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Great Spirit Moon
January 2023

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Garden River First Nation

The Creator's Garden

Community Newsletter

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First Nation Public Libraries

The GRFN Public Library
located at 48 Syrette Lake Road

presents:

Baby Storytime Drop In

For parents/guardians with children 0-1.5 yrs

Tuesdays 2-2:45 pm

February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21, 28 2023

Enjoy 8 weeks of song, stories, play and crafts in a safe, environment while starting the little ones on a fun, happy, lifelong journey of reading!

Contact Irene: irene.gray@gardenriver.ca to sign up!
Please note: Space is limited,

Words from the Chief...

Aanii/Boozhoo Elders, Youth and fellow Citizens!

I am hoping that each and every one of you enjoyed your holidays with your loved ones. The month of December was a busy one as there were a number of meetings that took place. It is always a time to reflect on the year and focus on new beginnings for 2023. Our Council is extremely excited to roll up their sleeves and kick off some very important initiatives for our community.

Tiny Home Update – The Housing Department is working extremely hard to ensure that construction and development of our Tiny Homes project commences in the springtime. We are looking to develop a number of small units for our members who lack housing, specifically geared to single individuals and small families. We are also trying to develop new infrastructure areas within the community, which will allow us to construct more normal size homes for our members. Throughout some of the consultation sessions with the community over the last 4 years, infrastructure has been a very important matter that members want to see, as it allows us to build more homes for our people. We will continuously work with our Housing and Lands department to ensure we are developing and providing more opportunities for access to housing.

Transitional Home – Upon successful approval for our transitional home project, plans are underway to construct a transitional home within our community. There is a huge need with the state of limited housing across the country and we are trying to develop access to homes here within Garden River. We are hoping with the construction of a transitional home, we are able to assist those members that are struggling and have a number of challenges to provide them with temporary shelter with additional supports. There are times that Council is faced with difficult situation where some of members have nowhere to live and we as a Council wanted to provide some solutions and support in those circumstances. We are hoping that this project assists our members.

Bellville Property – Garden River was approached with a unique opportunity from CHMC over the last couple of years to work on an application to purchase a Federal Building for asset growth. This location available was in Bellville, Ontario that allowed Garden River to apply for grants and funds to subsidize the purchase. Garden River invited two other communities to be a part of the opportunity, Missanabie Cree and the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to convert the building into social housing project. The social housing units will be available for individuals in late 2023. This is a unique opportunity and we are hoping to build off of these experiences to expand on our assets and projects in the local area including hubs where Garden River members reside. We as a Council know that housing is in a critical state in this country including our own community and we want to think creatively how we can fill those gaps for our members who are living off reserve as much as we are trying to achieve with those living members living in the community.

Business Capital Distribution – Chief and Council made the decision to provide a capital distribution of $200.00 to all Garden River Band Members as of a date described in our December 2022 meeting. In light of moving forward, our Council understands the needs of our members including the challenges of every day life, and we know that any supports helps our people. We want to continue to help our members and we hope to do so as we focus on more economic development initiatives for Garden River that will hopefully generate funds to share with our members. Not to confuse this with land claim funds or other monies, we are merely trying to provide some support as we move forward. This current Council has remained committed to helping our people in all aspects and remain focused on bringing greater wealth generation for our community.

OLG – I had the opportunity to sit down with the Ontario Lottery Gaming CEO Duncan Hannay to talk about creating a cultural change within their operations. They are keen on ensuring our people have equal access to employment opportunities within the entity and would like to see more representation within the head office. We also talked about the need to continue with on-going cultural competency training to ensure OLG is a safe space for our people. We also talked about a few other ideas that I hope to bring to fruition in near future.

Annuities Meeting – Robinson Huron Chiefs were asked to bring their community eagle staff, and an elder to assist with discussions with both Minister of Indigenous Services Canada Marc Miller and Minister of Indigenous Affairs Greg Rickford to discuss the Annuities Case. This was an opportunity to have our say and encourage both parties to move forward with an agreement. My comment surrounded the need to deal with this matter now instead of our children inheriting these challenges. All of the Leadership articulated good messages and if there is any indication recently of our discussions, the future remains very optimistic. We will update the community as this process moves forward.

Assembly of First Nations Annual December Assembly – leadership from Garden River attended the AFN Winter Assembly to discuss a number of matters. With much of

the conversations surrounding the challenges within the National Chief's office back in July, these same issues surfaced during the meeting. It was tough to get to the issues at hand and one particular matter I had intended to speak on was a resolution surrounding Residential Schools and the calling for a few changes and amendments to the proposed Resolution. With the agenda being pushed, most of the resolutions did not provide ample time for discussion. It was frustrating and concerning that some of the work that the majority of leadership wanted to focus on, did not allow for such time. One major announcement worth mentioning was the efforts to bring two sides involving the AFN and the First Nations Caring society together so that a common approach can be implemented when dealing with the feds on child welfare and compensation.

Winter Quarterly General Assembly – leadership held a follow up session to the General Assembly held in November, which focused on presenting the approved Audit to the community. The quarterly assembly in December focused on the subsequent approved Audit and provided our membership an opportunity to ask questions and get some of the answers they were looking for. Our finance department continues to work extremely hard to ensure that we get caught on some of those financial presentations to ensure we operate in a transparent and fiscally responsible manner. We are quite confident we will be caught up completely over the next few months. Aside from having the meeting in the community, Council also held a meeting off reserve at Sault College. Moving forward, we want to ensure that opportunity is given to our off reserve members to participate in such sessions, so we intend to host meetings in hubs throughout Ontario. Our goal is to ensure that our members feel connected and involved in the operations of our governance.

Office of the Chief Coroner – A meeting took place with Council and the Chief Coroner for Ontario to discuss the drafting up of a protocol agreement with our community and their department. It is very important that they understand what our expectations are as a community and the work that they do within this province. We want to ensure that we have a good working relationship with the understanding of how we operate as a Nation within our community, both from a cultural and traditional aspect. We also believe it will critical to develop such a path forward especially when we are discussing the recovery of unmarked graves at the former Shingwauk Residential School site. This is a relationship that is critical for the work that we do and continue to do for our Nation.

Membership Code Meeting – Governance held a membership code information session where we brought in the firm of Tijerina, Tegosh and Caraballo to discuss the membership code. It was well attended where citizens asked some very important questions regarding the membership code. Sessions will take place in the community to discuss the code with the possibility of changes if the community ratifies the vote. Keep an eye out for future sessions in the community.

CEDI – Garden River successfully submitted a proposal in conjunction with the city of Sault Ste. Marie for the Community Economic Development Initiative. It was a very intense process with interviews that took place amongst both staff from the city of Sault Ste. Marie and our team also including both leaders from the two communities. The opportunity will help to develop and foster a greater relationship with our neighbours with a focus on Economic Development. We shared our vision collectively and we are quite confident this will set the stage for a good working relationship. More information will be provided to the community as we move forward with this initiative.

It had been a very busy and productive month for our Council; a lot of important meetings and developing relationships with stakeholders to advance the interests of Garden River has been a priority. We will continue to develop and create new opportunities while fostering relationships with potential partners. We hope to build off of the business capital distribution and continue on, however that will depend on the success and future of our band owned enterprises. We as Council remain committed to implementing change while improving the community in all aspects.

Until next time my friends, stay safe and take care!

Meegwetch,

Chief Andy Rickard,
Namay Dodem
Garden River First Nation

Garden River Community Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2023

- February Newsletter—Friday, January 27, 2023
- March Newsletter– Friday, February 24
- April Newsletter—Friday, March 24
- May Newsletter—Friday, April 21
- June Newsletter—Friday, May 26
- July Newsletter—Friday, June23
- August Newsletter—Friday, July28
- September Newsletter—Friday, August 25
- October Newsletter—Friday, September 22
- November Newsletter—Friday, October 27
- December Newsletter—Friday, November 24

Email submissions to:
irene.gray@gardenriver.ca

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Happiest 28th Birthday to my daughter, Teniqua (Tika) Comfort!
Love Mom XO

Happy birthday dad, Papa B, and Uncle Bebo.
LOVE always Indya.

Happy 22nd birthday Hailee
Love mom & dad and Lexi

Facebook January Birthdays

Kina Awiiya Esa
Ercd Energy
Ed Nothing
Aaron Hill
Michelle Belisle
Dion Syrette
Kathryn Boissoneau-Skov
Teala Rose Nadjiwon
Desbarats Jay
Jamie Thibault
Hailee Jones
Ron Gallagher
Roland Niganobe
Chantelle Evan
Roseanne Wabegijig
Cheristy Cynthia - Marie Syrette
Kristy Dawn
Carmen Aelick
Miishan Cress
Isabell Wilson
Vince Nolan
Ness Manning
Teniqua Comfort
Linda Grossett
Cher Jamieson
Janis Jones
Vince Pine
Garden River Lsl
Karen Boyer
Leeann Pine
Kevin James Boissoneau
Carlita Marcellus
Terri Marie Perrault
Shyanne Jones
Shera Lee
Crystal Kingston
Isaac Boissoneau
Darcy Lesage
Thomas Bier
Travis Boissoneau
Rachel Solomon-Boon
Jaycee Filion
Cody Boissoneau-Wesley
Arnelda J. Pine
Theresa Bindo
Kari Barry
Vanessa Jones
Jacob Bell
Venessa Tookenay
Lillian Mahgagahbow
Nessa Jones
Jagger Syrette
Chantale Tournier
Kiki Eshkibok
Shawne Williams
Liz Wabegijig
Amanda Marie
Brandon Southwind
Alex Causley

GR Bingo

Pub Works

The GRFN Transfer Station located at 216 Noonday Drive is OPEN

TUESDAY, 9 am—5 pm
WEDNESDAY, 9 am—5 pm
THURSDAY, 9 am—5 pm
FRIDAY, 9 am—5 pm
SATURDAY, 9 am—5 pm

CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAYS & CLOSED FOR LUNCH EACH DAY (12-1)

Opportunity

Information session 2: Federal procurement and networking opportunities for Indigenous businesses in the National Capital Region

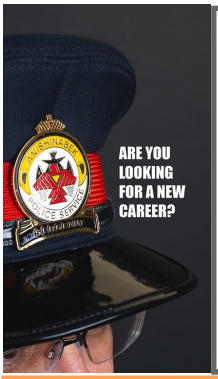
Procurement Assistance Canada invites you to a follow-up event n **Thursday, January 19, 2023**.

Session 2 will run **from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (Eastern Time)** in a hybrid format. Join us in-person or virtually at the Native Women's Association of Canada's Social, Economic, and Cultural Innovation Centre at 120 Promenade du Portage in Gatineau, Quebec.

It will feature the following:

* an overview of upcoming procurement opportunities in different sectors of the federal government
* a business networking fair
* a help desk (office hours) for multiple Government of Canada systems (Indigenous Business Directory, SAP Ariba, etc.)

APS



The ***Anishinabek Police Service*** is happy to announce that the Provincial Government has provided funding for additional police officers and we are actively hiring. There are province wide opportunities. Our hiring process can be found on our website at www.apscops.org under the career tab.

If you're interested or know someone that is interested in policing, it's time to apply!

Sgt. Chantal Larocque
Recruitment and Media officer

GR Trust

COMMUNITY TRUST

"Strength from the Past, Integrity of the Present, Respect for the Future"

Ph: 705-206-7525
Email: grfntrust@gmail.com

c/o 6 Shingwauk Street
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z5

"1994 – 2022: Celebrating Community Engagement:
Garden River Membership Approved – Trust Funded!"

NOTICE OF VACANCIES & PRIORITY LIST -- OPEN UNTIL FILLED

1. Are you: A) trustworthy and honest?
   B) over the age of 30 years on commencement of term as Trustee?
2. Can you make: C) time commitment of a minimum of 5 hours per month?
   E) sound judgments?
3. Would you: F) help others in your role as a Trustee?
   G) maintain loyalty to the Trustees, AND a higher loyalty to the Garden River First Nation (GRFN) Band members (beneficiaries), both present and future generations?

If you have answered YES to all of the above, Garden River band members should submit your resume and cover letter to the address below. Interviews will be scheduled for those applicants who meet the qualifications. Successful candidates would be entered onto a priority list for vacancies that occur within the Garden River First Nation Community Trust, whose purpose is:

> "...the Trustees...will manage the Trust Property in a wise and prudent manner, and that the management of the Trust Property may include...investing and expending the Trust Property in ways that are to the greatest benefit to the people of GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION, both those alive at the time this Trust Agreement is made and the future generations."

Interested Garden River Band members are invited to submit a letter and resume to::

Alanna Jones, Trust Manager
Garden River First Nation Community Trust
c/o 6 Shingwauk Street
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z5
Email: grfntrust@gmail.com

NOTES:

a. Meeting criteria within Trust Agreement and interview process, appointments as Garden River Trustees are conditional upon submission of:
   a. clear Criminal Reference Check
   b. clear/negative bankruptcy/credit check
   c. signed Code of Conduct
   d. Three (3) forms as required corporate trustee

For more information, please call Alanna at (705) 206-7525, or email grfntrust@gmail.com.

Posted June14, 2022

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GRFN New Hires from October, November and December

Education Manager - Nicole MacDonald
Working Supervisor - Aggregates - Chris (Martin) Jones
Administrative Assistant - Governance - Autumn Pichette
Justice Worker - Governance - Molli Zack
Housing Officer - Tyler Pine
Fire Fighter -Trevor Solomon
Registered Behavioral Technicians - Wellness Centre - Kalynn Povey, Tianna Boissoneau, Ronny-Ann Thibault
Anishinaabe Support Worker- Education Unit - Janine Zack, Jeanette Bondy, Kimi Wesselius
Community Outreach Worker - Stevie Nolan, Hailey Bryan
Drivers - Education Unit - Linda Pine, Edward Pine, Tanaya Thompson
Emergency Services Coordinator—Cain Nolan

Please note that job postings will be posted when they become available. Either through email; social media or on the Garden River website: www.gardenriver.org

* a success story from an Indigenous business engagement with the Transformative Indigenous Procurement Strategy Team (TIPS)

A light lunch and beverages will provided.

Register for this event
If you'd like to attend this event, register by filling out a form on SimpleSurvey.

Register Link:
Regional Indigenous Business Information Session: Federal procurement opportunities available in the National Capital Region and Networking! (Session 2) | 1/2 (simplesurvey.com)

Barry Payne
Indigenous Procurement Specialist
Indigenous Entrepreneurship - Centre of Excellence

Pacific Region,Procurement Assistance Canada (PAC)
Public Services and Procurement Canada / Government of Canada
barry.payne@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ Tel: (249)387-1429
https://Canada.ca/PAC

(information was requested to be shared.)

Housing

SO WHY HOME MAINTENANCE?

Benefits include:

- Saving money
- Making home healthier
- Making the living environment more enjoyable for the occupants as well as the well being of the community.

THE TOP 5 MAINTENANCE TASKS

1. Clean dryer vents
2. Change HVAC filters once a month
3. Check batteries in smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors
4. Maintain/clean the septic tank every 3-5 years*
5. Clean the condenser coil on the refrigerator

Greg Solomon
Construction Maintenance Coordinator
Housing Department
Email: gsolomon@gardenriver.org

Miijim Gaamig

Hours of Operation
Monday—9 am—4 pm
Tuesday –CLOSED
Wednesday—9 am—4 pm
Thursday—CLOSED
Friday—9am—4 pm

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSED (12-1pm)

Food bank access is limited to one visit per month

Further information, please contact Michelle @ MIIJIM GAAMIG (705-946-6300 ext 227)

*Food and Monetary Donations are always greatly appreciated

Membership

Education

Aanii

My name is Nikki MacDonald and I am the new Education Manager. I am very honoured to take on this important role for the community. I started my position January 4 2023 and am settling into my role and learning about all the great work and initiatives that the department and staff are doing.

I was born and raised in Thessalon and have spent close to 20 years living in Ottawa, Toronto and Nunvaut. I am a single mother of a beautiful, spirited 3-year-old named Niyah. My educational background is in Education and Social Work. As an individual of settler dissent, I have had the privilege of learning from and working with many First Nations and Inuit communities across Ontario and Nunavut.

For the past two years I held the position of Health and Social Service Director for Mississauga First Nation. I also worked as the Children's Mental Health Counsellor for Thessalon First Nation. Prior to returning home to the North Shore 4 years ago, I lived in Toronto working with the Ontario Federation of Ontario Friendship Centers in the role of Program Support and Training. I also had the opportunity to live and explore Nunavut working with the Nunavut Arctic College delivering Adult Education and Professional Development courses across their territory.

I look forward to continuing my learning journey with Garden River First Nation as I support the staff and students within the Education Department. I am excited to become part of the team and look forward to working within the community and getting to know the students and families.

Miigwetch

Elementary Liaison

Post Secondary

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO 2023!!

I hope that you are all rested and ready to tackle the Winter 2023 semester.

Not much to report on at this time, except to give more of my many reminders. So, if you have provided me with access to your online student account and you have updated your password for me, I will be logging in and printing off both your:

- Fall 2022 final grades and
- your new timetable/schedule for the Winter 2023 semester.

The next post-secondary sponsorship application deadlines for post-secondary sponsorship are :

- March 29th for Spring/Summer (May to August)
- May 15th for Fall (Sept. to Dec)

Post-secondary students currently being sponsored will automatically be sent reminders via email or if you don't have an active email address, you can always download the Application for Post-Secondary Education Assistance forms from our website. Remember that sponsorship is not guaranteed for the entire length of your program… you must always reapply by the appropriate deadlines.

Therefore, please submit your new GRFN post-secondary sponsorship application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

Again, applications can be printed from our website at

www.education.gardenriver.ca.

Congratulations to the students that completed their graduation requirements in December 2022.

Please remember to submit your final transcripts and a copy of your diploma/ degree for your file. Good Luck in all of your future endeavours!!

For all Continuing & NEW Winter Students:

Please remember that if you made any changes to your educational plans, you should have contacted me to discuss first to ensure that you still meet the sponsorship requirements. You also signed a contract stating that you would inform me asap - this may include, but is not limited to things like:

if you failed one or more Fall 2022 courses and it impacted your Winter 2023 time table/schedule, if you made changes to your timetable/schedule (dropped and/or added a course),

- if you changed programs,
- if you transferred schools,
- if you changed your login information,
- if you decided you needed a break and will not be attending,
- if you are having trouble getting to and from classes, or
- did you move, etc., etc.....

By not informing me of your changes, you may jeopardize your current and future sponsorship.

Please keep me informed at all times to avoid any potential sponsorship problems.

IMPORTANT: FALL 2022 FINAL GRADES

If you failed any of your courses, please do not disappear. Please contact me quickly to discuss and see how they may impact your sponsorship and program moving forward for Winter 2023.

BOOKS/SUPPLIES ASSISTANCE FOR WINTER 2023 SEMESTER

As you know, each student is entitled to the established minimum of $800 for each academic year. As you also know (from section 1.7 of your PS Operating Guidelines), once you have gone over that amount, you are reimbursed for any and all mandatory books/supplies purchased once all required documentation is submitted. For your information, Garden River does not pay for any computers, laptops, printers, ink, related supplies, etc regardless of these items being required or not. This is considered an investment in your own education.

NOTE: If you received a reimbursement through the Fall 2022 semester, your total for this Winter 2023 semester is the balance of the following: $800/year minus the $400 provided for the Fall advance minus any reimbursement received.

For example, if you received a reimbursement of $222 in October, you will only be getting $178 to buy your books/supplies in January. However, when or as you spend more, please submit the required information and you will be reimbursed quickly.

If you have any questions, concerns or you just want to chat about your educational goals, please call or email or set up an in-person appointment or send a virtual meeting request: 705-946-3933 ext. 202 OR 1-866-518-7806 or by emailing me at amjones@gardenriver.ca.

Anne Marie Jones
Post-Secondary Counsellor

❄ **NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS - especially High School Students** ❄

If you have been one of the majority of students that are "***working just enough to get by***" while in school, please believe us when we (your parents, guidance counsellors, older students/graduates, aunties/uncles, grandparents, etc.) say that the more time you ***actually work*** at getting better grades, the ***better your options will be at the college and university level.***

That could simply mean just studying a few hours a day for a few days or reviewing your work every week as opposed to the couple hours of "cramming" the night before a test or exam, or by working longer than one night on researching and compiling your assignments/projects before they are due, etc.

It also means ***taking the right courses*** while you are in high school. It is never a good option to just go with the easiest level. If you are planning on going to college or university AND EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING THAT NOW, it is best to ***challenge yourself now and take the highest level courses so that when you are ready to continue your education at college or university, you will have the proper courses to gain admission to the program of your choice.***

Many of my current post-secondary students, both the young and more mature ones, now have the benefit of hindsight (you know that saying "if I only knew then what I know now"). Well, now they say that "if only I had just attended more", or "if I had just studied more" or "if I had just tried harder", or "if I had just taken those higher level courses" or "if I had reached out for and asked for help", I could've done this and I could've done that AND it would not be so tough now!!! It is never too late to change your work/study habits and manage your time better to help you achieve your academic potential - the rewards are definitely worth it in the end.... *(time flies and doesn't wait for anyone).. don't become the next to say "if only...."*

from Anne Marie Jones, Post-Secondary Counsellor

OCAS / OUAS APPLICATIONS

For programs beginning September 2023, applications must be received by Ontario College Application Services **(OCAS) on or before February 1, 2023 to be given equal consideration OR** the Ontario University Application Service **on or before January 12, 2023 to be given equal consideration**. OCAS/OUAS encourages all applicants NOT currently enrolled in a secondary school to apply online at www.ontariocolleges.ca or www.ouac.on.ca .

High School graduates: ***if you haven't already completed this with the help of your high school guidance counsellor, please set up an appointment quickly*** Applications received after these dates are considered on a first come, first served basis. ***The earlier you apply the better your chances of securing a seat in the program of your choice.***

The Ontario College / University Application Service ***fee will be reimbursed once you receive your "Acknowledgment Letter or electronic receipt"*** from OCAS or OUAS and you have completed the **Garden River Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance** package.

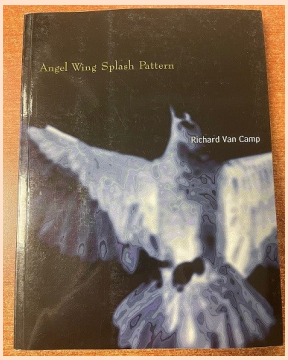
There are **two important applications** that you must complete at the same time:

- Ontario College / University Application AND
- the **Garden River Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance package**

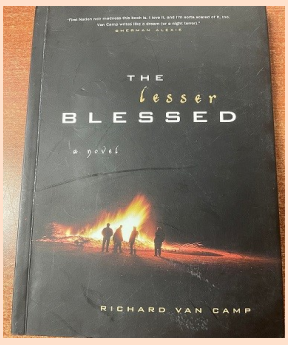
Feel free to call or email or set up an in-person appointment or send a virtual meeting request to complete your Garden River First Nation Application for sponsorship.

GRFN Public Library aka Resource Centre

January's Featured Books



Angel Wing Splash Pattern. *Richard Van Camp*. A collection of short stories that lure you so close to the heat of his characters, yet always with an ice-glint of pain glinting through. Honouring his Dogrib ancestry and celebrating life in northern Canada, the stories are playful, moving and starkly honest in their portrayal of contemporary Native life.



The Lesser Blessed. *Richard Van Camp.* "Larry is a Dogrib Indian growing up in the small northern town of Fort Simmer. His tongue, his hallucinations and his fantasies are hotter than the centre of the sun. It is an eye-opening depiction of what it is to be a young Native man in the age of AIDS, disillusionment with Catholicism and a growing world consciousness.

Both these Native Content Books and many more are available in the Library to borrow!

GRFN Public Library presents:

2023 Annual Ontario Parks Pass!

The Library has two passes that can be signed out weekly for GRFN members/community members to use during the 2023 Year

The pass entitles a vehicle to enter any provincial park (subject to park regulations) and valid during posted hours of operating season

In case members are not aware, First Nations are able to use their status as day passes for Ontario parks in their region only.

This pass allows anyone to access any Ontario park as a free day pass!

As there are only two passes, reservations must be made and must be returned at the end of the borrowing time.

Please review the Parks Ontario Website for further park information and opening times. https://www.ontarioparks.com/en

Email the GRFN Public Library at irene.gray@gardenriver.ca to reserve a pass for a week!

Irene M. Gray

The 2023 GRFN Public Library Reading Challenge

Participate all year around and keep track of the books you read for a monthly prize. **January's Challenge**: Read a **book of poetry**; a book by an **author that shares your name**; a book you can **finish in one day** and finally a **book from the GRFNPL.** Submit your name, the names of all the books you have read along with the author. Send in through email (Irene.gray@gardenriver.ca) or through Facebook messenger by the first day of the next month (Wed, Feb 1, 2023) Happy Reading!! ~Irene

Anishinaabemowin Words for the Month:

Makak(oon) (box)

Nibewin(an) (bed)

Onaagan(an) (dish)

GRFN Public Library aka Resource Centre History

- Was established, on March 12, 1976
- The library moved from the original Shke-Sahkehjewaosa to the GRFN Band Office basement and then to the Education/ Recreation Centre in 2006 where it currently resides. (48 Syrette Lake Road)
- There have been 3+ 'librarians", besides myself included. (I have been the Resource Centre Coordinator since 2001; except when off on an educational leave (fall 2018—spring 2021).
- Has grown significantly over the years; currently housing over 3500+ books with just under half being native content materials.
- Old fashioned pen and paper record keeping; book inventory on excel database.
- Is part of the GRFN Education Department

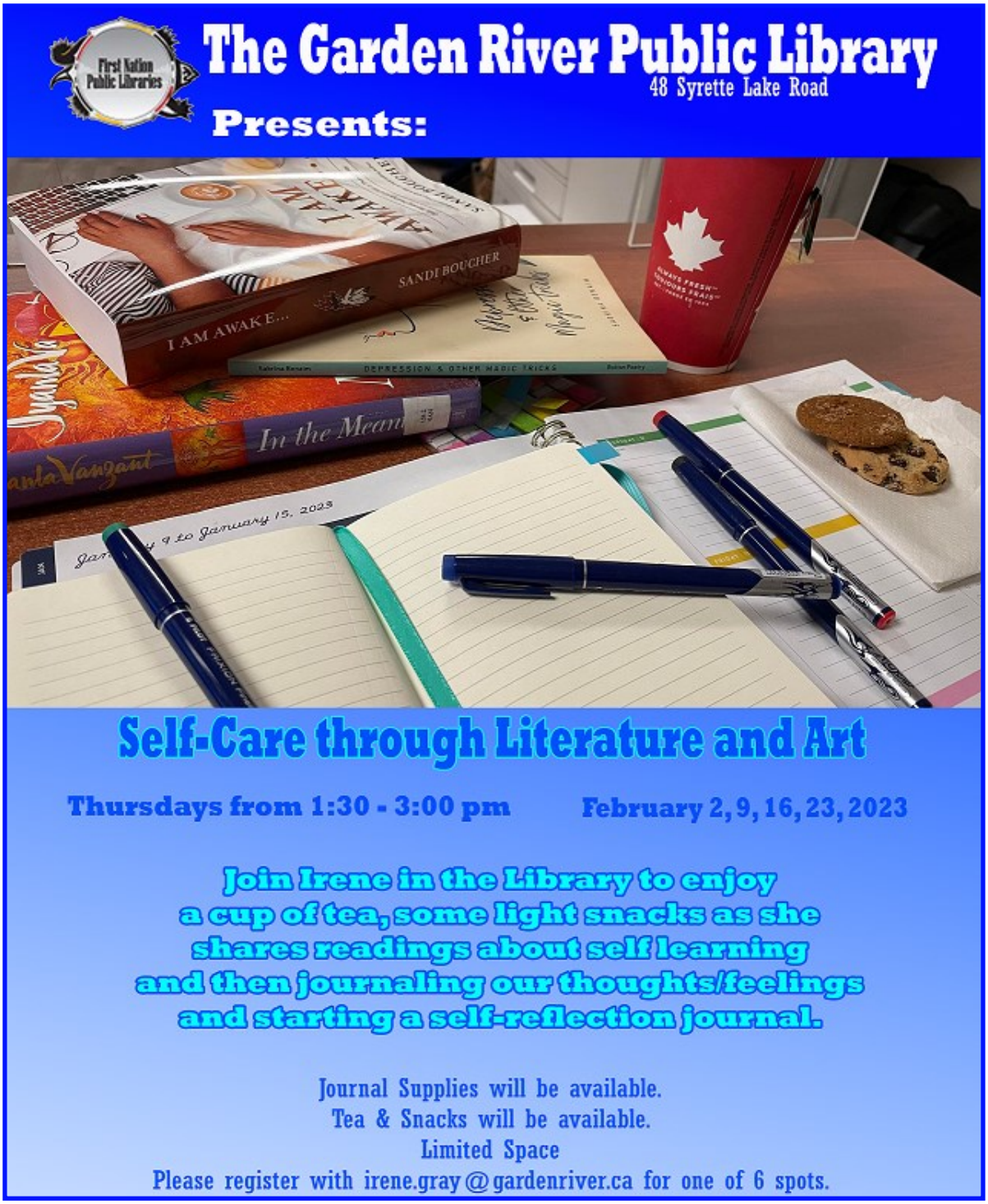
Services include:

- Book lending
- Printing services (free for students)
- Reading; craft; kids Programs
- Online through Facebook
- GRFN Achives
- Home of the GRFN Community Monthly Newsletter

Additional Info

- The VR Console/Computer has approx. 30 games available
- There are a variety of Folkmanis animal puppets
- Ontario Parks Permit—2 parking passes that can be loaned out
- Free Wifi Available to students & community members
- 3D Printer—small single colour requests can be printed for a fee
- Printing, blinding, laminating is available.

Appointments can be set up for library usage after regular hours—for homework, VR games, printing, wifi—must be scheduled at least 2 days in advance. Email or call: Irene.gray@gardenriver.ca or 705-946-3933 ext. 210



G'NAADMAAGOOM
Garden River Child and Family Services
Building Strong Families and Communities for our Children

Garden River Family Swimming

John Rhodes Community Center
Every Saturday starting
September 17th to
March 25th from
5:00 pm—6:00 pm
(no swimming on October 29, December 24, December 31)

For more information contact
Melissa Grawbarger 705-450-5071 x205

Rules for Swimming at the John Rhodes

✓ Under 7 years of age: all children must be directly supervised by an adult, within arms reach. Limit is 2 children to 1 adult.

✓ Children 7-9 years must pass facility test to swim alone. If they do not pass, they must be supervised by an adult. Limit 4 children to 1 adult.

✓ Children 10 years and over, can swim alone.

G'NAADMAAGOOM
Garden River Child and Family Services
Building Strong Families and Communities for our Children

2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Group

Join us in-person on the third Friday of every month for a drop-in group
Ages 12-17
6:00-7:30pm
GR Child & Family Services Building
(7A Shingwauk Street)

✓ Information sessions
✓ Discussion
✓ Incentive offered to those who attend

✓ Safe Space
✓ Snacks
✓ Peer Support

Contact Lana Grawbarger for information or to register
705-450-5071 x226
lgrawbarger@grcfs.ca

To continue practicing safe social distancing - Most programs will be on a virtual platform.

Off reserve band members are encouraged to participate!

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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JT - Jordie Thibault – jthibault@grcfs.ca/705-971-7165

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KM - Kelly Musgrove – kmusgrove@grcfs.ca/705-987-1645

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM

Please email or call Staff running the program to register! Join by phone, cellphone, tablet, or computer!!

*****PLEASE REGISTER ONE DAY IN ADVANCE AS SPACES ARE LIMITED*****

PROGRAM INCENTIVES/DRAWS

PROGRAMS – Participants will receive an incentive for every program they attend.

FAMILY CHALLENGES – Every family that participates will receive an incentive.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES (LA) – Each family that participates in the Learning Activities will receive an incentive

G'NAADMAAGOOM
Garden River Child and Family Services VIRTUAL Program Calendar
January 2023

Phone: *(705)450-5071*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
Please Note: Virtual program participants will not be let in to Zoom more than 5 minutes after program start time		**(LA) = Learning Activity**			1
2 **KH – LA: Family Fun Challenge *Sign up by 4:30 pm**	3 **BC/KM – Alphabet – A & B 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **HB – Nutrition Talk Tuesdays 4:30** Children 7-12 yrs **KH/MP – Dysfunctional Families 5:30** Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12	4 **BC/KM – Story & Song 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **HB – Workout Wednesdays 4:30** Children 7-9 yrs **SN—Caring for the Caregiver 8:00** Parents/Caregivers of children w/ special needs	5 **BC/KM – LA: Play a Game** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **HB –Thankful Thursdays 4:30** Children 10-12 yrs	6 **KH – LA: Family Fun Challenge *Due by Noon**	7\8 FAMILY SWIM Saturday 5-6 pm @ John Rhodes
9 **KH – LA: Family Fun Challenge *Sign up by 4:30 pm**	10 **BC/KM – Alphabet – C & D 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Strive for Success 4:30**Youth 13-24 yrs **HB – Nutrition Talk Tuesdays 4:30** Children 7-12 yrs **KH/MP – Trauma & Relationships 5:00** *In Person Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12	11 **BC/KM – Story & Song 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Goals: Vision Boards 4:30** Youth 13-24 yrs **HB – Workout Wednesdays 4:30** Children 7-9 yrs **SN—Caring for the Caregiver 8:00** Parents/Caregivers of children w/ special needs	12 **BC/KM – LA: Outdoor Fun** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Decluttering & Organizing 4:30** Youth 13-24 yrs **HB –Thankful Thursdays 4:30** Children 10-12 yrs	13 **KH – LA: Family Fun Challenge *Due by Noon**	14\15 FAMILY SWIM Saturday 5-6 pm @ John Rhodes
16 **KH – LA: Family Fun Challenge *Sign up by 4:30 pm**	17 **BC/KM – Alphabet – E & F 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Digital Distortion 4:30**Youth 13-24 yrs **HB – Nutrition Talk Tuesdays 4:30** Children 7-12 yrs **KH/MP – Teens & Risky Behaviour 5:00** *In Person Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12	18 **BC/KM – Story & Song 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Eating Disorders w/guest 4:30** Youth 13-24 yrs **HB – Workout Wednesdays 4:30** Children 7-9 yrs **SN– Family Culture Night 5:30** **SN—Caring for the Caregiver 8:00** Parents/Caregivers of children w/ special needs	19 **BC/KM – LA: Scavenger Hunt** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Body Neutrality 4:30** Youth 13-24 yrs **HB –Thankful Thursdays 4:30** Children 10-12 yrs	20 **KH – LA: Family Fun Challenge *Due by Noon**	21\22 FAMILY SWIM Saturday 5-6 pm @ John Rhodes
23 **KH – LA: Family Fun Challenge *Sign up by 4:30 pm**	24 **BC/KM – Alphabet – G & H 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Self Worth 4:30** Youth 13-24 yrs **HB – Nutrition Talk Tuesdays 4:30** Children 7-12 yrs **KH/MP – Youth Substance Use 5:00** *In Person Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12	25 **BC/KM – Story & Song 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Smoking & Vaping** *In Person **4:30** Youth 13-24 yrs **HB – Workout Wednesdays 4:30** Children 7-9 yrs **SN– Family Culture Night 5:30** **SN—Caring for the Caregiver 8:00** Parents/Caregivers of children w/ special needs	26 **BC/KM – LA: Making Snowflakes** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—Youth Culture: History of GRFN 4:30** Youth 13-24 yrs **HB –Thankful Thursdays 4:30** Children 10-12 yrs	27 **KH – LA: Family Fun Challenge *Due by Noon**	28\29 FAMILY SWIM Saturday 5-6 pm @ John Rhodes
30	31 **BC/KM – Alphabet – I & J 4:30** Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 **JT—More Veggies 4:30** Youth 13-24 yrs **HB – Nutrition Talk Tuesdays 4:30** Children 7-12 yrs **KH/MP – Cultural Night w/guest 5:00** *In Person Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12				

JANUARY
Elders 65+

Chair Yoga
Every Monday in Jan. @ Rec Centre Gym
12:15 (incentives)

Elders Social
Tues. Jan 10th @ Comm. Centre
Lunch @ 12:00

Elders Project
"Caring for Our Elders" 11:30 @ Comm. Centre - Wed Jan 11th & 18th

Grocery Bingo
Tues. Jan 24th @ Comm. Centre
Lunch at 11:30 - Bingo to follow

Stay tuned for.....
Pampered at the salon (Sault College) - TBA
Live Music - Dusty Roads - TBD

Selena Belleau 705-946-5710 ext 267

GARDEN RIVER WELLNESS CENTRE

GARDEN RIVER WELLNESS CENTRE

YOGA

FOR EVERYONE
Every Monday
in Jan & Feb 2023
12:15 in the GR Rec Centre Gym
* Incentives
Selena Belleau 705-946-5710 ext 267

CARING FOR OUR ELDERS PROJECT

Anishinabek Nation Legal Department will be completing a video for our Anishinabek First Nation Elders. This video will include education and awareness information regarding various areas of laws 1) Elder Abuse 2) Matrimonial Real Property and 3) Wills and Estates.

The two sessions will occur January 11th, 2023 on Elder Abuse and Matrimonial Real Property and January 18, 2023 on Wills and Estates.

Honariums will be provided for Elders to participate and be part of the video.

The Law Foundation of Ontario
Advancing access to justice

GARDEN RIVER WELLNESS CENTRE

ELDERS 65+

Wed. Jan 11th

&

Wed. Jan 18th

@ GR Community Centre

*Lunch Provided at 11:30

*Info Sessions to follow

*Registration required

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Dan Pine Healing Lodge

January 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 **Zoom Let's Bead** 1-3 Kimberly	5 **Traditional Health with Gerrard Sagassige.** Call Kimberly for appt. Men's night, call Kimberly to register	6 **Traditional Health with Gerrard Sagassige.** Call Kimberly for appt.	7 **Traditional Health with Gerrard Sagassige.** Call Kimberly for appt.
8 **Traditional Health with Gerrard Sagassige.** Call Kimberly for appt.	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 **Zoom Super WOW** (Work on Whatever) 1-3 Kimberly	17	18 **Zoom Let's Bead 1**-3 Kimberly **Circle of Learning with Carol Nadjiwon—Our Ojibway Stories, History and Treaties** 5:30-8 Laurie 228	19 **Zoom Tea & Talk** 1-3 Kimberly **Zoom 2STalks** 6-8 Kimberly	20	21 **Traditional Health with Patricia Toulouse,** call Kimberly for appt.
22 **Traditional Health with Patricia Toulouse,** call Kimberly for appt.	23 **Zoom Super WOW** (Work on Whatever) 1-3 Kimberly	24	25 **Zoom Let's Bead** 1-3 Kimberly **Traditional Health with Patricia Toulouse,** call Kimberly for appt. **BEAUTY FROM ASHES (BFA)** Aftercare Wellness Circle 5:30-8 (for past participants only) Laurie 228	26 **Zoom Tea & Talk** 1-3 Kimberly **JOURNEY OF GRIEF** Aftercare Wellness Circle 5:30-8 (for past participants only) Laurie 228	27	28
29	30 **Zoom Super WOW** (Work on Whatever) 1-3 Kimberly	31				

BEAUTY FROM ASHES

Monthly Aftercare Wellness Circles

Beginning Wednesday, October 26, 2022
and every last Wednesday of each month
5:30-8 PM
Supper provided
for past participants only

Contact Laurie at 705-946-5710 ext 228 to register

A safe place to stay connected with each other; in spirit of healing and wellness

CIRCLE OF LEARNING

Our Ojibway Stories, History and Treaties Workshops for 2022-23

Facilitator: Carol Nadjiwon, BA, BEd, MA in American Indigenous Studies. Odawa, member Batchewana First Nation. Rooted in learning from elders and ceremonial life.

You are invited to learn and participate in our Circle of Learning Workshops about our Ojibway stories, history and treaties to be held once a month on a Wednesday from October 2022 to December 2023 at the Dan Pine Sr. Healing Lodge from 5:30 to 8:00 pm with supper included.

Indigenous Peoples have experienced life before contact and after contact. Colonization and racism of control created powerlessness. This included forced assimilation of the residential schools systems, denial of history, culture and economic social co-development. Learning about our past, present and visions for the future are important to our sense of identity, good health and good life.

CONTACT LAURIE 705-946-5710 EXT 228 TO REGISTER

No.	Date	Subject
1	Oct 12	Workshop Design and Definitions - Identity, Sovereignty, Cycle of Oppression; Worldview and Spirit
2	Nov 9	**Before Contact** - Clans, Wampum Treaties – 1 Spoon 1 Dish, Two Row Wampum, Covenant Chain
3	Dec 7	Winter Story Telling by Participants and Winter Celebrations – Bring a favourite dish to share!
4	Jan 18	**After Contact** - 1701 Grand Peace Treaty, 24 Nations Wampum Belt
5	Feb 15	Treaties – War of 1812 and Impact on Ojibway life
6	Mar 8	1850 Huron and Superior Treaty – Shingwaukonse, 1848 Petition
7	Apr 5	1859 Pennefather Treaty - Batchewana, Garden River, Thessalon
8	May 3	**Colonialism and Control** Doctrine of Discovery, Historical Timeline, Indian Acts, Residential Schools
9	June 7	Mid Evaluation and Discussion
10	Aug 2	**Decolonization** Historical Timeline, Petitions for Justice, Opposition to White Paper, 1980 Declaration of First Nations, 1982 Constitutional Reform., 1850 Treaty Annuities Court Decision in 2018
11	Sept 13	1991 to 1996 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and Report submitted in 1996, 2008 to 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission and 94 Calls For Action
12	Oct 4	Human Rights – International Rights of Indigenous People
13	Nov 1	Stories. Dreams and Feast for our Relations
14	Dec 6	Overall Evaluation, Feast and Circle

Zoom Super WOW (Work On Whatever)
Mondays 1 – 3
Come join virtually or in person as we all share what projects you are working on. Learn some new skills & make new friends. What will you be working on? What would you like to be working on? Please invite your buddies. The last session (30) will be the January Full Moon Paint event. Program supplies not provided. **January 16, 23 & 30, 2023**

Zoom Mazinigwaaso Maawanji'iwe –
Let's Bead Wednesdays 10 - 12
Come join virtually or in person as we all craft our beading projects from your own supplies. If there is something that you want to learn, let me know. We can work on it together. This is in person or virtual.
January 4, 18, & 25, 2023

Zoom Aniibish miinawaa Gaganoonidi-wag
Tea & Talk Thursdays 1 – 3 pm
Come join virtually or in person as we all Pull up a chair, grab your blanket, pour yourself a cup of coffee, tea, or something & grab a snack. Join us as we chat, visit, craft, hang out or whatever. **January 19 & 26, 2023.**

Monthly Men's Night, 5 – 8 pm
Join us in person for our monthly meeting at the Dan Pine Healing Lodge. Dinner will be provided. This event will be facilitated by Gerrard Sagassige. There are a limited number of participants for all sessions at the Dan Pine Healing Lodge. Please call, message, or email me to sign up.
Thursday January 5, 2023.

Traditional Medicine Practitioner – Patricia Toulouse
She an Ojibwe Mother & Grandmother of Sagamok. She works with Maamwesying in communities of the North Shore, including Garden River to provide a Traditional Approach to medicine that focuses on your overall Health & Wellness. Saturday morning will be Medicine picking, processing, harvesting from 9 – 12. Please call or email for an appointment for either.
January 21, 22, & 25, 2023.

Zoom 2 Spirit Indigi-Queer Hangouts, 6 – 8 pm
Join us for our online monthly hangout with Teddy Syrette. We are creating a 2 Spirit, Queer, Trans, Indigenous support network / society throughout Bawating & region. Keep an eye out for our new Anishinaabemowin name!!! **Thursday January 19, 2023.**

Traditional Medicine Practitioner Gerrard Saggasige
His teachers include. Louis Day (Serpent River), Ron Wakekejig (Wikwemikong Unceded Territory), Leo Elijah (Territory of the Oneida), & Dayhunnee Sunray (Vermont, USA). He is a Traditional Bundle Carrier. His work includes ceremonies: Sweat Lodge, Naming, Clans, Colors, Cleansing, Wiping of the Tears for Mourning / Grief, Wedding, & Passing Over. Please email for an appointment.
January 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2023.

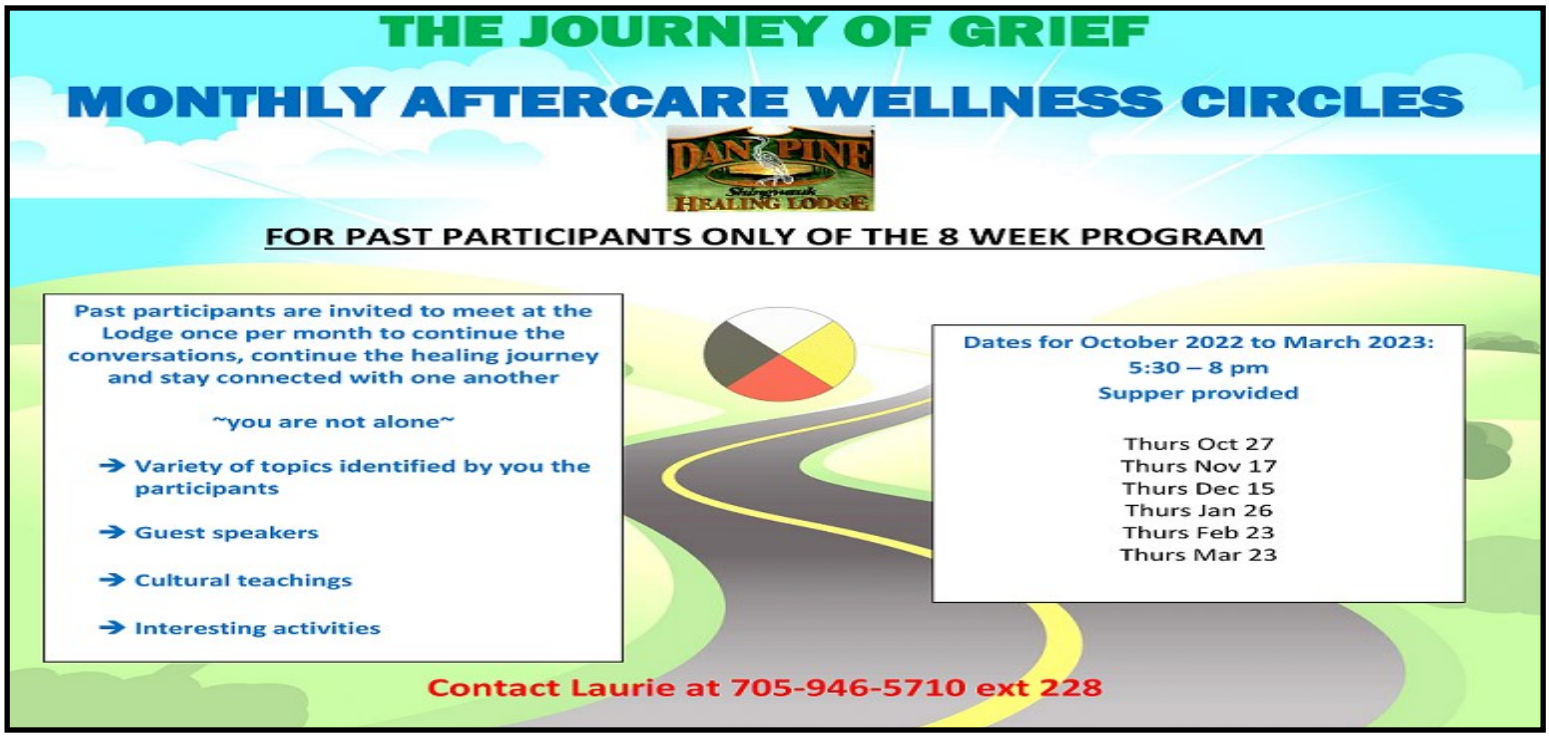
If you are interested in attending Noondwe Noojimowan (Beauty for Ashes), you can check it out here: *https://maamwesying.ca/index.php/naandwe-noojimowin/* There is a mandatory 1-day online session before you can attend. The intake information is at the bottom of the main webpage in the link above. You can also call Laurie at DPHL for intake.

We are all trying our best to make sure that everyone has access to necessary services. All in person programs will be by pre-registration only. There are limits on the number of people can be in attendance of in person programs. I am looking forward to adding online, in-person, & hybrid programs.

<u>I am off January 9 – 13 & out of office January 17 – 19, 2023.</u>

You can also add me on FB; Kimberly Pelletier Sadigjiwegjig.

Also add yourself to my FB group: Ontario Indigenous Trainings & Conferences



PLEASE NOTE:
If you have been interested in attending Beauty for Ashes (BFA) or Nooondwe Noojimowan (NN), please check out the information and application provided by Maamwesying here: http://maamwesying.ca/index.php/naandwe-noojimowin/
There is a mandatory 1 day online training program that you must attend before you can be a participant in the program. The next session will be Friday January 20, 2023.
The next BFA /NN session will be February 6 – 10, 2023 online. The next 3 sessions will be in person.
You can also contact Laurie at 805 946 5710 ext 228 or lsouliere@grhc.ca for more information.

Beauty from Ashes

Reconciling our Past, Reclaiming our future.

Beauty From Ashes is a 5 ½ day residential program for adults 18 years + who are ready to explore connections between childhood experiences and adult health, wellness and current behaviours

The program is offered three times per year using a cultural approach with Anishnawbek teachings, storytelling and sharing circles.

Two on-site programs are a collaboration between Dan Pine Healing Lodge and Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services. The program will also be offered once per year virtually via Zoom.

Applicants outside our service delivery area will be accepted based on availability.

*Residential delivery is pending provincial pandemic guidelines.

**Participants are required to complete the one day virtual N'mekwendun workshop which focuses on creating awareness about the lasting impact of childhood trauma through a simplified approach.

5 ½ PROGRAM RUNS SUNDAY TO FRIDAY

May 8-13, 2022
residential SSM

Oct 16-21, 2022
residential, Little Current

Feb 5-10, 2023
virtual Zoom

For more information contact:
Laurie Souliere
Intake Worker
Dan Pine Healing Lodge
705-946-5710 ext 228
lsouliere@grhc.ca

***COST**
There is no cost to attend the program. Travel to and from program site is at participant's expense.

***CHILD CARE**
Maamwesying receives Jordan's Principle funding through Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services, making it possible for us to offer (limited) childcare subsidy to our seven First Nation community members.

Dan Pine Shingwauk Healing Lodge

N'mekwendun NEW

Do you wonder if your childhood experience impacted you?
Have you wondered how trauma affects the mind, body and spirit?
Are you curious about the Naandwe Noojimowin 5½ Day Program?
Then join us for this informative workshop!

MAAMWESYING

FREE WORKSHOP: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

N'mekwendun translation, *"Thinking about something that has come up; to recall, to recollect or come to think of."*

Join the Naandwe Noojimowin team at this virtual workshop for fcommunity members, front line workers and leaders. The workshop focus is to create awareness about the lasting impacts of childhood trauma through a simplified approach.
Participants will be introduced to:

- How trauma/stress impact the mind, body & spirit
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study & Intergenerational Trauma
- Naandwe Noojimowin program background
- Explore how shame and anger are connected, and
- Childhood coping strategies that lead to communication styles that could cause difficulty in adult relationships.

Please join us at one of the four virtual workshops held annually.

Supported by: Ontario

Funding for Naandwe Noojimowin program has been provided by the provincial Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN)

LOCATION:
Via ZOOM VIRTUAL platform.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FREE to attend. Call for more information or a registration form.

WORKSHOP DATES:

- Fri. Apr. 22, 2022
- Fri. Aug. 19, 2022
- Fri. Nov. 18, 2022
- Fri. Jan. 20, 2023

Interested in NN Program?
*Attending N'mekwendun is a requirement BEFORE attending Naandwe Noojimowin program.

Registration form available by request to Mental Wellness Minobimaadizing Program
Toll-free 1-844-864-0523 or,
mwmintake@nmninoeyaa.ca

473B Hwy17W, Cutler,ON.P0P1B0
Head Office: (705) 844-2021
www.maamwesying.ca

Opportunities

Sault College in partnership with Dr. Sibbald and his not-for-profit, WoundPedia are offering 6 micro-credentials on skin and wound care. Northern Ontario has a statistically greater amount of amputations than that of Southern Ontario, this is even greater in First Nation communities. The 6 micro-credentials will help address this statistic.

Courses include:
Dermatology – Friday, January 23 – online
Long-Term Care Wound Care – Saturday, January 21 – online
Wound Bed Preparation – Friday, January 27 – online or in-person
Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Leg Ulcers – Saturday, January 28 – online or in-person
Leg and Foot Ulcer Boot Camp – Sunday, January 29 – in-person
Pressure, Inflammatory and Traumatic Wounds – Friday, February 10 – in-person

For any physicians, there are continuing education credits awarded by Queen's University. Other healthcare professionals will receive a certificate of completion for their records.

Registration is open by visiting: Home | Skin and Wound: An Interprofessional Learning Experience - Gizhagay miinwaa bimwaagani'igowin Gkinoomaagewaans: Maamwi-gchi-gkendaaso Gkinoomaadiiwin - January 20, 2023 (pheedloop.com)

For individuals having to travel to attend the in-person learning, travel stipends are available. To complete the grant application and determine if you are eligible for funding, please visit: Travel Grant Application to attend the Skin and Wound: An Interprofessional Learning Experience event at Sault College on January 27-29th 2023. Thank you to the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. Survey (surveymonkey.com)

For further questions, please email continuingeducation@saultcollege.ca.

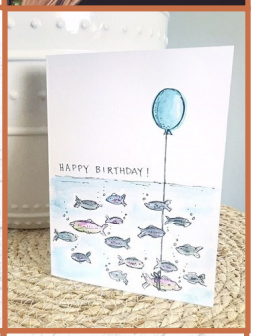
Thank you,

Lori Crosson; Director, Continuing Education and E-Learning
Sault College; 443 Northern Ave.; Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4J3
705-759-2554 ext. 2442

Featured Artists

Laura Ayotte is an Anishinaabe artist and a Garden River First Nation member, who studied graphic design in a three year program at Algonquin College. After graduating, Laura headed west to British Columbia where she started a family and two design businesses, one being Dandelion Willows. Dandelion Willows started as a wedding stationery business and has grown into so much more over the last 11 years. Laura hand paints in different mediums, creates gift cards and stationery, wooden signs and cake toppers, beaded jewelry and has incorporated embroidery into some of her pieces. Laura loves being creative and wishes there was more time in the day to accomplish all of her ideas!

Please give her a follow on Instagram - @dandelion_willows



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GOOD NEWS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

NOGDAWINDAMIN PARTNERS TO HELP NORTH SHORE FAMILIES

A partnership between Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services and The Salvation Army is helping to brighten the holidays for Indigenous families across the North Shore. Earlier this year, Nogdawindamin Board Member Steve Meawasige of Serpent River connected the Agency with Major Sean Furey of the Salvation Army. The two organizations then entered a formal partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

After discussing with Major Furey some of the needs of Nogdawindamin's children in care and of children working with the Agency in prevention programs, it was agreed that a holiday toy drive would be a worthy initiative. The Salvation Army covered the cost of transporting a shipment of toys from Southern Ontario. In all, the Agency received 29 skids of donated toys. Nogdawindamin staff sorted and organized the toys over several weeks and they will be distributed in December to families working with the Agency across the region.

The Salvation Army partnership is not the only way Nogdawindamin is helping families celebrate the season. The Agency also has a toy drive under way with Walmart Sault Ste. Marie. As well, Agency staff have donated **$23, 820** through payroll deductions over the year. These funds will be used to purchase gift cards for families.

***Photo:** Steve Meawasige (left) and Major Furey at the toy delivery.*

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

WWW.NOG.CA 1-800-465-0999

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INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED ECE DIPLOMA PROGRAM
21 SPOTS AVAILABLE! STARTS FEBRUARY 2023!

In Partnership with

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Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council

Members of the North Shore Tribal Council First Nations
EARN YOUR ECE DIPLOMA TODAY!

Early Childhood Education
Accelerated (ECE Diploma Program)

February 27, 2023, to May 17, 2024

Our program will begin February 27, 2023, and has 21 seats available.

The program will include 4 semesters with week 1 of each semester being held in Sault Ste. Marie at Sault College.

All other weeks will be online in a live, virtual classroom.

Entrance requirements:
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma with ENG4C or
- Successful CAAT

Interested members can apply by emailing a letter of interest and resume, please also include which community you are a member of. Please email Annie Austin at annie@mamaweswen.ca to apply today!

Deadline to apply: January 20, 2023

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada — Canada

Wedding Singer Performance by White Pines Students
December 2022

These young people may not know the level of talent and delivery of such a fine performance that they gave to the community. I was both fascinated and impressed, that these young people; teenagers from our community, from White Pines High School, and many from our local First Nations and some Grade 8's. Amazing, simply Amazing!

I have been to many performances of plays, community theatre and musical performances, but this one blew me away. I am thrilled to tell you why: for one, that this was performed by the youth, our youth, teenagers, high school students and teachers from our local high school; White Pines, "The Pines", some might say.

Some may have just chalked this performance up before they even got there, as just a cheesy performance by a bunch of teens. But if you seen it, you would be amazed, the level of organization, the professional delivery, the dedication and most of all the TALENT! Wow.

They may not have grown up in the 80's or maybe they did(?) they might not even get all the one liners, or even understand it all, or maybe they did. Because the 80's was when real musicians were musicians and a lot of the music and fashion set standards even into today. Musicians actually played their own instruments and oh the big hair, and music videos on MTV and such. Maybe some of them know, I am sure they did their Homework. They gave their own creative rendition of the movie with Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, "The Wedding Singer". But you didn't really have to watch the movie to appreciated the talent. All this is beside the point, because their performance, and singing, and the humour, was fantastic and outstanding. For a bunch of teens, a fine group of young people, I give them a 5 Star rating in their performance! Without a doubt! And if they bring it back, and I hope they do, I suggest yah check it out. You will see what I am talking about. Congratulations to the young People from White Pines who performed "The Wedding Singer"; who worked in the background with the props, stage set up, the teachers and everyone who contributed in any manner of the delivery of this great Performance, all those who helped to make it happen, what a fine piece of work. I applaud you and congratulate you on an outstanding production and

Sault College
December 9 at 11:51 AM ·

Another great community partnership! Check out the gnarly 80's styles our Hairstyling students created for the White Pine's production of The Wedding Singer.

Volunteering their time, students used their awesome skills to create skyhigh replicas of the movie's style with crimps, backcombing and lots of hairspray!

https://www.saultstar.com/news/hair-hair-everywhere-gallery

performance. And I grew up in the 80s, so I may be bias, but your talent is ageless. You made so many proud and helped some of us older peeps relive some memories, for that I say Miigwetch!

Comments and photos submitted by Misko Asin / Red Stone / Barb Day

SPORTS

Garden River Sports News Dec 2022

The East View Eagles Junior Girls gave it their all, as they played basketball against local elementary schools. The Eagles did not place, but they did their best, and that speaks volumes. A lot of good fun and experience was had and that is very valuable. The tournament was hosted at White Pines High School, where many of the high school students who played in leagues at that level, refereed the games. Many of these young people were from our local First Nations, which is great to see. These young referees did a great job and it was a great experience for them at the skill of refereeing. It was also great to see the young elementary school students in the high school environment, in which someday they will be destined towards. It was a great initiative culminating the levels of educational experiences of learning, both for their academic future choices and sports wise. Megwetchiwendam to both the coaches who volunteer their time; to the schools who organize these events, to the youth who refereed and most importantly, to the young athletes who played their games with all their heart.

By Misko Asin / Red Stone / Barb Day

Congratulations / Apichi Go Chi Nishin to the Eastview Eagles Senior Girls Basketball Team, who took the Championship held at the Superior Heights high School gymnasium early December 2022. You young Gals played with all your heart and soul and it paid off, all those practices and hours of playing the game. Coach Mrs. H, aka Faye, did a great job coaching, along with Mr. Papa, who I might add that these wonderful educators volunteer their time to coach these young people / Eshkinijig. WTG Eagles! Again Miigwetchiwendam to all who organize these events so the kids can play ball. Oda-minon Bigwaakwaad.

Special shout out to Kionna Day, my second eldest granddaughter, amongst the many great basketball players of the Eagles whom many from our Local First Nations. Nokomis Proud Moment: By Misko Asin / Red Stone / Barb Day

Apichi Go Nishin / Congratulations: To the White Pines Wolverines Junior Basketball Team who took Home the Gold at the Mitch Lalonde Memorial Tournament in Sudbury 2022 the second weekend in December. We look forward to your Games to end the Season coming this New Year January 2023. Held usually on Wednesday Nights. We Wish you Best of Luck, although Skill has more to do with it and a Good Sense of Sportsmanship. Here are the names of all the BoysCHAMPS:

❤️ So Proud of Young Fellas: Wayne Jones- Reid, Garren Pine, Nick Louttit, Arthur Vincent, Steven Day- Nolan, Jacob Day, Owen Bouchard, Jacob Richardson and Ethan McCorkell. Coach Ian and Teacher Mr Dunn. Miigwetch for your Dedication. Missing from the pic is Nashoba Moore cheering from the Home Ranks.

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Garden River First Nation Mission Statement

In the spirit of our ancestors and our Treaty, we endeavour to conduct ourselves in a manner that is consistent with the Seven Grandfather Teachings given to us by the Creator. We envision a harmonious community that is built on mutual respect that maintains a healthy balance through prosperity and well-being. Through these actions we intend to create a self-sustaining community that fulfills the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of all members.

N'bwaakaawin– Wisdom

Zaagidwin—Love

Mnaadendmowin– Respect

Aakdehewin—Bravery

Gwekwadziwin—Honesty

Dbaadendizin—Humility

Debwewin—Truth

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Avoid using the local administrative lines unless it is for Criminal Records Checks or to reach our Court Administrators.

Our offices are not staffed 24/7. Officers are on the road and unable to check voice messages.

When you call the dispatcher they will automatically create an occurrence report and it will be given to an APS officer.

Remember that dispatchers are not from the community and will ask you questions, please be patient as it is their job, and it is for everyone's safety. Miigwech for your understanding.