



Garden River First Nation

The Creator's Garden

Community Newsletter

Flower Moon

May 2022



Waawaaskone Giizis

GARDEN RIVER POW WOW REVIVING THE SPIRIT

AUGUST 20 & 21, 2022
- GRFN BALLFIELDS -

Host Drum:
**BEAR
CREEK**

GRAND ENTRIES:

Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm

ARENA DIRECTOR:
Kevin Syrette

MC'S:
Stephanie Pangowish
& Darrell Boissoneau

HEAD VETERAN:
Ray Cadott

HEAD DANCERS:
To be announced daily

JUNIOR HEAD DANCERS:
Kelvin Boissoneau, Nevaeh Pine

WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL WOMEN'S FANCY WOMEN'S JINGLE

1ST - \$1000
2ND - \$750
3RD - \$400

GOLDEN AGE WOMENS & MENS

1ST - \$500
2ND - \$300
3RD - \$200

MEN'S TRADITIONAL MEN'S FANCY MEN'S GRASS

1ST - \$1000
2ND - \$750
3RD - \$400

JUNIOR GIRLS & BOYS TEEN GIRLS & BOYS

1ST - \$100
2ND - \$50
3RD - \$25

CONTACT: Tyler Pine
EMAIL: grfnpowwow@gardenriver.org

Please Note: All of the "Did You Know" facts can be found on the Garden River FN Website—
www.gardenriver.org. Feel free to explore the website for more information.



Words from the Chief...



Greetings, Aaniin, boozhoo Elders, youth, and citizens!

As we transition to much warmer days, I reflect on the time when families begin to spend a bit more time outside. As you do, please be aware of your surroundings especially with the work that is occurring throughout our community. Remember to be safe and mindful of others, while walking or driving throughout our community.

First and foremost, I'd like to introduce and welcome our new Acting Executive Director, Jauvonne Kitto. Jauvonne comes from a wide range of experience and wisdom in working with First Nations across. She has a keen interest in economic development and will work with the Council on several council priorities as well address some of the internal community priorities that arise day to day. I am confident that she will bring forward positive action and provide clear direction to our departments. Please say Hello if you see Jauvonne out and about.

Boil Water Advisory – As you may have seen through our social media channels and posted around the community, the Main Village Water Facility and the Echo River Water Facility is currently undergoing necessary repairs. The repairs are expected to take approximately one week to complete. While the work is being completed, the GRFN Public Works Department and Water department will continue to supply water to the community of Garden River to ensure the community is providing safety and adequate water service. Due to the water treatment methods utilized by the water plants, users may see some discoloration and/or a slight odor during this period. For those who are experiencing the discoloured water, flush out the system by running cold water from the highest point in the house for at least 10 minutes. If the problems persist, contact the GRFN Public Works Department at 705-946-6300. Bottled water will continue to be delivered our elders while the facilities are under

repair. The Public Works Department will provide notification when the repairs are completed at the Water Treatment Facilities. I'd like to commend our Public Works Department and Water Department who have worked continuously hard during the Water Boil Advisory. I also want to commend our people within the community who've shown patience and understanding during this time.

North Shore Tribal Council – I attended the North Shore tribal Council quarterly session to discuss several items. The new health transformation work is happening within the Tribal Council but also our communities. Our Wellness team manager, Jessica Grawbarger has been keeping up to date on the proposed changes to our health services from a tribal council perspective. Along with Health Transformation is the work within Education. The tribal council will be supporting Chief Brent Bissaillon from Serpent River First Nation who was named a trustee on behalf of our communities to discuss some much needed changes and acknowledgements. As we send our kids year after year to schools in the Sault, our expectations for better education while embracing and encouraging indigenous learning. We need to ensure that our children are supported and succeeding in both school boards. I will let the community know of those updates as we move along.

Premier Ford Visit – I had an opportunity along with Councillor Brandi Nolan to talk with Premier Doug Ford, Minister Romano and Minister Rickford on some of the funding that Garden River received. We acknowledged that commitment but also stressed the importance of future additional investments to the various areas within our community. One major component is the infrastructure needs of our community (Water, buildings, houses, etc.). I relayed the message to both Ministers and the Premier of setting up a meeting after the provincial election, if they are the successful party.

Chiefs of Ontario Residential School Event – Garden River hosted several elders and spiritual leaders from the various areas where Residential Schools were implemented. The event consisted of a lot of ceremony and sharing with survivors, medicine people and other visitors from other communities. The session was held at the teaching lodge and accommodated the safety measures to bring our people together. I had an opportunity to sit with Deputy Minister Shawn Batise to discuss our own internal Residential School work who reaffirmed his commitment to assist Garden River. We have future meetings that we want to discuss additional areas of our community.

Indian Residential School update - The Narratives team is diligently working with our First Nation for the development and planning of the Residential School and Wawanosh school for girls work. Our admin team and Wellness Centre will be working closely with the people of Garden River to ensure that proper developments, planning and community healing projects are all inclusive. We are only in the beginning stages of planning so stayed tuned for updates and postings for positions and community involvement invitations.

MTO Repaving project - As you may have noticed by now that the MTO Highway Resurfacing Project has begun. While this work is being completed throughout our highway, please ensure that you follow the safety precautions of the workers and yourself during this time. Your cooperation and patience are greatly appreciated. We will also be hiring a liaison on behalf of Garden River for the

project to ensure that any concerns, challenges, or issues are mitigated. We want to ensure that we have some oversight on behalf of our community.

Tiny Homes Initiative – This project has been a very excited opportunity that we are working on with a number of stakeholders in and around our community. We have developed a working group to determine a process that will see our own Garden River Youth help to construct and build several Tiny Homes here in the community. Our Housing team will ensure that our young people are engaged, informed and included in this work. Housing for our youth including single families is limited, so we are quite excited for this opportunity to unfold. The project is slated to begin 2023.

May 5th is National Day of Awareness & Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Gender diverse people. Please remember to send out your thoughts and prayers to the women and girls, families and friends during this time. My heart goes out to the nation and those who are struggling also.

I want to acknowledge a couple of our citizens who have been doing great things in the community. Nevaeh Pine who was selected to participate in "Warrior Up!" a series about young and aspiring leaders within our communities. Nevaeh continuously blazes a trail for our young people and exemplifies everything about a strong Indigenous youth. We congratulate Nevaeh and her family on her success and her recognition. I'd like also to acknowledge a couple of our members who were seen cleaning up various areas of our community. I know there are much more people out there who have been doing their part, but I wanted to acknowledge Joey Belleau and his son who were cleaning up in and around the community. Your good work hasn't gone unnoticed, and I'd like to acknowledge your efforts.



GRFN POW WOW FUNDRAISER

GOLF TOURNAMENT

@ SILVER CREEK GOLF COURSE

all proceeds will go to the
Garden River First Nation Pow Wow

SATURDAY

JUNE 25, 2022

REGISTER TODAY!!!

INCLUDES |

18 HOLES WITH CART * LUNCH * DINNER * GIFT

\$125/ PERSON

MIX TEAM



CONTACT | grfnpowwow@gardenriver.org

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GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION

POW WOW FUNDRAISER

GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 25, 2022

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS GARDEN RIVER POW WOW

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

HOLE SPONSOR | \$250 | YOUR LOGO WILL BE FEATURED ON A HOLE AROUND THE COURSE

LUNCH SPONSOR | \$1000 | YOUR LOGO WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND SIGNAGE AROUND CLUBHOUSE

DINNER SPONSOR | \$1000 | YOUR LOGO WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND SIGNAGE AROUND CLUBHOUSE

TITLE SPONSOR | \$1500 | YOUR LOGO WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND SIGNAGE AROUND CLUBHOUSE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

TYLER PINE EMAIL: grfnpowwow@gardenriver.org

705.946.6300 ext. 250




In closing I want to say Happy Mother's Day to each one of our Kwewok out there during this special day. Mothers are the caregivers and foundations of each our families. The compassion, stability and teachings they provide help our families grow to be strong for all the future generations to come. Many Miigwetch's to my mother, grandmother, aunts, sisters and with greatest respect to my wife for all hard work, dedication and resilience these ladies have for our children.

Miigwetch,

Chief Andy Rickard
Nameh doodem



The Garden River First Nation

CHIEF & COUNCIL

MAY 2022 MEETINGS

WHEN:

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 @ 6:00pm - Monthly Meeting
 Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 @ 6:00pm - Working Meeting
 Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 @ 6:00pm - Working Meeting

LOG ONTO THE LIVESTREAM:
Website: <https://vimeo.com/event/711625>
Password: L1vegardenriver



*Taken from Sakajawaseh, Vol.1 no.2;
February 1975. . .*

Newsletter Committee

On January 27 (1975), a Newsletter Committee was chosen. The members include:

Mrs. Doris Boissoneau
 Mrs. Elizabeth Jones
 Mr. Chris Belleau
 Mr. William Sayers
 Mr. Eddie Jones
 Mr. Lyle Sayers
 Mr. Frank Jones
 Mrs. June Belleau

GRFN History

Everyone contributes to the Newsletter in a particular area. Elizabeth handles the ads, handy hints, recipes, etc., Eddie, of course, is our Sports Reporter, Doris takes care of Education, the other members take care of all news in general that concerns the Reserve, etc. Chris has been busy getting sponsors, without which, this Newsletter could not operate. We are very grateful to each of our sponsors for their interest in this publication.

Oh, I'm June Belleau, by the way, and my job is to type and put together all the material that everyone submits. Lyle Sayers has joined the



committee as a reporter and typist. My special thanks to him.

Please keep sending in your Ideas and articles . . .

HELP WANTED

Applications are being accepted for:

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
TRAINING PROGRAM**

Apply: Elaine Lesage,
 Band Administrator
 Tel: 248:2333



Useful Info



Garden River First Nation Websites:

- Garden River First Nation website: www.gardenriver.org
- Education's website: www.gardenriver.ca
- Housing's website: www.grfnhousing.org
- Recreation's website: www.grfnrec.com
- Bingo Enterprises: www.gardenriverbingo.com
- Wellness Centre's website: www.grwc.ca
- Silver Creek's website: www.golfsilvercreek.com
- GR Child & Family Services (G'Naadmaagoom): www.grcfs.ca/
- APS website: www.apscops.org



Lands & Resources



Boozhoo Garden River,

This post is to inform the GRFN community of a smelt consumption advisory. The Ontario Government recommends that no one eat smelts from Lake Superior due to toxaphene, PFAS, PCBs, and mercury contamination. This warning is very important for Kwe (women) of child-bearing age and children under 15 because those chemicals can affect the development of our young people.

Smelts from Lake Huron are less contaminated, but it is recommended that no more than 16 smelts are eaten per month. Smelts originating from Lake Huron may be found around Garden River or St. Joseph Island locations. Smelts from Lake Huron can be safe to eat in small quantities.

See below for cited sources and more information about the chemical contaminants:

Mercury - Mercury is converted to

methylmercury and absorbed by a fish either from water passing over its gills or it is ingested with its diet. Since fish eliminate mercury at a very slow rate, concentrations of this substance gradually increase.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) - PCBs are a group of chlorinated organic compounds first commercially developed in the late 1920s and banned in the 1970s. They persist for decades in the natural environment and readily accumulate in the aquatic ecosystem.

PerFluoroAlkyl and PolyFluoroAlkyl Substances (PFAS) - PFAS are a family of chemicals that make materials water, stain and oil repellent and have been in a wide array of consumer products since the 1950s.

Toxaphene - Toxaphene is an extremely persistent insecticide in the aquatic environment. It was removed from general use in Canada in 1974 and restricted in the United States in 1982.

Huron smelt advisory: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/fish-consumption-report...>

Superior smelt advisory: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/fish-consumption-report...>

News report from The Sault Star: <https://www.saultstar.com/news/something-fishy-going-on>

Miigwetch,

Aaron Jones

Fish & Wildlife Coordinator
Ketegaunseebee (Garden River First Nation)

P: 1 (705) 253-0225 ext. 201

E: AJones@GardenRiver.org



Garden River First Nation Lands & Resources

Smelt Consumption **Advisory for GRFN**

The Ontario Gov. recommends:

- Not to eat any smelts from Lake Superior
- Eat only 16 smelts per month from Lake Huron including GRFN & St. Joseph Island



To learn more about smelts read the text above this post or contact the GRFN Fish & Wildlife Coordinator Aaron Jones at ajones@gardenriver.org



183 Noonday Road, Garden River

705 253 0225

HAVE YOU MOVED?



PLANNING TO MOVE?

Please update your address
with the Membership Office

Contact

Terri Tice, Membership Clerk

705-253-0225 ext. 205

or online at:

<https://www.gardenriver.org/site/membership>

MEMBERSHIP OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

CLOSED 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.



Photo courtesy of Facebook

It's with the greatest of pleasure to announce that Barbara Nolan will be honoured and recognized for her five decades of commitment to share, instruct, and preserve the Anishinaabemowin language at a formal ceremony June 13, 2022 in the city of Sault Ste. Marie. She was nominated through a written process including several support and reference letters received by Councillor and Police Officer Karen Bell. Karen also is a former recipient of the Medal of Merit which is the highest recognized award handed out in Sault Ste. Marie.

A five person panel including Mayor Provenzano selected Barb from a number of submissions as the successful recipient. Barb will attend the City Hall where the presentation will take place in the presence of a selected guest list at a regular Council meeting. This event will be broadcasted on local media channels.

Annually the city awards the prestigious Medal of Merit to a person or group who have achieved excellence in a cultural, academic, or athletic field and has made an outstanding contribution to the community over several years.

Barb continues to share the language she was first taught and that she spoke in her home on the Wikwemikoong First Nation, Manitoulin Island prior to attending the Spanish Residential School. Preservation of the language is what instills pride and perseverance in Barb to continue long after she learned the language. She feels it of the upmost importance for our people's identity and for our culture to survive.

Barb has held in class instruction starting locally in the 1970's and continues. She has held virtual instruction in Ojibwe language for a program based in Sioux Lookout. She completed a 10 week Ojibwe language course offered through the Native American Cultural Centre at Yale University in the state of Connecticut and has been invited to instruct another class. She has also taught the language at various locations throughout the state of Michigan. She also happens to be the Anishinabek Nation Language Commissioner.

This is a well deserved honourable and prestigious award to receive and is definitely a success sharing story at a critical point during the Truth and Reconciliation of Indigenous people in Canada while also being herself a survivor of the Residential School regime.

If you are out and about or run across Barb in your travels please commend her accomplishments, dedication for pursuing her passion of retaining and sharing the language of our people, and receipt of the 2021 Sault Ste. Marie Medal of Merit.

Submitted with Dignity and Respect, Karen Bell



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Garden River First Nation Landfill is not open to the public.

The Garden River First Nation Transfer Station located at 216 Noonday Drive is **OPEN**.

Tuesday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

Wednesday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

Thursday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

Friday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

Saturday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAYS.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

GR EDUCATION UNIT GRADUATION PARADE

HIGHSCHOOL- POST-SECONDARY JUNE 22

12PM START TIME BOTH DAYS

ELEMENTARY JUNE 23

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE EDUCATION UNIT: 705-946-3933



OFF RESERVE GRFN GRADS

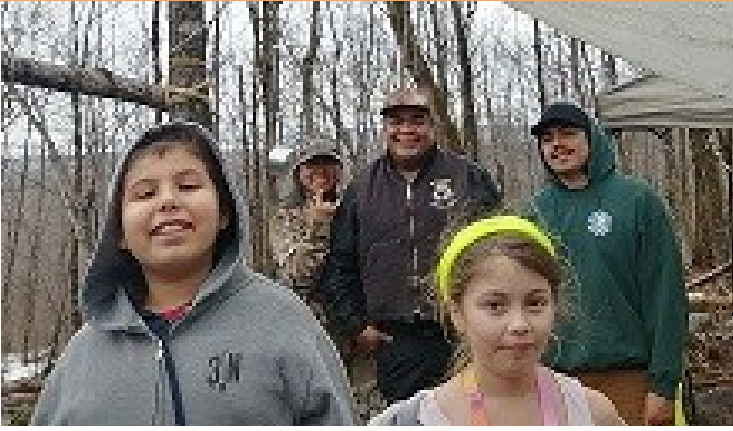
IF YOU ARE GRADUATING THIS YEAR, PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE YOUR NAME TO INCLUDE YOU IN OUR ANNUAL PARADE/CELEBRATION **BEFORE MAY 13TH AT 4PM**

ELEMENTARY LIAISON WORKER- DEANNA JONES:
DEJONES@GARDENRIVER.CA

SECONDARY LIAISON WORKER- STEPHANIE JONES:
SJONES@GARDENRIVER.CA

OR CALL OUR OFFICE: 705-946-3933

GRFN Elementary School



Miigwetch!

To Miisheen and his family for sharing their knowledge of Iskigamizigan (sugar camp) with our GRFN Elementary students. My children and I visited the Iskigamizigan on the day that we boiled.

Mona Jones,
ECE, DSW, B.A., B. Ed., M. ED
Early Education Teacher/Coordinator
GRFN Elementary School



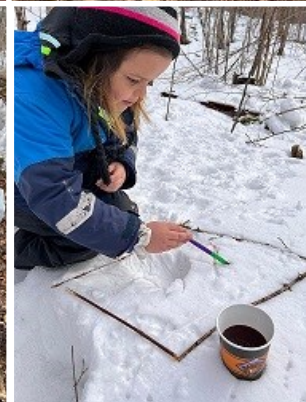
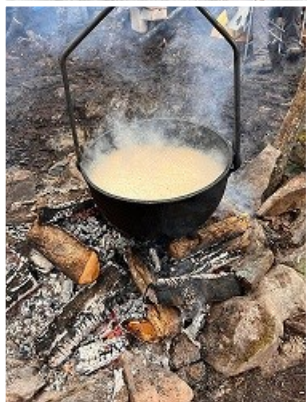
Aanii akina wiiya from the GRFN Elementary Team! Iskigamizige-giizis (April) has been an action packed month on the land. We have been able to spend three weeks in the sugar bush. We have seen the transition from snow covered forest to a soggy playground filled with puddles to play in. Through this process we gathered niinatigaaboo (maple sap), boiled it down, and made our very own Ziizibaakimide (Maple Syrup) and Ziizibaakwad (Maple Sugar). We would like to say Gitchi Miigwetch to all of the supports from community members, organizations and people that have made this opportunity available for our youth. Some of these people include:

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|---|--------------------|
| ➤ GRFN Lands and Resources Department | ➤ Jeremy Gamble |
| ➤ AIM (Adults in Motion) Staff and Students | ➤ Kimberly Peltier |
| ➤ Jordan's Principle Team | ➤ Lynn Pine |
| ➤ Jo-anne Thiessen | ➤ Carol Jones |
| ➤ Randy Pine | |

Lastly we would like to acknowledge the parents and dedicated family members that supported their Childs learning in the Iskigamizigan (Sugar Camp).

Mii'iw GRFN Elementary Team





Post Secondary

Aahniin from the Post-Secondary Counsellor:

I hope that everyone had a great Easter long weekend with family and friends. (This is the greatest holiday for us "choco-holics" as I make sure to get myself an extra chocolate bunny for emergencies ☺.)

CONGRATULATIONS for hanging in there and completing another school year. For those of you not continuing your studies in the Spring/Summer session, **have yourself a great and safe summer....BUT...**

Please do not forget to update your **login/password** so that I can print your final grade reports when they are posted and please do not forget to submit your **new GRFN Application for Post-Secondary Sponsorship** before the next deadline: **MAY 15TH** for the new school year, Fall 2022/Winter 2023.

Please keep in touch and report any changes in your education plans for the upcoming school year.

SPRING/SUMMER STUDENTS:

Reminders ...

.....to all students, you must submit your updated login/password so that I can print a copy of your **Winter 2022 final grades** and if enrolled in **Spring/Summer**, your current schedule.

.....if, at any time, you want to (I) change your educational plans by either adding/dropping a course(s) or (II) change programs or (III) make other changes, you must contact me in advance to discuss and approve your new education plan.

.....if it is your intention to receive the monthly living allowance, you must always **maintain a full-time** registration to be eligible for your monthly

allowance. Please be reminded that GRFN **does not** use the "student loan definition for full-time studies". We use the "**normal fulltime student load definition**" - **there is a difference - please make sure that you are using the proper one.**

Please check your registration carefully using the normal full-time student load definition.

And always make sure that you are only taking courses that will complete your graduation requirements within the official length of your program.

Food for Thought:

Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon.
(E.M. Forster)

ARE YOU GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR ?

If you will have completed your remaining graduation requirements by the end of June and will be graduating, please make sure that you email me with this updated information.

We will be having our annual graduate celebration sometime in June. The dates and details are not yet confirmed but will

FULL-TIME and PART-TIME POST-SECONDARY SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES:

For Spring/Summer (May - August):
March 29

For Fall (September - December)
Enrolment:

May 15

For Winter (January - April) Enrolment:
October 15

Deadlines are strictly adhered to!!

Submit early to avoid disappointment.

be soon.

I will need graduates to confirm their choice for a gift and if you choose a GRFN grad jacket, I will need you to confirm the following: size, colour and if you want Class of 2022 on it or not.

?? JOB HUNTING ??

If you haven't already done so, you should have begun your search for summer employment opportunities. Before you even start your job hunt, you need an **up-to-date resume**. Writing a great resume takes time. There are many styles of resumes. There are no strict rules to writing a resume, however, there are some important things to keep in mind. Be concise - use concrete language — research each job's qualifications and list your appropriate skills / qualifications, previous education and previous employment with references.

Remember to check the Education Unit website regularly (www.gardenriver.ca), the GRFN main website (www.gardenriver.org) and other department websites and social media for any new job postings.

Good luck in your job search!

****Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards Reminder****

It's never too late to apply for **scholarships/ bursaries/ awards**. There is literally thousands available and each one has their own deadline dates. Please, please check your school website to see about their specific ones and then visit one of the many websites available to help you perform a customized search for a scholarship. This means that once

you have keyed in your academic and personal information, it will search for scholarships for you. All you have to do is complete the application requirements and submit by the deadline.

SOME WEBSITES TO VISIT:

www.indspire.ca
www.studentawards.com
www.scholarshipscanada.com

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES...

Are you planning on going to college or university in September? If you haven't already done so, please contact me at the office to complete your **GRFN Application for Post-Secondary Education Assistance**. The deadline is **May 15th for Fall 2022/ Winter 2023 full-time and part-time sponsorship**. If you do not have a ride to my office, we can set up a virtual meeting to review the application process and discuss how sponsorship works for you.

Once you start receiving information from the colleges/universities that you applied to **please forward me a copy of your "offer of admission / acceptance letter/email", and "residence application information"**.

REMEMBER that there are deadlines to accept your "offer of admission". There will also be a tuition deposit that has to be paid: for college it is usually June 15th and for university, it is usually a week or so after you are allowed to register. The tuition deposit will hold your seat. We do not pay the tuition deposit directly - but once you are approved, we send sponsorship letters to your school quickly and this will save your seat. Thus, getting me copies of your acceptance letter with your new college/university student number is very important so that we can take of the tuition deposit in a timely manner for you.

Please forward copies of all of your information that you receive. GRFN is not responsible for any lost seats due to deadline dates missed. **PLEASE READ AND RESPOND TO ALL CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO YOU from your new school and from GRFN Education.**

If you need any assistance or have concerns about your education plans, please call me at the office, 705-946-3933 ext. 202 or send me a virtual meeting request or email me at amjones@gardenriver.ca.

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Anne Marie Jones
Post-Secondary Counsellor



Resource Centre aka GRFN Public Library

<p>GRFN PL Book Bingo Family Edition</p> <p>Books to be from the GRFNPL or own collection</p> <p>GRFNPL Book Bingo</p> <p>Family Edition</p> <p>April & May</p>						
A book about a bear	Read a book to your pet	A book of one of the seven grandfathers	A book with yellow on the cover	A book from the 500 - 599 call number	A gardening book	Read a book with a number in the title
Read the back of a cereal box	Read a book that has water on the cover	FREE	A funny book	A book that made you cry	Read a graphic novel or comic book	Read a story to a loved one
A book that became a movie	Read the close caption of a tv show or movie	A book you saw someone else reading	A book published in 2020	A fairy tale	A book over 350 pages	A book you started but didn't finish
A book you can finish in a day	A book by a female author	A book about magic	A book you published in 2020	A book	A book	A book

GRFNPL April & May Book Bingo

Each family member can help fill in the bingo card – for a full card. Write their initials in the box they completed. From April 1 until May 31st will be the run time for this book bingo game. A new game will start in June. Drop off or scan and email the finished full card – front and back to Irene @ irene.gray@gardenriver.ca or at the GRFN PL located at 48 Syrette Lake Road during office hours (8:30-12 & 1-4:30 Monday – Friday) Deadline to submit for this game is Tuesday, May 31, 2022 by 12 noon. All family names of submitted full cards (front and back) will be entered into a wheel of names to pick 3 winners - 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes, at 3 pm, winning families will be notified by email of prize and pick up instructions. Actual prizes will be announced in the May Newsletter. Winners will be posted on Resource's Facebook page and in the June Newsletter. Happy Family Reading!

Family Name: _____ Email: _____
Family Members: _____
Date Started: April ____, 2022
Date completed: April or May ____, 2022

Please fill in this short questionnaire.

1. Would you or any family member like to recommend a book? _____
2. If yes, please share the book title and author: _____
3. What was your family's favourite book? _____
4. What was your family's least liked book? _____
5. What was the title of the book that had yellow on the cover? _____
6. Which cereal box did you read? _____
7. What was better – the book or the movie? _____
8. What movie was it? _____
9. Who did you read to? _____
10. Did you read all 25 books? Yes ___ No ___ Why _____

Awensiwag

Words in
Anishinaabemowin with clues in English.



Across

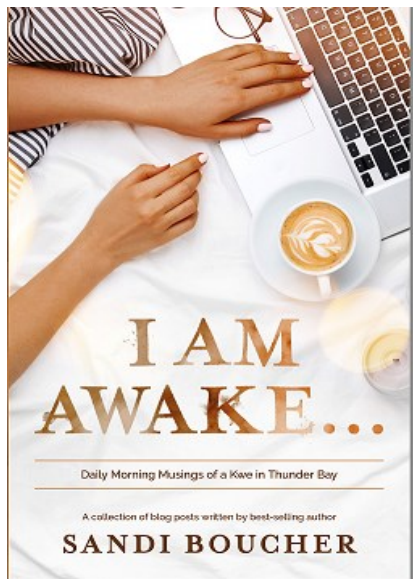
2. and
4. again
6. all
8. carefully

Down

1. later
3. once
5. just
7. who



Answers on page: 25



"I Am Awake", Sandi Boucher

Two excerpts...

May 10

I am awake, I am alive, and this morning I am excited . . .

- *Excited to be heading home.*
- *Excited to have yet another chance to make a difference.*
- *Excited to live the life of my dreams.*
- *Excited to live it with you.*

week. The result—a day of reading and contemplation. A day of rest. A day of appreciation.

The day started with lake views and a bird serenade reminding me of how absolutely long it has been since I woke in a cabin by the lake.

Beautiful.

So, this is me, disconnecting today. This is me savouring this unexpected gift. This is me simply loving my life.

Savour your gifts today my friend. Don't give disappointments any attention at all. It is time to notice the gifts. . .

This book is available for borrowing by coming in to sign it out. Library is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. till 12:00 pm and then 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm. Lunch appointments can be available if needed.

Miigwetch,

Irene M. Gray

Anishinaabemowin
Word for the Month:

aagwiitoosijigan
pie



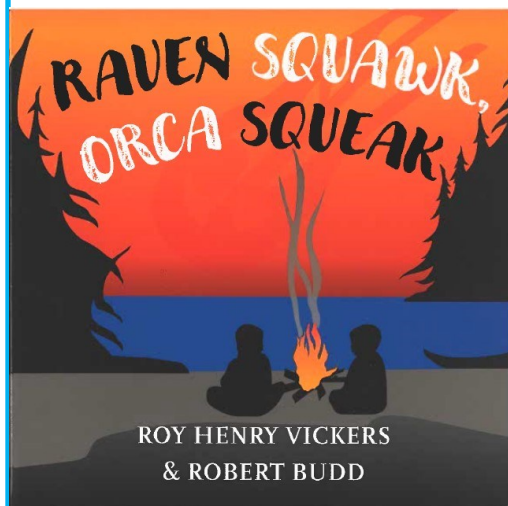
Today my friend, be awake to all Creator sends. Be alive, so alive that you enjoy every sip of coffee, the feel of every step on Mother Earth, every sound that graces your ears. Be excited, because we were all gifted yet another day. . .

August 6

I am awake, I am alive and today I marvel at how Creator always sends exactly what I need.

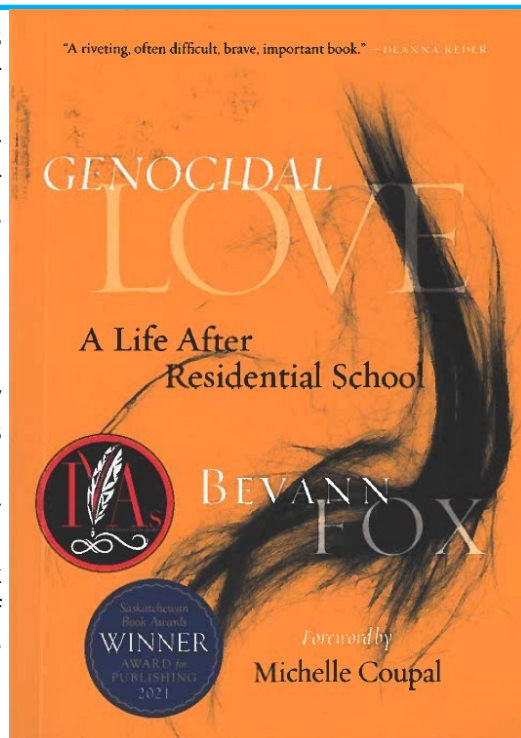
A mix-up/misunderstanding had me arriving a day early to this rustic heaven where I will be presenting this

Genocidal Love. Bevann Fox. "Presenting herself as 'Myrtle', Bevann Fox shares memories of an early childhood filled with love on the reserve with her grandparents—until she is sent to residential school at the age of seven. The trauma she experienced left her without a voice and continues to influence her adult life. Genocidal Love takes its place among the residential school survivor literature and is a powerful confirmation of the long-lasting effects on relationships and health."



Raven Squawk, Orca Squeak. Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd. "Learn sounds of the West Coast. Paring bright and bold illustrations by celebrated Indigenous artist Roy Henry Vickers with fun, musical rhymes, this sturdy board book supports the language development of babies and toddlers by introducing the iconic sounds of the West Coast."

Both Books are Available for Borrowing.





Wiindamaage



**Mino-dibishkam noongom, Mino-dibishkam noongom,
Mino-dibishkam (birthday person's name)! Mino-dibishkam noongom!**

Happy 6th Birthday Matias!



Love Marek, Mavrek, Mom and Dad

On May 13th a Chi-Happy birthday 🎉
to my mom weeze!!!
Love ya Angie and all my family 🎉



And Mario loves you lol!!

Happy Birthday to Charlene Jones
(Gramma) on May 14th! We hope you
have a day as great as you!
With love; Amber, Kierra and Terry

Happy Mothers Day to Charlene Jones
on May 8th! We love and cant
wait to celebrate YOU!
With love; Amber, Kierra & Terry

Happy Heavenly Mothers Day to Theresa
Jones! We miss you every single day and will
cherish all the memories that we
have made. Until we meet again..
With love always; Amber, Kierra & Terry

Happy 2nd Birthday
to our beautiful
"Harper Anne"
love Mom and Dad

Happy 1st Birthday
Leo Joe Eshkibok
Love Mom, Dad,
Ledger and Jep
May 1st



May 18



Happy 12th birthday to Kionna
We love you so much !!
Mom & Dad, Journ., Jacob, Langston
& Misko

Happy Facebook Birthdays

Nadine Roach	Dustin Pine
Tanaya Thompson	Jerry Perrault
Kammy Grawbarger	Geryd Lesage
Terri Payment	Carolyn Marie
Sarah Basham	Darren Zack
Jessica Grawbarger	Jocelyn Williams-
Jacob Day	Pine
John Syrette	Sara Ann
Kristen Jones	Wesley Jones
Gregory Belleau	Dorothy Mae Bryze
Paul A. Syrette	Helena Jones
Ethan Belleau	Lindsey Jones
Dani Elle's	Tory Lesage
Eileen Thibault	William Tanner
Jody Boissoneau	Lesage
Chris Bosno	Tracey Hynes-
Tricia Pine	Boissoneau
Tyra Souliere	Samm Pine-Bennett
Meggie Lesage	Brian Payment
	Anne Marie Jones

Ngashi giizhigad

Happy Mother's Day to my daughter
Destinee!!



Your such a wonderful mommy and
Kierra is very blessed to have an
amazing momma!!
Love you always mom and dad
& from your little lady who's 5 now
Kierra!!!

Happy Mother's Day to my mom
Wendy Jones!!
Love you very much and we're so
thankful for everything you've ever
done for us!!!
Love you 🎉 Angie & Derick

Happy Mother's Day to my
Daughter Livia!

Love you to the moon, the sun, the
stars, the milky way and back and
back. Love Mom

Happy Mother's Day to my
Mommy! Love you!
Monty

**Happy Mother's Day
To All the Moms &
Grammas!!**



Miigwetch!

Gaige Pine would like to thank the Dreamcatcher Foundation for supporting his 2021/2022 hockey season. Miigwetch



Hours of Operation

Monday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday – CLOSED

Wednesday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday – CLOSED

Friday – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSED (12:00 – 1:00 pm)

Food Bank access is limited to one visit per month

For Further information, please contact Michelle @ MIIJIM GAAMIG
(705) 946-6300 Ext.# 227

Food and Monetary Donations are always greatly appreciated



Facebook: Zhaabidiis Design
Email: zhaabidiisdesign@gmail.com

Why does
the ghost
come back
to the
library
every day
for more
books?

Because he
goes through
them quickly.

I ♥ TO READ



GRFN Arts



IF you would like to share your art, please submit images/word documents of your artistic endeavours—be it painting, sculpting, quill work, beading, story writing, photography, poems, weaving, drawing, quilting; along with a brief write up of who you (the artist) are

and what goals you have and what you have accomplished while travelling your artistic path.

Doesn't have to be long a very basic "My name is ____, I have been creating ____, For about ____ years" or something

similar.

Our First Nation is blessed with gifted and talented individuals, let us all join in being proud of each and everyone of us.

Irene M. Gray



Aaniin Boozhoo! Waynaboozhoo N'Dinawe-magaaniigood, Niimiwin Giimiwan Ekwe in'dishnnikaaz n'dow. Keeteeganzeebee in'doonjibaa, ma'iingan in'doodem. Anishnaabe kwe waayo in'diibendaagwas.

Hello all of my relatives! My name is Beth Boissoneau also I wouldn't call myself a professional artist I've long been surrounded by its practices and its role in Anishinabek culture. I've been recently expanding my skills and taking the time to learn from the amazing teachers I am surrounded by. I'd like to mention both of my parents, Lorrie Boissoneau and Robert Armstrong who play an enormous role in breathing life into my skills and always being supportive of my endeavors.

Chi-Miigwetch for the opportunity to share.





Surrounding Community



Media Release

Learn To Quilt



The Stitches From the Heart Quilt Guild is happy to offer community members three exciting workshops taught by experienced and very talented instructors during our 2022 Quilt Show taking place on the Mother's Day weekend at the Tarentorus Sports Club at 56 Avery Road, a nice country drive within the city limits of Sault Ste. Marie.

Susie Kainula, a well known leader of Comfort Quilts and a favourite instructor from the Sault who loves to make scrappy quilts, will be teaching participants how to make this adorable "Let's Colour" Quilt on Saturday, May 7th, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This full day workshop is a perfect class for both a beginner or experienced quilter. The cost is \$50.00 and includes the pattern.



Frances Giallonardo, a skilled quilter of almost 30 years and a member of the Guild, will be teaching participants how to make this beautiful stash buster quilt entitled "Scrap Strips

Diamond Trip" on Sunday, May 8th, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost of the class is \$45.00 and includes all instructions.

And special guest instructor, Celeste Compion from Meerkat Trading from Elora, Ontario, will be teaching participants how to make this wonderful Afrigami Purse on Sunday, May 8th from 9:00



a.m. to noon. The cost is \$45.00 and includes the pattern. There is also an optional kit featuring fabrics from South Africa made in the traditional way available for \$26.00.

"Most of the workshops we offer are exclusively available to our Guild members", stated Margaret Brown, Workshop Chair "But our Committee decided to offer these workshops to the community as we get so many requests from people who would like to learn to quilt or to improve their existing skills."

Pre-registration is required for all workshops as there is limited space in each class. Please email Margaret at margyb0105@gmail.com and she will forward the registration forms and payment options along with instructions on what supplies you need to bring for the class.

"We will also be offering a wonderful variety of free demonstrations throughout the Quilt Show so that participants can learn some new skills and pick up some special tips from our talented Guild members" stated Brown, "Each of the 10 demonstrations will be 30 minutes long and include art quilting, English Paper Piecing without the paper, creative binding and fabric painting. There is no fee to attend and no need to sign up. Get the complete line up of free demonstrations by calling Margaret at 705-542-1141.

This year's Quilt Show will feature 144 handmade items including a variety of large and small quilts, wearables and mini quilts. "And if you are looking for something special, there will be 35 large and small quilts made by Guild members available for sale" stated Brown. There will also be vendors on hand selling some of the latest fabric lines, special tools and accessories and quilt patterns and kits. And a Quilt Show favourite, the New To You retail outlet, is back by

popular demand. "Be sure to drop in to pick up some great deals on all things quilty" stated Brown, the Guild's Workshop Chair who encourages people to try quilting and experienced quilters to try out new techniques to improve their skills.

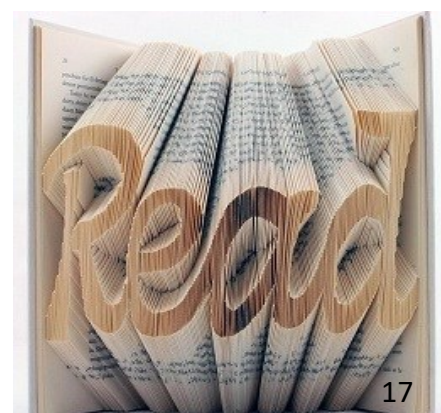
To register for a workshop or get more information on the demonstrations, contact Margaret Brown at 705-542-1141 or Karen Madill at 705-945-9932 if you would like to purchase tickets for the Quilt Show. Tickets are only \$5 each and allows entry for the entire weekend, a chance to win a quilt and a special handmade gift. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door.

Stitches From the Heart Quilt Guild was created in 1992. Our Guild has grown considerably from the original group of 6 ladies who started meeting prior to the Guild's creation. We currently have over 100 members and will be celebrating our 30th anniversary at this quilt show.

For more information, contact:

Donna St. Jules
Chair, Community and Media Relations
705-971-5479

Margaret Brown
Chair, Workshops
705-542-1141





Wellness Centre



Social Activities Worker & Health Educator

YOGA

Starting Monday, April 4th, 2022

Every Monday For 6 weeks

11am-12pm in the Gym @ GR Rec Centre

must follow all Covid guidelines

Selena Belleau, RECE

Social Activities Worker

P: 705-946-5710 ext:267

C: 705-941-1523

sbelleau@grhc.ca

Amy Allison

Health Educator

P: 705-946-5710 Ext. 229

Cell: 705-987-5799

aallison@grhc.ca



GARDEN RIVER
WELLNESS CENTRE

ELDERS 65+ LUNCHEON

WED. MAY 25TH
@ GR COMMUNITY CENTRE
11:30AM

Presentation on the
"Leader Selection Law" project.



Contact Selena Belleau to register
705-946-5710 Ext. 267
sbelleau@grhc.ca

INCENTIVES FOR ATTENDING



GARDEN RIVER
WELLNESS CENTRE

SAVE THE DATE!

Community
HEALTH FAIR



August
24
2022

1:00PM to 5:00PM

Community Health Care providers can
contact Amy if interested in reserving a
table

Watch for updates closer to the event date

For more information contact:
Amy - Aallison@grhc.ca or
705-946-8710 ext. 220



GARDEN RIVER
WELLNESS CENTRE



GARDEN RIVER
WELLNESS CENTRE



**Garden River First
Nation Education**

Starting Thursday May 5th
for 6 weeks
Sewing machines and supplies provided.
*LUNCH PROVIDED

**QUILTING
LESSONS**

10am-2pm @ GR Rec Centre

Make a Quilt
for yourself or to donate.

Contact Selena Belleau ext 267 or Amy Allison ext 229
705-946-5710

Did You Know . . . Chief and Council members interaction with the Chief Administrative Officer, or with other staff must recognize the lack of authority vested in the Chief and Council members except when explicitly Chief and Council authorized. (#3 of C&C Code of Conduct)



Want to Save Money on Your Electricity Bill?

Sign up for the Ontario Electricity Support Program

The OESP will reduce the cost of your household electricity by applying a monthly credit directly to your bill. The credit amount will depend on how many people live in your home and your combined household income.



To book an appointment to apply contact
Kristy Sayers, Energy Advisor
705-946-6300 Ext.241 or ksayers@gardenriver.org



Employment and Training Opportunity WATER FIRST INTERNSHIP

14 Positions Available:

- Participating First Nations:
- Atkamiskasheng Anishnawbek
- Batchewana First Nation
- Garden River First Nation
- Thessalon First Nation
- Mississauga First Nation
- Serpont River First Nation
- Sagamok Anishnawbek



Job Description:

- Interns will receive technical, hands-on training in a number of transferable skill areas related to water quality
- The internship includes hands-on workshops, 15 months of paid internship work experience, and the ability to obtain an Operator-in-Training (OIT) Certificate, Entry Level Certification for Drinking Water Operators (ELC), Water Quality Analyst (WQA) Certificate and more
- Interns will work in the Water Treatment Plants assisting the Water Treatment Plant Operators, as well as conduct environmental water quality monitoring in the community
- Additional supports including travel and phone allowance, training accommodations and limited child care support is available for qualified candidates
- **Must meet ISETP funding criteria**
- **Women are water-keepers and are encouraged to apply**

Mandatory Qualifications:

- Member of one of the First Nations listed above
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Unemployed or underemployed, seeking full-time work
- Must be available for duration of internship
- Must meet community COVID-19 vaccination policies

Desired Additional Qualifications:

- Interest in water and environmental science, enjoys physical activity and being outdoors
- Strong performance and completion of grade 11 or 12 math and science class
- Ability to identify issues and problem solve, not afraid to tackle problems hands on
- Self starter, organized and excited to learn new things
- Driver's License and access to a reliable vehicle considered an asset

Salary:

\$16 per hour (35 hours per week)

Duration:

July 2022 to October 2023
(15-month contract)

Application Deadline:

Friday, May 27, 2022
at 4:00 PM

How to Apply:

Please submit your resume and cover letter to Kristina Sayers at kristinasayers@mamaweswen.ca or by calling (705) 356-3203 ext 185

NOTE:

Applicants **MUST** indicate which First Nation they are from in their application





Opportunities




**INDIGENOUS FOCUSED
FREE TRAINING**

**WITH EXPOSURE
TO MULTIPLE TRADES**

Primary Trade:
Construction and Maintenance Technician

Secondary Trades:
Utility, Electrical, Information

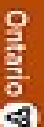
Automotive Service Technician
Paint Technician

Tool/DISC:
Liberty and Basic Skills
Employability Skills
Health and Safety Certification
6 Week Field Work Placement

Start Date: July 4, 2022 End Date: March 3, 2023
Program delivery: Theory Classes delivered in-class and Practical Learning

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP DISCOVER YOUR TRADE APPLY ONLINE!

www.saultcollege.ca/preapprenticeship/indigenous-education



For further information contact: Lisa M. Kelly, Project Coordinator

Email: Lkelly@saaultcollege.ca



[saaultcollegeontario](https://www.facebook.com/saultcollegeontario)

INDIGENOUS FOCUSED FREE TRAINING PRE-APPRENTICESHIP DISCOVER YOUR TRADE



WHO:

Indigenous participants who may not have the opportunity to access trade knowledge and are interested in the trade sector. Applicants may apply if they are currently unemployed or underemployed and want to improve job skills to enhance future employment and to graduate in the Trade. Highly-requirements Set 1 identity as Indigenous, Grade 12 or equivalent, above the age of 18, Ontario resident, and eligible to work in Canada.

WHAT:

A TURNKEY FREE of the training program funded by the Government of Ontario with the focus on the primary trade: Construction and Maintenance Technician followed by secondary trades: Utility, Electrical, Information, Automotive Service Technician and Paint Technician. In addition, each participant will receive theory and basic skills, job readiness skills from Kegonsa Circle Circle's Training Service Women's Support Group, occupational health, and safety training, workplace accessibility for Ontario with Disability (AQODA) from ASQORA, French Training (CQ French) and required of helping plan on a weekly paid work placement to gain exposure and experience. The students' schedule from the Sault College Indigenous student department will be available.

WHEN:

The start date is July 4, 2022, and ends March 3, 2023. The program length is 34 weeks. Class schedules vary. Limited spots available.

WHERE:

Sault College, 440 Northern Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Program delivery is a combination of theory (classroom learning on the spot), Theory and Practice and hands-on learning (on the spot).

WHY:

To meet the growing demand for skilled tradespeople by empowering individuals at all ages, genders and ethnic backgrounds to pursue skills training and employment in the trades sector. Individuals who are interested in a pre-apprenticeship program can help an individual gain the confidence to participate in the workforce with the right skills and knowledge. The college is looking for young citizens who are open to new skills and a working work ethic. The goal of the program is to provide support to participants, support to the trades.

HOW:

Fill out the online application form to obtain your application from www.saultcollege.ca/preapprenticeship/indigenous-education or email: Lkelly@saaultcollege.ca for more information. A follow up phone call or online Teams meeting will be booked. With your application, each applicant must provide a letter of intent explaining why they would be a good candidate for the program with a copy of their high school transcript. CNA/T testing is available. The program does not cover living expenses, daycare, parking, books fees, transportation costs or additional fees. At the discretion of the program, textbooks, learning materials, tools etc and safety equipment will be provided.

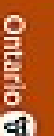
APPLY ONLINE!

For further information contact: Lisa M. Kelly, Project Coordinator
Email: Lkelly@saaultcollege.ca

www.saultcollege.ca/preapprenticeship/indigenous-education



[saaultcollegeontario](https://www.facebook.com/saultcollegeontario)





**\$500.00
VISA
DOOR
PRIZE**

OJIBWAY PARK SOLAR WEBINAR & FEEDBACK SESSION MAY 10, 2022 @ 6PM

**WIN A BEACH
BASKET & WEEKEND
STAY AT OJIBWAY
PARK CABINS**

(Must have attended both sessions to
be entered into draw)

**\$50.00
GIFT CARD
GIVEAWAYS**

For more information and to register contact
Kristy Sayers @ ksayers@gardenriver.org or
call 705-946-6300 Ext. 241

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| 4. miinawaa | 3. aabiding |
| 6. gakina | 5. eta |
| 8. weweni | 7. awenen |





**GR Bingo Presents**

MEGA MONSTER BINGO
IN HALL ONLY



Advanced sales hours:
9am-11am / 1pm-5pm

Advanced Tickets
min. 4 strips
\$300
Extra STRIP
\$75

MONDAY, AUGUST 1st, 2022
Doors Open @ 8:30AM
Bingo starts @ 12:30PM

EXTRA CARDS NOT INCLUDED IN BUNDLE
Minis, Late Bird and Last Chance \$5 each
Additional Extra specials \$5 each

At the Door
min. 4 strips
\$400
Extra STRIP
\$100

OVER \$100,000 IN PRIZES TO BE WON!!!
Reserved seating - 50 pts / \$5.00 **BOOK NOW - SPACE IS LIMITED** Visa/Master card accepted
20 Syrette Lake Rd, Garden River ON, P6A7A1 (705) 253-8718 ext 236

MEGA MONSTER BALLOT

DRAWS

MEMBERS ONLY!




6:30 ONLY

MAY 1ST-31ST 2022

ATTEND ANY 6:30 SESSION THIS MONTH AND RECEIVE A BALLOT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE TICKET TO THE AUGUST MEGA MONSTER BINGO
IN HALL ONLY!!


20 SYRETTE LAKE RD GARDEN RIVER ON P6A7A1



GARDEN RIVER BINGO
7 Days a Week

We will be open to indoor and outdoor Bingo

1pm Bingo
3:15pm Pay as you Play
6:30pm Bingo and Live Bingo





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: Community Involvement:
Community Approved = Trust Funded!"**

NOTICE of Three (3) Vacancies – Garden River Trustees

1. Are you:
 - A) trustworthy and honest?
 - B) over the age of 30 years on commencement of term (Feb.2022)?
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 Garden River Trustee?
 - G) maintain loyalty to the Garden River 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, the GRFN band members submit your resume and cover letter by **12noon on Wed.Feb.2**. Interviews will be held on Feb.7-9 for those applicants who meet the qualifications. Successful candidates are scheduled to begin their terms in February 2022. . The purpose of the GRFN Community Trust 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 GRFN Band members are invited to submit a letter and resume – **OPEN UNTIL FILLED** -- 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. Letter MUST be post-marked on or before closing date.
- b. Appointments as GR Trustees are conditional upon clear Criminal Reference Check and bankruptcy/credit check, Code of Conduct and submit a signed Code of Conduct and corporate trustee forms as required.

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

3rd posting – Jan.20, 2022

Originally Posted Aug.12, 2021

Did You Know . . . The Chair speaks on behalf of the Chief and Council and may comment to the news, social media and to the public about any matters concerning Chief and Council activities. No other Council may comment to the news, social media on any matters concerning the Chief and Council activities unless authorized to do so by the Chair. (GRFN C&C Guidelines V-1 p35)



Energy

AWARENESS
NEWS SPRING/SUMMER



Changing the climate of environmental awareness

2022 - VOL 2 ISSUE 5

Energy Updates

Follow us on Facebook @ Garden River First Nation Energy Awareness | Facebook for latest programs, events and knowledgeable information on what we are doing in our community. Join our Economic Resource and Community Development Instagram page at gardenriverercd, and our website at www.gardenriverercd.com.

Upcoming Event

Ojibway Park Solar Webinar Presentation & Feedback Session:

May 10, 2022, Economic Resource and Community Development Energy team is hosting their 2nd webinar on the Ojibway Park Solar PV Presentation. This webinar will entail a review and feedback session on the project's progress. Gift Card giveaways, \$500.00 VISA door prize, and a grand prize of a beach gift basket & weekend stay at Ojibway Park Cabins! (Must have attend both Webinars to be entered in grand prize). Contact Kristy Sayers at ksayers@gardenriver.org or Tia Jones at tiajones@gardenriver.org to register.



OJIBWAY PARK SOLAR WEBINAR & FEEDBACK SESSION

MAY 10, 2022 @ 6PM

WIN A BEACH BASKET & WEEKEND STAY AT OJIBWAY PARK CABINS

\$50.00 GIFT CARD GIVEAWAYS

(Must have attended both sessions to be entered into draw)



For more information and to register contact Kristy Sayers @ ksayers@gardenriver.org or call 705-946-6300 Ext. 241



Sault Ste. Marie & Garden River First Nation Energy Solar Webinar

Garden River First Nation and Sault Ste. Marie are joining together again for another exciting webinar presentation. Last year we partnered to host the Energy Literacy Webinar in four series throughout the months of September-November 2021. We are excited to continue our successful partnership with Sault Ste. Marie and Emily Cormier, Sustainability Coordinator.

Have you ever thought about incorporating solar energy into your home or businesses energy mix, but weren't too sure where to start? Solar can be used to provide lighting, heat for buildings and to produce electricity. It can also empower businesses and homeowners to generate their own zero-carbon electricity and play a key role in enabling the decarbonization of transportation and industrial processes.

Following last years' successful energy literacy webinar series, the City of Sault Ste. Marie (the City) is pleased to announce that they have once again partnered with Garden River First Nation, this time to deliver a solar energy information webinar. This webinar aligns with Garden River's recently updated Indigenous Community Energy Plan and the City's Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan 2020 - 2030. Both plans recommend increasing renewable energy generation, including solar. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday May 11, 2022, from 4:00 - 5:00 PM.**

The 1-hour free webinar will feature local solar energy experts who will provide an overview on the benefits of solar energy and current / future opportunities, how to move forward with your own solar project, including technical considerations and residential funding opportunities. Speakers include: Heliene, the PUC, Algoma Energy Solutions, and Kieran O'Neill, a local energy advisor. Garden River First Nation will also discuss their solar projects, both past and current.

Join for free @ <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/understanding-solar-energy-opportunities-webinar-tickets-317200754997>



SAULT STE. MARIE



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN ECONOMIC RESOURCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic Resource and Community Development Energy Department is looking for a summer student as the Energy Advisor Assistant! We are looking for an energetic, friendly candidate to be personable with our community members at events and presentations. Needs to be efficient in Excel, Word, and Power Point Presentation.

Please send your resume to:
Darryl Williams-Jones
Youth Employment Coordinator
T. 705-256-5413 Prompt: 3
dwilliams@gardenriver.org



What your ERCD Energy Department has been up to:



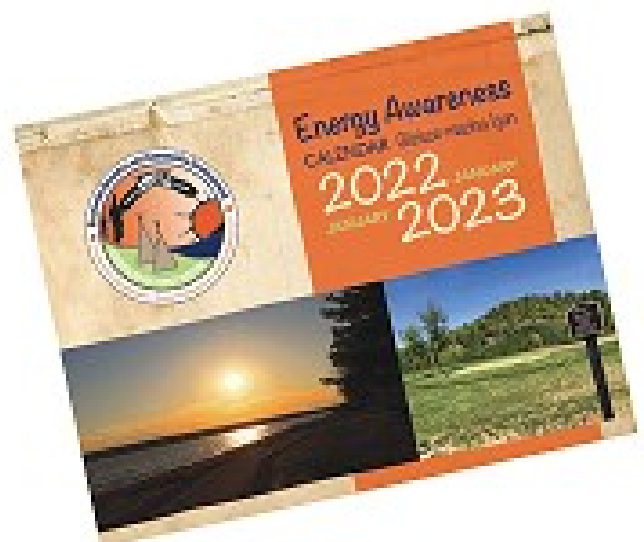
- **We have great news!** Ojibway Park Nature Trail just found out that we received a #TrailCare grant from #TransCanadaTrail to repair and conduct minor maintenance of the trail. #ThankyouTCT #grants #funding #socialgood



- **Thank-you Community Development Fund Sault Ste. Marie!** We have been approved for the Regional Relief and Recovery Community Development Fund to use towards The Ojibway Park Nature Trail Beautification. We will be creating a beautiful entrance with local flowers and plants to bring colour and fragrance to our trail this summer.



- **Ojibway Park Solar PV Presentation Webinar was a success!** The Economic Resource and Community Development Energy department hosted this successful event and had 49 people registered. 20 people received a \$50.00 gift card that night along with a chance to win a Samsung Tablet and a \$500.00 VISA Door Prize. It was a great event to interact with our community members and answer questions regarding the solar project. Next presentation is May 10th, 2022. Contact Kristy Sayers ksayers@gardenriver.org or Tia Jones tiajones@gardenriver.org.
- **Good to go!** We received approval under The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Rural Enhancement which is designed to support priorities of northern communities and organizations that contribute to a healthy and strong community. These funds will support increasing eco-tourism to finish the Ojibway Park Nature Trail development this spring 2022.
- **Did you receive your 2022 Energy Calendar in the mail?** If you would like a copy please reach out to Kristy Sayers, Energy Advisor for your copy, ksayers@gardenriver.org or 705-946-4300, Ext.241



- **Public Works Garbage Pick-up Days:** Mondays East of the Garden River Bridge & Tuesday West of the Garden River bridge, pick-up starts by 7:30am. Community Business garbage pick-up day is Thursdays.
- **Recycling Pick-up Day:** Residents and businesses is on Wednesday morning starting at 8am. Please have cardboard/paper together and cans/bottles in a separate recycling bag. Do not put them in the same bag.
- **Waste Transfer Station Hours:** Tuesday-Saturday 9am-5pm (closed from 12-1pm.) Closed Sunday & Monday.
- **Garbage Bin Maintenance:** Remove trash bags or loose debris from bin. Use a pressure washer or a hose to rinse your garbage bin out thoroughly. Use a multi-purpose spray to disinfect the inside of the bin. Let it air dry in the sun as heat gets rid of mold.

Ensure bins are free of any bee's nests or holes for rodents or animals to get in. Please be considerate of loose garbage and make sure bags are tied for pick up.

SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST

Inside

- ☐ Dust ceiling fans & light fixtures
- ☐ Clean behind appliances
- ☐ Dust & wipe down baseboards
- ☐ Clean vents
- ☐ Clean windows
- ☐ Clean & organize kitchen drawers

Outside

- ☐ Inspect & clean out gutters
- ☐ Clean & organize garage
- ☐ Power wash siding & deck
- ☐ Clean windows
- ☐ Prep garden & flower beds
- ☐ Remove tree debris & loose garbage

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Energy Awareness

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of the Energy Newsletter & hope to see you at our next edition.

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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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