

Rankin 15D, Goulais Bay 15A, Obadjiwan 15E, Whitefish Island 15



**BATCHEWANA  
FIRST NATION**

# February Newsletter



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## **Political Update** **Chief Dean Sayers**

February Newsletter

Happy midwinter season.

Very soon mid-winter ceremonies will be happening in our communities where we acknowledge the bear and the birth of the new ones. These ceremonies are an acknowledgement of our relationship with our clan system, an acknowledgement of the value that the bear brings to our people by way of sharing medicines with us, it's also a wonderful way to gather during winter to socialize and tell stories and connecting with our ancestors.

There are many bear ceremony's in our villages and our neighboring communities. Seek them out. They're open and very informative. Very healing as well.

As I write this months submission, we are preparing to enter into a mediated process with Justice Murray Sinclair to try and resolve the outstanding annuities litigation issues. Far too long, we've been at \$4 a year with our payment from the Crown as per our share of the resources. We're hoping to find a negotiated settlement and if that's not possible, the stage three litigation will resume. I'm optimistic that a settlement can be found.

On behalf of BFN council, I want to invite you to our biweekly open working Chief and Council meetings held in our council chambers located in our Rankin community.

We meet every second Wednesday at 6 PM. There will be a portion of our evening where we go in-Camera to deal with BFN member's personal issues, legal issues or HR related matters however the rest of the meeting is open.

I also want to encourage you to come out to the community meetings held quarterly.

We host these band member community meetings once every three months in a different Batchewana Community. Spring and summer meetings are held in Obadjiwan and Goulais and Fall and winter meetings are held in Rankin and Baawaating.

Baa maa pii gowab min.



# **Little NHL 2023 Information Available**

**Please contact Joey Sewell with any questions or  
to register your child.**

**Coaches needed!**

**[jsewell@batchewana.ca](mailto:jsewell@batchewana.ca)**

**705-992-4509**







**The Nishin Taaswin (The Good Cupboard)**  
**sincerely thanks Gen7 Fuel and**  
**Gen7 Fuel Rankin** for their efforts in  
organizing a Holiday Food Drive for  
Batchewana First Nation's Food Bank!

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A Big Thank You to all community members  
and visitors who donated non-perishable food  
items during the holiday food drive!  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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**Miigwetch! Miigwetch!**  
**Miigwetch! Miigwetch!**

Thank you for the continued support and  
ongoing contributions to our community!

## Obadjiwans 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Parade

Miigwetch, to all the BFN departments: Batchewana Health, Batchewana Early-ON Program, and Batchewana Natural Resources for giving donations to help our Christmas parade in the Obadjiwan community shine bright!

Miigwetch, to the Batchawana Bay community local businesses: Agawa Fishery, The Voyegurs' Lodge & Cookhouse, and Kathy's Café that gave donations, as your community support does not go unnoticed!

Miigwetch, to the Batchawana Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. for participating in the parade & for providing a ride for Santa!

Miigwetch, to Paige Twardzick for Being Santa...the kiddos enjoyed seeing Santa in the parade!

Miigwetch, to Laura Lee Agawa & Candy Agawa for getting the food ready during the parade!

Miigwetch, to Veryln Edgar-Robinson for the huge pasta casserole!

Miigwetch, to Nogdawindamin for coming out to the Batchawana Bay community to show their community support!

Miigwetch, to the Law Offices of Tijerina/Tegosh/Caraballo for the beautiful Christmas Loot bags!

A HUGE special thanks to the Batchawana Bay community members who participated in our First Annual Christmas parade and for showing their community spirit that lit up Batchawana Bay and helped put a smile on community faces!

**Happy New Year!**

**MIIGWETCH!**



Early ON Program – Obadjiwan, Rankin, & Goulais Bay

*Kathy's Café*



Batchewana First Nation Natural Resources  
Batchewana Non-Dway Gaming  
Agawa Fishery  
Batchawana Bay Volunteer Fire Dept.



**Applications for Transfer to Batchewana First Nation**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Given Names</b>	<b>Date Posted</b>	<b>60 Days expiration for posting *</b>	<b>60 Day Expiration of Band Members to express concerns</b>
WYNNE	Tia Christine Marie	January 24, 2023	May 27, 2023	Mar 27, 2023

As per the Batchewana First Nation Transfer Policy (copy available upon request)

\* Motion #12 - C & C meeting October 30, 2008 - amended the posting to 60 Days.

Should anyone have any objections to the transfer request, you must submit a written opposition and submit it to the attention of the Membership Clerk by the 60 Day Expiration Date for this posting.

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***



**DATES: APRIL 24, 2023—AUGUST 11, 2023**  
**LINE CREW GROUND SUPPORT TRAINING**

**Location: Cambrian College - Sudbury Campus**

**15 WEEK CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Gezhtoojig Employment and Training in partnership with the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association and Cambrian College are seeking interested **INDIGENOUS** participants for this 15 week job readiness program & encourages Indigenous women to apply.

This hands on and in class program will prepare individuals for integration into employment opportunities in the Power Line and Construction sector. As new power grids and infrastructure projects are being developed across Canada, the need for skilled workers in these industries are increasing.

This program is designed to prepare the trainee for entry level and pre-apprenticeship opportunities with various power and construction companies seeking safety conscious ready to work employees.

**Check out the Video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hi61N4t7Eg0>



**REQUIREMENTS**



**Valid Drivers License**  
**Grade 12 Diploma**  
**Must be 18 & over**

**TRAINING MODULES**

- ♦ WHMIS
- ♦ Construction Health & Safety
- ♦ Traffic Control Temp. Work Zones
- ♦ Defensive Driving-Commercial
- ♦ Hoisting & Rigging-Basic Safety
- ♦ Mobile Crane Operator 0-8 Ton Anchors
- ♦ Elec. Safety-Hydrovac Operators
- ♦ Equipotential Grounding & Bonding
- ♦ Pole Line Construction ...
  - ♦ 1) Climbing 2) Framing 3) Theory
  - ♦ 4) and Transformers
- ♦ Introduction to Electrical Theory
- ♦ Electrical Safety High Voltage
- ♦ Working at Heights-Fundamentals of Fall Prevention
- ♦ Propane in Construction
- ♦ Confined Space Hazard Awareness for construction
- ♦ Ladder Handling
- ♦ MSD Prevention Workshop-Trades
- ♦ Safe Pole Handling
- ♦ Hydraulic Aerial Equipment
- ♦ Rescue Practices
- ♦ Conductor Stringing Methods
- ♦ Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance

**DEADLINE DATE TO APPLY:**



**MAR. 17/23**

**SEND COVER LETTER & RESUME TO:**

Gezhtoojig Employment & Training  
 Sandra Martin, Special Projects Coordinator  
[smartin@gezhtoojig.ca](mailto:smartin@gezhtoojig.ca) 705-524-6772

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE.**

Visit our website [www.gezhtoojig.ca](http://www.gezhtoojig.ca)

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# FAMILY FUN DAY



## WINTER CARNIVAL



Coming Family Day Weekend

**WATCH BFN'S FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE  
DETAILS IN FEBRUARY**



# Makwa Güizis

## Full Moon

## Ceremony

Monday, February 6, 2023

6:00 pm @ Rankin Teaching

Lodge

*Women please wear long skirts to follow ceremony protocol, bring shakers if you have one.*

*Tobacco and fabric for ties will be provided.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

APRIL PINE

PROGRAM SUPPORT WORKER

NIMKII NAABKAWAGAN WOMEN'S CRISIS SHELTER

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

[APRIL.PINE@NIMKII.CA](mailto:APRIL.PINE@NIMKII.CA)



# Lunch and Learn

*Join us at 12pm for an informative lunch!*

Human  
Trafficking  
Awareness  
Day  
Wed. Feb. 22  
2023

Special Guest  
Presentation by the  
Victim Quick Response  
Program/Victim  
Services

**Any questions please contact April  
705-941-9054 @  
Nimkii-Naabkawagan Family Crisis  
Shelter**

Rankin Arena's  
Thunderbird Hall  
\*Lunch will be  
available





FAMILY CRISIS SHELTER  
PRESENTS

GOOD VIBES

# INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S DAY

GOOD VIBES

*Night Out*

**Uncensored**

**DINNER & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING**

**"THE DEADLY AUNTIES COMEDY TOUR"  
& "EVER SICK DRAG SHOW & FRIENDS"**

THE MACHINE SHOP | 83 HURON ST | SSM, ON

**March 2nd      6:00 pm      18+ EVENT**

Free event for Batchewana FN Women.

Must pre-register. Limited to first 100 registrants.

**CALL** APRIL @ 705-941-9054 ext. 201





# COMMUNITY CULTURE NIGHTS



Wednesdays • Thunderbird Room • Rankin Arena • 5:30pm - 8:30pm

## FEBRUARY, 2023

- ▶ Feb 8: Mini Round Dance
  - Round dance and round dance teachings with Dion Syrette. Singers and dancers welcome
  - MMIWG2S+ Awareness and crafts with Eva Dabutch (supplies limited; first come, first serve)
- ▶ Feb 15: Feather Wrapping
  - Facilitated by Lucia Laford
  - Bring your own feathers/craft feathers to wrap
- ▶ Feb 22
  - Painting medallions (wooden rounds)
  - Assembling earrings with Amber Waboose

**Drumming, Singing, Dancing, Social, Language Skills**  
**CONTACT: Jennifer @ 705-941-9054**



# **FAMILY FUN**

**BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION ANNUAL**

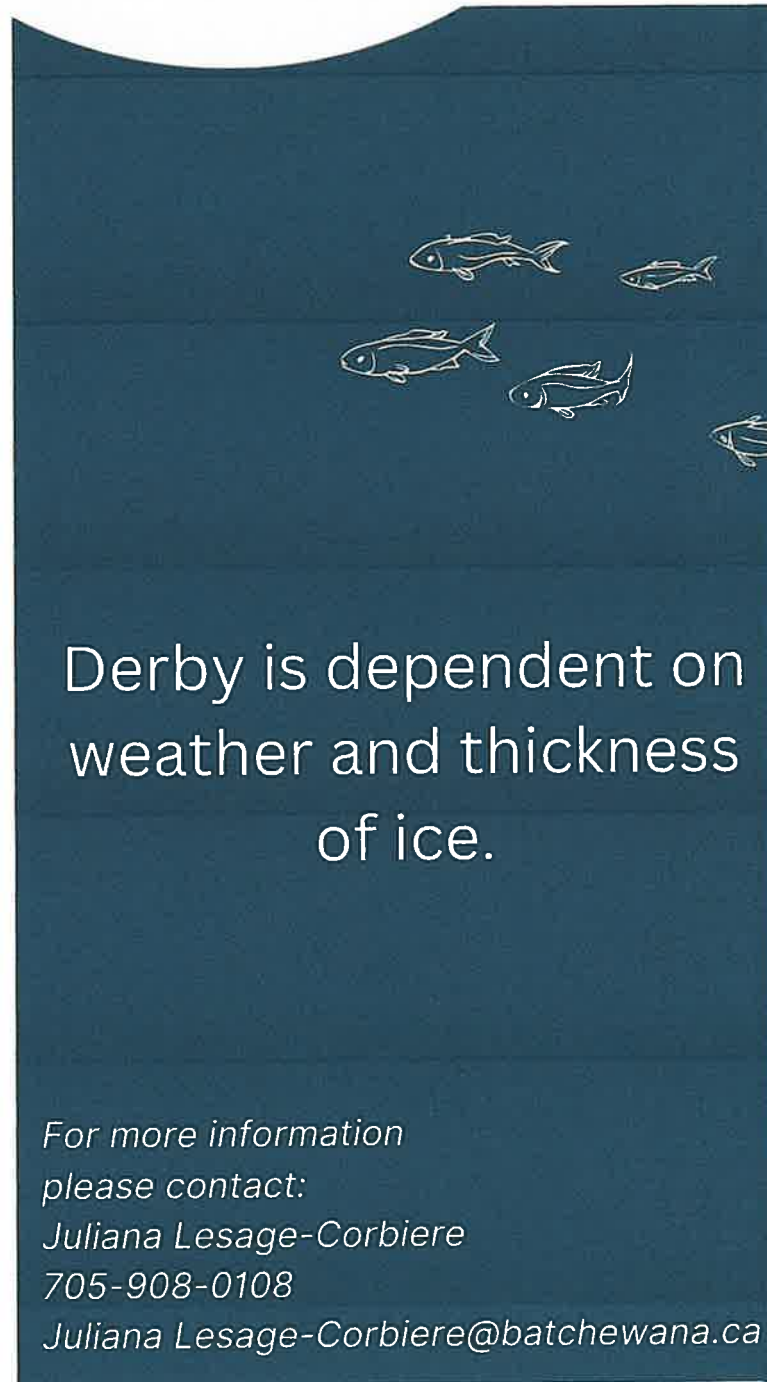
**FISHING DERBY  
ONE-DAY!**

**FAMILY FUN DAY WEEKEND**

**LOCATION AND DATE TO BE  
DETERMINED!**

**Fishing from 12:00pm-5:00pm  
Transportation will be provided.**

**Please watch the BFN  
Website and Facebook  
page for more  
information, registration  
and location!**



Derby is dependent on  
weather and thickness  
of ice.

*For more information  
please contact:*

*Juliana Lesage-Corbiere*

*705-908-0108*


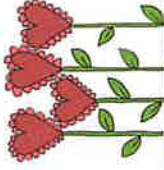
*Juliana Lesage-Corbiere@batchewana.ca*



# February 2023



**Batchewana Health Centre**  
**Community Health Program Calendar**  
 For more information, please call the Health  
 Centre at 705-254-7827

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 5 CLOSED		Call Sabrina at ext. 135 to book Pediatric vaccines !	<b>HEALTHY BABIES HEALTHY            CHILDREN:</b> Gift Card Pick-up <b>this week</b> Majestic Maternity @Thunderbird Room 1pm-4pm	<b>2</b> <b>Nutrition Coaching</b> Move for the Health of It! RANKIN 6pm - 7:30pm	3	<b>4</b> CLOSED
12 CLOSED	13 Elders Valentines Brunch 11am - 1pm @Thunderbird room	6 Aambe Maajaada Walk in Rankin Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	<b>8</b> Vaccine Clinic @ the Thunderbird room 10am - 2pm Call to book an appointment.	<b>9</b> Health & Wellness Gathering Circle (Diabetes) 12pm - 1pm on Zoom <b>Nutrition Coaching</b> Move for the Health of It! RANKIN 6pm - 7:30pm	10	<b>11</b> CLOSED
19 CLOSED	20 27	14 Aambe Maajaada Walk in Rankin Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Nutrition Coaching</b> Move for the Health of It! GOULAIS 6pm - 7:30pm	17	<b>18</b> CLOSED
26 CLOSED	27	21 Aambe Maajaada Walk in Rankin Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	<b>22</b> Vaccine Clinic @ the Thunderbird room 10am - 2pm Call to book an appointment.	<b>23</b> <b>Nutrition Coaching</b> Move for the Health of It! GOULAIS 6pm - 7:30pm	24	<b>25</b> HIV/AIDS Awareness Brunch @Thunderbird Room 10am - 12pm CLOSED
		28 Aambe Maajaada Walk in Rankin Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments				



EVERY THURSDAY AFTER  
SCHOOL



# YOUTH NIGHT



FACILITATED BY  
YOUTH WELLNESS  
WORKERS AUTUMN &  
KYLIE

CONTACTS FOR  
QUESTIONS OR  
CONCERNS:  
KYLIE SHARPE  
(705) 989-4584  
AUTUMN WILSON  
(705) 989-5693

OUR GOAL:  
TO GIVE YOUTH A SAFE  
SPACE TO LEARN AND  
BUILD CONNECTIONS

OPEN GROUP -  
CONTINUING JAN 12 - MAR  
30, 2023  
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
AGE LIMIT: 13-19  
LOCATION: TEEN CENTER





BATCHEWANA NON DAY GAMIG

# Attention Community Members

## The Traditional Health Program

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, 2023

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE  
BATCHEWANA HEALTH CENTRE

210A GRAN STREET  
BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

Teachings, Spiritual Guidance,  
Traditional Healing, Anishinaabe  
Names, Colours, Clans and More.

### Protocols:

- Please Bring an un-opened pouch of tobacco
- Abstain from Alcohol or Drugs 4 days prior to visit
- Women on "moontime" cannot be seen
- Women may visit 2 days after moontime ends

To request a visit with Joe Syrette and Trevor (Trapper) Sayers in February, kindly leave your name and telephone with Renée at the Batchewana Non Dway Gamig

**Renée Rousselle 705-254-7827 ext: 140**


You will receive a call **back with an appointment time.**



# ***NUTRITION COACHING***

LEARN HOW TO MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE EASY CHOICE!

Healthy eating doesn't need to be complicated. By going back to the basics, we can make small changes that add up to big results. Set yourself up for success with Healthy Habits Coaching!



Hosted by Jessica Sally Nutrition Coach from Catalyst Fitness in collaboration with Batchewana Non Dway Gamig.

Initial consults will be held on Thursdays at the Batchewana Health Centre and follow up will be individualized.

PERSONAL APPROACH | RECIPE SHARING | TRACK PROGRESS  
HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES & PORTION SIZES

Contact Renee  
Rousselle to register!

705-254-7827 EXT. 140



**CATALYST  
FITNESS**



**BATCHEWANA  
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# *Move for the Health of It!*

**Rankin Reserve**  
**Located at the Thunderbird Room**

**Thursdays 6pm - 7:30pm**

**February 2nd & 9th**

Sessions will be started with physical activities followed by information promoting healthy lifestyle choices and a healthy snack!

**Please contact Renee Rousselle to Register!**  
**(705) 254-7827 ext.140**



# *Move for the Health of It!*

**Goulias Bay**  
**Located at the Community Centre**

**Thursdays 6pm - 7:30pm**

**February 16th, 23rd**

**March 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th**

Sessions will be starting with physical activities followed by information promoting healthy lifestyle choices and a healthy snack!

**All ages welcome!**

**Please contact Renee Rousselle to Register!**

**(705) 254-7827 ext. 140**



**Strong Minds**







## Video Game Addiction Awareness

### SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR

- Poor performance at school, work, or household responsibilities as a result of a preoccupation with gaming
- Neglect of other hobbies or friendships
- A decline in personal hygiene or grooming
- Inability to set limits on how much time is spent gaming
- Signs of irritability, anxiety, or anger when forced to stop gaming, even for brief periods of time
- Symptoms of physical or psychological withdrawal, such as loss of appetite, sleeplessness, agitation, or emotional outbursts if the game is taken away

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Set time limits for play and stick to them.
- Keep phones and other gadgets out of the bedroom so they won't play into the night.
- Do other activities every day, including exercise. This will lower the health risks of sitting and playing for long stretches of time.
- Have a family media plan
- Be mindful about how your child uses electronic devices and video games and what games and apps your child is downloading.
- Keep gaming in common areas.
- Play games along with them and set a good example.
- Focus on real-world games for younger children.



## Do you Gamble?

### Do you know the risks of Gambling?

- Indigenous people have higher gambling risks than non-Indigenous
- Lower income Indigenous people are at higher risk to develop gambling problems
- Gambling can bring great highs, but also great lows if not done carefully.
- Gambling is not only done at casinos, but right in your home via the Internet and online casinos.
- Gambling can lead to loss of finances, but also employment, family, and even your life as you know it.

### Gambling vs. Donation

- Pick the Joker
- Chase the Ace
- Etc.

## How to get Help!

Help can be received through Sault Area Hospital Addiction Treatment Center - 705-759-6684

Want to take a break from Gambling? OLG will let you block yourself from participating. Call them @ - 1-800-387-0098

BFN Health Centre NNADAP – Rob Allard – 705-989-7202

### Scan QR Code for More Resources



# VACCINES ARE STILL ONGOING

Vaccine Clinic Dates: [REDACTED] February 8th & 22nd

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: The Thunderbird Room

**CALL TO BOOK NOW!**

To book your vaccine call Batchewana Health Centre at  
705-254-7827

YOU WILL NOT RECIEVE A FOLLOW UP PHONE CALL  
TO BOOK YOUR NEXT DOSE.

**COVID-19 Cases are on the rise in our community.**

If 6 months has gone by since your last Covid-19 vaccine, please consider receiving your next dose to help reduce severe illness and hospitalization if you contract COVID-19.

**Have you contracted COVID-19 within the past 3 months?**

If so, speak to your health care provider or Community Health Nurse regarding the timing of your next dose.





# HEALTH AND WELLNESS GATHERING CIRCLE 2023 (DIABETES)

**February 9th, 2023  
12:00 PM to 1 PM**

**Every Second Thursday of Each Month at Noon**

First Session Discussions will include:

Who we are,

What we do,

What would you like to learn?

**Zoom Link**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81596795365?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81596795365?pwd=b0VvNmJROF0REJJUFBNUFVwa0ZBdz09)  
[pwd=b0VvNmJROF0REJJUFBNUFVwa0ZBdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81596795365?pwd=b0VvNmJROF0REJJUFBNUFVwa0ZBdz09)

**Meeting ID:** 815 9679 5365

**Passcode:** 137494



Contact Regis Poulin  
Community Health Representative  
705-254-7827 Ext 107  
[chr@batchewana.ca](mailto:chr@batchewana.ca)



**MAAMWESYING**  
NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INC.





# WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

## *"ANISHINAABEKWE GANAWENDIZIO"*

Bi-weekly women's group for BFN members

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

GOULAIS ANNEX

12:00-2:30PM

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Topic: Healthy Relationships  
Guest Speaker: Nimkii Naabkawagan

Lunch  
Provided

10 seats available per  
session on first come basis



Michelle Aubrey  
maubrey@batchewana.ca  
705-989-7376

Destiney Harper  
dharper@batchewana.ca  
705-989-4065



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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

GOULAIS ANNEX

12:00-2:30PM

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Topic: Self-Care  
Activity: Medicine Wheel Craft

Lunch  
Provided

10 seats available per  
session on first come basis



Michelle Aubrey  
maubrey@batchewana.ca  
705-989-7376

Destiney Harper  
dharper@batchewana.ca  
705-989-4065



# Elders Valentine Brunch

**FEBRUARY 13TH 2022 | 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

Located at the thunderbird room  
17 Batchewana Street

*Join us for a Valentine's  
brunch and social!*

*Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon  
Sausage, Fruit and more!*

*Batchewana Band &  
Community members  
55 years and up*

*Limited spots available!*

**CALL TO REGISTER AT 705-254-7827 EXT. 144**



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# DRAW FOR FAMILY DAY BASKETS

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

PROGRAMMING & SERVICES  
SPECIFIC TO  
WOMEN AND MEN'S WELLNESS

FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION EACH SUGGESTION WILL  
BE PLACED INTO A DRAW FOR ONE OF 2 FAMILY DAY BASKETS

BASKETS TO BE DELIVERED ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

SUBMISSIONS: PLEASE INCLUDE SUBJECT LINE "FAMILY DAY"  
WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION & DELIVERY ADDRESS

SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY  
16TH, NOON

**FEB 16TH**

**FAMILY WELLNESS TEAM**

FAMILYWELLBEING@BATCHEWANA.CA

or Leave Voice Mail at

(705) 989-7145



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YOUR FAMILY WELLNESS TEAM







# RED PATH

## HEALING TRAUMA

**MORE** THAN AN ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAM

### GRADUATES OF REDPATH HAVE:

- STOPPED USING DRUGS
- STOPPED DRINKING
- STOPPED OFFENDING/RE-OFFENDING
- GAINED EMPLOYMENT
- REPAIRED RELATIONSHIPS
- STOPPED GOSSIPING
- FOUND THEIR VOICE

**BEGINS FEBRUARY 21ST, 2023**

**WHEN: TUESDAYS FROM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**WHERE: RANKIN ARENA THUNDERBIRD ROOM**

**WHO: BFN MEMBERS 18+**

**PLEASE CONTACT **ROB ALLARD** TO REGISTER**

**P: 705-254-7827 EXT 133**

**E: RALLARD@BATCHEWANA.CA**



# Aambe Maajaadaa! Let's Move!

Activity Tracking  
Challenge

February  
2023

Stay Tuned



**MAAMWESYING**  
NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INC.

Contact Regis Poulin  
Community Health Representative  
705-254-7827 Ext 107  
[chr@batchewana.ca](mailto:chr@batchewana.ca)





# Anti-Bullying Day

Your friendly reminder to wear pink **Feburary 23**

Hey, what are  
you wearing  
today?

You're  
supposed to  
wear pink today.

Why?

Education and  
Awareness  
saves lives.

*Stand up.  
Speak out.  
Stick Together.*

If you or someone you know is experiencing bullying reach out, your community has your back.  
Contact BFN Health Centre (705)-254-7827

COMMUNITY WELLNESS TEAM  
PRESENTS:



# BEAR Feast & Teachings

2023  
with Jason Bird

Feb. 24/ 2023  
Goulias Bay Annex  
3pm-6pm



Contact the Community Wellness Team  
at 705-254-7827 for more information!



Batchewana Health Centre

# **AIDS/HIV AWARENESS BRUNCH**

**FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023 | 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

**Located at the Thunderbird Room  
17 Batchewana Street**

**Come join us for brunch featuring  
guest speakers from HARP & OHAS,  
while raising awareness on HIV/AIDS,  
its treatment and prevention!**



**Door prize to be drawn!  
\*must be present to win\***

**Open to Batchewana  
band and community  
members!**



**CALL TO REGISTER!**

**705-254-7827  
Ext. 140**





BATCHEWANA COMMUNITY  
WELLNESS & ACTIVATOR  
PROGRAM PRESENTS:

# ICE TIME FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS

WITH KEN BELANGER (KBX)

**EVERY THURSDAY STARTING  
JAN. 26/2023 TIL MARCH 30/2023  
@4PM AT THE RANKIN ARENA  
PLEASE WEAR FULL  
EQUIPMENT**

CONTACT **JAZ SEWELL** @ (705)-989-  
4585 WITH ANY QUESTIONS





COMMUNITY WELLNESS PRESENTS:

# Winter TEACHINGS

with Jason Bird

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online ZOOM for 6 weeks starting  
Wednesday January 11th 2023  
7-830pm

Zoom code: 817 0530 7261

Zoom password: 308224

Contact Jazlyn Sewell @ 7059894585 or  
jazlynsewell@batchewana.ca if you have any  
questions





# JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE



## JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE DESIGNATED WORKER

Private & Confidential

### WHERE TO FIND

210A Gran St. Batchewana First Nation

### HOW

Schedule an appointment

or

Pop in

& Ask reception for Terri Sewell

**CONTACT: TERRI SEWELL**



(705) 989-6764



TSEWELL@NOG.CA

### STARTING HOURS

March 8th

Wednesday

1 - 430

### WHAT WE CAN DO

A designated Jordan's principle position to assist our community members who require services in accordance with the Jordan's Principle directives funded by Department of Indigenous Services Canada. The Jordan's Principle worker can assist children, youth and their families/caregivers to navigate the administrative process and apply for a variety of products and services.



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YOUR FAMILY WELLNESS TEAM







**Batchewana First Nation**

# **Education Department**



**MMIWG Awareness 2023**

**February 2023**

15 Jean Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Phone 705.759.7285 or 705.759.9801

Toll Free 1.866.339.3370 Fax 705.759.9982

# Areas of Support

We here at the Batchewana Education Centre know that sometimes school can be tough on our children and youth that's why we are here year-round to support students with their education needs.

Feel free to reach out to our Team and access support in areas such as;

- Education Wellness
- Special Education
- Elementary & Secondary Liaison Support
- Tutoring
- Other

As the Seven Grandfather Teachings tell us, it takes many parts working together to be in balance. Our team is here to help!





# Emotional

## Counseling:

Sometimes talking to someone one on one and who is safe to be open with, can be the best way to heal and grow. Contact us to learn more.



## Music Therapy:

Music can be used to help our students grow and support their well-being. Contact us today to talk about how music can help your student succeed both in the classroom and out!



## Occupational Therapy:

If your student is having a hard time with everyday activities, OT might be right for them. Contact us to learn more!



# Behavioural



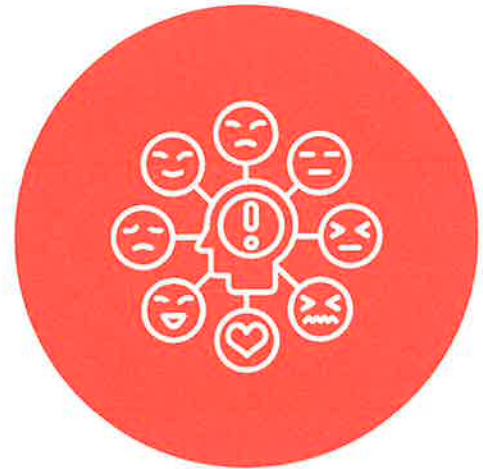
## Behaviour Analysis:

If you are worried about your child's behaviours in class, we can help! Ask us about our behavioural analyst and how they can work with your child!



## Self-Regulation (Self-Reg):

When your child has a hard time controlling how they react or behave, we have trained staff that can help! Contact us now to learn more!



## Transition:



Do you have a child who is having a hard time dealing with a change (maybe a new school or grade)? Contact us for more information



# Communication



## Speech Therapy:

If your child is having a hard time speaking, understanding and explaining what they want or need, they might need more help with speech and language. Contact us to see how we can help!



## Literacy:

For the child that has a hard time with reading and writing, school can be rough. Our staff has training that can change this, give us a call and ask about our literacy program!



# Academic



## Tutoring:

Some students just need a little extra help, and that is alright. Set up a tutor online or in person with us.



Please note students must 'register' for tutoring services.  
To Register, contact us  
705.759.7285

## Aboriginal Support Workers (ASWs)

If your student is having a hard time in class, they may need 1:1 support. Our trained ASWs can give the individual the support they need in all areas of school, from behavioural to academic and more.





# Other Needs



## Psycho-Education Assessments:

Does your student have a hard time with relationships, attention, mood, or understanding at home or at school? Contact us to ask about psycho-education assessments and how they might be able to help your student in everyday life.



## Individual Education Plans (IEPs):

Your student may need something a little different than the rest of their class. An IEP identifies a student's strengths and weaknesses and help their teachers understand what works best for them.

Contact us to discuss your students' personal needs and if an IEP might be right for them.



## Individual Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Meetings:

If you have been informed that your child has an exceptionality you may want help with the IPRC meeting. We can support you!



Physiotherapy:  
Pain makes it hard to learn.  
Call us arrange for a  
physiotherapy appointment  
for your student!

## Parent Coaching:

Students sometimes need additional support. Parents deserve support too. So contact us and see if a coach can answer or help with some of those really hard questions and issues that happen sometimes.









## Upcoming Events!



### **10-Week Land-Based After School Camp**

**Location: Youth Center**

**Mondays and Tuesdays- Starting February 6th**

**Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm (supper provided)**

**Dress Appropriate to the Weather Conditions!**

**Activities: snowshoeing, harvesting medicine, snaring, winter survival and various outdoor cultural activities.**





**Batchewana Learning Centre**



# **Education Wellness Team**

**This team provides wrap-around, specialized, culturally appropriate and trauma-safe services for BFN students to support them on their educational journey.**

## **The Education Wellness Team:**

- Education Wellness Lead
- Administrative Assistant
- Two Mental Wellness Workers
- Land-Base Specialist
- Music Therapist
- Early Detection Worker

**Big News!**

**Our team can provide services right at the school!**

To make a referral to our program or to refer for assessments, behavioral support, speech and language or occupational therapy:

Fill out the Education Wellness Referral form and send form to [educationwellness@bfnedu.com](mailto:educationwellness@bfnedu.com)



**Batchewana Education Wellness Referral Form**

15 Jean Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, ON

(705)759-7285

Send Referral to: [educationwellness@bfnedu.com](mailto:educationwellness@bfnedu.com)**Is the family aware that the referral is being submitted?**☐ Yes ☐ No**How was consent obtained?**☐ Written ☐ Verbal

Agency making referral:

Name of referent:

Referent Phone Number

Email:

Student's Legal Name:

Date of Birth

Students Preferred Name:

Pronouns:

Sex Assigned at Birth:

Batchewana First Nation  
Member☐ Yes ☐ NoStatus Card  
#

Current School

Grade:

Does the Student have  
IEP?☐ Yes ☐ NoLanguage of  
Service:**Caregiver Name:**

Pronoun

Legal  
Guardian☐ Yes ☐ No

Address

Phone Number:

Email

**Caregiver Name:**

Pronoun

Legal  
Guardian☐ Yes ☐ No

Address

Phone Number:

Email

Contact Restrictions/  
Warning:Other Supports/ Services  
InvolvedReferral Reason/  
Concerns

Refer to:

☐ Special Education☐ Speech Therapy☐ Social Work/Counselling☐ Early Intervention☐ Behaviour☐ School Liaison☐ Music Therapy☐ Student Mental Wellness Wrker☐ Occupational Therapy☐ Literacy/ Tutor☐ Land-Base Specialist☐ Psychoeducational Assess.

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**BATCHEWANA      FIRST      NATION**

**Toll-Free: 1-877-236-2632**

**Phone Number: (705) 759-0914**

**Fax # 705-759-9171**

**CHIEF:**

**DEAN SAYERS**

**COUNCILLORS:**

Harvey Bell  
Greg Agawa  
Mark McCoy

Gary Roach Jr.  
Trevor (Trap) Sayers  
Luke McCoy

Ann Marie Tegosh  
Melissa Sayers

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**ADMINISTRATION**

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Housing - Tenant Liaison Worker	VACANT	230	
Capital Project Coordinator	VACANT	206	
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Case Worker	Andrea Mitchell	221	<a href="mailto:andrea@batchewana.ca">andrea@batchewana.ca</a>
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## BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION NON DWAY GAMIG – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**Phone # 705-254-7827**

**Toll Free # 1-855-816-9590**

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Family Wellness Worker	Shelby Maione	156	<a href="mailto:smaione@batchewana.ca">smaione@batchewana.ca</a>
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**BATCHEWANA BAND INDUSTRIES**

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Ken Virta	Field Supervisor	

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Family Crisis Shelter

# **NIMKII-NAABKAWAGAN FAMILY CRISIS**

**Phone # 705-941-9054**

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**TOLL FREE 1-866-266-1466**

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EXT 200	<b>Jenny Robinson</b>	Administrative Assistant
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	<b>Melinda Syrette</b>	Cook
	<b>Aleisha Desjardins</b>	Crisis Worker
	<b>Tracy Waboose-Pine</b>	Crisis Worker
	<b>Leanne Ignace</b>	Crisis Worker
	<b>Allison Boissoneau</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Chelsea Meawasige-Reader</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Christina Bailey</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Emily Begin</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Linda Jordan</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Loah Souliere</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Morgan Boissoneau-Boyer</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Shilo Waboose</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Tanya Jordan</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Giovanna Iannelli</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Lindsey Albury</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Tanya Boychuk</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Patricia Valcourt</b>	Relief Crisis Worker
	<b>Cassandra Robinson</b>	Intern: Relief Crisis Worker

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