all referenced documents before to the meeting to ensure your nominations conform.

We also want to extend our support to the Mayor of Greater Sudbury and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek on their trade mission, a significant step toward strengthening our presence in the mining and critical minerals industries. Their presence helps to ensure our voices are heard and our leadership is recognized on the global stage and is essential to securing meaningful opportunities for our people. For opportunities available to Wahnapitae members, visit our job resources list online.

For those looking for other education or career opportunities, we encourage you to visit our website, where you can find available bursaries and job opportunities. Investing in our future starts with knowledge and access to resources.

Lastly, as the seasons change, we remind everyone to be mindful of ice safety. The thawing period can be unpredictable—please respect the water, exercise caution, and prioritize safety when on or near frozen lakes and rivers. Happy Easter!

Miigwech, Gimaa Larry Roque

Wahnapitae First Nation Centre of Excellence

259 Taighwenini Trail Rd. Capreol, ON P0M 1H0 Phone: (705) 858-0610 Fax: (705) 858-5570

Hours: Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM Closed Fridays and Statutory Holidays

For the most up to date community information, notices, events and updates, visit www. wahnapitaefirstnation.com

Members Portal Register to access to member documents, surveys, votes and more.





E-notices

Recieve member documents, surveys, votes and more by email.





Contact or visit us for copies or assistance.

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Do you have questions, comments or suggestions, want to share something in our newsletter?

communications@wahnapitaefn.com \$\$\$\$-0610 Ext: 234\$

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REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, April 29

♥ ELDERS LOUNGE & ZOOM ● 6:00 PM

Members wishing to attend via Zoom can find the link to register at

wahnapitaefirstnation.com/members-login

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is April 22.
- 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.



The Creation of Turtle Island

We the Ojibwa Anishinaabe and some other First Nations peoples refer to the world as Turtle Island. The universe was created by Kitchi-Manitous' ability to envision all that was possible and then bring it into being. After some time, they decided to return to check on things. Upon their return, they looked around and saw that Mother Muzzu-Kummik-Ouae. Earth. seemed to be well. The animals that wandered the land, swam in the seas, and flew in the air held each other in balance, as did the trees, the grasses, and the thorns. But upon closer look, the Manitous realized that something else was possible. They had another vision. They realized that there was one more thing they could create. They could put on the world special creatures who, like themselves, could dream.

All other animals the Manitous had simply "declared" into existence. But they wanted these new beings to be able to have visions—to see new possibilities for themselves and others—so they knew they had to pass on their own spiritual essence.

Is your family expecting? Child behaviour questions? Searching for mental health advice or supports?

We are here to help.



The Kitchi Manitous personify possibility—the possibility of everything in the universe that is known and everything that is unknown. But there are lesser possibilities. For example, there is the possibility that there is such a thing as winter. For the Ojibwa, winter is personified by Keewatin, spirit of the north. And then, of course, there is the possibility that the male beings are not sufficient unto themselves. Why else the need for women? It was this feminine potential, personified as the spirit Geezhigo-Quae, to whom the Kitchi Manitous ascended. Geezhigo-Quae (Sky Women) lived on the Moon.

The Kitchi Manitous, the greatest of spirits, the most powerful beings in the universe, had to ask women for help. They asked if they would bear their essence. They asked if they would join with them in creating an image of themselves in the world. They asked if they would love and nurture their children. Sky Women agreed. They joined together, and the Sky Women became pregnant with the children of the Kitchi Manitous. And then the blighters disappeared. They went off and did whatever men and Manitous do after they get their women pregnant! So the Sky Women went down to Mother Earth to make preparations for the birth themselves. They bent trees for lodges, tanned hides to cover them, and dried meat for the winter. Many animals passed by to ask what they were up to. They explained that they were carrying the Manitous' children and were preparing homes for them. The word spread across the world. Most creatures were happy and excited that the Manitous had given them the gift of their children. But not the Water Manitous. They were mad!



Mother Earth by First Nations Ojibwe artist Jackie Traverse – Original First Nations Woodland Art style painting presented by DaVic Gallery of Native Canadian Arts

Every life form that lived on Mother Earth needed water, and the supply of water was controlled by the Water Manitous. They knew that the Kitchi Manitous were the most powerful of spirits, and if their children walked the Earth, their powers over the water would be diminished. Actually, the Water Manitous weren't just mad. They were enraged! In retaliation, they used their powers to cause a great flood that spread across the entire world. As the waters rose and destroyed their encampments, the Sky Women retreated to the Moon. They looked down in dismay.

Water covered the land, their men were gone who knows where, and they, pregnant with their children, were left to handle the chaos by themselves. But like every woman, Geezhigo-Quae had a mind of her own. They weren't helpless. They knew that they could influence their own destinies. They could have a say in how things turned out. They made a plan. Although the world was inundated with water below them, the Sky Women could see a few animals that were not under the total control of the Water Spirits. That was because, although they breathed air, they knew how to swim! The first creatures they called to their aid were the giant turtles. But they asked other creatures to help them, too. The loons, the beavers, even the little muskrats were among their assistants that day. They told them, "We don't have

all the powers of creation that the Kitchi Manitous have. But we are women, and we have a special gift. We have the power to re-create. We can re-create the Manitous' world, but we can't do it by ourselves. We need your help. We need you to dive deep. We need you to dive deep enough that you can bring us a handful of the original soil made by the Manitous. The soil will be the seed we use to re-create the Earth."

All day long, the animals took turns trying. The giant sea turtles went first because they were the biggest. They tried and tried but couldn't descendcontinued on page 37





Indigenous Archaeological Monitoring Training for Employment Opportunity

Northeast Power Line and Northshore Link Projects Seeking 20 participants

Waasmoowin Energy Inc. in partnership with Hydro One, are proud to offer Indigenous Archaeological Monitor Training opportunities for interested Partner band members.

- Are you a member from one of the following: Wahnapitae, Atikameksheng, Whitefish River, Sagamok, Serpent River, Mississaugi, Thessalon, Garden River, Batchewana?
- Taking this foundational archaeology training will allow participants to apply for monitoring and technician positions for both projects.
- Training will involve 4 days in Classroom on the basics of archaeological techniques, and 5 days for field training in the methodology of archaeological survey.
- \$50 Honorarium per day plus per diem and travel costs covered for the 9 day training.
- Training may lead to immediate full-time employment through to Fall 2025.
 9 positions - one per First Nation
- Training location: Sagamok Anishnawbek
- Training Duration: May 20 to May 23, 2025 May 26 to May 30, 2025

Join now

For more Information and to send your resume and cover letter EMAIL: admin@waasmoowin.com DEADLINE APRIL 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Qualifications

No Experience is required, however interest in cultural heritage, the outdoors and archaeology are essential.

- Maintain good communication and professional courtesy with clients, staff, management, contractor, regulators, communities, and landowners.
- Willingness and ability to perform physically demanding tasks (e.g. hand shovelling, trowelling, carrying buckets of dirt, screening soil).
- Filling out required paperwork such as site forms and recording artifact recoveries.
- Must have tolerance for working in outdoor environments and working in a wide range of weather conditions.
- Excellent work ethic and team-player attitude as well as the ability to work independently.
- Must have a valid G Driver's Licence



www.hydroone.com/NSL www.hydroone.com/NortheastPowerLine to the bottom of the rising waters. When they came to the surface for the last time, they invited Geezhigo-Quae to come down from the Moon and sit on their backs so that they could direct the operations.



Collector. Retrieved from https://incurablecollector.ca/products/jackietraverse-prayers-for-turtle-island

All afternoon, the loons and the beavers took turns diving, but they just couldn't get to the bottom of the murky depths. At the end of the day, it was only the little muskrats who hadn't given it a try. Not because they didn't want to help, but because everyone knew that muskrats don't really dive deep. Muskrats live in shallow sloughs or at the edge of rivers and lakes. You'll never see them swimming in the deepest water. But if you look at your own life, you'll see that there are times when you just have to give up your old story about what you can or cannot do. Sometimes in your life, you have to burst from the confines of your story and grow into a more capable person.

That day, long ago, the muskrats decided that with no one else available to help, it was up to them to do the job. They took deep breaths. Then, in an instant, they disappeared below the surface. The Sky Women and their friends waited. They waited and waited... but the muskrats didn't return. The sun dipped below the horizon. They waited. The moon cast a sad blue glow across the water. They waited. It was a long night.

As the sky grew light, Geezhigo-Quae scanned the waves. They strained to catch sight of the muskrats. Suddenly, they gasped. They pointed across the water. Something floated in the distance. The turtles swam quickly toward it, and as they got close, the Sky Women realized it was the muskrats... but they were dead. They pulled them from the water, sad that they had given their lives trying to help build a home for their children. They cradled them in their arms and saw that one of their paws was clutched tightly. Gently, they pried it open. There was the soil from the Manitous' world! The little muskrats did it! They did what the bigger animals couldn't. They did what no other muskrats had done before. Geezhigo-Quae was so happy. Now they could create a home for the Manitous' children!

Source: Mother Earth – JT, Native Canadian Arts. Retrieved from https://nativecanadianarts.com/gallery/ mother-earth-jt/

/ith Saturday, May 17 🕑 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕓 10am-4pm Please RSVP by Thursday, May 8.

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Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services

COMMUNITY FORUM NIJAANSINAANIK SERVICES & ORANGE STANDARD

Wahnapitae First Nation Monday, April 7, 2025 Centre of Excellence (Band Administration Building) 259 Taighwenini Trail Road 5:00 - 8:00p.m. Dinner to be served at 5:00p.m.

Presentation and Discussion 5:45p.m.-8:00p.m.

- Learn about Niijaansinaanik Programs and Services and the Orange Standard
- Share your ideas and opinions
- Ask questions
- Participate in part of the community engagement process that will shape delivery of Services and the Orange Standard in your community.

Gift Cards to be distributed.



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APRIL 2025 AFTERSCHOOL AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Learning how to bake Pies!	2 Indigenous Traditional Games	3	4	5
6	7 Mindfulness and Therapeutic Horses with Brenda and Mme. Leelee	8 STEM Activities	9 Crafting Day	10	11	12
13	14 Baby Eagle Staff Session #6 @ MDG Hall Dinner Provided	15 Easter Egg Hunt and games	16 Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts	17	18	19
20	21 Holiday No Program	22 Earth Day Activities	23 Nature Walk and Outdoor Play	24	25	26
27	28 NO PROGRAMMING TRAINING	29 Outdoor Games	30 STEM Activities			

SCHEDULE AND NOTICES

ASP (Ages 4-11) 3:30-5:30PM Monday and Wednesday YLP (Ages 12-17) 3:00-5:30PM on Tuesdays

Parents and Guardians of registered ASP and YLP participants should expect an upcoming email with a link to access the new **Seesaw App** for easy access to the After School and Youth Leadership program updates, highlights, and more!

**All scheduled activities are subject to change due to weather, or unforeseen circumstances. Parental responsibility to have other arrangements in place if childcare is required.



Wabnapítae Fírst Nation April 2025 • Ishkigamizige Giizis Sap Boiling Moon Community Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31 Election Appeal Board Committee Application Deadline	1 Post Secondary Applications Deadline 12p. • Soup's ON! 3p7p. • Seniors TLC Tuesdays	2 12p.• Decolonizing Math Education With Ruth Beaty Contact for details. 1p. • Wellness Wednesdays (Autism) 6p.• Work on it Wednesdays	3 3p7p. • Niigaaniin Service Ontario Mobile Office Visit 5p.• Congregate Dining RSVP Mar 27	4	5 9a. • Killarney Sugar Bush Trip
6	7 10a. • World Health Day @ MDG 5p. Niijaansinaanik Community Forum	8 11a. • Transform Tuesdays 12p. • Soup's ON! 3p7p. • Seniors TLC Tuesdays	9 10a. • Wellness Wednesdays (Alcoholism)	10 10a.• Healthy Eating Diabetes Workshop 1p.• Medicinal Teachings & Story- Telling @ MDG Yurt • Seniors Activity Kit & Good Food Box P/U RSVP Apr 3	11 6p. • Teen Talk	12 11a. • Epoxy Charcuterie Board Workshop RSVP Apr 9
13 9a. • Bundle Blanket Workshop	14 3p. • Chair Yoga @ Metamorphosis 4p. • Healthy Recipe OTM P/U RSVP Apr 10	15 12p. • Soup's ON! • Anishinaabemowin Language Sessions Contact for details. 3p7p. • Seniors TLC Tuesdays	16 1p. • Wellness Wednesdays (Parkinson's) 6p.• MDG Drum Circle RSVP please.	17 3p7p. • Service Canada & Niigaaniin Service Ontario Mobile Office Visits 5p. • Nutrition Bingo	18	19
20	21 • Super Mom Shout Out Submission Deadline OFFICES CLOSED	22 11a. • Transform Tuesdays 12p. • Soup's ON! • Anishinaabemowin Language Sessions Contact for details. 3p7p. • Seniors TLC Tuesdays	23 10a. • Wellness Wednesdays (Lesbian Visibility)	24 8a. • Drop-In NRHC Health Clinic 6p. • Traditional Craft Night RSVP Apr 22	25	26 12p. • Seal Skin Red Dress Awareness Pin Workshop RSVP Apr 16
27 11a. • Epoxy Charcuterie Board Workshop RSVP Apr 9	28 6p.• MDG Drum Circle RSVP please. 4p. • Let's Bead	29 11a. • Transform Tuesdays 12p. • Soup's ON! 3p7p. • Seniors TLC Tuesdays 6p. • Chief & Council Mtg. RSVP Apr 22 • Anishinaabemowin Language Sessions Contact for details.	30 10a. • Wellness Wednesdays (HIV/ AIDS) 2p. • Book Club Discussion	1 5p.• Congregate Dining RSVP Apr 24	2	3
4	5	6 12p. • Soup's ON!	7	8 • Seniors Activity Kit & Good Food Box P/U RSVP May 1	9	10 9a-8p • Election Candidates Nomination Meeting @ MDG