May 2017
Nmebine Giizis
Sucker Moon

THE REZOUND

Ojibways of Whitefish River First Nation

Whitefish River Students Highlight Their Heritage

Shawanosowe Students put their historical and cultural knowledge to the test as they held their inter-school Heritage Fair in the Shawanosowe School gymnasium, on April 26, 2017. Twenty one projects displayed everything from famous Canadian sports heroes to Maple Syrup. The Fair provided the opportunity for students in grades three through six a chance to display their areas of personal and cultural interest. Local community members judged the projects based on Kenjgewin Teg's adjudication process. Six projects were awarded with certificates, medals and monetary prizes from various sponsors, but it was Brandon Visitor's "Goose Hunting", heritage project that received top honours. Brandon will move on to compete at the provincial level hosted at York University in Toronto in June.

Thank you to everyone who made the Heritage Fair possible and congratulations to all the participants! "

Please note that the deadline for submissions for the next issue is Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at noon.
Miigwetch!
rezoundeditor@whitefishriver.ca

Garden Committee Meeting

Tuesday May 2, 2017

Tuesday May 16, 2017

Health Center

6 p.m.—7p.m.

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information contact Gail Jacko or Tyler Agawa at the Health Centre (705) 285 4354

MNAAMODZAWIN
HEALTH SERVICES

FREE TWO-DAY COURSE

FIRST AID/ CPR

May 9th: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

May 10th: 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Whitefish River
Community Centre

Call Health Centre To Register

705-285-4354

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	**2** Nurse Practioner	**3** Dr. Renwick (PM only)	**4** Nurse Practioner Dietitian (AM Only)	**5**	6
7	**8**	**9**	**10** Dr. Renwick	**11** Dietitian (AM Only)	**12** Community Health Nurse Diabetes Team Foot Care	13
14	**15** Dr. Meikleham (PM only)	**16** Dr. Cooper (All Day)	**17** Dr. Renwick (PM only)	**18** Nurse Practioner	**19**	20
21	**22** Victoria Day	**23** Dr. Meikleham (PM only) Nurse Practioner	**24** Dr. Jeffrey (PM only)	**25** Nurse Practioner	**26** Community Health Nurse Diabetes Team Foot Care	27
28	**29**	**30** Nurse Practioner	**31** Dr. Renwick	**WRFN Health Centre Visiting Health Professionals** *unless otherwise indicated visiting Health Professionals will be in all day*		

WAAWAASKONE GIIZIS
FLOWER MOON MAY

The fifth moon of Creation is Flower Moon, where all plants display their Spirit sides for all the world to see. This life giving energy is one of the most powerful healing medicines on Mother Earth. During this moon we are encouraged to explore our Spiritual essences.

Yoga
Who? Women 16 and up
Where? Shawanosowe School Gym
When? Mondays & Wednesday at 7pm

Guardian Art for Adults 18+
Where? Shawanosowe School Gym
When? Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30pm

UCCM Police Lunch & Learn
Where? WRFN Health Centre
When? Wednesday, May 10/17
Time? 11:30-1:00pm

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
Where? Location TBA
When? May 8th & 9th, 2017
Time? 9:00am – 4:00pm

Mother's Day Spa
Where? Rainbow Lodge
When? May 13, 2017 (ALL DAY)

Fasting Ceremony Information Session
Where? Council Chambers
When? May 9th, 2017 -6:00pm-7:30pm
– Snacks and Refreshments Provided –

Fasting Ceremonies
Where? Dreamers Rock
When? May 24th – 28th, 2017

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yoga Class 7:00pm	2 Guardian Art for Adults 7:30pm	3 Yoga Class 7:00pm	4 Guardian Art for Adults 7:30pm	5 Office	6
7	8 Yoga Class 7:00pm A.S.I.S.T	9 Guardian Art Adults 7:30pm	10 Yoga Class 7:00pm Lunch & Learn UCCM Police 12pm	11 Guardian Art for Adults 7:30pm	12 Office	13 Mother's Day Spa
14	15 Yoga Class 7:00pm	16 Guardian Art for Adults 7:30pm	17 Yoga Class 7:00pm	18 Guardian Art for Adults 7:30pm	19 Off	20
21	22 HOLIDAY	23 Guardian Art Adults 7:30pm	24 Yoga Class 7:00pm FASTING CEREMONIES – DREAMERS ROCK	25 Guardian Art for Adults 7:30pm	26 Office	27
28 Fasters Coming Out Celebration	29 Yoga Class 7:00pm	30 Guardian Art Adults 7:30pm	31 Guardian Art for Adults 7:30pm			

For more information on Programs and Services,
please contact Candice Assiniwe, Community Wellness Worker at 705-285-4354 or candicea@whitefishriver.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FAMILY WELL-BEING COORDINATOR

Full time/contract

Summary

The Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Family Well-Being Coordinator. The Family Well-Being Coordinator is will work with key community resources to: plan activities based on annual traditional activities; increase community participation in traditional activities; increase knowledge about traditional parenting practices; connect community members to the land; increase cultural knowledge about hunting; increase awareness of ceremonies; increase awareness of community history and legends; and generate interest in a traditional activity. She/he will also need to be highly motivated and have excellent communication skills to deliver activity programs and messages to a diverse range of people.

Responsibilities

- Organize and activities programs that will generate and maintain interest and progression over a period of time in community awareness, knowledge, attitudes and helping behaviours related to community cultural strengths.
- Identify and leverage community resources that match the needs of the cultural activities programming eg. crafts people, walking trails, sugar camps, fishing guide etc.
- Animate a program of seasonal and land based activity to reinforce healthy active living, strongly premised on cultural identity, and linking in stress management and lateral violence reduction strategies.
- Initiate and manage interventions (eg. Workshops, events) to bring about change in community members and employee's knowledge, attitude, behaviours and norms related to cultural strengths.
- Enlist and engage with others who can support the program aims such as community elders, knowledge keepers, resource people or others with associated skillsets.
- Provide the following activities and services: outreach; create, innovate and facilitate interventions i.e. workshops, lunch and learnings program activities, season land activities, etc.; develop a framework to increase connection with cultural and heritage to assess and reduce incidences of family violence and child apprehension; and coordinate events and activities individually or collectively to achieve the mission of appreciating, valuing and instilling a sense of identity, hope, meaning, purpose and belonging among WRFN population.

Qualifications

- Post Secondary education in counselling, social work, health or mental health helping disciplines or related field or a suitable combination of training and experience.
- Minimum of 5 years experience within a health or social services setting / programs and initiatives related to community social wellbeing and wellness.
- Experience in group facilitation, community development, and presentation skills.
- Knowledge of the rich history, stories, legends, sacred spaces, ceremonies and cultural norms of the community of Whitefish River First Nation
- Knowledgeable and competent in delivery of culturally based, land based activity encompassing significant physical activity components
- Project management, planning and evaluation, and program development and coordination
- Ability to work in a team environment with minimal supervision
- Aware of National, Provincial and regional cultural frameworks and policies to guide community wellness
- Working knowledge of computer applications (Microsoft)
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work in Ojibway language is a definite asset
- Maintenance of an ongoing clear CRC and Vulnerable Sector Screening
- Must maintain a valid Standard First Aid Certificate & CPR
- Valid Ontario Driver's License and own vehicle and ability to travel

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, (3) three current work related letters of reference marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Leslie McGregor
Health and Social Services Manager
Whitefish River First Nation
17B Rainbow Ridge Road, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: lmcgregor@whitefishriver.ca
Fax: 705-285-0488

Deadline: Friday, May 12th, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
We thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Prior to being hired, the successful applicant will be required to submit a current clear Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening report.

Arlene Pitawanakwat - Child & Family Wellbeing Coordinator
May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Staff Meeting Home visit @ 9:30 am Travel day for Training in Toronto Mental Health Week	Child Well Being Conference Mental Health Week	Child Well Being Conference Mental Health Week	Child Well Being Conference	Travel Day back from Toronto Bowling SK- Jk 11:00- 2:30	Youth Conference in Sudbury
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Youth Conference in Sudbury	Staff Meeting In Office Right to play Program 3:30-5:00 pm Garden Arts 5:00-6:30	Home visits am Office Pm	HKCC meeting 9:00am -1:30pm Home visits pm	Office am Home visits pm	Bowling Sk-Jk 11:00AM-2:00pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Evalutaion and Reporting	Evaluation and Reporting	Evaluation and Reporting	Baby Food Making with parents 0-3 parents 10:00-12:00	Bowling with Sk-Jk 11:00am-2:30pm Home visits	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Victoria Day	Office am Home visit at 2:00 Help with Fasters with Shakemikwe	Help with fasters with Shakemikwe	Cheap meals for cooking 10:00- 1:00pm Help with Fasters with Shakemkwe	Bowling with Sk-Jk 11:00am-2:30 PM Help with Shakemikwe	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		Court in Gore Ba				

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS WORKER – National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP)

Full time/permanent

Summary

The Whitefish River First Nation Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Mental Health and Addictions Worker. The Mental Health and Addictions Worker is responsible for providing comprehensive mental health and addictions services to individuals and families in Whitefish River First Nation. This position will assist individuals and families in their healing journeys by providing the required assistance, support, referral and educational information that will promote healthy behaviours and lifestyles. The Mental Health and Addictions Worker will address three critical areas: addictions, mental health, and violence (emotional, physical, mental, and family).

Responsibilities

- Complete a regular and frequent assessment that identifies client's needs and abilities through information obtained from the client, his/her natural supports and the referral source
- Develop with each participant client a comprehensive individualized service plan, which incorporates his/her goals and values and identifies all skills, resources and service requirements not as primary focus, but of required information collection
- Provide direct service to both participants/clients individually and/or in groups on activities such as: assistance in other supports necessary to achieve a healthy lifestyle, encouragement and supportive counseling and feedback to enable participants to reach their goals relapse prevention and self-care strategies and support
- Client-centered advocacy to facilitate access to and modification of existing resources to meet individual needs and assist client in identifying and advocating for their civil and legal rights
- Assist participants/clients to identify, build and maintain a natural support system
- Facilitate linkages to needed and wanted services, supports and resources including those in the broader community
- Provide some, combination of or all of the following types of activities and services: outreach, assessment, crisis intervention, short-term individual, couple or family counselling, case management, group work, referrals, and pre and post treatment services

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Social Work, Diploma in Social Services or related fields with training in Indigenous Healing Methods
- At minimum 3 years' experience working with people with mental health and substance use issues
- Excellent assessment and brief intervention skills
- Experience in group work and community outreach
- Experience working in team environment
- Experience working with people affected by poverty, violence, homelessness, stigma, racism, etc.
- Must be willing to undertake the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (A.S.I.S.T)
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work in Ojibway language in addition to English is a definite asset
- Maintenance of an ongoing clear CRC and Vulnerable Sector Screening
- Computer skills in word processing and spreadsheet software
- Must maintain a valid Standard First Aid Certificate & CPR
- Valid Ontario Driver's License and own vehicle and ability to travel

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Right to Play Youth envision a progressive future for Whitefish River!

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2017

"RESILIENCY, RESTORE AND RECONNECT"

YOU'RE INVITED FOR EVENING SESSIONS WITH US

PLACE: YOUTH & ELDER'S CENTRE

Tuesday, May 2 "Resiliency" @6:30 p.m.
with Crystal McGregor & Amber Zona

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 "GAME ON" @7:00 P.M. WITH JAKE PAKOSIGAN

THURSDAY, MAY 4 "THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" @6:00 P.M. WITH ROLANDA MANITOWABI

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: GENNY JACKO @ THE HEALTH CENTRE (705) 285-4354

The "Art of Healing" Event

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Whitefish River First Nation Community Centre

It will showcase local talents, artist and interactive sessions.
The art of healing event will promote the beauty
that surrounds us in our community.
This event will display the spirit of creation through
painting, sketches, jewelry making and their stories.

Please spend a day with us through the eyes of the artist!

10:00 am – Opening
10:15 am – Marida McGregor
11:15 am – Mary Pheasant
LUNCH 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
1:15 – Ann Ziegler
2:15 pm – Interactive Session TBA

For more information please contact Genny Jacko – Mental Health & Addictions Worker at 705-285-4354.

May 2017
Community Youth Program Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mental Health Week →	1 Yoga 16+ 7-8pm	2 Guardian Art 7:30 to 9pm	3	4 Guardian Art 7:30 to 9pm	5 Soccer for Youth Ages 6-14 @ Soccer Field 5:30-7pm	6 Youth Retreat- Life Promotion ages 12-18
7 Youth Retreat- Life Promotion ages 12-18	8 Yoga 16+ 7-8pm	9 Shawanosowe ASP Grades 3 to 6 4:00pm-6:00pm	10 <<Right to Play – Spring Training>>	11	12 Soccer for Youth Ages 6-14 @ Soccer Field 5:30-7pm Drop In Night 6-10pm	13
14 Mother's Day ☺	15 Soccer match VS M'chigeeng 5:30-7pm WRFN host community Yoga 16+ 7-8pm	16 <<Evaluation and Reporting Training>> Guardian Art 7:30 to 9pm	17	18 YLP - Cooking lessons with Crystal @ the 7 fires 4pm to 7pm Guardian Art 7:30 to 9pm	19 E.H.S Lunch Visits Drop in night 6-10pm	20
21	22 Holliday	23 Shawanosowe ASP Grades 3 to 6 4:00pm-6:00pm Guardian Art 7:30 to 9pm	24 E.H.S Lunch Visits YLP @ the Comm Centre 4pm to 8pm Soccer match VS AOK 5:30-7pm WRFN host community (Spring fast)	25 YLP - Cooking lessons with Crystal @ the 7 fires 4pm to 7pm Guardian Art 7:30 to 9pm	26 E.H.S Lunch Visits Drop in night 6-10pm	27
28 (End of Spring fast)	29 Youth Council Meeting 5pm to 7pm @ the 7 fires Yoga 16+ 7-8pm	30 Shawanosowe ASP Grades 3 to 6 4:00pm-6:00pm Guardian Art 7:30 to 9pm	31 E.H.S Lunch Visits YLP @ the Comm Centre 4pm to 8pm			

Crystal Clark-McGregor - Right to Play Worker & Amber Zona - Youth Support Worker

Aanii Whitefish River Community!

Welcome to Spring and the beautiful weather it brings. On behalf of the Youth Leadership Program, the Right to Play Community Mentor and the Youth Support Worker we would like to say Chi Miigwetch to all who supported our latest fundraiser and congratulations to David Shawanda for winning two tickets to see The Toronto Maple Leafs VS. The Pittsburgh Penguins.

We are excited to say that the month of May will bring many training opportunities for both the Right to Play position and the Youth Support Worker Position.
Speaking of training... Right to Play Spring training will be taking place May 8th through May 12th in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Congratulations to Jenna Visitor, Nevada Anwhatin and Ava Owl; these three youth have continuously demonstrated leadership skills and have shown much dedication to the Youth Leadership Program. There is much pride in having these youth represent Whitefish River First Nation at the Right to Play 2017 Spring Training.

For those that have been attending Guardian Art on Tuesday's and Thursday's; these sessions will resume on Tuesday, May 2nd. We would like to encourage those who have yet to attend a session, to come on out and participate. Guardian Art is for all community members!

If you're a youth between the ages of 6-14 years old, say hello to soccer! Soccer practice will be starting Friday, May 5th 5:30pm-7:00pm. Our first game will be on Monday, May 15th, VS. M'Chigeeng First Nation, a one day tournament will be held Saturday, June 10th. For more information regarding registration and scheduling, please contact Amber Zona, Youth Support Worker at the Whitefish River Health Centre.

May is the month for Mental Health Awareness! On Tuesday, May 2nd there will be a workshop for parents on Building Resiliency in Youth. This workshop will be facilitated by both the Youth Support Worker and Right to Play Community Mentor. We would like to encourage all parents to come on out and participate! Time and location is to be determined so save the date!

As part of the Mental Health Awareness Week, the Health Centre will be hosting a Youth Retreat for Life Promotion (Addressing Suicide Risk Factors) for ages 12-18 on Friday May 5th, Saturday May 6th and Sunday May 7th in Sudbury.

If you require more information on any of the upcoming youth activities please contact Amber Zona or Crystal McGregor at the Health Centre.

OPEN TO ALL MANITOULIN ISLAND FIRST NATIONS
6 WEEK SOCCER PROGRAM
Ages Divisons;
6-10 & 11-14
STARTING 1ST WEEK IN MAY
IN YOUR COMMUNITY
ENDING JUNE 10TH
WITH AN ALL DAY
SOCCER TOURNAMENT
IN M CHIGEENG
FAMILIES WELCOME
TRANSPORTATION
PROVIDED
Noojmowin Teg
Health Centre
A place of healing
Find us on
Facebook
"Noojmowin Teg Health Centre"
STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COMMUNITY PROGRAM
WORKERS FOR DATES AND TIMES OF GAMES

Maamwe Kendaasing
Danette McGregor, RECE, Child Care Supervisor

Spring is finally here, the weather is warming up and children want to spend a lot of time out of doors. We ask that all parents have their children dress appropriately for the weather. We do spend 1 hour outside in the morning and also time outside in the afternoon, weather permitting, and all children do participate even if they don't have appropriate clothing, so to keep your children warm and dry please send splash pants, hat and rubber boots.

Kudos to all the staff on another perfect record with the Child Care License Inspection Report. Excellent team work!

The Child Care Centre Licence is to Operate a Child Care under the Regulations & Legislations of the Child Care & Early Years Act, 2014 and the Child Care Licensing Manual with the following age groups.
Toddlers– 18 months to 30 months (Staff Ratio 1:5)
Preschoolers – 31 months – 3.5 years (Staff Ratio 1:8)
School Age – 4 -12 Years (Staff Ratio 1:13)

For more information visit the Ministry of Early Years website.
www.earlyyears.edu.gov.on.ca

Happy Mother's Day!

Calendar of Events
May 22 - Victoria Day Holiday
Day Care Closed

Birthday Wishes
May 4 - Arlo
May 15 -Jasper

Staff Updates
We are looking forward to the Annual Shawanosowe School Pow-wow. It is always a fun event for our children to attend along with our Child Care Eagle Staff.

Here we are in May already and that much closer to summer! It is so nice to see everything turning green again. The children are really enjoying playing outside with their new found Spring energy. They are eagerly awaiting butterflies, ants and other assorted bugs to chase and catch! They have also been talking about planting our flower and vegetable gardens. They love watching the beans grow and especially like picking and eating them fresh from the garden. Our play based learning for this month are; Planting, Mother's Day, Forest Animals and Farm Animals.

Supply Staff!
We are looking for ECE Workers with Early Childhood Education Diploma or Certificate.
We are also a taking applications for a Cook. Applicants must have their Food Handlers Certificate.
Please contact the Child Care Centre for information at 705 285-7777.
Add Sparkle to the Garden with This Beautiful Beaded Wind Chime for "Mother's Day"

Baa-maa-pii Miinwaa

The Bobcat

The end of the school year is quickly closing in on us. Our April has been extremely busy. Our tapped trees have produced maple syrup enough for the total student body. The students learned the entire process; from picking the tree, tapping, collecting, boiling and then bottling. We have had many visitors in the school this month.
Rabbit and Bear Paws (*http://rabbitandbearpaws.com*) made their third visit to Shawanosowe School and the children always enjoy their presentation.
Science North was also here in the school with their presentation called "Under the Same Stars" which covered the native perspective on how to navigate using the stars.
Judy and Amelia wrapped up their Looming and Skirt/Shirt Making classes.
Tina Eshkokagan has been at the school from April 18th—May 15th and she is here sharing the teachings of smudging and as well Crystals.
We did our yearly Earth Day clean up. It is astonishing to the students how much garbage is accumulated within the school grounds where it is a fenced area.
Great Spirit Circle Trail has been here for the month and the students have been learning drumming, made medicine wheels, learned about sprit feathers and made rattles. Friday the 28th the students and teachers will be feasting their sacred items.

Our May calendar is filling up quickly. The school will be having its school Pow Wow on Friday May 26th 2017 this year marks the schools 20 years since opening our doors June 21st, 2007.
Our EQAO tests will running from May 23rd till June 2nd 2017 and last but not least our prep begins for our Graduation which is June 29th.

Miigwetch!

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin

April Highlights

Wednesday —Shirt and Skirt's with Amelia
Thursdays —Looming with Judy
Fridays —Jk/SK Bowling in Espanola
April. 5th, 19th —Daycare Transaction Days
April 5th - Rabbit and Bear Paws
April 7th—Science North visit to the school
April 18th—Tina E. Teachings on smudging and crystals
April 21—Earth Day Clean up
Mar. 20th— end of April—Great Spirit Circle Trail

Vanessa McGregor - Interim Education Manager

April showers bring May flowers! Mother Nature seems to be a month behind on that.

The Education Department is focusing on Post-Secondary Education and I thought I would provide an update as to where we are in the application process. Barring any unscheduled events in the community, this is where we stand in the process.

The goal to have all students and their respective institutions notified by the end of May.

Again, I would like to thank all the students who have been extremely patient with the process. This is priority for the Education Department and we will ensure that we need your needs as best we can.

As always, if there are any questions, concerns, or you just need some validation please contact the Education Department at 705-285-4335 or by email at education@whitefishriver.ca. You can also visit us in the office, it is always nice to see people in person as well.

The 2017 Whitefish River Warriors Banquet was held April 5, 2017 at the Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre.

Deadline

- Post-Secondary Applications are due on April 1, 2017

Education Department Review

- Applications are reviewed first by the Education Department for completeness and accuracy
- The information is compiled into a database in preparation for review by the Education Committee (all student information is kept confidental)

Education Committee Review

- The information is reviewed by the Education Committee
- The Education Committee prepares a budget recommendation for Chief and Council

WILL BE COMPLETED MAY 2ND

Chief & Council Review & Approval

- The budget recommendation is then presented to Chief and Council for their final approval

WILL BE COMPLETED MAY 9TH

Notify Students & Instituitons

- Students are then notified and issued their Letter of Sponsorship
- Post-Secondary institutions Registrar Offices are notified of the students sponsorship

Keith Nahwegahbow - Economic Development Officer

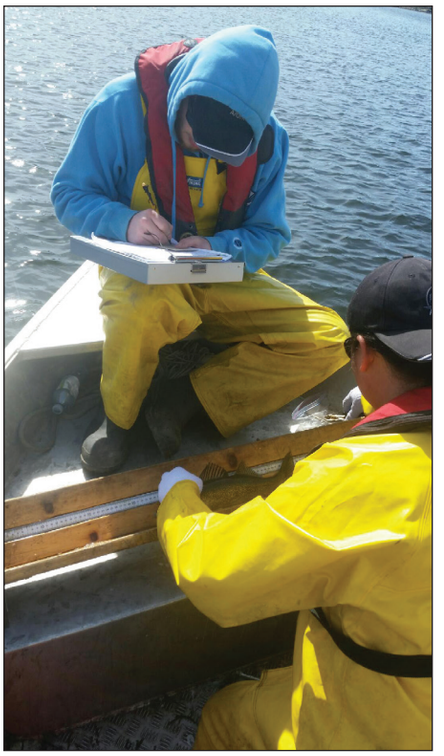
Ahnii, This month I will be attending an Economic Development Conference in Sudbury. This will be an excellent networking opportunity for myself to discuss ideas with neighboring Economic Development Officers. This is a very business orientated and interactive conference. With experts brought in to present and provide resources on business in first nations. My goal for this event is to seek information on asking questions to entrepreneurs in our community. I hope to gather ideas about the type of questions to ask community members to gauge where they're at with a business idea.

The AOFRC has started the 2017 Walleye tagging study in Whitefish Falls on April 21st 2017. They will be gathering important biological information from Walleye for the duration of the spawn using trap net and a catch sample and release method. Previous studies on the rivers walleye population were completed in 2001, 2002, 2004-2006, 2011, and 2012. These studies are typically completed every 4-5 years in consecutive years. We have one local community member and part of our water security team, Alex Nahwegahbow, working with the AOFRC to complete the study while gaining valuable knowledge on fisheries sciences. These studies allow us to gain a picture of the fisheries population characteristics trending over time. The last report completed indicated that "***the population appears to be declining slowly as the average age of the female Walleye that spawn is getting older***". "***Results show that the Whitefish River Walleye population may not be able to support an increase in fishing mortality at this time.***" We as stewards of the land have a responsibility to protect the environment and fishery. As a community we have to respect the fish and limit our harvest. We must protect and let the Walleye spawn out before harvesting. To me fish are indicators of the environment and with a declining fish population there must be something wrong with the environment they live in.

ALL COMMUNITY MEMEBERS are invited to an information session on the programs and services that are provided by Contact North, Mnidoo Mnising Employment and Training, and Waubetek Business Development Corporation. There will be two information sessions one day session on **May 23rd from 11:00 AM to 2:00PM** and one evening session on **May 24th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. There will be snacks and refreshments provided and door prizes to be won. I encourage community members to attend and learn about all the free services that these organization can provide to assist you with.

The 2017 Summer Work Experience Program will be starting soon. Look forward to seeing the post-secondary student job ads this month. Any students that need assistance with cover letters and resumes are encouraged to utilize the employment resource room located in the administration office. Or see myself for additional support. There will be four post-secondary positions posted this month; **Summer Student Liaison, Lead Gardener, Health Assistant, Child Care Assistant**.

Lastly, I will reach out to the community to assist with the creation of a job pool. This is important piece to community economic activity. And is also very important piece to developing project. When submitting a project or proposal we need to know the amount and type of workers available within our community. If you would like to be included in a list of potential employees please submit your resume and cover letter to myself. If you don't have a resume and cover letter you can fill out the employee questionnaire that summarizes your qualifications. The summer season is quickly coming and different job opportunities will be made available. All I need to know is who to call when these opportunities come to Whitefish River First Nation.



The AOFRC team sampling a fish.

CONTACT NORTH NORD Online Learning Apprentissage en ligne

Join us for an INFORMATION SESSION

Online learning with personalized support in your community

Where: Whitefish River First Nation Community Centre 6 Rainbow Valley Road

When: Tuesday, May 23, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 24 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Discover exciting programs and courses offered by our accredited educational partners, and meet local centre staff. Receive information on education options or upgrading your job skills. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

In partnership with and additional presentations and information from Mnidoo Mnising Employment & Training, Whitefish River First Nation, and Waubetek Business Development Corporation.

For more information, contact **Gail Cook,** Online Learning Recruitment Officer, at **1-855-326-3507** or e-mail **mchigeeng@contactnorth.ca,** or **Keith Nahwegahbow – EDO, WRFN** at **705-285-4335** or e-mail **keithn@whitefishriver.ca.**

Get your degree, diploma or certificate or upgrade your skills online from Ontario's 24 public colleges, 22 public universities, 76 district school boards and 250 literacy and basic skills and training providers, **without leaving your community.**

Student Information Hotline
1-877-999-9149

Facebook.com/ContactNorth

studyonline.ca

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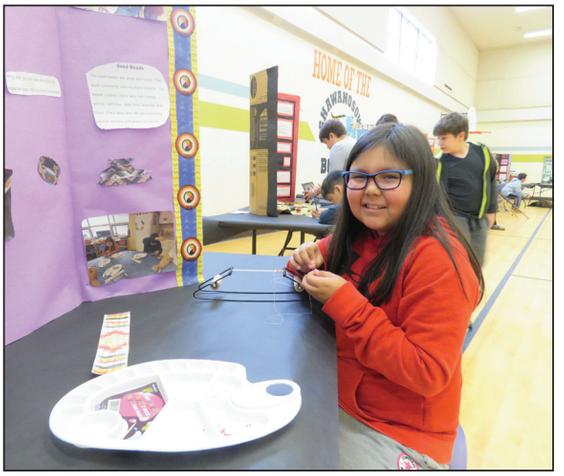
WRFN Happenings...



The Grade 1/2 class visited Northern Exotics in Sudbury as part of their Science Curriculum.

Shawanosowe School hosted a visit by Eric The Juggler from CirqueWorks. Eric grew up in Thunder Bay but travels all over Canada visiting schools and teaching students circus skills like how to juggle or use a diabolo (chinese yo-yo). He also performed a show and entertained everyone who attended the school's dinner.

Familiar faces gathered for breakfast and a hot cup of coffee at the WRFN Community Centre on Sunday April 30, 2017.
Kiki Pelletier, Kiana Pelletier & Waasnode Lightning prepared the delicious meal for the community event, during the planned power outage.
Eric the Juggler made an encore appearance and amazed the crowd with fire and chainsaw juggling skills.

Nishin Meawasige - Band Manager

Ahnii, Boozhoo, Greetings!

The Whitefish River First Nation Administration embraces a respectful workplace as a core value and is committed to promoting an environment where employees and community members respect each other based on the Seven Grandfather Teachings.
– Definition of "Respectful Work Place" and defined by WRFN employees.

I am pleased to provide this submission for the May 2017 edition of the Rezound. I hope this information is useful for your efforts in keeping track of activities and news within WRFN. For this month's newsletter, I will focus on providing updates on two important topics – ***Whitefish River First Nation Administration 50th Year Anniversary & Updating to WRFN Dog By-Law #4***

Whitefish River First Nation
Administration 50th Year Anniversary

This year, the Administration of Whitefish River First Nation is celebrating 50 years of operations. To be exact, we understand that May 19, 2017 marks the date in which WRFN first began *administrative* operations some 50 years ago in 1967.

There has been much change and growth in the administration of the years and recognizing this rich history is important to the identity of WRFN. This year we will be organizing some special activities and measures to recognize this symbolic year for WRFN.

Stay tuned and if you have any information, stories, or pictures that you would like to share with us, I kindly welcome you to do so by sending them directly to myself or Vanessa McGregor.

Updating to WRFN Dog By-Law #4

As a follow-up to last year's community meeting on enforcement of the dog by-law in WRFN, we are currently working on updates to this by-law. We have had nearly a full year of services provided by Rainbow District Animal Control and I am pleased to say that we have observed a noticeable difference in the reduced number of dog related complaints filed with our office.

If you are interested in providing input in the updating of the dog by-law, rest assured that you will have the opportunity to do so through various means – whether it be by contacting me directly or by providing input a community engagement session to take place before the updated by-law is finalized.

On a closing note, I want to thank Tammy Nahwegahbow for joining our team on an interim basis for the May 2017 edition of the Rezound.

If you have any questions regarding the abovementioned topics and/or any other matters pertaining to the WRFN Administration, please do not hesitate in contacting my office.

Chi Miigwetch!

April 27, 2017

Whitefish River First Nation Elevated Storage Reservoir Project
Community Bulletin #3

Whitefish River First Nation:

Vision: The Anishinabek of Whitefish River First Nation will work in harmony while maintaining our culture, traditions and knowledge to enrich and empower our people.

Mission: The Anishinabek of Whitefish River First Nation will strive to improve community well-being by collectively protecting, strengthening and developing its resources and culture through mutual cooperation.

Project Need:

The First Nation has two distinct water pressure districts, one in the lower section of the First Nation and one in the upper section. The existing standpipe is located within the upper pressure zone. The standpipe does not under certain conditions provide adequate pressure for fire flow and minimum water pressure. The construction of an Elevated Storage Reservoir will maintain adequate pressure and fire flow during annual operating conditions of the water supply system throughout the year.

General Project Overview:

Project: Design and Construction of a 1220 m3 Elevated Storage Reservoir And Decommissioning of Old Standpipe (667m3)

Schedule: Design to be complete by May 2017
Construction Summer of 2017 based on Federal Funding

Funding: Project will be 100% funded by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

The Project Team is comprised of:

- Chief & Council
- Band Manager
- Water Plant Operators
- FHR Inc-Project Manager
- First Nation Engineering Services Ltd.
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Project Schedule:

Milestone:	Planned Completion:
Preliminary Design Phase (60% Stage)	March 2017
Detailed Design Phase (100% Stage)	May 2017
Tendering Phase	June 2017
Construction Phase	June 2017 to January 2018
Decommissioning of Existing Standpipe	April 2018

Major Activities Near & Future:

- March 24th, 2017 – Tank Supplier Tenders received and awarded by Chief and Council on April 24, 2017. The successful tank supplier is Greatario Engineered Storage Systems Ltd;
- March 24, 2017 – 60% Detailed Design Stage Completed;
- April 26, 2017 – 90% Detailed Design submitted to Project Team for Review;
- May 10, 2017 – Project Team Meeting to Review and Approve 90% Detailed Design;

For further information, please contact Nishin Meawasige, Band Manager at nmeawasige@whitefishriver.ca or Kelvin Jamieson, P.Eng at kelvin.jamieson@fhrinc.ca

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Affaires autochtones et du Nord Canada

TREATY ANNUITY PAYMENTS

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Community Hall

REMINDER

- **Bring your status card or other ID for yourself**
- **Must have ID for children and your spouse**
- No third party pickups
- Third party notes are not accepted

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MISSING FROM
COMMUNITY CENTRE KITCHEN

DISHWASHER RACK
(PALE GREEN IN COLOUR)

ANYONE HAVING ITEMS BELONGING TO THE KITCHEN :

BOWLS, PITCHERS, POTS AND PANS

PLEASE RETURN

Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Votre référence - Your file

Notre référence - Our file

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Chief Franklin Paibomsai
Whitefish River First Nation
46 Bay of Islands Road
BIRCH ISLAND ON P0P 1A0

Via email: FranklinP@whitefishriver.ca

Dear Chief Paibomsai:

This is in response to your correspondence of February 7, 2017, inviting the Honourable Carolyn Bennett to attend the Whitefish River First Nation Highway 6 Settlement Healing Session and Agreement Signing, scheduled on May 10, 2017, in Ontario.

Unfortunately, the Minister is unable to attend. You may wish to follow up with Mr. Jeff Moore, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction, who would be pleased to attend on behalf of the Department. Mr. Moore can be reached at 819-994-7555.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Sally Thorpe
Corporate Secretary

Canada

Posted April 27, 2017

A PLACE OF VISIONS AND DREAMS

NOTICE

Whitefish River Water Plant Operations has scheduled the annual fire hydrant flushing on the following dates:

Thursday May 4th, 2017
- Shawanoswe Street
- Bay of Islands Road
- Red Eagle Road
- Apple Valley Lane

Monday May 8th, 2017
- Start by the water tower Maple Heights Road
- Finish Top of the hill on Maple Heights Road

Thursday May 11th, 2017
- Start at the top of the hill on Maple Heights Road
- Finish at Hydrant across from Daycare on Rainbow Ridge Road

Monday May 15th, 2017
- Remainder of Rainbow Ridge Road

This annual maintenance is required to insure the fire hydrants and water mains are working properly and helps ensure any stagnant water is removed from water mains. If you are a resident on these streets you may notice water pressure changes and discoloration of the water; if the changes remain after this maintenance exercise is completed run your cold water tap until the water clears up. If discoloration persist call the water plant at 705-285-0007 or public works office at 705-285-4335

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Whitefish River Public Works Department

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION
17A Rainbow Ridge Road, Ontario P0P 1A0
TEL (705) 285-4335 FAX (705) 285-4532 www.whitefishriver.ca

A PLACE OF VISIONS AND DREAMS

NOTICE

To: Whitefish River First Nation Band Members

From: Chief and Council

Date: May 3, 2017

Re: **WALLEYE SPAWNING SEASON**
Whitefish Falls and Swift Current Sites

The annual Spring Walleye Spawn is well underway. It is our traditional fishing practice to cease harvesting of the mature adult Walleye spawners during the Full Spawn event. It is our responsibility as stewards of the land to ensure successful reproduction can take place. We strongly discourage any gill netting activity during spawning season as it is harmful to the fishery.

We encourage band members to volunteer to show their support by helping to monitor the Whitefish River and Swift Current sites, and to remind visitors to these sites that **NO FISHING** is permitted now that the full spawn is underway.

Once the critical spawning period is over, we encourage community members to respect the harvest limit of 4 – 5 Walleye under 5 pounds per household. Please respect our ancestor's practices and teachings in this regard.

We are also asking our band members to voluntarily submit the number of Walleye harvested to the Lands Office as part of our efforts to ensure this valuable resource is available for future generations. Your collective efforts will help make a significant difference in the long term management strategy of this important resource so our future generations may continue to benefit from the gift of this valuable resource.

Please contact either Kathleen Migwanabi, Lands Assistant/IRA or Keith Nahwegahbow at (705)285-4335 or by email; kathleenm@whitefishriver.ca, keithn@whitefishriver.ca

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Monster Garage
Murray McGregor Jr. - Plant Manager

Spring has sprung, all the snow has melted, the sugar bush is closed for another season and the hum of outboards cruising the bay has started.
The public works are preparing to shift into the new season; cleaning up the parking lots, public building yards, road ways and drainage areas. The paved roads and parking lots have been swept and the road grader is making its spring appearance to level out the gravel roads. These annual tasks helps keep our community clean and fresh with pride shown with community gardens being prepared and building frontages swept and cleaned up. The public works crew will continue with spring duties as the snowplows will be prepared for summer storage and the winter tires changed. The lawn maintenance tools will be checked over and prepped for the next season…. Summer.

Part of public works water plant operations is the flushing of fire hydrants and water mains. This maintenance is scheduled twice a year ensuring all of the fire hydrants are in working order and to make sure any sediment build up in the water mains are flushed out. To ensure the best performance and least amount of water is used, the practice of directional flushing is practiced here. The water plant operations will be starting ***Thursday May 4th, 2017*** in the lower bowl along Bay of Islands Road, Shawanosowe Street and Red Eagle Road. On ***Monday May 8th, 2017***, maintenance will begin, starting by the Water Tower moving along Maple Heights Road and finishing at the top of the hill on Maple Heights Road. On ***Thursday May 11th, 2017*** the water mains will be flushed along Maple Heights Subdivision down to Rainbow Ridge Road finishing across from the daycare. We will be completing Rainbow Ridge Road on ***Monday May 15, 2017***. If you live on any of the streets listed please be aware that water pressures may change during the flushing and some discoloration may occur. If you notice any discoloration, run your cold water tap until the water clears up. If the water does not clear up notify the operators or call the water treatment plant at 705-285-0007.

Whitefish River's water treatment plant and community youth will be getting a large boost this summer. In partnership with UCCMM Technical Services and Water First, Whitefish River is eligible for 2 youth internship positions.

The Internship will offer participants the opportunity to receive technical, hands-on training in a number of transferable skill areas related to water quality in their home community, improving employment skills of participants. This internship program includes 5 hands-on workshops, 16 months of paid internship work experience, and the ability to obtain a Water Quality Analyst Certificate. Interns will work in their home community Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants, as well as conduct environmental water quality monitoring in the community under the direction of the Plant Manager and the direct supervision of the Operator in Charge. This is a great opportunity for young women and men to learn the how to monitor and treat quality drinking water.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report do not hesitate to contact my office or drop a line at ***publicworks@whitefishriver.ca***

Employment and Training Opportunity
Water First Internship

Positions: Water First Internship – Two positions available
Organization: Partnership between Water First, UCCMM, Wikwemikong, UOI, and Keewaytinook Okimakanak
Location: Whitefish River First Nation

Summary
The Internship will offer participants the opportunity to receive technical, hands-on training in a number of transferable skill areas related to water quality in their home community, improving employment skills of participants. This internship program includes 5 hands-on workshops, 16 months of paid internship work experience, and the ability to obtain a Water Quality Analyst Certificate. Interns will work in their home community Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants, as well as conduct environmental water quality monitoring in the community under the direction of the Plant Manager and the direct supervision of the Operator in Charge.

Duration: May 2017 to August 2018

Duties
- Attend all workshops throughout internship
- Fulfill weekly reporting requirements for tracking progress
- Conduct water sampling and environmental monitoring
- Attend AWWAO conference
- Communicate challenges to supervisors and Water First program trainers.
- Be available for communication with partners
- Provide feedback to partners with respect to program
- Follow-up with Water First to communicate progress and areas where support is needed
- Other duties as assigned

Mandatory Qualifications
- Member of Whitefish River First Nation
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Must be available for duration of internship

Desired Additional Qualifications
- Completion of grade 11 or 12 math and/or science class
- Strong performance in grade 9/10 mandatory science/math courses
- Interest in water and environmental monitoring

How to Apply
Interested applicants forward letter of application and resume no later than **12:00 noon on May 10th** to the attention of:

Whitefish River First Nation
P.O. Box A, Birch Island, ON.
P0P 1A0
C/O Nishin Meawasige, Band Manager

In the letter of application please indicate why you would be a good candidate for this internship.

Women are water-keepers and are encouraged to apply.

Emma Recollet - Ontario Works Administrator

Whitefish River First Nation
Transitional Support Fund
2016-2017

The Transitional Support Program is intended to provide Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support and low income individuals and families who reside on Whitefish River First Nation with supports to secure, retain and/or maintain a home in a safe and healthy condition Low-income individuals and families may be eligible for supports through the Transitional Support Fund if they meet the eligibility criteria and have not accessed the Transitional Support Funds within the preceding 24 months for Non Social Assistance Individuals and families.

Individuals and Family:

- who are threatened with the loss of or have lost their shelter, required utilities and/or heating fuel.
- are living in housing that is determined to be unsafe or unhealthy and requires repairs as a result of conditions where these repairs or replacement issues are not the responsibility of a landlord.
- must move to secure employment, undertaken education, escape domestic violence or address a disability, and/ or who in the opinion of the delivery agent requires support
- have another shelter support health and safety need that cannot be met, in the opinion of the delivery agent, other than through the provisions of a service or financial assistance.
- must be a resident in the Whitefish River First Nation Community

Transitional Support Funding may be used to provide services or financial assistance to eligible individuals and families for the following:

- rent deposits, fuel and hydro deposits, prevent the discontinuance and/or assist with the reconnection of utilities or heating in an existing residence, arrears relating to shelter cost – where a first notice has been provided, arrears relating to utilities costs and/or – where a disconnection notice has been provide, other services, items or costs necessary to maintain the safety or wellbeing of a person in the household, where such supports cannot be provided for through another means.

Low income is based on the 2011 Statistics Canada Low Income Cut Offs rate chart(LICO) + 15%

Size of Family	*1 person*	*2 person*	*3 person*	*4 person*	*5 person*	*6 person*	*7 person*
Income Level	*$18 721.00*	*$23 306.00*	*$28 651.00*	*$34 788.00*	*$39 454.00*	*$44 499.00*	*$49 542.00*

Funding may not be used to build new structure or conduct major renovations on existing structures.

For more information or to receive an application please contact Emma Recollet, Ontario Works Administrator at 705-285-4334 ext. 215 or
emmar@whitefishriver.ca

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Need a hand to prepare your tax return?

Volunteers can help you prepare your income tax and benefit return if you have modest income and a simple tax situation. Volunteers are not employees or volunteers of the Canada Revenue Agency.

Remember to bring all your tax slips and forms with you.

Eligibility Criteria

These suggested maximum income levels should serve as a guideline only.

Taxpayer status	Family income
Single person	Up to $30,000
Couple	Up to $40,000
One Adult with one child	Up to $35,000
Interest Income	Up to $1,000

Community organizations have the flexibility to adjust or set eligibility criteria for tax filers based on the local economic environment, the population they serve, and their own capacity.

VOLUNTEERS DO **NOT** PREPARE TAX RETURNS FOR COMPLEX SITUATIONS SUCH AS:

- Returns for deceased persons;
- Individuals who file for bankruptcy
- Self-employed individuals
- Individuals who report capital gains or losses; or
- Individuals who report employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

For more information please contact Vanessa McGregor at 705-285-4335 or via email vmcgregor@whitefishriver.ca

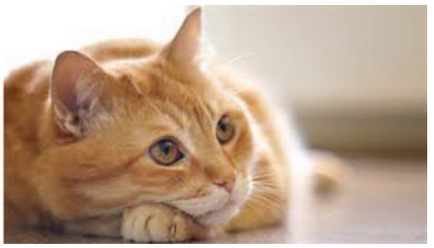
Septic Pump Outs

The Housing Department will be taking names for Septic Pump Outs for May 25, 2017 & June 1, 2017

Please contact our office if you are interested in signing up for this service.

Payment in full of $75.00 will be required prior to providing your names to the list for servicing.

Pet Care & Tips



Hello everyone.
I hope everyone including your furry children are doing fine. First, I would like to ask that you forgive me on my spelling and grammar. I noticed from my last article there were a few errors. I was never very good at spelling, grammar or math in school. I often wonder how I ever graduated from three colleges.
Well, Spring is here and now we will be starting our yard cleaning and getting ready for the summer. My cats are starting to spend more time outside on the deck. That means less pooper scooping in the litter boxes for me when they go outside. The only drawback is when the cats come home with burrs stuck in their fur coat. My plan now is to go out and find where these burdocks are and get rid of them!
There have also been some new cats coming around my deck, looking for girl cats I suppose. Luckily all my girl cats are fixed. There was a nice orange and white Tabby cat who showed up for a couple of days. It was small and very friendly, so if you are missing your orange Tabby you know where he or she is. I watch my girl cats sometimes when a male tries to approach them. It's as if, they tell them no thanks, hiss at them or give them a big swat to let them know they are not interested then walk away. BJ, the one who likes to stay outside is the guard cat; he lets other cats know if they should stay away. He is my guard cat I guess.

Some Cat Facts:

Human painkillers such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) are toxic to cats.
Cats bury their feces to cover their trails from predators.
Chocolate is poisonous to both cats and dogs.
Most cats do not have eyelashes.
A female cat may have a litter of three to seven kittens every four months. This is why having your pets neutered is so important.
Well that is all for now, make sure to get your cats and dogs spayed or neutered to keep the pet population under control in our community.
Stop by and visit our elderly, sick or shut-ins and have a cup of coffee or tea with them. I am sure they will appreciate your company.
'Till then,

She-Pet Elizabeth, Empress Farrah, Webby Debby (the girls), Luka, BJ, Tinker, Francis and Fabio (the boys)

Dennis L. McGregor

CHI-BINGO

Monday May 29th, 2017

3-$1000.00 Jackpots

Doors Open ~ 5:00 pm

Whitefish River First Nation
Community Centre
Sponsored by the WRFN
Minor Sports & Recreation

For more information contact:
Jake Pakosigan
Phone # (705) 285-0671

WRFN Minor Sports & Recreation is looking for support from the WRFN Community Membership with their fundraising efforts

Volunteers needed for Community Bingos!
Prizes needed for Mini-Raffles!

Thank you from WRFN Minor Sports & Recreation

Letter to the Community

Ahnii,
My name is Jay Pitawanakwat. I applied for a grant from CORDA (Canadian Ontario Resource Development Agreement) in September 2016. I was approved for a project with CORDA for "Sugar Bush Revitalization, Trail Clearing and Maintenance" in January 2017. If sugar camp owners / operators wish, I propose to clean the bush floor and eliminate potential hazards and repair old sugar shacks. And trail clearing is just that. Old trails will be cleaned and marked with signage and rest benches. I proposed this project because I have a goal of starting a sawmill and forestry service business. Some of the services my potential business could provide include (but not limited to); trail clearing, maintenance, lot clearing, shack facelifts, brush clearing, tree removal, and basic construction and maintenance.
If you are interested in this type work / service you can reach me via email at

dasharpshark@live.ca

Message from Ogimaa Shining Turtle Sturgeon Clan, Anishinabek Nation

So, have you been planning your garden? Great keep planning and get ready to start planting as we go into the month of May. There are many community members that have birthday's in May. I can include myself on that list. May is also a time to think of new things and anticipate what new and exciting things will happen as we move from spring to summer.

A very special part of the month is Mother's Day. I have always considered myself lucky to only have my mother in my life for my first 6 years of my life. In many ways, that has been enough to give me the tools I needed to face the world without a mother. I will always be grateful to my mom for instilling values in me that I can do anything I wanted if I worked for it, "even going to Engineering School or being Chief of our beautiful community". I have to say that my wife Bonnie has been a tower of strength in my life. I thank you for your selfless efforts to raise our happy family.

To all our mother's including Mother Earth, be sure to say Chi Meegwetch, say more, say I LOVE YOU!! Why, because, no one deserves THANKS more than our MOMS!!

As we press into spring, the work on our Elevated Storage Reservoir continues as we are now approaching 90% of the design work being completed. The estimated cost of $2,918,750.00 will be carried by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Construction remains on schedule for July of this year, with the support of INAC!!

Moving forward, we are preparing for work on;

1. Repatriation work on the 1852.85 acres returned to WRFN land base directly east of the Whitefish Falls area;
2. Finalization of our housing construction project for 5 new homes;
3. Updates to communication tools for the administration and council;
4. Preparing for the annual Robinson Huron Treaty annuities payment day.
5. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Administration.

So, there is a lot of work going on in the coming months. Wow, our administration has been in existence for 50 years, a good reason to celebrate.

I had the privilege to be invited to work with the Chiefs of Ontario Committee on Hydro Grievances over the last 18 months. We held many meetings as we wrestled with the issues of hydro billing and associated issues. One of the most common issues that we as committee continued to hear at our meetings with bands, was the issue of delivery cost being added to hydro billing. Over the course of our meeting with the Ontario Energy Board and Minister's surrounding the file, we determined that the elimination of the delivery charges to bands would be a good first step toward resolving the many issues bands face when it comes to electricity and pricing. So, it was very good news to all the committee members when the province announced the ***removal of delivery charges to First Nation hydro bills***. News that First Nations community residents will be exempted from delivery charges on their electricity bills as part of Premier Kathleen Wynne's recently announced plan for electricity relief is being greeted with delight by First Nation leaders.

"It's excellent news," declared Anishinaabek Nation Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee, contacted as he was taking in a hockey game at the Little NHL Tournament in Mississauga. "I have to commend our negotiating team, folks like (Six Nations of the Grand River) Chief Ava Hill, (Whitefish River First Nation) Chief Shining Turtle and (Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians) Grand Chief Gordon Peters, among others," he said. "They really did an excellent job."

I have to admit that learning how to use and navigate with social media is not as easy as one would think. The use of Facebook, Twitter, Snap chat and so on to filter information takes a lot of work. Please bear with me as I navigate through these various tools. If I don't respond, it's very likely that I am still in learning mode. So, please be patient with me.

Until next month, start planting your garden.

Find me on Twitter
@ChiefPaibomsai
or on Facebook
Chief Shining Turtle

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Cindy Tarr	Toddler Educator	
Blanch Recollet	Cook	

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 **BINGO**	**2** Garden Committee Mtg. 6pm -7pm Health Centre	**3**	**4** **BINGO**	**5**	6 **BINGO**
7 **AA Meeting**	**8** Elder's Centre Puzzle Competition 1 pm-3 pm **BINGO**	**9** Elder's Centre Decorating Flower Pots for Indoor Gardening 1 pm-3 pm **Regular Chief and Council Meeting**	**10** Elder's Centre Twist and Turn Fun! 1pm-2 pm	**11** Elder's Centre Baking Cupcakes for Mother's Day 1 pm-3 pm **BINGO**	**12** Elder's Centre Decorating Cupcakes for Mother's Day 1 pm-3 pm	13 **BINGO**
14 Happy Mother's Day **AA Meeting**	**15** Elder's Centre Puzzle Competition 1pm-3 pm **BINGO**	**16** Elder's Centre Indoor Herb Gardening 1pm-3 pm Treaty Annuity Day & ATR Celebration Garden Committee Mtg. 6pm -7pm Health Centre	**17** Elder's Centre Sewing 101 Making your 1st Pillowcase 1pm-3 pm	**18** Elder's Centre Beading 101 1pm-3 pm **BINGO**	**19** Elder's Centre Movie & Popcorn Afternoon 1pm-3 pm	20 **BINGO**
21 **AA Meeting**	**22** **Victoria Day** **WRFN Offices Closed** **BINGO**	**23** Elder's Centre Ball Exercise 1pm-2 pm **Contact North Info. Session 11am-2pm Comm. Centre**	**24** Elder's Centre Leather Work 1pm-3 pm **Contact North Info. Session 4 pm-7 pm Comm. Centre**	**25** Elder's Centre Spring Wreath Creation 1 pm-3 pm **BINGO**	**26** Elder's Centre The Art of Colouring! 1pm-3 pm **Shawanosowe School Pow Wow 10 am – 2 pm**	27 **BINGO**
28 **AA Meeting**	**29** Elder's Centre Puzzle Competition 1pm-3 pm **CHI-BINGO**	**30** Elder's Centre Cake Decorating 101 1pm-4 pm **Working Chief and Council Meeting**	**31** Elder's Centre Movie & Popcorn Afternoon 1pm-3 pm **WRFN Administration 50th Anniversary Celebration!**	**Community Calendar**		

Birthday Greetings and Mother's Day Wishes!

Wishing a Special Mother's Day to our Mom
Love Eli, Ira, Lucy, Ziggy and Mitty

Happy 72nd Birthday Uncle Alex on May 12!
Love, Your Family

Happy Birthday to Ira!
The Big Number 11.
Love, Mom, Dad, Eli, Lucy, Ziggy and Mitty

Happy 65th Birthday to Ferdinand at the Caribou Settlement.

Happy Birthday to Arianna on May 27th

Happy Birthday to CJ on May 10th

Happy 5th Birthday Lila!
Love, Mommy, Daddy & Nakia

Happy 22nd Birthday to my Dahhhhling Jamie Gardner on May 10th!
Love Nana & Papa

Happy 6th Birthday going out to our Little Goose on May 16th!
Lots of love from Mom, Dad and your little brother

Wishing the best dad ever a BIG happy birthday on May 4th!
We love you lots!
Love Laila & Uriah

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers & Grandmothers!
Marjorie King

Happy Birthday to my Grandkids Ira & Lila
Love, Grandpa/Shodi

St. Gabriel's Fundraising News

Come visit St. Gabriel's Fundraising corner to purchase new or gently used items.

All proceeds or donations will help offset heating expenses during our cold winter months!

On Sunny Saturdays during the summer we will try to be open in and out of doors!

If you have a desire to stop drinking, then these doors are open for you.

AA Meetings
Sundays @ 2 pm

Whitefish River First Nation
Health Centre
All Welcome

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