

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

Monthly Mail Out



Rankin Reserve 15D

Goulais Bay Reserve 15 A

Obadjiwan Reserve 15E

Whitefish Island 15

**Congratulations to all of the
Batchewana Attack LNHL Teams!**



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APRIL 2017

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
INSIDE!**

Visit our website for all info. and more; www.batchewana.ca

Happy
Easter

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

MONTHLY MAIL OUT

Welcome to
Batchewana First Nation's
monthly Newsletter!

Greetings!

Please take notice to the upcoming events listed throughout this month's newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions please let us know!

Meegwetch,
communications
@batchewana.ca

Sections

▪ News and Events

Will inform you of what is happening in BFN's communities and surrounding area.

○ BFN in the News

Includes news articles pertaining to BFN communities and its members.

○ Community Beat

Updates you on Internal Reminders, BFN sponsored Activities, and Public Notices.

○ BFN Department Updates

Provides you with briefings from each of BFN's departments.

▪ Employment Opportunities

Will notify you of any job postings through BFN.

▪ Kids Space

Is dedicated to entertaining kids with fun activities that incorporate the language.



**Please be advised that all
BFN administrative
offices will be CLOSED on April 14, 2017
for Good Friday and April 17, 2017 for
Easter Monday.**



News and Events

Community Beat

Congratulations to all of the Batchewana Attack teams who participated in the LNHL Hockey tournament this year!

All of the teams represented our First Nation exceptionally well, playing with pride and respect.

Two teams brought home Championship titles, the Atom Competitive team and the Bantam Girls!

A special thanks goes out to all of the Coaches, Managers, and dedicated fans for making this year's tournament one for the books!

Meegwetch!



Atom Competitive "A" Champions



Bantam Girls Champions



St. Marys College Indigenous Cultural Day

We are seeking

drummers | dancers

food vendors | artisans

to participate in a
pow wow

MAY 16TH - 11:30AM-2PM

IF INTERESTED RSVP BEFORE MARCH 31

MONA.JONES@HSCDSB.ON.CA

OR CALL 705-945-5540



TREATY ANNUITY PAYMENTS

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arena

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**



Do you have a will?

Did you know?



<9%

Less than 9% of First Nation peoples
on reserve pass away with a will

- the INAC website has information about planning your estate
- your will differs if you live on- or off-reserve
- the *Indian Act* outlines what should be included in your will
- you can't gift your land on reserve to someone who is not a member of your First Nation
- you can change your will as often as you like
- writing a will doesn't have to be complicated or costly

Why make a will?

- to provide for your loved ones, your children and grandchildren



- to clearly state who should receive your possessions



- to decide who will get your home



- to name who will take care of your children and dependents



- to leave instructions for end of life ceremonies



- to name who will take care of your estate



**A will could provide peace of mind and clear direction
about your wishes to your family and loved ones**



Visit www.canada.ca/indigenous-northern-affairs
for more information

This publication is also available in French under the title: Avez-vous un testament?

***My Awesome Skarlett
My Little Sunshine***



*Five years have gone by
I remember it as if it was yesterday
The sun was shining so brightly
when you arrived so quickly.
We didn't have time to take a breath.*

*Your mommy has made me so proud
I couldn't love her more.
You made that twinkle in her eyes
and her smile aglow.
Her arms will never be empty
and she will never be lonely.*

*To look at you
makes my heart feel so full and complete.
The laughter we have shared
and the memories we've made
will always bring a smile to my face
with many more to come.*

*You're growing up so fast
and I tell you 'stop growing'
but you reply 'I can't Gram'
and then you say
'I will always hug you and kiss you though'
and my heart melts.*

*Happy '5th' Birthday
Love from your favourite Gramma*

Elders Social Committee

Is hosting a Luncheon open to
All elders within the community
Age 55 years old and up.

Pizza, wings and salad will be provided

Sunday, April 23, 2017

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

at the **Elders Complex (200 Gran St.)**





HOUSING CALL OUT

RENT-TO-OWN APPLICATIONS

Batchewana First Nation is encouraging all interested members to apply for A Vacant home in OBADJIWON!

All applicants must complete the New Housing Application form, and lot preference including any applicants currently on the waiting list. All applicants will be scored and rated on the new Tenant Selection Criteria Tool to ensure fairness in the housing selection process.

A copy of the Tenant Selection Tool is also available. For more information or questions please call: Lisa McCormick, Tenant Liaison Counsellor
705-759-0914 ext. 254

I am available to assist with the application process, please feel free to make an appointment!!!

There is one home available in Obadjiwon

Deadline for applications: April 15th, 2017



HEALTH CLINIC DAYS

Nurse Practitioner – Martine Teresinski, will be visiting the communities of Obadjiwan and Goulais to provide care for community members.

It is asked you please call the Batchewana Health Centre to book your appointment for these clinics.



Obadjiwan

Tues. Apr. 4/17

Tues. May 2/17

8:45am – 3pm

Goulais

Tues. May 16/17

8:45am – 3pm

**The Health Clinic
Days will run once
a month in each
community.**

Batchewana Health Centre
210A Gran Street
Batchewana First Nation,
ON
P6A 0A5

P: 705-254-7827

F: 705-759-8716

Positive Approaches for Managing Stress



Information

The Positive Approaches Workshop will introduce healthy lifestyle options for dealing with stress, anxiety, and other emotions that can induce unhealthy coping strategies. For instance, as drugs and alcohol are often used to dull discontentment along with emotional, spiritual, and mental pain, the goal of this workshop is to promote a number of holistic alternatives for beating the blues.

Fun activities will be included in this workshop.

Presented By: Janine Gibbs

For: Parents & Care Givers

When: Thursday, April 13, 2017

**Where: The Batchewana Health Center—
Conference Room**

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Snacks, Information, and Gifts for Ten Participants
(Please call to reserve your spot – so shopping is accurate)
705.254.7827 extension 136

Obadjiwan Community/Conference Centre

Come Join Us for an Evening of Introduction

Tuesday, April 4/ 2017 @ 4:30 pm – 8 pm



Introducing;

- Janine R Gibbs, RSW, SSW-NS, Community Mental Wellness Worker
- Rodney Elie, SSW-NS, Addictions/NNADAP Worker
- Come on out to share your ideas for future programming
- Enjoy snacks and refreshments at this informal meet and greet
- Attendees will have their name entered to win the Door Prize!





MOCCASIN MAKING

Hosted by HBHC & Diabetes Programming

This is a 5 week program where
you will learn how to make
leather moccasins.



Register by calling the
Batchewana Health
Centre

705-254-7827

**** Limited Spaces Available ****

OBADJIWAN

11am – 1:30pm

Tues. Apr. 25

Tues. May 2

Tues. May 9

Tues. May 16

Tues. May 23

GOULAIS

11am - 1:30pm

Wed. Apr. 26

Wed. May 3

Wed. May 10

Wed. May 17

Wed. May 24

RANKIN

5pm – 7:30pm

Wed. Apr. 26

Wed. May 3

Wed. May 10

Wed. May 17

Wed. May 24

Dreamcatcher Making

Come learn how to make a dreamcatcher
while learning
the traditional teachings of a dreamcatcher.

OBADJIWAN

Tuesday, April 4th
11 am – 1 pm

GOULAIS

Tuesday, May 16th
11 am – 1 pm

RANKIN

Tuesday, May 30th
6 – 9 pm

**** Limited spaces available ****

Please contact the Batchewana Health Centre
to Sign-up at **705-254-7827**.

Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways Health Department Substance Abuse Program Calendar



Community Talking Circle@ (Rankin Health Center)

April 7, 6-9pm

May 5, 6-9pm

Community Healing Circle @ (Goulais Community Center)

April 14, 6-9pm

May 12, 6-9pm

Community Circle @ (Obadjiwan Community Center)

April 21, 6-9pm

May 19, 6-9pm

**Sweat lodge Ceremony
Will be provided when requested!**



Everyone is Welcome!

To sign up call Rodney Elie @ 254-7827 ext. 138

APRIL FULL MOON CEREMONY



Ziizaabaakwaadoke Giizis

/ Making of the Sugar Moon / aka: Maple Syrup

Ninaatigo Zii'aagmide / Maple Syrup

Also: POPOGAME GIIZIS / BROKEN SNOW SHOE

Nimkii Naabkawagan Family Crisis Shelter 180 Gran Street

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

When: Tuesday April 11th , 2017

Sacred Fire in our Teaching Lodge

Bring your Skirts, Drums & Shakers

Yellow Cloth, Sema (Tobacco)

If you have none of the above Listed Items

Don't worry / JUST COME OUT/ Everyone Welcomed!

Nutritional Snacks Provided to Combat Diabetes

Any Inquiries Contact: Barbara Day:

Program Support Worker at (705) 941-9054 ext 201



SHKIGWAASO / SEWING

2017 PROGRAM:

Sew, Soup, Social

WEDNESDAY

DROP IN or COME ALL DAY

Where: TEEN CENTRE / Shkinijiigamig

(Just Utilizing the Building Open to ALL AGES)

located in Rankin on Gran Street, just before the Ball Field & the
Powwow Ground. Everyone welcomed!

Time: During the Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

MINO ODE WEWIN / GOOD HEART Way of Life PROGRAMs

Tackle This Topic

Barbara Day / Program Support Worker

Families r Forever

Work Cell: (705) 297-0241

NIMKII-NAABKAWAGAN FAMILY CRISIS SHELTER

Phone: (705) 941-9054

Crisis Hotline: 1 (866) 266-1466

Nimkii Naabkawagan

Family Crisis Shelter

SUPER HERO CLUB

Batchewana First Nation



NIMKII EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Listen, Share, Learn

APRIL 2017

Join us as we create a safe and supportive environment for planting seeds of change.

Weekly sessions have been designed to provide information through visual aids and discussions that will guide participants through self-examination and towards empowerment.

Women and men are welcome to attend. Whether you are attending for personal growth, or to gain knowledge as a support for a family member, your life experience and presence will be a positive contribution to the group.

TUESDAY APRIL 4th	TUESDAY APRIL 11th	TUESDAY APRIL 18th	TUESDAY APRIL 25th
9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
Improving Parent Child Relationships	Improving Parent Child Relationships	Improving Parent Child Relationships	Improving Parent Child Relationships
Sessions 1 & 2	Sessions 3 & 4	Sessions 5 & 6	Sessions 7
Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1 pm to 3:00 pm	1 pm to 3:00 pm	1 pm to 3:00 pm	1 pm to 3:00 pm
Domestic Violence 1 & 2	Domestic Violence 3 & 4	Domestic Violence 5 & 6	Domestic Violence

Feel free to attend for the full day, or only for the topic you are interested in.
Topics will change monthly.

May's Topics Anger Management & Improving Parent Child Relationships.

A light lunch and refreshments will be available.

Those who attend all sessions will receive a completion certificate for that topic!

Location: Teen Centre / Shkinijig Gamig 220 Gran Street



Pre-registration is not necessary. Participants are not required to bring anything, except an open mind.
For more information, contact Barb Day @ 705-297-0241.



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**Tuesday, MAY 02
2017**

Anger Management
Session 1& 2

9:30 until Noon

Lunch Break

Improving Parent
Child Relationships

1 pm to 3:00 pm

Tuesday MAY 09,
2017

Anger Management
Session 3&4

9:30 until Noon

Lunch Break

Improving Parent Child
Relationships

1 pm to 3:00 pm

Tuesday MAY 16,
2017

Anger Management
Session 5&6

9:30 until Noon

Lunch Break

Improving Parent
Child Relationships

1 pm to 3:00 pm

Tuesday MAY 23,
2017

Anger Management
Review &

9:30 until Noon

Lunch Break

Improving Parent
Child Relationships

1 pm to 3:00 pm

Feel free to attend for the full day, or only for the topic you are interested in. However it is best to begin at the Beginning of Every Month, but if you are truly interested, come any way, we will work something out.

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A light lunch and refreshments will be available.



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For more information, contact Barb Day @ (705) 941-9054 ext: 201

Or Work Cell Between 8:30 and 4:30 pm (705) -297-0241.

Batchewana First Nation 2017 Graduates

<i>Senior Kindergarten</i>	<i>Grade Eight</i>	<i>Grade Twelve</i>
Aynslee Agaws	Adam Agawa	Scott Agawa
Brennan Agawa	Marcia Agawa	Tatyana Agawa
James Agawa	Mark Agawa	Kayla Biron
Landyn Agawa	Erika Beitz	Kanessa Boissoneau
Winston Agawa	Scott Blanchard	Lee Boissoneau
Nimkeese Collins	Neil Boyer	Nicole Boyer Roberts
Wawasaamokwe Collins	Curtis Cooke	Hailey Bryan
Dustyn Elie	Tristin Couture	Kyle Buswa Virta
Nevaeh Elie	Gabe Grawbarger	Christina Collins
Willow Couture	Emery Hannah	Keesha Corbiere
Jadyn Frech	Nicole Hewson	Renee Corbiere
Jaiden Hampleman	Riley Higgins	TJ Delorme
Delia Hodgson	Rylie Hunt	Emma DiPasquale
Jayden Hodgson	Joanna Jordan	Kameron Grawbarger
Jacob Jordan	Nathan Mearow	Raymond Harriman
Kinsleigh Jordan	Anuin Nadjiwon	Summer Lee Hill
Olivia Lato	Ethan Neveau	Sara Hodder
Shirlene LeSage	Winston Neyland Carmicheal	Iesha Horner
Nova Anne Moore	Morgan Owl	Cedar Johnson Nelson
Cole Neyland Jones	Kaylyn Sewell	Kaila Leishman
Chloe Perrault	Lovely Sewell	Tyler LeSage
Carter Richards	Mikayla Sewell	Cameron Madigan
Oliver Robinson	Alexis Tegosh Gagnon	Keely Madigan
Kyle Schryer	Paige Twardzik	Dustin McKay
Michel Souliere	Hayven Waboose	Kendal Mitchell
Zachery St. Jules	Camryn Williams	Elijah Nielsen
Cassandra Syrette	Aiden Yukich	Kara Neveau
Jaryden Waboose Corbiere		Katrina Riel Hache
Reynelle Wemigwans		Mike Robinson
		James Roche
		Shane Sayers-Larviere
		Darby Sewell
		Hannah Sewell
		Keesha Steadman
		Desni Syrette
		Tyler Syrette
		Alisha Tegosh
		Jared Tijerina
		Sydney Williams

Did we miss you? Call Colleen or Lana 705-759-7285

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION OF OJIBWAYS**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DIRECTORY**

236 Frontenac Street / Rankin Reserve 15D, Batchewana First Nation, Ontario P6A 6Z1

Phone: 705-759-0914 Toll Free: 1-877-236-2632 Fax: 705-759-9171

Name	Position	Extension
<u>ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE</u>		
Kim Lambert	Chief Executive Officer	210
Sharon (Dolly) Syrette	Reception / Front Desk	200
Angeline (Kit) Syrette	Accounts Receivable	212
Liz Boyer	Accounts Payable	211
Cynthia Constable	Accounting/Cheque Cashing	214
Tammy Desjardins	Payroll / H.R.	208
Lisa Boissoneau	Administrative Assistant	216
Rhonda M. Lesage	Finance Manager	209
<u>BINGO & GAMING</u>		
Kristen Roach	Manager Bingo & Gaming	705-759-2297
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>		
Edmund Dubois	Capital Projects Coordinator	206
<u>CHIEF/COUNCIL</u>		
Dean Sayers	Chief	202
Sandra Kenny	Council Secretary	201
<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
Alexandra Syrette	Communications Coordinator	247
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Marlene Hewson	Economic Development Officer	224
<u>EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING</u>		
Jessica Boyer	Manager	227
Sharon Boissoneau	Assistant Manager	257
<u>Lands/Community Planning Manager</u>		
James Roach	Coordinator	226
<u>HOUSING</u>		
Deeanna Hewson	Data Entry	230
Lisa R. McCormick	Housing /Tenant Liaison	254
705-255-1870		
Ken Boyer	Project Manager	228
<u>MEMBERSHIP / Estates/ Licensing</u>		
Lisa A. McCormick	Band Clerk	205
<u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u>		
Dan Sayers, Jr.	Manager	223
Dave Sewell	Field Technician	251
Vic Bolduc	Mining & Aggregate Technician	246
Leeann Sayers	Administration	222
<u>NIIGAANIIN</u>		
Rhonda A. Lesage	Manager	220
Rachel Boissoneau	Intake Worker	219
Lacey Dalton	Caseworker	218
Charlotte Zack	Caseworker	221
<u>OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE</u>		
Agnes Lidstone	Operations & Maintenance Manager	236
Kandyce Porter	Assistant Manager	234
Donald Jordan	Maintenance	237
John G. Jordan	Maintenance	237
Ken Virta	Maintenance	237
<u>RANKIN ARENA</u>		
Kris Bain	Arena Manager	705-759-1444
Michelle Pitawanakwat	Accounting / Administration	705-759-1444
Ina Shaughnessy	Canteen Manager	705-759-4127
<u>RANKIN DAYCARE</u>		
Linda Hubert	Supervisor	705-759-0330
Janelle Boissoneau	Bookkeeper	
<u>CRISIS SHELTER</u>		
	Toll Free # 1-866-266-1466	705- 941-9054

Jennifer Syrette	Executive Director	202
Reyna Tijerina	Administrative Assistant	200
Barbara Day	Program Support Worker	201
Vernon Desjardin	Building Superintendent	705-941-9054
BFN POLICE	Toll Free #	1-888-310-1122
Jim Sayers	Sgt.	705-759-5066
Mary Ryan	Administration	
GOULAIS ANNEX		705-649-0743

Obadjiwan Conference & Convention Centre Dorothy Ellie 705- 882-1414

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION OF OJIBWAYS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY

210 A Gran Street / Rankin Reserve 15D, Batchewana First Nation, Ontario P6C 0C4
Phone: 705-254-7827 Toll Free: 1-855-816-9590 Fax: 705-759-8716 Health Clerk Fax: 705-759-6159

Name	Position	Extension
Elizabeth Sayers	Community Health Nurse	140
Bernadette (Bernie) Agawa	Home/Community Care Coordinator	142
Joyce Fournier	Mental Health	130
Holly Syrette	Community Support Service	148
Josie Paquin	Band Rep. / Case Manager	133
Rodney Elie	Drug & Alcohol Prevention Worker	138
Trevor Sayers	Community Health Rep.	107
Harold Robinson	Medical Van	145
Rachelle Lambert	Healthy Babies Educator	135
Janine Gibbs	Mental Wellness	136
Stephenie Twardzik	Health Secretary	108
Tom Tegosh	Teen Centre	705-942-5869
Joe Sewell	Recreation Activator	705-942-5869
NOG-DA-WIN-DA-MIN		705-946-3700

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION OF OJIBWAYS

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY

15 Jean Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6B4B1, **Phone: 705-759-7285 Toll Free: 1-866-339-3370**
Fax: 705-759-9982

Name	Position	Extension
Elaine McDonagh	Education Director / Principal	213
Christine Sayers	Post Secondary Counselor	214
Colleen McCabe	High School / Elementary School Counselor	219
Elvin Boyer	Teacher	205
Jenny Sayers	Secretary/Receptionist	201
Lana Jones	Boarding Home Program	215
Brenda Sayers	Accounting/Education	202

BATCHEWANA POLICE SERVICES

Detachment location: 52 Nebenaigoching Street, Batchewana First Nation, On P6A 6Z1 **General Inquiries Phone: 705-759-5066 or Emergency Phone: 1-888-310-1122 OR 911 Fax (705) 759-6660**

BATCHEWANA BAND INDUSTRIES

485B Gran Street, Rankin Reserve 15D, ON Canada, P6A 6Z1 **Telephone: (705) 946-0746**
Toll Free: 1 (877) 370-7612 Fax: (705) 946-0416

Name	Position	Extension
Warren Sayers	Park Administrator	201
Sherri Leishman	Administrative Assistant	202