



# WASAUKSING FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER



**MAY 2026**

**Next Issue: June 01, 2026**

**Submissions Due: May 22, 2026**

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Employment Opportunities, Special Events, And More...

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

***Community Council Meeting*** - Tuesday May 05, 2026

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

***LARC Committee*** - Wednesday May 06, 2026

5:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m. Gathering Center Meeting Room

***Health Committee Meeting*** - Tuesday May 12, 2026

5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Health Spiritual Room

***Citizenship Committee Meeting*** - Wednesday May 13, 2026

7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m. Gathering Center Meeting Room

***Education Committee Meeting*** - ,Monday May 25, 2026

5:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

***Business Council Meeting*** - Tuesday May 19, 2026

5:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

***Social Committee Meeting*** - Thursday May 28, 2026

6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. Gathering Center Boardroom

***Restorative Justice Committee*** - Tuesday July 14 , 2026

5:30 p.m.— 7:00 p.m. Gathering Center Meeting Room

## **IN THIS ISSUE**

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## **COMMUNITY Announcements**

**Wasauksing Fire Department** - For Fire Emergencies please **Call 911.**

**Anishinabek Police Services** - For All Emergencies **Call 1-888-310-1122 or 911.**

**Water Treatment Plant** - During Office Hours staff can be reached at **705-746-2531.** After Hour Emergencies and/or During the Weekends Please Contact **705-774-0328 OR 705-774-3110**



## Wasauksing Chief | Community Report April 2026

INTRO | ADMINISTRATION | GOVERNANCE | COMMUNITY

### Aanii Kinaweya

Our Mother awakens from her winter sleep, the fish begin to move and the sugar flows from the trees during this season of purification and renewal. Chief and Council remain steadfast in our commitment to the best interests of Wasauksing. Currently, Council and Administration are focused on ensuring a seamless distribution of legal fees and interest to membership. I continue to seek new revenue opportunities for our Nation, leading with a vision of economic wealth generation as we look toward a future free from the constraints of poverty. I invite you all to dare to dream of what is possible for us in the next ten years.



We have been briefed by the Administration on the most pressing issues that impact the community:

Land: Briefing from Legal, Community Meeting Mainland Claim April 18<sup>th</sup>

Finances: Audits 23/24, 24/25, 25/26 still outstanding

No Workplans were submitted to Chief and Council and no current financial information was presented for the 25/26 FY. Still outstanding.



Special Chiefs Assembly: COO held multiple sessions in Water, Health, and Child Wellbeing

Little NHL – Attended and cheered my heart out again this year!

RHW – Attended a two day meeting with Chiefs to approve annual budget, workplans, and discuss treaty implementation initiatives. September 9<sup>th</sup> RHT Gathering to be hosted in Wasauksing co-hosted by Shawanaga FN.

Avocated for RHT sign on the Highway in our Traditional Territory to assert our presence.

“April showers bring May flowers” – Unknown



## Relationships for Economic Wealth

In the month of March I attended a couple of conferences around economic development. I attended the Propsectors and Development and the National American Economic Summit. Both meetings were opportunities to see how First Nations like ours can develop meaningful partnerships for workforce, and economic sustainable income for all our generations to prosper from.

Proposed Economic Strategies include:

- Construction Company Partnership
- Mining Partnership
- Hydro Electric Company Partner
- Land Development Partnership
- Key Issues: Workforce development, Workplace Advacement, Educational needs of community, Small business development with larger initiatives

While attending the RES2026 I was able to spend some time to meet with AFN National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak we covered topics like:

- Her position on Self-Governance
- Advocacy for the First Ministers meeting with Chiefs
- National Child Welfare Reform
- Economic Development and how the shift in industry allows for more opportunities.



The Canada Safety Organization is awaiting Administration to send a complete list of committee members in order to start our planning for Safety with Wasauksing. Council has engaged some Elders/Aunties in our community and put those names forward. We continue to plan for next steps in regards to the Trespassing Law, funding was received.



### Robinson Treaty Legal Fund (RHTLF)

There is a meeting for the Chiefs to review and plan for this years direction in regards to legal defence and the Go Forward Annuities negotiations. I look forward to updating the community based on the information I receive at this upcoming meeting.

Meetings Attended:

PDAC 2026	Mar 2- 3	Home Visit x2	Mar 6
Member mtg	Mar 9	Mainland Claim Mtg	Mar 9
OFNLP reporting	Mar 10	FAC WFN Budget	Mar 12
Member mtg	Mar 13	LiINHL	Mar 15 – 19
RES 2026	Mar 23 -26	Call Members x3	Mar 27
RHW Assembly	Mar 30 – 31	Member email x6	Mar 31

*"Spring shows what Creator can do with a drab and muddy start" – Unknown*



Website:  
[www.wasauksing.ca](http://www.wasauksing.ca)



Contact:  
705-746-2531 x116



Email:  
[chief@wasauksing.ca](mailto:chief@wasauksing.ca)



# Notice

Please be advised that  
the Administration,  
Nursing Station, Day  
Care, School, WACC, &  
Gathering Center will be  
**Closed:**

**Monday, May 18, 2026  
For Victoria Day**

**Miigwetch**



# **DEMYSTIFYING 2SLGBTQIA+: BECOMING AN ALLY**



**Thursday May 28  
4:30-6:00pm**

**at Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik  
dinner and childcare included**

**please rsvp: [principal@wasauksing.ca](mailto:principal@wasauksing.ca)**



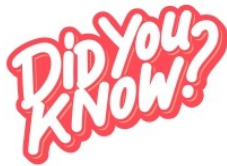
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## Wasauksing Nursing Station

May 2026



Health has a website!  
**wasauksing.health**  
another way to keep up to date!

### Counselling

Evi:  
Aislinn: May 4, 11, 20, 25  
James: May 12 & 26  
Alex: May 8 & 22

### Zach- Tread Orthopaedics:

May 27  
June 24  
July 22

### Doctor Visit Dates:

Dr. K. Knight:  
Dr. J. Hamby:

Call Melissa to book an appointment 705-746-2033

Call Terri to book an appointment: 705-746-2033

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Full Moon Ceremony	2	1 Anishina-bemowin Full Moon Ceremony	2
3	4	5 Traditional Healer: Esstin MMIP	6 Traditional Healer: Esstin	7 Traditional Healer: Esstin	8 Anishina-bemowin	9
10	11 Vaccine Clinic	12 Vaccine Clinic	13	14	15 Anishina-bemowin	16
17	18	19	20 Soccer Ages 3-9	21	22 Anishina-bemowin	23
24	25	26	27 Soccer Ages 3-9	28 Men's Gathering	29 Anishina-bemowin	30
31	T-Ball Ages 3-9					



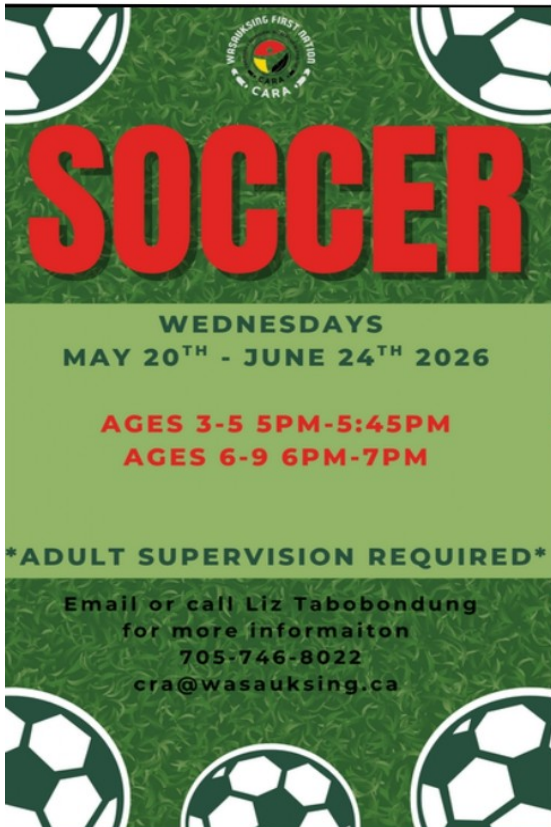
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## CARA Programming

Contact Liz: [cra@wasauksing.ca](mailto:cra@wasauksing.ca) | 705-746-2033 ext. 305



**SOCCER**

WEDNESDAYS  
MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> 2026

AGES 3-5 5PM-5:45PM  
AGES 6-9 6PM-7PM

**\*ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED\***

Email or call Liz Tabobondung  
for more information  
705-746-8022  
[cra@wasauksing.ca](mailto:cra@wasauksing.ca)



**SWIMMING AT THE GRAND TAPPATTOO**

Available December 1st 2025 to June 1st 2026

Members must sign in at front desk with Status Card

Access cards can be provided to those with children who have not received their status cards

Contact Liz Tabobondung  
for more information or for access cards



**ALCOHOL FREE, FAMILY PROGRAM**

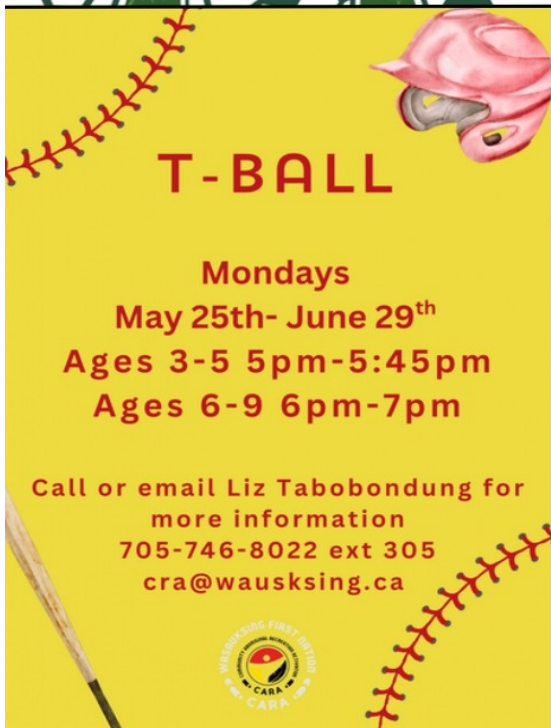
**Co-Ed Slow Pitch League**

FRIDAY NIGHTS STARTING JUNE 19TH 2026  
AGES 16+

**\*REGISTRATION CLOSSES MAY 20TH 2026\***

Registration \$500.00 Per Team

CALL OR EMAIL LIZ TABOBONDUNG FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER  
705-746-8022 EXT 305  
[CRA@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:CRA@WASAUKSING.CA)



**T-BALL**

Mondays  
May 25th- June 29<sup>th</sup>  
Ages 3-5 5pm-5:45pm  
Ages 6-9 6pm-7pm

Call or email Liz Tabobondung for more information  
705-746-8022 ext 305  
[cra@wasauksing.ca](mailto:cra@wasauksing.ca)



If you have any questions or would like to register, please call Liz at 705-746-8022 ext. 305 or email [cra@wasauksing.ca](mailto:cra@wasauksing.ca)



## Diabetes & Nursing

Contact Danette: [iipctrn1@wasauksing.ca](mailto:iipctrn1@wasauksing.ca) | 705-746-2033

Book an  
appointment

Do you want to book an  
appointment with  
Danette?  
Please call 705-746-2033



# WFN JUNE WALKING Challenge

**WHO CAN GET THE MOST  
STEPS THIS JUNE?!**

**Open to all community members  
& WFN staff**

**Chance to win a \$50 gift card**

**Sign up at the Health Station &  
pick up a step log sheet**

**Pedometers and walking poles  
available upon request**



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## Traditional Wellness Programming

Contact Faith: [twkk@wasauksing.ca](mailto:twkk@wasauksing.ca) | 705-746-2033 ext. 312

### Full Moon Ceremony

Friday, May 1, 2026

Starts: 8pm

Spirit Room at the Health Centre

What to bring: saama & skirt

Please call Faith to confirm your attendance or for more information

705-746-2033



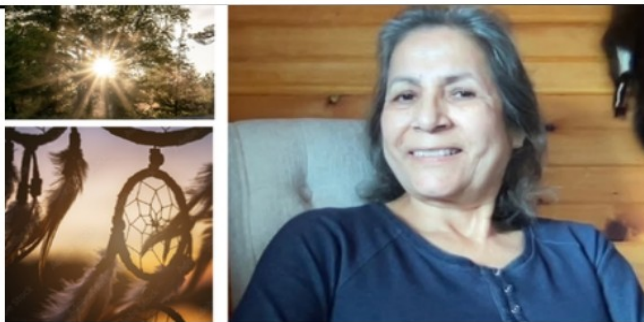
### Anishinabemowin

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

2026

Spirit Room  
at Health Centre

10am to 12noon  
Lunch Provided



WASAUKSING HEALTH STATION

**ESSTIN MCLEOD**

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONER

**MAY 5, 6 & 7**

*\*Limited number of spots available\**



Call the Health Station to book an appointment 705-746-2033



### MMIP



All community members welcome

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Health Station - Spirit Room



Luncheon at 12pm

Activity with Liz Taylor from 1-4pm

Open Circle to close off the day at 4pm

*We encourage everyone to place a red dress or shirt at the end of their driveway in remembrance.*





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## Community Health Representative

Contact Audrey-Anna: chr@wasauksing.ca | 705-746-2033

Whenever you need to talk, we're open.

EVERY DAY,  
EVERY HOUR,  
24/7/365

Youth Text.  
TALK to 686868

Call.  
1 800 668 6868

Adults Text.  
WELLNESS to 741741

Chat.  
KidsHelpPhone.ca



Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub

Clean high-touch surfaces often (door handles, light switches, phones etc.)

Wear a well-fitted medical mask or KN95 in crowded, indoor settings

Watch for signs of illness and stay home if you are sick

Make sure you and your children are up to date with vaccines



## VACCINE CLINIC

MAY 11 & 12

Call to book

RSV  
COVID-19 (for 55yrs+)

## DON'T let the bugs get you down!

As the weather warms up the bugs will be out. TICKS, FLEAS, and MOSQUITOS.

Ways to prevent bites,

- Wear light coloured clothes.
- Use bug spray with DEET or Picardin.
- Tuck your pants into your socks.
- Walk on cleared pathways.
- Make sure your pets are treated for fleas and ticks.
- Do a full body check on yourself, your kids, and pets when back inside.



705-746-2033 | WASAUKSING.HEALTH |  
[HTTPS://WWW.ONTARIO.CA/PAGE/TICK-BORNE-DISEASES](https://www.ontario.ca/page/tick-borne-diseases)

## ONTARIO TELEMEDICINE NETWORK

### VIRTUAL CARE FOR PATIENTS

Did you know Wasauksing Health Station is able to help you connect with your doctor/specialist through video visits? Ask your doctor today if this is an option for your next visit!

## Health811

Connect to free health information and services, 24/7

Call 811 or chat online at [ontario.ca/health811](https://ontario.ca/health811)

Ontario  Health811



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## Mental Health & Addictions

Contact Steve: mwtmsw@wasauksing.ca  
705-746-2033 ext. 314

Contact Melissa: nnadap@wasauksing.ca  
705-746-2033 ext. 315

If someone is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1

### Violence at home signal for help

Use this signal to ask for help,  
when it is unsafe to ask publicly.



THE  
VIOLENCE  
AT HOME  
SIGNAL  
FOR HELP



1. Palm to camera and tuck thumb

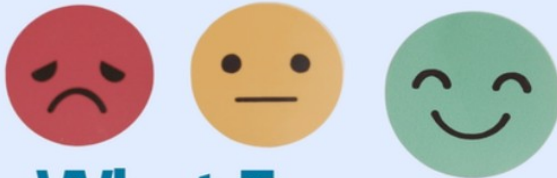


2. Trap thumb

Reach out to them safely to find out what they need.  
They may ask you to listen and be there for them.

They may ask for help finding services. They may want you to call  
someone to help them. Let the person using the Signal take the lead.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK  
MAY 4-10, 2026



## What Is Mental Health?

Mental health refers to our emotional, psychological, and  
social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, act, make  
decisions, and relate to others.

### Why is it important?

- ◆ Helps us manage stress effectively
- ◆ Supports productivity and relationships
- ◆ Contributes to overall life balance

### Signs you may need mental health support:

- ◆ Feeling anxious or sad constantly
- ◆ Lack of motivation or energy
- ◆ Trouble sleeping or eating
- ◆ Withdrawing from social activities
- ◆ Feeling numb, confused, or easily irritated

A VARIETY OF COUNSELLING SERVICES ARE  
AVAILABLE, CALL THE HEALTH STATION

705-746-2033

nnadap@wasauksing.ca



## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY WARNING

Between March 30 and April 4, 2026, there were 13  
reported opioid-related overdoses across the Nipissing  
District. Of the 13 overdoses, 3 resulted in death. If you  
use substances:

CHECK THE DRUG WITH  
A TESTING STRIP

CALL 911 IF YOUR HIGH  
FEELS UNUSUAL

PICK UP FREE  
NALOXONE KITS AT THE  
HEALTH UNIT

DON'T USE DRUGS  
ALONE. USE WITH  
SOMEONE YOU TRUST



North Bay Parry Sound District  
**Health Unit**  
  
**Bureau de santé**  
du district de North Bay-Parry Sound

10-1-T1 - 2026-01-29



## MEN'S GATHERING

THURSDAY MAY 28TH  
5 PM - 7 PM

WASAUKSING HEALTH STATION

DINNER SERVED AT 5:15 PM ~ ALL MEN WELCOME

\*\*CHILD CARE AVAILABLE ON SITE IF REQUIRED,  
PLEASE CALL THE HEALTH STATION \*\*

705-746-2033 | WASAUKSING HEALTH STATION



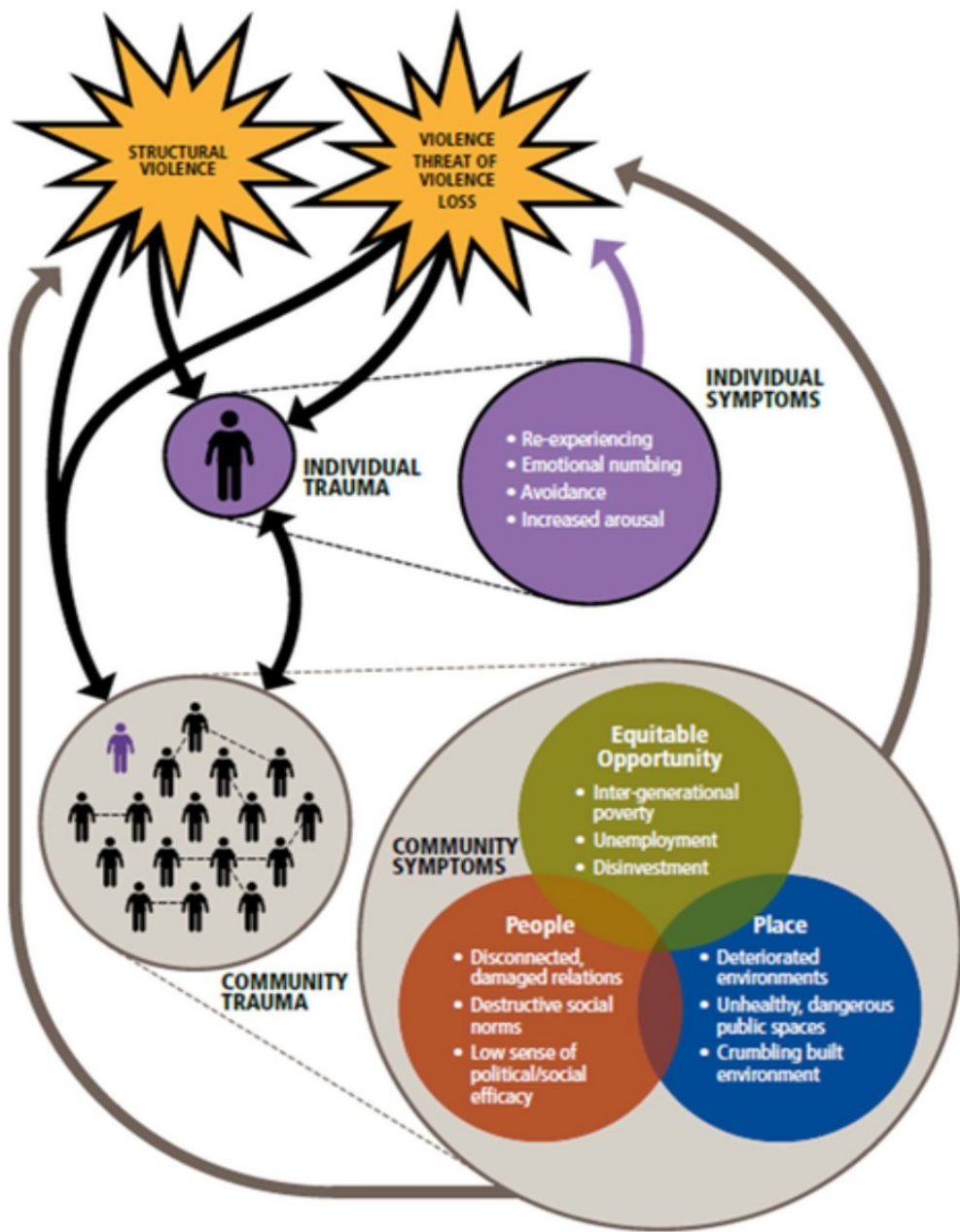
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### ADDRESSING ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AND TOXIC STRESS

Figure 2 The Production of Trauma from Violence





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# SERVICE CANADA

SERVICE CANADA COMING TO WASAUKSING FIRST NATION

FRIDAY MAY 15TH

10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

GATHERING CENTRE

CONTACT BOBBI TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

705-996-6910

HOW WE CAN HELP:

- SERVICE CANADA PROGRAMS OVERVIEW & HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES
  - EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS
    - SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER
    - CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLANS
  - PENSIONS AND OLD AGE SECURITY
- PLEASE BRING YOUR ID



## ANISHNABE OJIBIGIN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E I R W U M M I N O W A S K O N E H T M K T  
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| SHOSHKWADEH   | PIGIDINIGEHE | WAWASHKESI   | ABINODJISH   |
| WIKWEPIDON    | SAGIDOWIN    | KONININI     | KISINAH      |
| ONIGOSH       | TEBATEH      | MISEHEH      | MIDJIM       |
| MIKOMI        | AGODO        | WABOS        | AGAM         |
| KON           |              |              |              |



# ELDER Programs

## HEAVY CLEANING

IS IN THE WORKS. PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR WORKERS: EVAN, GEORGE, LEEANN OR SEAN. KAT, OUR NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR WILL HELP SCHEDULE YOUR REGULAR VISITS & SEASONAL CLEANING. KAT'S NEW EMAIL IS [CSC@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:CSC@WASAUKSING.CA)

WELCOME TO WFN, LEEANN! KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A HOMEMAKER POSTING. MOW DATES ARE: MAY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH.



## THIS MONTH:

WE PLAN TO HOST ACTIVITIES BEFORE & AFTER THE LUNCHEON SUCH AS BEADING, SEWING, HOSTING GUEST SPEAKERS, TEA AND SOCIAL TIME, OF COURSE BINGO & KARAOKE! REACH OUT TO KAT, SEAN OR LEEANN FOR MORE INFORMATION. LUNCHEON DATES ARE: MAY 4TH, 11TH AND 25TH

MITIGWECH TO WFN FOR THE LARGE GARBAGE BINS TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS & THIS PROGRAM.





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# Creation Story

MAY 12 TH

5 P M

THE GATHERING CENTRE



DINNER PROVIDED.

CONTACT:

WAAB

705-996-6910 EXT. 205

WIIDOOKDAHWIN@WASUKSING.CA





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## OGICHIDAA FIREKEEPERS A GATHERING OF THE CLANS: MEN'S GROUP



STARTING APRIL 2ND, 16<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM  
DAVE RICE : PIPE CARRIER  
SMALL MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED - ALL FIREKEEPERS WELCOME  
LOCATION: SHINGWAAK BUILDING 2321 SHINGWAAK RD  
RIDES ARE AVAILABLE IF BOOKED IN ADVANCE  
FOR MORE INFO: ZAKK PAMAJEWON 705-746-0416  
CULTURALCOORDINATOR@WASAUKSING.CA  
JESSE COLSON 705 938 4198  
J.COLSON@WASAUKSING.CA



## ODSP SUPPORT



SUPPORT FOR ODSP RECIPIENTS ON WASAUKSING:

ARE YOU ON ODSP AND LIVE ON WASAUKSING?  
WE CAN HELP YOU:

SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL MEETING WITH YOUR DEDICATED FIRST NATION CASE WORKER, SANDY OR JESSICA.

UPDATE OR CONFIRM YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, MAILING ADDRESS, EMERGENCY CONTACT.

REVIEW YOUR ODSP BENEFITS TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING THE PROPER AMOUNT.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR MYBENEFITS WITH ODSP? YOUR CASEWORKER CAN ASSIST YOU!

WANT TO APPLY FOR ODSP? MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH BOBBI FOR ASSISTANCE.

CONTACT BOBBI:

[OWINC@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:OWINC@WASAUKSING.CA)  
PHONE: 705-996-6910

WE'RE HERE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS THRIVE.



Ontario Works  
May 15th



### DROP-IN

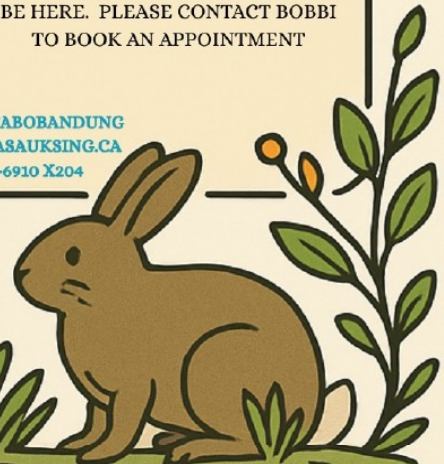
OUR NEXT DROP IN WILL BE  
**MAY 15TH - 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.**  
PLEASE NO EARLY INCOME STATEMENTS. ALL MONEY RECEIVED MUST BE NOTED ON YOUR INCOME STATEMENT.

### REMINDER

ODSP AND SERVICE CANADA WILL BE HERE. PLEASE CONTACT BOBBI TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

BOBBI VERSTRATEN  
[OWINC@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:OWINC@WASAUKSING.CA)  
705-996-6910 X206

FLORENCE TABOBANDUNG  
[OWEMP@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:OWEMP@WASAUKSING.CA)  
705-996-6910 X204





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**AN EVENING OF HIGH-ENERGY COMEDY FEATURING THE HILARIOUS DEADLY AUNTIES! GET READY FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER, FUN, & COMMUNITY CONNECTION ONE LAST DEADLY TIME - BEFORE THE AUNTIES VENTURE OFF ON SEPERATE PATHS. ❤️**

**The Deadly Aunties Comedy Night**



**Jesse Colson**  
**705-938-4198**  
[j.colson@wasauksing.ca](mailto:j.colson@wasauksing.ca)




**HOSTED BY:**  
WFN SOCIAL WELLBEING DEPARTMENT

**WHEN:** MAY 9 AT 6PM

**AT THE GATHERING CENTRE**  
1126 GEEWADIN RD.

**ADMISSION:** FREE

**CANNED FOOD DONATIONS APPRECIATED**  
FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR TALENTED KITCHEN STAFF!

# Morning Ceremony



**May 5, 7am**  
**Gathering Centre Arbour**



**INFO:**

**WAAB:**  
705-996-6910 EXT. 205  
[WIIDOOKDAHWIN@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:WIIDOOKDAHWIN@WASAUKSING.CA)

**ZAKK PAMAJEWON**  
705-746-0416  
[CULTURALCOORDINATOR@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:CULTURALCOORDINATOR@WASAUKSING.CA)



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## RIBBON SKIRTS & SHIRTS WORKSHOP

**DATES: MAY 30 & 31.  
FACILITATED BY PAULETTE AIABENS**

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: The Gathering Centre

Registration required.

Sewing machines limited – bring your own if possible..

### SAVE YOUR SPOT!

Register / Questions:

Jesse Colson

705-938-4198

[J.COLSON@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:J.COLSON@WASAUKSING.CA)

All welcome – come create and celebrate!

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## BREASTPLATE Workshop



**MAY 16TH-17TH  
10 A.M. -3PM  
AT  
THE GATHERING  
CENTRE**

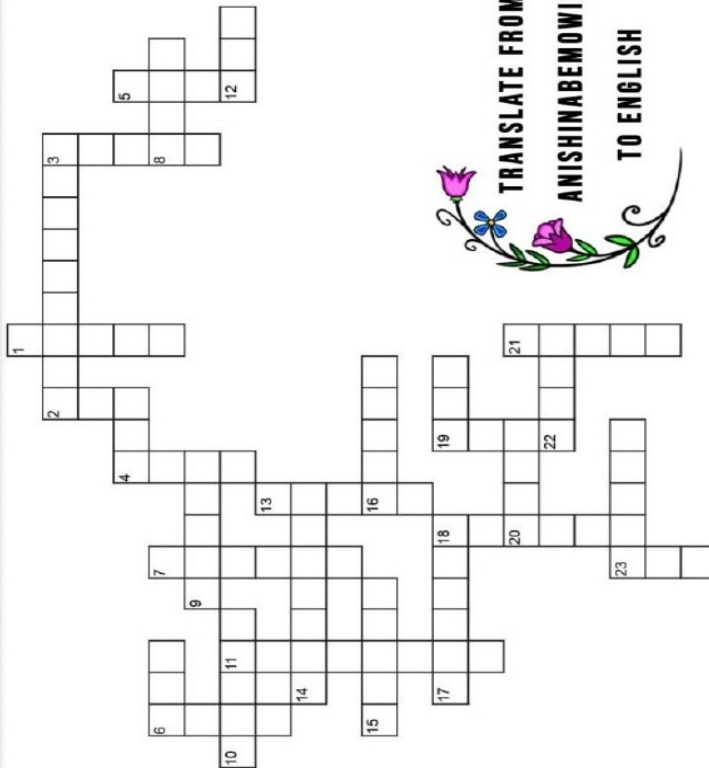
**TO REGISTER:  
JESSE COLSON  
705-938-4198**

**[J.COLSON@WASAUKSING.CA](mailto:J.COLSON@WASAUKSING.CA)**





## ANIMAL NAMES IN ANISHINAABEMOWIN



### Across

- 2 Bine (bi-ne)
- 4 Nimosh (ni-mosh)
- 6 Bizhiki (bi-zhi-ki)
- 8 Maang (maang)
- 9 Waabganoojinh (waa-b-ge-noo-jiinh)
- 10 Nka (nika)
- 12 Waagosh (waa-gosh)
- 14 Bagoji-bizhiki (ba-go-ji-bi-zhi-ki)
- 15 Bezhighoozhi (be-zhi-goog-zhi)
- 16 Maashiaanish (mash-taa-nish)
- 17 Amik (e-mik)
- 19 Pashkwaanaajinh (pash-kwaa-naa-jiinh)
- 20 Mkwa (mkwa)
- 22 Zhiishibenth (zhi-shi-benth)
- 23 Ngig (ngig)

### Down

- 1 Jichaa-koonhs (ji-chaa-koonhs)
- 2 Gookoosh (goo-koosh)
- 3 Migizi (mi-gi-zi)
- 4 Waa-waashkesh (waa-waash-kesh)
- 5 Mathiirgan (math-iirh-gan)
- 6 Aandeg (aan-deg)
- 7 Kchi bizhew (k-chi-bi-zhew)
- 11 Jitamoonh (ji-te-moonh)
- 13 Mooz (mooz)
- 18 Waaboozoornh (waa-boo-zoornh)
- 19 Bineshiinh (bi-ne-shiinh)
- 21 Zhigaak (zhi-gaak)
- 23 Gookookoo (goo-koo-koo)

## GEZHTOOJIG EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Gezhtoojig Employment and Training has purchased an Immersive Link Virtual Reality Headset for Wasauksing First Nation to keep in their community to help clients with Career Exploration. There are over 50 careers that clients can view using the Virtual Reality Headsets. These videos are around 5 minutes each and can help clients get a true feel about these careers.

**Wasauksing First Nation  
Gathering Building/Board Room  
Friday May 15, 2026 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Immersive Link Virtual Reality Headsets for Career Exploration





# SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

WFN NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2026

## Speak Their Names: We Remember. We Honour. MMIWGM Memorial Photo Wall



A MEMORIAL WALL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY TO SHARE, RESPECT, ACKNOWLEDGE AND HONOUR OUR MISSING AND MURDERED SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

PLEASE BRING 5X7 PHOTOS FOR WALL

May 3, 2026

Starting at 2pm-5pm  
at the Gathering Building

If you're unable to attend you are welcome to email your photos to have them included on the memorial wall Send Photos to Sierra by April 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 4:30pm to [wshsupport@wasauksing.ca](mailto:wshsupport@wasauksing.ca)

## SPEAK THEIR NAMES: WE REMEMBER. WE HONOUR. MMIWGM

May 3, 2026

Come join us as we Remember and Honour our Missing and Murdered Sister's and Brother's.

Indigenous women, girls, men and boys continue to go missing or are taken by violence at alarming rates. Each life is sacred. Each voice matters. Each story must be heard.

We stand together to:

- Never forget their lives.
- Support each other and survivors of violence.
- Raise awareness to protect future generations.

**Wear red. Speak their names. Share their stories.**

**Indigenous Lives Matter.**

2pm-5pm  
at the Gathering Building on 1126 Geewadin Rd, Wasauksing

- Activities
- Indian Road Drum Group
  - Nibi-Kwe Women's Drum Group
  - DJ/MC -Pamajewon & CO
  - Info Booths
  - Jingle/Fancy/Traditional Dancers
  - Gifts of Remembrance/Raffles
  - Children Activities

## VENDOR & YOUTH VOLUNTEER CALLOUT

FOR THE RED DRESS DAY ROUND DANCE

MAY 2, 2026

Seeking Vendors & Youth Volunteers to support this community gathering

FOR INFO CONTACT:

MARIAH

PHONE 705-746-5970

EMAIL [CR@PSFC.CA](mailto:CR@PSFC.CA)





# SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

WFN NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2026

## Counselling With Brian Slegers

Dates:  
May 14th & 28th.

Contact:  
Waab  
to schedule an  
appointment:



**705-996-6910**  
ext. 205

[wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca](mailto:wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca)

Covered under NIHB (non-insured health benefits)



## THAI MASSAGE WITH MAYA

May 14<sup>th</sup>

To book an appointment,  
contact:

Waab:  
705-996-6910  
ext. 205

[wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca](mailto:wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca)



# SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

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MAY 2026

# SOCIAL DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Date Friday May 8th  
Time 10am to 2pm

Wasauksing Gathering Building

REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS



**Come meet the team!**

**Social Wellbeing, Child Wellbeing**

**Safe House**



## WASAUKSING FIRE DEPARTMENT

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

## JULY 30, 2026

## SEGUIN VALLEY GOLF CLUB

144 BADGER RD  
PARRY SOUND, ON  
P2A 2W8

### AGENDA

- 8:00 AM** Registration Starts
- 9:00 AM** Shotgun Start
- 2:00 PM** Awards Presentation
- 2:30 PM** Meal Provided

### PRIZES

- 1st Place **\$2000**
- 2nd Place **\$1000**
- 3rd Place **\$750**

*Prizes are for all 3 divisions (men's, women's and mixed)*

## ENTRY FEE: \$225/GOLFER

*Includes: Cart & Meal*



**REGISTER BY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER A DRAW FOR A NEW TITLEST GT2 DRIVER**

### Additional Prizes:

Best Hole, Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Best Dressed Golfer

**REGISTER NOW: Will McPherson - [firechief@wasauksing.ca](mailto:firechief@wasauksing.ca)**



# GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

**July 30, 2026**

**SEGUIN VALLEY  
GOLF CLUB**

144 Badger Road  
Parry Sound, ON  
P2A 2W8

**\$225 PER GOLFER**

Cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner reception.

Register as an individual or as a team. Singles may be assigned to a team.

**PLAYER 1**

Name:

Email:

Phone:

**PLAYER 2 (LEAVE BLANK IF SINGLE PLAYER)**

Name:

Email:

Phone:

**PLAYER 3 (LEAVE BLANK IF SINGLE PLAYER)**

Name:

Email:

Phone:

**PLAYER 4 (LEAVE BLANK IF SINGLE PLAYER)**

Name:

Email:

Phone:

**Register by emailing form to:**

**Fire Chief, Will McPherson - [firechief@wasauksing.ca](mailto:firechief@wasauksing.ca)**



## Reptiles on Roads

### How to Help and Avoid Reptiles on Roads on Wasauksing First Nation



**Snakes and turtles are most active on the roads from May to September.** They generally emerge from their hibernation spots in early May and return in September, making this the peak time for their road activity.

#### What to do if you see a Reptile on the Road

If you encounter a snake or turtle on the road, consider the following options:

1. Gently pick it up and assist it across, but only if you're certain it's not a Massasauga Rattlesnake.
2. Guide it across by walking behind it and using your hands to usher it along.
3. Reach out to Wasauksing's Biologist if the previous methods are not successful.

Remember, it's crucial to always place reptiles in the direction they were originally heading. Do not return them to the side of the road from which they came. Do not pick up turtles by the tail.



#### If it is on your lot

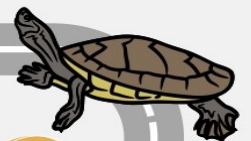


1. If it's not in immediate danger and not posing a risk to any work being completed **then leave it be.** Reptiles are typically just passing through and will leave on their own.
2. If it is in immediate danger or in the way of work that needs to be completed, then **contact Wasauksing's Biologist** to come and move the individual or advise what to do in the situation.



#### If it is a Nesting Turtle

- Only move the turtle in **high-risk situations.**
- Disturbing nesting turtles can lead to **nest abandonment.**
- If the turtle is safe on the shoulder, **flag the nest location** for Wasauksing's Biologist.
- If on the road with no cars, **let it find a nesting spot.**
- Move it carefully off the road if in danger, in the direction it's facing.



Always contact Wasauksing's Biologist for any nesting turtles you see.

#### If it has been Injured



**If you come across a turtle or snake that seems to be injured or lifeless, please reach out to Wasauksing's Biologist right away.**

Snake injuries can be difficult to detect initially, so it is crucial to seek assistance promptly. Although turtle injuries may look severe, many can recover with appropriate care.



#### Contact Aidan Maloney, Wasauksing's Biologist

For all reptile sightings you see on the island or any questions you may have, please contact Aidan. He is out in the field most days in the summer and will be able to stop by to help out.

✉ [sarbiologist@wasauksing.ca](mailto:sarbiologist@wasauksing.ca)

☎ (647) 880-8697





# BANNOCK & TEA SOCIAL



## Indigenous Foster Care Recruitment

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED**

You can make a positive difference

Maintain culture and community connection

**55" PHILLIPS TV TO BE WON**

Provide a safe home

Find out how to become an Alternative Caregiver today

**CRAFT SUPPLIES PROVIDED**



## Wasauksing First Nation

**May 7, 2026**  
(Gathering Place)

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Must be in attendance at time of draw for 55" TV



**Register Now:**  
[registration@nijcfs.com](mailto:registration@nijcfs.com)