



Community Newsletter
May 2025 • Nimebine Giizis Sucker Moon

Wahnapitae First Nation



ELECTION CANDIDATES NOMINATION MEETING

For election of Chief, four Councillors, one on-reserve
Trustee and one off-reserve Trustee.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

🕒 Maan Doosh Gamig 📍 9am - 8pm

*In person only. 259 Taighwenini Trail Rd., Capreol ON

ELECTION VOTING DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

🕒 Maan Doosh Gamig 📍 10am - 8pm

*Mail-in ballots or in person voting only.

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;

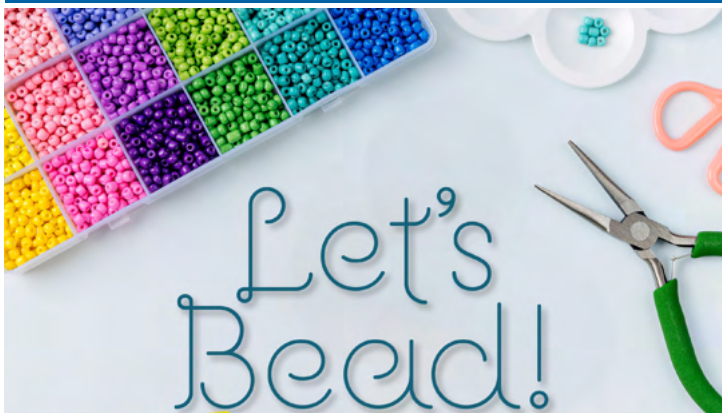
- a) an elder, who is a member of Wahnapitae First Nation and at least 65 years of age;**
- b) a person, at least 21 years of age, who is not a member of the band and who does not have vested interest in the outcome of an election appeal or a petition for removal of a council member from office; and**
- 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:

ed.tyson@wahnapitaefn.com

Open until filled.



Let's Bead!

NEW LOCATION

Monday, April 28

📍 Family Wellness Centre ⌚ 4-6pm
178 Loonway Rd.

Snacks and refreshments provided.
Bring unfinished projects or start new ones!

For questions or more information please contact:
📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 920-9106




NEW EVENT TIME

SealSkin Red Dress

AWARENESS PIN WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY
Resilient Inuk



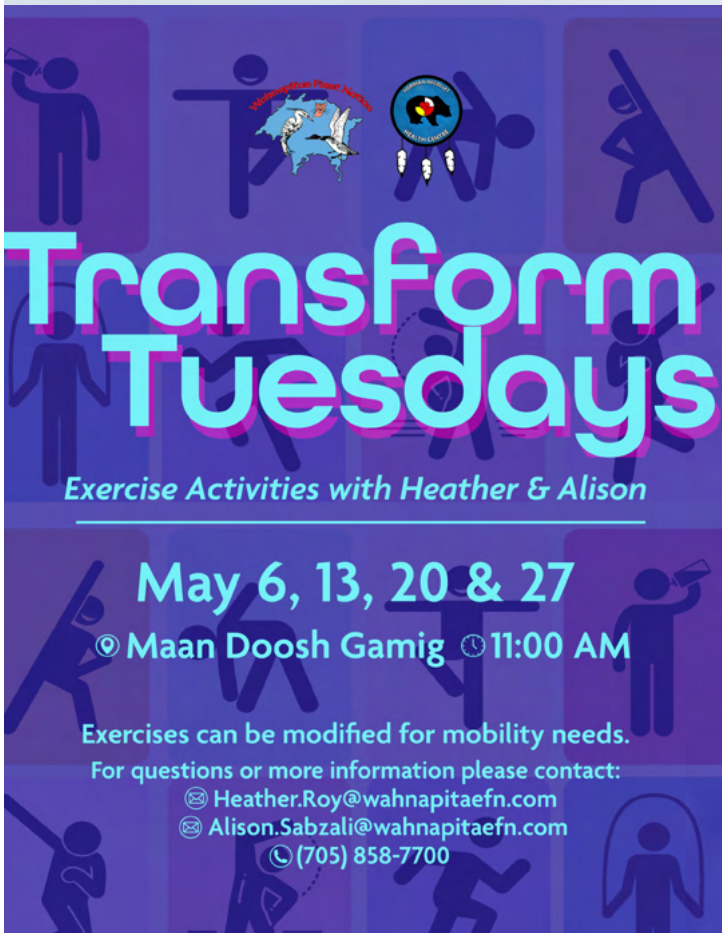
Saturday, April 26

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 12-4pm

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

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-0610
📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 920-9106





Transform Tuesdays

Exercise Activities with Heather & Alison

May 6, 13, 20 & 27

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 11:00 AM

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




Seniors

T.L.C.

Tuesdays

May 6, 13, 20, 27

📍 Centre of Excellence - Elders Lounge ⌚ 3:00 PM
Cards, snacks and refreshments provided.

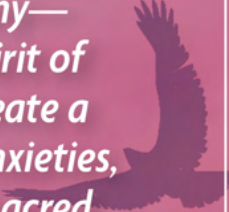
For more information and to RSVP please contact:
📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-7700




Releasing Ceremony



We are pleased to invite you to a special Releasing Ceremony—an opportunity for our community to come together in a spirit of healing, renewal, and peace. This gathering is intended to create a shared space where we can collectively release the burdens, anxieties, and negativity that may be weighing us down. Through this sacred process, we seek to restore balance, renew our vitality, and foster reconciliation, deepening the bonds between each of us and the greater community. All are welcome to join in reflection, connection, and intention. Please bring your good thoughts, prayers, and hopes for healing as we unite in this meaningful experience. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out—we look forward to seeing you there.



Monday, April 28

🕒 12pm • Soup and Sandwiches 📍 MDG

🕒 1-5pm • Ceremony 📍 Wanabitibing Sacred Grounds

For questions or more information, please contact:

✉️ Lori.Corbieri@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610 Ext. 253



National Day for
MMIWG
Monday, May 5

Red Dress Beaded Pins Workshop

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 9am-3pm

Red Dress Awareness Photoshoot

📍 MMIWG Memorial 🕒 3-5pm

Participants will receive photo as a diamond painting.
Lunch and refreshments provided.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉️ heather.roy@wahnapiataefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-7700

✉️ lori.corbiere@wahnapiataefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610



Greater Sudbury Unresolved Missing Persons Cases



Jane Winifred Smith (Female, Age 20) Details: Jane Smith was a student at Laurentian University in Sudbury and resided on Charlotte Street. On the 9th of August 1975, Jane Smith was last seen in her apartment just before she retired for bed at 2 a.m., and was found missing from her room that morning at 7:30 a.m.

All her personal belongings were left behind. Jane was 20 years of age at the time of her disappearance. She is described as 5'4, 115 lbs., reddish/brown hair, blue eyes, small round scar between eyebrows and wore contact lenses. She had some gold teeth. She was last seen wearing a blue sweatshirt with a zipper with pouch and hood, Wrangler blue jeans, and red Cougar running shoes, and had a large black shoulder bag. Police investigation to date cannot rule out the possibility that Jane has been a victim of foul play due to the duration of time since she went missing.



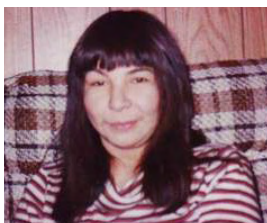
Gerry Gascon (Male, Age 25) Details: Between the 25th of May and the 2nd of June 1978, Gerry Gascon had spent time at Algoma Hospital in the City of Greater Sudbury. He was released and has not been seen or heard from since. He was from the Walden area and was 25 years of age at the time of his disappearance. He is

described as 5'9, 140 lbs., shoulder length brown hair, blue eyes. He had a scar on his left knee. Police investigation to date cannot rule out the possibility that Gerry has been a victim of foul play due to the duration of time since he went missing.



Pamela Harvey (Rousseau) (Female, Age 23) Details: In December of 1978, Pamela Harvey (Rousseau) was last seen at her apartment complex on Lloyd Street, in the City of Greater Sudbury. She had left her son with her neighbour and never returned. Family had been expecting her for the Christmas holidays and she did

not attend. When they began inquiring of her whereabouts, they discovered that she had been missing for some time. She is described as 5'6, 125 lbs., reddish/blonde hair, brown eyes. She was 23 years of age and it is unknown what she was wearing at the time of her disappearance. All her identification and personal belongings were left behind. Police investigation to date cannot rule out the possibility that Pamela has been a victim of foul play due to the duration of time since she went missing.



Sarah Skunk (Female, Age 34) Details: In 1986, Sarah Skunk visited with family members in Mishkeegogamang First Nation and Shabagua, ON. Since that time, she has not been heard from by any family members. Her family fears that she may be deceased. Sarah was known to frequent Vancouver, BC; Sudbury, ON;

and Washington State, USA. She was known by numerous aliases and may have had children. Sarah has a tattoo on her left forearm that says "Diane" or "Diana" and a Dagger.



Henry Blair Yensen (Male, Age 48) Details: On the 7th of January 1992, Henry Blair Yensen left his residence on Sellwood Avenue in the town of Capreol. He was very depressed. He was last seen walking on Ski Hill Road. He is described as 5'5, 145 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. He lost part of

his left foot in a job-related accident and uses a cane. He has a noticeable limp as the foot was amputated below the ankle. He is a heavy smoker and was 48 years of age at the time of his disappearance. He was wearing a royal blue Canadian Fishing Jacket with yellow and gold lettering on the chest area and on the back, blue Levis jeans, and grey cowboy boots, and was using his cane.



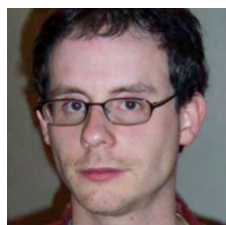
Roger Paul Bertrand (Male, Age 42) Details: On the 11th of November 1999, between 10:00 and 11:30 a.m., Roger Bertrand left his home on Dutrisac Road in Hanmer, Ontario. Roger was a material witness for a threatening investigation and had appeared nervous for a week prior

to his disappearance. He is described as 5'5, 145 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes. He was on a disability pension and suffered from back problems, and his left leg is dysfunctional requiring a brace and a cane to walk. He had left his brace and cane at the residence when he left. Roger was last seen wearing a black leather waist length jacket with lots of zipper and buckles on it. He also had a ¾-length grey-blue down-filled parka, jeans, and brown work boots. Police investigation to date indicates that Roger has been a victim of foul play.



Richard Munroe (Male, Age 63) Details: On the 2nd of October 2001, restaurant owners last saw Richard Munroe at Serge's Restaurant on Elgin Street in the City of Greater Sudbury. Munroe is described as a white male, 5'10, 130 lbs, grey hair, blue eyes. He

has no teeth, walks with a limp and has a crooked little finger on his left hand. He suffers from memory loss - Alzheimer's. He usually wore grey running shoes and is often dressed in an untidy manner. He was 63 years of age at the time of his disappearance. He spent most of his time in Thessalon, Sault Ste. Marie, and Dunn's Valley, and some time in Sudbury and British Columbia.



Stacy Lucien Dilenardi (aka Luke Dilenardi) (Male, Age 31) Details: Stacy Dilenardi was 31 years of age at the time of his disappearance. He lived in Sudbury all his life and had recently moved to Sault Ste. Marie where he worked for Ontario Forest Research Center. On the 28th of

November 2005, he attended to work in the morning and was last seen at the Sewell's gas bar on Frontenac Street, Ranklin Reserve, at 1:12 p.m. where he purchased Player's Light cigarettes. Stacy was a smoker of menthol cigarettes. He was last seen wearing a beige/khaki vest with a blue sleeve sweater underneath and beige pants. He was operating his 2003 red Chevrolet Cavalier

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Cooking With

Maple Syrup

NEW EVENT DATE

Saturday, May 3

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 10am-4pm

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 30.

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✉️ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-7700



Family Drumming

NEW DATE

Monday, May 12

🕒 4-7 PM 📍 Maan Doosh Gamig

Dinner and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉️ Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 920-9106

✉️ Lori.Corbiere@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610 Ext. 253





Seeking Red Dress Donations

Each red dress represents a soul never forgotten.
As we prepare to refresh the site, we invite you to donate
a red dress in sacred honor of Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people.

Should you have a donation please deliver to Heather:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

📍 NRHC - 259 Taighwenini Trail Rd.



MOOSE HIDE
CAMPAIGN
CAMPAGNE
MOOSE HIDE



TAKE ACTION TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Thursday, May 15 **📍 MDG**

10:00 AM – Ceremony

Join us at the beach at the end of Loonway for prayer, smudge and a water ceremony.

12:00 PM – Community Feast

Following the ceremony, we will walk together as a group to the Centre of Excellence for a community feast.

1:00 PM – Medicine Bag Workshop

Create your own Medicine Bag with Heather and Lori.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ heather.roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

Moose Hide Pins available all month, visit Heather to get yours!



MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA



Diabetic Snacks

PICK UP TAKE HOME KITS

Wednesday, May 14

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 3-5pm

Must be diabetic and RSVP by Thursday, May 8.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com
📞 (705) 858-7700



Traditional Spear Fishing

LAND-BASED PROGRAM

Weather dependent. For questions or more information please contact:

✉ Lori.Corbiere@wahnapietaefn.com
📞 (705) 858-0610



Gather • Laugh • Sing • Learn

Drumming Circle

**Wednesday
May 14**

**Monday
May 26**

📍 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@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 920-9488



CAREER INFO SESSION

Register Now!



NORCAT

UNDERGROUND TRAINING
CENTRE IN ONAPING

MAY 21, 2025
8 am to 3:30 pm

Bus departs at 8 am from
NORCAT located at
1545 Maley Drive, Sudbury

Lunch provided with
refreshments

MINING EDUCATION EVENT

Explore a career in mining, milling, smelting
and mining related services
For Wahnapiatae First Nation Members

SPECIAL LEARNING BENEFITS

- Learn about Glencore's career opportunities
- From testing to interview: what to expect in Glencore's recruitment processes
- Obtain information about Common Core (surface and underground) Presentation from NORCAT
- Gezhtoojig Employment & Training Session
- Bus tour to NORCAT Underground Training Centre at Onaping
Limited space available. **Register by May 5th, 2025**

GLENCORE



NORCAT



Bring your resume



Join underground tour at NORCAT
Transportation will be provided, departing at 7 am
from WFN Centre of Excellence
(RSVP to Nathan St. Germain)

REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AND GET MORE INFORMATION. CONTACT:
NATHAN.STGERMAIN@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM
PHONE: 705-858-0610, EXT. 221

A Journey to Remember: St. Anne's Kindergarten Class Visit Wahnapiatae



On Wednesday, March 26, the Kindergarten classes of Ms. Waern, Ms. Teddy, and Ms.

Dubois embarked on a field trip that was as educational as it was unforgettable. The students visited Wahnapiatae First Nation, where they were warmly welcomed and immersed in Indigenous culture and traditions in a day filled with meaningful learning, laughter, and connection.

The visit began with a heartfelt introduction from community hosts Tammy Chevrette, Jessica Baillargeon, Vinny Roque, Tammy Roque, and Nathan, who guided the students through a variety of rich cultural experiences. The day

opened with a group prayer and a smudging ceremony—a sacred Indigenous practice intended to cleanse and center the spirit—giving students a powerful and respectful start to their journey.



Huntington's Disease

Awareness Info Session & Craft

Thursday, May 8

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 10am

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapiataefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700



Outdoors, the students gathered in a cozy yurt to sip hot chocolate and delve into the traditions of maple syrup production. They learned about the cultural significance of the “Sugar Moon,” a traditional celebration of the maple harvest in March. Tasting fresh maple water and watching maple taffy being made became fast highlights of the day, delighting both students and staff alike.



Back inside, creativity and collaboration were on full display as each child contributed a painted handprint to a large, deer-hide dreamcatcher. Designed in harmony with the colors of the medicine wheel, the dreamcatcher now hangs proudly in the Kindergarten classroom as a lasting memento of the trip.



The morning's adventures were followed by a hearty brunch generously provided by Hiawatha's Restaurant & Marina, which offered a warm and nourishing break before the next round of activities. The afternoon saw students engaging in hands-on arts and crafts, decorating white turkey feathers with vibrant beads—an activity that brought together focus, fine motor skills, and cultural appreciation.



The school extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Wahnapiatae First Nation for their extraordinary hospitality and thoughtful programming, and to Hiawatha's for their delicious meal. Chi-miigwetch—a deep and sincere thank you—to all who made this day possible. It was truly a celebration of community, learning, and respect, and one that will be cherished for years to come.



Traditional Craft Night

Thursday, May 22

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6-8:30pm

*Materials, snacks and refreshments provided.
Limited seats available. RSVP appreciated.*

To RSVP and more information please contact:

✉️ Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapiataefn.com

📞 (705) 920-9488

Christopher Roque Memorial Fund
50/50 Raffle Tickets



To purchase or for more information please contact:

📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700
📧 Betty-Kay.Hill@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 822-5690



Work on it Wednesday

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

Wednesday, May 21

🕒 6-8:30 PM 📍 Maan Doosh Gamig

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 14:

📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com
☎ (705) 920-9106

Chi Miigwech

Wahnapietae proudly acknowledges and deeply appreciates the
hard work and dedication of all first responders and emergency
personnel—especially our incredible volunteer fire team.

Chi miigwech for your unwavering commitment
to keeping our community safe.



For more information and to volunteer please contact:

📧 Emily.Roque@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610 Ext. 201

CONGREGATE DINING

ELDERS 55+

MAY 1

RSVP BY APRIL 24

JUNE 5

RSVP BY MAY 29

📍 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@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ 705-858-7700



Anishinaabe Kwe

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

(Lead)

Wey yaa wey hey-ya

Wey yaa wey hey-ya

Wey hi-ya, way hey-yo, wey hi-ya,

Wey hi-ya wey hi-ya oo'yaa,

Wey hi-ya oo'weyo

Wey ya hey-yo

Anishinaabe kwe nda-miin'go
ndoodem

(Native women, i am given my
clan)

Nda-miin'go ndoodem

(I am given my clan)

Akina bi-biindgek oo'oo ma

(You all come in here)

Weweni nijj-niimiyek

(So you dance well)

Way ya hey-yo

A poster with a light green and blue background featuring a large, stylized leaf. The title "Wellness Wednesdays" is written in a large, cursive font. Below the title, there are four white rounded rectangular boxes, each containing a date, time, location, and topic. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text and contact information, and two logos at the very bottom.

Wellness Wednesdays

- May 7** ⌚ **10 am** 📍 **Elder's Lounge**
Mental Health Awareness
- May 14** ⌚ **10 am** 📍 **Elder's Lounge**
Vaping Awareness
- May 21** ⌚ **1 pm** 📍 **MDG**
Human Trafficking Awareness
- May 28** ⌚ **1 pm** 📍 **Elder's Lounge**
Schizophrenia Awareness

Information sessions with light snacks and refreshments.
For more information and to RSVP please contact:
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DIABETIC

GROCERY STORE TOUR



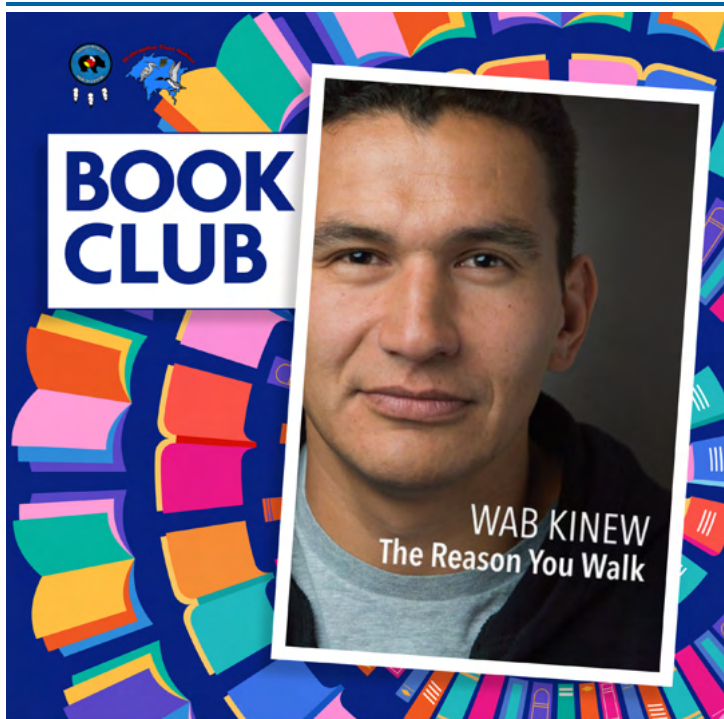
Thursday, May 22

Giftcards provided, must RSVP by May 19.

✉ heather.roy@wahnapiitaefn.com

✉ alison.sabzali@wahnapiitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700



DISCUSSION: **THURSDAY, MAY 29**

📍Elder's Lounge ⌚ 3:30pm

Sign-up with Heather by Monday, May 5.

✉ heather.roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

Nutrition BINGO

Thursday, May 15
 📍 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@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

RSVP: May 15
Pick-up: May 21

Bring your bags to MDG from 4-6pm.

To RSVP and for more information:
 ✉ Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapietaefn.com
 ✉ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 858-7700

CHAIR YOGA

For Diabetics

Monday, May 12 & 26

📍 Metamorphosis Yoga Studio, Capreol ⌚ 2:00PM

Rides and passes provided, depart 1:30 PM from
 Centre of Excellence. Please RSVP to:
 ✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700



Mental Health Counselling Services

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.

Book now. Call or visit us today.

📍 190 Loonway Road 📞 (705) 858-7700



USING POSITIVE WORDS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Healthy Babies Healthy Children Drop-In



Thursday, May 29

📍 NRHC Clinic (190 Loonway Rd.) 🕒 1-5 pm

For questions and more information please contact:

✉️ alison.sabzali@wahnapietaefn.com

☎️ (705) 858-7700

White Owl Film Studios Hosts National Canadian Film Day with Indigenous Storytelling Spotlight

White Owl Film Studios, Canada's largest Indigenous-owned film studio, celebrated National Canadian Film Day (NCFD) last week with a special screening of *The Road to Tophet*, a feature film narrated by acclaimed Indigenous actor Adam Beach. The event, held April 16 in Wahnapiatae First Nation, drew attention to Northern Ontario's growing role in the country's creative landscape.

NCFD, launched in 2014 by Reel Canada, is a nationwide initiative to highlight Canadian cinema and the diverse voices behind it. This year's event at White Owl featured a tri-lingual screening — in French, English, and Indigenous languages — of *The Road to Tophet*, a locally filmed narrative shot in Chapleau in collaboration with the Chapleau Cree First Nation.

"We're showing a French, English, and Indigenous film that really represents where we are in Northern Ontario," said Alex Green, public relations and acquisitions manager for White Owl Film Studios, who also co-wrote and starred in the film. "Adam Beach is our storyteller, and the characters are a French Canadian and an English Canadian — it reflects our shared cultures" (Green, 2025).

Directed by Steve Schmidt and written by Schmidt, Green, and Jeremy Beal, *The Road to Tophet* was originally released in 2014. The film explores themes rooted in the legend of the Windigo, blending cultural elements familiar to many Northern communities.

The April 16 event also featured a live musical performance by Wasauksing First Nation's Zeegwon Shilling. At just 20 years old, Shilling has already performed at major events such as the Weengushk International Film Festival and is gaining recognition as an emerging Indigenous singer and guitarist.

"He's incredibly talented, intelligent, and educated," Green said. "We're honoured to have him as part of the celebration" (Green, 2025).

White Owl Film Studios officially opened in March 2025 after more than a year of construction. Built by Wahnapiatae citizen Roy Roque and several silent investors, the 20,000-square-foot facility with 64-foot

ceilings is now the largest Indigenous-owned studio in the country.

"They saw a huge potential in the film industry here in the North," Green said. "This studio fills a major infrastructure gap in Northern Ontario and creates opportunities for growth, education, and cultural expression" (Green, 2025).



The day's programming began with an opening ceremony and a welcome video from Reel Canada featuring the national anthem by singer Jann Arden. The event also included a short film screening, followed by the feature presentation of *The Road to Tophet* at 3:05 p.m. A live Q&A session with director Steve Schmidt concluded the day's activities.

"It's a free event, and everyone is welcome," said Green. "This was about showing people what we can build together — not just in film, but in community" (Green, 2025).

Sources: Green, A. (2025, April 16). Remarks during National Canadian Film Day at White Owl Film Studios., Reel Canada. (2024). National Canadian Film Day Overview. Retrieved from reelcanada.ca., Schmidt, S. (2014). *The Road to Tophet* [Film]. White Owl Film Studios.

Notice:

Rental Units Available

To apply or for more information
please contact:

✉ housingcoordinator@wahnapietaefn.com
☎ (705) 858-0610 ext. 210



Online Job Board

Employment, Education and Training

WWW.WAHNAPIAEFIRSTNATION.COM

Community Eagle Staff

MEMBERS CALL FOR DESIGN TEAM

To volunteer or for more information please contact:

✉ Lori.Corbiere@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610



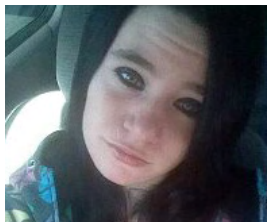
that was recovered on the 1st of December 2005 on a bush road 15 km behind Garden River First Nations Reserve. A search took place with negative results. In May 2006, another search was conducted for 20 days where the vehicle was initially located with negative results. Stacy is described as 5'8, 155-160 lbs, thin, brown hair to his ears, balding on top, brown eyes, and glasses, and has psoriasis on his legs, arms, and back. He took medication for thyroid and depression. At times he went by his middle name "Luke" and in January 2005 he legally changed his name to Luke Dilenardi.



Heather Linda Moggy (Female, Age 17) Details: Heather Linda Moggy was 17 years old at the time of her disappearance. She was residing in the Sudbury area. The last confirmed sighting of Heather was on June 22, 2002 by family members. Heather is described as being a Caucasian female. At the time she went missing

she was described as 5'6", 150lbs, having long medium brown hair, blue eyes. It is unknown what she was wearing at the time of her disappearance. Police believe she may be in the company of John Alan Tucso, who was 42 years old at the time she went missing. John was last seen on September 5, 2003 in Brantford, Ontario and is also listed as missing. They have been known in the past to have ties to Manitoulin Island, Brantford and Calgary. Police are interested in speaking with anyone who may have seen or been in contact with Heather since June of 2002, or who may know of her current whereabouts.

Claire Beckett (Female, Age 55) Last seen: July 16, 2012 – Capreol. Current details not known: Avid hiker. Last seen by family. Extensive search conducted. Photo not publicly available.



Meagan Pilon (Female, Age 15) Details: Meagan Rose Pilon was 15 years old at the time of her disappearance. She was residing in the New Sudbury area. The last confirmed sighting of Meagan was on September 12th, 2013 at her family residence. Meagan is described as being a Caucasian female. At the time she went

missing she was described as 5'10", 140lbs, having black hair, hazel eyes. She has a small scar on her upper lip, and a red birthmark in the left inner chest area. She has a playboy bunny tattoo on her left shoulder blade. It is unknown what she was wearing at the time of her disappearance. Police have received information related to potential sightings of Meagan in the areas of Sudbury, West Nipissing, Espanola and Manitoulin. However none of these sightings have been confirmed. Police are interested in speaking with anyone who may have seen or been in contact with Meagan since September of 2013, or who may know of her current whereabouts. Meagan is considered by police as a missing person where the police investigation cannot rule out foul play due to the duration of time she has been missing.



Catherine "Wendy" Lafortune (Female, Age 48) Details: On May 10th, 2024, Greater Sudbury Police Service received a report of a missing female, Catherine "Wendy" (DOB: 15 Aug 75). She was last seen in the Greater Sudbury area wearing high brown boots, blue jeans, a grey hooded sweatshirt and white striped jacket. She is described as: A white female with a slim build, 5 feet 3 inches tall, 130 lbs, blue eyes, and brown hair.



Juanita "Winnie" Migwans (Female, Age 30) Details: Disappeared without a trace Oct. 2, 2024 from M'Chigeeng First Nation.. She was last seen on Riverside Drive in the First Nation at approximately 5 p.m. Her family is pleading with the community to tell the police anything they know.

Det. Insp. Raymond St. Pierre of the Ontario Provincial Police criminal investigations branch said Migwans didn't have anything with her when she disappeared. "What's important to note is she didn't have a telephone with her," St. Pierre said. "She didn't have a form of ID, bank card or credit cards or anything like that." UCCM Anishnaabe Police and the OPP have working together on the ongoing investigation. "Our investigators have conducted numerous door knocks, conducted numerous interviews, following up on tips, of sightings," St. Pierre said. "The OPP and UCCM have conducted ground searches. We have used aviation services, so that includes a helicopter, that includes drones." He wants the community to know that they're not giving up and continue to search for Juanita. But he's hoping someone will come forward with new information. "We're looking for assistance and the police can't do it on their own," St. Pierre said. There is also a dedicated tip line: 1-883-941-9010.

Anna (Female, Age 13) Last seen: December 23, 2024 – Greater Sudbury. Details: Blonde hair, brown eyes, 5'2", 110 lbs. No resolution announced. Photo not publicly available.



Geraldine (Female, Age 25) Details: Greater Sudbury Police are looking to check on the well-being of 35-year-old Geraldine (no last name supplied). She was last heard from on April 10, 2025. Geraldine is described as being 5-4 tall, around 110 lbs., with long brown hair and brown eyes. There

are no clothing descriptors available at this time. Loved ones are concerned for Geraldine's well-being as she has not been heard from for a prolonged period of time. Anyone with information related to the whereabouts of Geraldine is asked to contact police at 705-675-9171.

If you have any information regarding these cases, please contact the Greater Sudbury Police Service at 705-675-9171. If you would like to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 705-222-8477.



Mammogram Screenings

Tuesday, June 3

📍 Health Sciences North, Sudbury

Limit of 6 seats, transportation provided.
Please call to register.

📞 (705) 858-7700



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GRADE 8 APPLICATION



GRADE 12 APPLICATION



Volunteer Call Infrastructure, Housing & Roads Committee



The WFN Infrastructure, Housing and roads committee will dedicate its efforts to improving the quality of public infrastructure and development for members while honouring our Seven Grandfather Teachings in all decision making processes.

For applications or more information please contact:

 Emily.Roque@wahnapiitaefn.com

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MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

Tarot Card Readings, Braiding, Foot Massages & Cedar Foot Soaks, Facials, Manicures, Eyelash Tints, Swag Bags, Door Prizes and activities all day long! Bring your hand drum as well and join the rhythm.

Saturday, May 24

📍 **Maan Doosh Gamig** ⌚ **10am-3pm**

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 21:

✉ **Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com** ☎ **(705) 858-7700**





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Child and Family Services



Culture Services **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION**

WAHNAPI'TAE FIRST NATION

Date: Wednesday
May 28, 2025

Location: MDG

Time: 6:00–7:30PM

For more information please contact:
Tammy Chevrette, Cultural Coordinator
tammy.chevrette@wahnapi'taefn.com

DOOR PRIZE!!

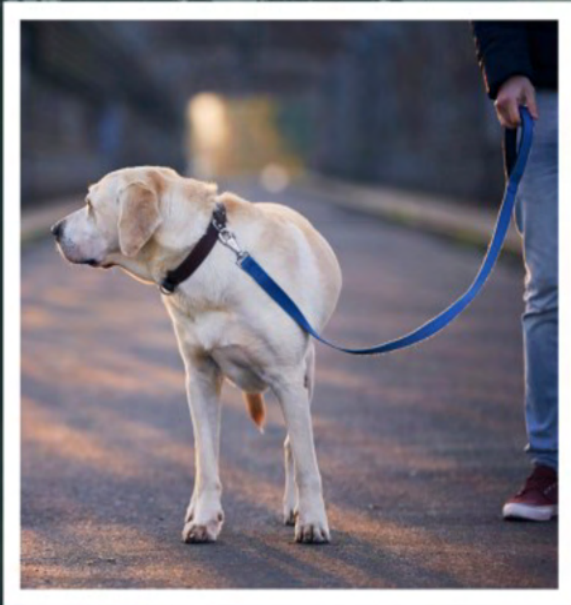
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She is not only a mom but also the best Grandma to my children! We appreciate everything she does for us daily—from helping us with last-minute dinner add-ons to answering the phone when questions need to be asked. She works hard and always has the best food made for us to grab on the go! She's been my greatest support system over the years, and it never goes unrecognized. When she makes food, the whole reserve will put orders in just to get a taste! She helped with some of my wedding costs and walked my wife down the aisle on my biggest day. She always buys her grandchildren snacks when they show up at White Birch while she's working—even when she has no cash! She's been there for those who don't have a mom when they needed one the most. She's all around the most beautiful Super Mom anyone can ask for, and we love her with our whole hearts!" — Tasha Skelliter

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- keep your animals in your yard
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Nimebine Giizis Horoscope

Deer and Gemini

People born at this time have the capacity to be alert and inquisitive. These individuals tend to be on the go and need lots of stimulation. Mercury is an important planet for these folk and it often bestows them with a sharp mentality. In the west people born at this time come under the zodiac sign of Gemini. In Native American astrology this energy is reflected in the Deer totem, which can be found in the east on the medicine wheel. If we visualize the deer many would agree that the swiftness and sharp senses they possess give them some advantages over other species including man. Their ability to move swiftly and softly through their surroundings enables them to assess the surroundings faster than any predator. Likewise the Gemini individual will often be mentally one step ahead other folk, before they have even had a chance to notice. The only pitfall for these individuals is their need to be on the go all the time, there reluctance to stay in one place for too long. This need for constant movement sometimes makes it hard for these people to ground themselves in long term projects. The Deer individual can learn much from the Elk energy, found directly opposite, in the west, on the medicine wheel.

Source: <https://twofeathers.co.uk/pages/native-american-astrology?srsltid=AfmBOorKkTEC2oCt07oju-LHU49HG5j3meprDk6v-3OEw-OJ0Ncg6vYs#fred-hawk-and-aries>



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Virtual Ojibwe Course Level A - LNOAO

July 2nd – July 30th, 2025

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.



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graduates to
Grade 12
students!

For more information
please contact:

Marlo Beaucage – Principal
Marlo.beaucage@a-e-s.ca



Anishinabek
Education System

As we welcome the vibrant month of May, we embrace a season of renewal, reflection, and reconnection. Nature awakens around us, and with it comes a renewed sense of hope, purpose, and community spirit.

May begins with the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls—also known as Red Dress Day—on Sunday, May 5. This solemn day calls us to remember and honour the lives lost, and to stand in solidarity in the ongoing fight to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, 2-Spirit, and gender-diverse people. Across the month, MMIWG events offer spaces for remembrance, advocacy, and action—reminding us of the strength found in collective healing and unwavering commitment to justice.

In a continuation of this call to action, we also recognize the Moose Hide Campaign, a powerful grassroots movement to end gender-based violence. Through ceremony, education, and open conversation, we are reminded of the vital role each of us plays in creating safe, respectful communities for all.

May is also a time to celebrate and honour the nurturing strength and wisdom of mothers and caregivers. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, we express our deepest gratitude for the love and guidance that shapes our lives and our future.

This spring also marks a critical time for civic engagement, as we look ahead to community election events and the upcoming federal election. These are powerful opportunities to raise our voices, shape our leadership, and influence the decisions that affect our present and future. Voting is not only a right—it is a vital expression of our values and our vision for the generations to come. If you have questions about the voting process or upcoming election events, please don't hesitate to reach out—your voice matters, and your participation is key.

As the warmth of the season invites us outdoors, we are reminded of the importance of coming together—to support, to celebrate, and to grow alongside one another. Let us move through this month with action and intention toward uplifting the voices and values that strengthen our community.

Miigwech, Gimaa Larry Roque

Wahnapiatae First Nation Centre of Excellence

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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.
wahnapiataefirstnation.com](http://www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com)**

Members Portal

**Register to access to
member documents,
surveys, votes and more.**



E-notices

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

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Scan to complete a survey.



**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@wahnapiataefn.com
(705) 858-0610 Ext: 234

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Chief & Council

REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, May 27

📍 **ELDERS LOUNGE & ZOOM** ⌚ **6:00 PM**

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

🌐 **wahnapi'taeFirstNation.com/members-login**

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



SCAN HERE
TO OPEN LINK





Teen Talk

Games and fun with snacks and refreshments!

Friday, May 9

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6-8pm
 RSVP by Tuesday, May 5.

✉️ heather.roy@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☎️ (705) 858-7700



Healthy Snacks

Pick Up Dates

Wednesday, April 9
Wednesday, May 7

**No bins available due to low returns.
 Please bring bags to pick up.*

📍 Family Wellness Centre (178 Loonway Road)
 🕒 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

For questions and more information please contact:
 ✉️ April.Cardinal@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 770-2477




Anishinaabemowin Language Sessions

Co-Facilitated by Debbie Recollet
 & Debbie Plain-McGregor

Tuesdays • May 6, 13, 20 & 27

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5:30-7:30 pm

Open to all, light snacks and refreshments provided.
 For more information please contact:
 ✉️ Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 920-9488

HOME IGNITION ZONE



LEGEND

- IMMEDIATE ZONE
- INTERMEDIATE ZONE
- EXTENDED ZONE



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THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT INCREASE YOUR COMMUNITY'S RISK OF WILDLAND FIRE.

Check out the *FireSmart Begins at Home Guide* for an in-depth look at how you can build wildland fire resiliency.

IMMEDIATE ZONE 0–1.5 metres

The Immediate Zone is an area that is clear of flammable materials, starting with the house and extending out to a 1.5 metre perimeter around the home and attached structures, including decks.

Reduce the chance of: wind-blown embers igniting your home by starting with these proactive steps:

- Choose non-combustible building materials when constructing or renovating your home.

- Clear vegetation and flammable materials down to mineral soil and cover with fire-resistant materials like gravel, brick, or concrete.
- Avoid planting woody shrubs or trees. If any are present, prune and maintain them regularly.

INTERMEDIATE ZONE 1.5–10 metres

Elements in the Intermediate Zone are managed so they don't carry fire to your home. Here are a few actions you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability:

- Plant fire-resistant vegetation and select non-flammable landscaping materials.
- Avoid the use of woody debris, including mulch.

- Keep flammable items like firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools, and decorative pieces out of this zone.
- Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds, and other flammable structures into the Extended Zone. If that's not possible, store firewood inside your fire-proofed

garage, shed, or other ember resistant structures.

- Use non-flammable ground cover, like a gravel pad, underneath and 1.5 metres around trailers, recreational vehicles, propane tanks, and sheds.

EXTENDED ZONE 10–30 metres

The goal in the Extended Zone is not to eliminate fire, but to reduce its intensity. If your community extends into this zone, a few important steps you can take include:

- Selectively remove evergreen trees to create space between them (at least 3 metres of

horizontal space between the single or grouped tree crowns).

- Remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground.
- Regularly clean up fallen branches, dry grass, and needles to eliminate potential surface fuels.

- Continue to apply these principles if your property extends beyond 30 metres. Work with your community in overlapping zones and seek guidance from a forest professional if affected by other conditions like steep slopes.

Get started on your FireSmart™ journey! [FIRESMARTCANADA.CA](https://firesmartcanada.ca)



Find help here.

Emergency evacuation information for **Indigenous Peoples living in Ontario**

Be prepared and **take action:**



1

Make an emergency kit with at least 72 hour's worth of supplies: medications, IDs and essential items.

2

Tune in – radio, television or local social media – for weather warnings, advisories or information about evacuation plans.

3

When evacuation is necessary, be prepared to leave immediately.

4

Follow the routes specified by officials. Don't take shortcuts. They could lead you to a blocked or dangerous area.



Mental health support can be reached any time through the Hope for Wellness Help Line.
Call: **1-855-242-3310**
Chat: **hopeforwellness.ca**

Visit **canada.ca/indigenousevacuations** for a full list of national resources.

Support for evacuees:

Status Cards: Lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed

1-800-567-9604

To request a Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document (TCRD), call or visit any regional office. TCRD can be mailed to you.

Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB)

1-800-640-0642

The Ontario Client Line is toll free and can help refill/replace items covered under NIHB (e.g., prescription medication). To contact other toll free NIHB supports:

Medical transportation

1-888-283-8885 | Sioux Lookout

1-877-779-7749 | Thunder Bay

1-800-881-3921 | Ottawa

1-833-675-3081 | Ontario after hours

NIHB Drug Exception Centre

1-888-441-4777

Support for First Nations & Inuit children

1-855-572-4453

Jordan's Principle and Inuit Child First Initiative ensure that First Nations and Inuit children have access to the products, services and support they need.

Regional travel guide

Ontario 511 can help with emergency planning and evacuation. **Call 511 or check 511on.ca** for road closures, weather, and other impacts on safe travel in your area.



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First Nations Child and Family Services
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**The Claims Period is
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Jordan's Principle Counsellor:  betty-kay.hill@wahnapietaefn.com  (705) 822-5690

Anishinabek Student Excellence Awards

Five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 each will be awarded to Anishinabek First Nation students at the post-secondary level

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a registered full-time student at an accredited post-secondary college or university. Students who are currently enrolled as well as those who have completed studies and are graduating in 2025 are eligible.

Applicant must be a registered member of one of the 39 Anishinabek First Nations (See list on page 2) and must not have received an Anishinabek Student Excellence Award in the past 3 years.

To Apply:

Eligible students are asked to submit:

- ☐ a short bio (tell us a little about yourself);
- ☐ a letter outlining academic achievements, community involvement and future aspirations;
- ☐ support letters from (2) academic references (Professors, Teachers, Education Directors, etc.);
- ☐ a copy of your transcript of your current 2024/25 grades;
- ☐ a clear copy of your status card; and
- ☐ contact information including complete mailing address, email address and phone number.

*** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

CLOSING DATE
for scholarship applications is 4:30pm on
Friday, May 30, 2025

Applications can be submitted by email (preferred), mail, or fax to:



Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity
Attn: Jason Restoule, Manager
1 Migizi Miikan, P.O. Box 711, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8

Email: an7gc@anishinabek.ca
Phone: (705) 497-9127 or 1-877-702-5200
Fax: (705) 497-9135
Web: www.an7gc.ca

MAY

AFTERSCHOOL AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 ASP & YLP Whinnying in Life Outing <i>National Children and Youth Mental Health Week</i>	6 YLP Making self-care bundles <i>National Children and Youth Mental Health Week</i>	7 ASP Positive affirmations and creations! <i>National Children and Youth Mental Health Week</i>	8	9	10
11	12 ASP Bowling and Arcade at Plaza Bowl Sudbury	13 YLP Resume writing with Nathan	14 ASP Nature Photography	15	16	17
18	19 ASP Holiday- No program	20 NO PROGRAM- STAFF AWAY AT CONFERENCE		21	22	23
24						
25	26 ASP & YLP Whinnying in Life outing (Both groups)	27 YLP Bowling and Arcade at Plaza Bowl Sudbury	28 ASP Outdoor Play and Face Painting	29	30	31

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.**

Wahnapiitae First Nation

May 2025 • Nimebine Giizis Sucker Moon Community Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 • Spring Release Ceremony - 12pm • Let's Bead - 4pm	29	30	1 • Congregate Dining - 5pm	2	3 • Maple Syrup Cooking - 10am
4	5 • MMIWG Wrkshp & Photos - 9am & 3pm	6 • Trsfrm. Tue. -11am • TLC Tue. - 3pm • Anishinaabemowin Session - 5:30pm	7 • Wellness Wed. - 10am • Healthy Snacks Pick-up - 3pm	8 • Huntington's Disease Info Session - 10am	9 • Teen Talk - 6pm	10 • Election Candidates Mtg - 9am, MDG
11	12 • Family Drumming Circle - 4pm • Diabetic Chair Yoga - 2pm	13 • Trsfrm. Tue. -11am • TLC Tue. - 3pm • Anishinaabemowin Session - 5:30pm	14 • Wellness Wed. - 10am • Diabetic Snack Kits - 3pm • Drum Circle - 6pm	15 • Moosehide Cmpgn. Day - 10am • Healthy Recipe OTM Pick-up - 4pm • Nutrition Bingo - 5pm	16	17
18	19 Victoria Day OFFICES CLOSED	20 • Trsfrm. Tue. -11am • TLC Tue. - 3pm • Anishinaabemowin Session - 5:30pm	21 • Norcat Info Session Trip - 8am • Wellness Wed. - 1pm • Wrk on It Wed - 6pm	22 • Diabetic Grocery Tour • Traditional Craft Night - 6pm	23	24 • Mother's Day Event - 10am
25	26 • Drum Circle - 6pm • Diabetic Chair Yoga - 2pm	27 • Trsfrm. Tue. -11am • TLC Tue. - 3pm • Anishinaabemowin Session - 5:30pm • Chief & Council Regular Mtg. - 6pm	28 • Wellness Wed. - 1pm • Culture Services Engagement Session - 6pm	29 • HBHC Drop-in - 1pm • Book Club Discussion - 3:30pm	30	31
1	2 • HSN Mammogram Screenings Trip	3	4	5 • Congregate Dining - 5pm	6	7

Please visit www.wahnapiitaeirstnation.com for all up-to-date community event information, news and notices.