

Wahnapitae First Nation

Community Newsletter

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Come celebrate WFN's Pow-Wow with the community this August.

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Members gathered to build a community garden on June 19.

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Learn about WFN's first annual community moose hunt.



A Message to Members

As we enter the height of the summer season, let us take time to reflect on the wonderful memories we've had this season thus far.

The annual Open House held on June 10 was a big success, with many members and community partners coming together to hear what WFN is working on. All of WFN's departments were on hand to explain the many projects and programs being developed on members' behalf, and a big chi-miigwetch to all those who came out; it was wonderful to see all of you.

Good times were also had at WFN's Father's Day event on June 17, where many families also came with their nmishoome, nzishenh, nmishoomis for an afternoon of good food, fun and games. Miigwetch to all those who came out, and congratulations to Ed and Heather who won the horseshoe games, and to Dave Nicholls for winning the BBQ door prize.

I'd also like to thank those who have attended our Trust meetings, as well as those who have joined WFN's various committees. Your knowledge and wisdom are deeply valued, and are a great help to our community.

That said, there is still much time to create new memories this summer, and to enjoy the sun and warm weather that comes with it.

It's important to do so safely, however, and please follow all local fire bans to help protect the community. Also, with all the smoke from forest fires, be cautious when going outside and follow posted air quality advisories.

If you're looking to enjoy the water, please be cautious and be sure to have all your safety gear. If you are going alone, let someone know where you're going and what time you will be back.

Lastly, we hope you plan to make some summer memories with Wahnapitae's 2023 Pow-Wow, which is being held on Saturday, Aug. 19 and Sunday, Aug. 20. If you'd like to help make this year's event a success, WFN is currently looking for volunteers to lend a hand, so be sure to contact our Cultural Coordinator, Tammy Chevrette at tammy.chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com

Miigwetch, Chief Larry Roque

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Chi-Mügwetch

Thank you to all of the businesses who helped make WFN's Mother's Day and Father's Day events that much brighter with their donations:

> Hiawatha's Restaurant and Marina Supreme Leaf Creator's Choice Wanapitei Outfitters M&R Grill Home Hardware Capreol White Birch Creamery Aquacade

CHI-MIIGWETCH FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS.

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For the most up-to-date information and updates about Wahnapitae First Nation, including safety measures, check us out online as below:



WFN POW-WOW



AUGUST 19 & 20 WFN POW-WOW GROUNDS

Arena Director:

Robert Stoneypoint

MC: Paul Owl

Host Drum: Misko-Asin

Co-Host Drum: Northshore Ogitchiidaa Singers

Invited Drum: Wikwemkong Drum Committee

Head Elders: Tony Tyson & Caroline Recollet

Head Dancers: Wes Cleland & Tracy Cleland

Head Youth Dancers: Seth Williams & Jade Prentice

This is a substance & alcohol-free event

NO PETS ALLOWED

5 pm Community Sweat Lodge @ Bass Lake (Conducted by Julie & Frank Ozawagosh)

> Saturday 12 pm Grand Entry Dance Specials Food and Crafts Booths 10 pm Fireworks Show by Dream Catcher Fireworks

12 pm Grand Entry 4 pm Closing & Giveaways

6 am Sunrise Ceremonies Thur | Fri | Sat | Sun at the Sacred Fire

> Community Feast by Hiawatha's Restaurant & Marina

OWED Registration 11 am to 1 pm Saturday & Sunday must be in full regalia to receive honorarium

Honouring Our People - Reconciliation Gichilwaawiziwin Giinawind Awiya



CHIEF AND COUNCIL



Chief and Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 6 P.M. In-person and via Zoom

Members wishing to attend via Zoom must register at:

https://cutt.ly/WFN_CouncilMeeting_July2023

The deadline to register for the web version is July 18, 2023. No registration is required for those wishing to attend in person.

Registration only open to WFN members, who must also be over the age of 18. Virtual attendees must use their real names when signing in.

Service Canada in your community!

Service Canada can provide information and help you access Government of Canada programs and services.

Service Canada will be here to serve you on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

At the following location: Centre of Excellence, Elders Lounge 259 Taighwenini Trail Road, Capreol

Hours of service: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

You can also visit us in-person at one of these nearby Service Canada Centres (SCC): Sudbury, 19 Lisgar Street

eService Canada service request form eservices.canada.ca/en/service/

Service Canada se rend dans votre localité!

Service Canada peut vous renseigner, et vous aider à accéder aux programmes et aux services du gouvernement du Canada.

Service Canada sera ici pour vous servir les dates suivantes :

mercredi, le 26 juillet 2023

À l'endroit suivant: Centre d'Excellence, Elders Lounge 259 rue Taighwenini Trail, Capréol

Heures de service : 9:30h à 15h Bureau est fermé :

Vous pouvez également nous visiter en personne à un des Centres Service Canada (CSC) suivants :

Sudbury, 19 rue Lisgar

Formulaire de demande de services eServiceCanada eservices.canada.ca/fr/service/

Hours of service: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please access Government of Canada programs online at Canada.ca or by telephone at 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232). Heures de service : Lundi au vendredi 8 h 30 à 16 h

Veuillez accéder aux programmes du gouvernement du Canada en ligne à Canada.ca ou par téléphone au 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232).



INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

Septic System Do's and Don'ts

Will Toilet Bowl Cleaner Damage a Septic System?

Everything you pour down the drain, flush down the toilet or put in your washing machine has the potential to affect the lifespan of your septic system. Toilet bowl cleaners and bleach/chlorine based cleaners should be avoided or minimized. Look for chlorine bleach or chemical sodium hypochlorite on product labels. Using these products could result in your septic tank backing up, creating costly repairs, contaminating your drinking water, odors and much more.

Standard household bleach and cleaning chemicals may be considered the most useful household products because of their countless uses. They are commonly used to whiten surfaces, remove stains, kill germs and sanitize. But what happens when bleach gets into your septic system?

What Does Bleach Do to the Septic System?

Your septic system contains different kinds of bacteria throughout the system that treats the water waste from your home. When household chemicals get introduced to your septic tank, it kills the live bacteria inside that is needed to break down and treat the waste properly. Once the chemical or bleach kills the bacteria, it causes "die-off" and it builds up in the septic tank with nowhere to go. To make room, grease, oils and other solids are then pushed out of the tank and into the drain field resulting in costly repairs. Signs that your drain field may be failing are slow drainage, slow flushing and water on the grass near the drain field.

Instead of using bleach or chlorine-based cleaners, we suggest using all natural biodegradable cleaning products as well as low-sudsing, low phosphate and bio-degradable detergents.

Septic System Do's:

- Do pump your septic system every one to two years to remove solids and sludge.
- Do use high-quality single-ply toilet paper that breaks down quickly.
- Do conserve water. Your septic tank can only hold so much liquid. Spread laundry use over the week rather than all in one day.
- Do remove and prevent trees from growing near the leach field.
- Do run water regularly in seldom used drains to keep gasses from building up.

Septic System Don'ts:

- Don't use toilet tank tablets that contain antibacterial agents.
- Don't use soap and detergents in high quantities.
- Don't flush anything that doesn't decompose. For example, paper towels, sanitary napkins, 'flushable' wipes and cigarette butts.
- Don't use a garbage disposal. The food particles and grease can clog and disrupt the bacteria in the tank.
- Don't put solvents, paints and pesticides down the drain system.
- Don't drive or park over your septic system. The weight of the vehicle can break pipes or damage the tank.

Mizhinawe Community Consultation Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities Settlement Tuesday, August 1 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. Members Only

The Hon. Harry LaForme, Office of the Mizhinawe, and members of the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities Settlement Committee will present details about the settlement, the process undertaken, and the possible outcomes for the 21 First Nations of the RHT.

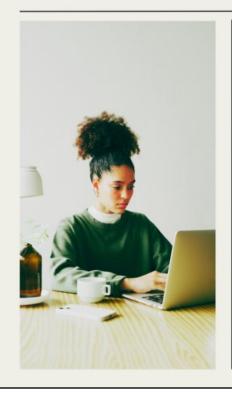
The session will conclude with a question & answer period. Please bring your questions!

If attending via ZOOM, please register in advance. https://cutt.ly/WFN_Aug1_RHTAnnuitiesCommunityConsultation



OFFICE of the MIZHINAWE

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION LAW BASICS



MEMBERS ONLY SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 12 PM TO 2 PM MAAN DOOSH GAMIG

Join WFN for a review of the Financial Administration Law (FAL) followed by a Q&A session.

FAL IS FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE PRACTICES THAT WILL ASSIST COUNCILS AND STAFF TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS AND RUN THEIR FIRST NATIONS WELL.

RSVP TO AUSTIN BY AUGUST 15 705-858-0610 AUSTIN.ARMSTRONG@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TEE-PEE CEREMONIES

ASSC Worker Jamie Guizzo was at C.R. JUDD Public School on June 12 and Redwood Acres Public School on June 13 for each school's Tee-Pee Ceremony and Teachings with WFN students. Zachary Beaudette, Cultural Coordinator from AES, came to conduct these teachings.

Students Olivia Budge, Sage Amyotte and Tomera Recollet presented a gift to Zach while Seth Williams presented Sema and a tie blanket made by Redwood Acres' ISP class to Zach.

Redwood Acres announced their land acknowledgement on this day as well, with both their council and trustee in attendance to the ceremony.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



NRHC TO BASS LAKE



10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 13 & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

JOIN US TO GATHER, LEARN, AND IDENTIFY NATURE'S MEDICINES

SIDE-BY-SIDE RIDES CAN BE PROVIDED OR BRING YOUR OWN. BRING SUN SCREEN AND BUG SPRAY & DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER.

RSVP TO LINE AT

LINE. BAILLARGEON@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM | 705-858-7700 X218



Cool Summer Treats

Wednesdays 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

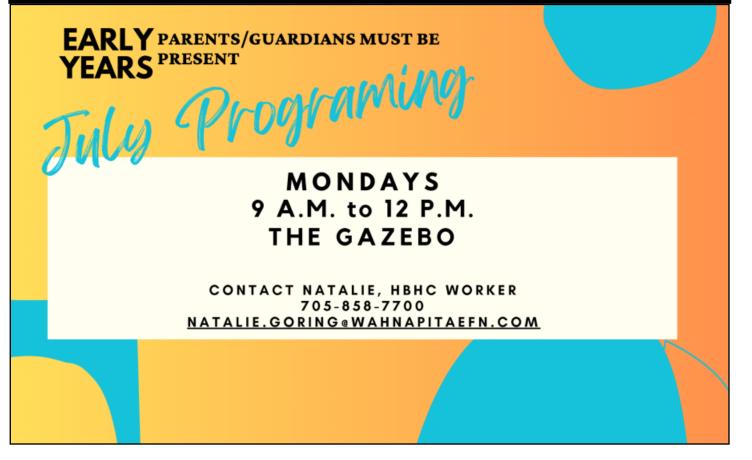
Come and see Natalie or Heather at the WFN Centre of Excellence every Wednesday afternoon to receive a cool treat.

SUMMER TUTY KIT FOR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 6

WANT TO HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER? TALK TO NATALIE, HBHC WORKER, TO RECEIVE I SUMMER ACTIVITY KIT

1 KIT/FAMILY

CONTACT NATALIE, HBHC WORKER 705-858-7700 NATALIE.GORING@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM



If you're not receiving monthly communications from us, your address may not be up to date in our system.

WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFO

CALL OR EMAIL TO LET US KNOW



leila.roque@wahnapitaefn.com

705-858-0610



The Power of Storytelling with Family Wellbeing & HBHC

Groups and Ages

Tuesday, July 11 (ages 0-6 years) 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Wednesday, July 12 (ages 7-11 years) 2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Located at the Family Wellness Centre

RSVP to Linda by July 10 linda.mhende-chitohwa@wahnapitaefn.com

WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION MEMBERS & YOUTH

CULTURAL MINDFULLNESS TRAINING WITH GEORGE COUCHIE

MONDAY, JULY 24, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. MAAN DOOSH GAMIG

Teachings in morning followed by a craft in afternoon. Lunch Provided

> To register contact Marilyn marilyn.nicholls@wahnapitaefn.com LIMIT OF 50 PARTICIPANTS.



Women's Book Club

Family Wellness Center First Meeting: Wednesday, July 19 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Each month, WFN's Women's Book Club will meet to select a book then reconvene a month later to discuss it.

The books will be those written by Indigenous authors and focus on wellbeing, family unity, and healing intergenerational traumas.

Books Provided



Youth Book Club

Family Wellness Center First Meeting: Monday, July 17 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Join the book club challenge to see who reads the most books.

Eager Readers:

If you read

3 books in a month to receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

5 books in a month to receive a \$75 Amazon gift card.

7 books in a month to receive a \$100 Amazon gift card.



COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY



On June 19, WFN members came together to help create our community garden.

Members also participated in a traditional craft night with Cultural Coordinator Tammy Chevrette.



















Norman Recollet Health Centre Clinical Services

HOURS OF OPERATIONCLOSED FOR LUNCH DAILY 12 P.M. to 1 P.M.Monday9 A.M. to 4 P.M.Tuesday9 A.M. to 4 P.M.Wednesday9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Thursday 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Friday – Sunday CLOSED





GROUP BLUEBERRY PICKING

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Tuesday, August 1 WFN Centre of Excellence 9 A.M.

LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, JULY 27 HEATHER.ROY@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM

HEPATITIS C PRESENTATION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 AT 1 P.M. MAAN DOOSH GAMIG

Join Nurse Jenna and Community Wellness Coordinator Heather for a presentation on Hepatitis C.

RSVP BY JULY 20, 2023 TO HEATHER 705-858-7700 HEATHER.ROY@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM

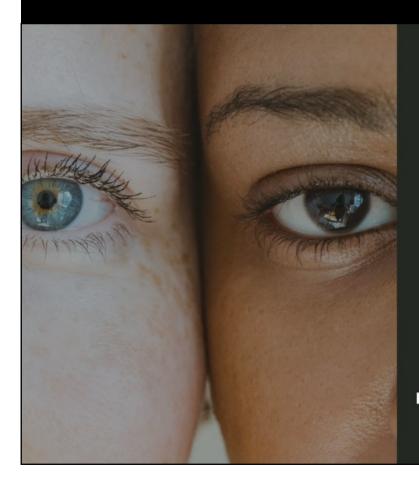
DRUG USER'S REMEMBRANCE DAY WALK

Thursday, July 20 WFN Centre of Excellence 10 A.M.

We'll gather at the Centre of Excellence and walk to the beach at the Pow-Wow grounds. There, we will have a prayer from Tammy and share stories.

Bradley, WFN's Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor, will be available if anyone needs to talk.

RSVP BY JULY 17 TO HEATHER 705-858-7700 | HEATHER.ROY@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM





ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

PRESENTED BY JELISE FROM ANGELS OF HOPE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 1 P.M. TO 3 P.M. MAAN DOOSH GAMIG

RSVP TO HEATHER BY PHONE OR EMAIL 705-858-7700 <u>HEATHER.ROY@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM</u>



SEXUAL HEALTH Presented by Nurse Practitioner Lisa

FOR AGES 18+

Monday, July 31 at 1 P.M. Maan Doosh Gamig

Join Nurse Practitioner Lisa and Community Wellness Coordinator Heather for a presentation on sexual and reproductive health

RSVP MANDATORY BY JULY 26

705-858-7700 | HEATHER.ROY@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM

HBHC SERVICES

Prenatal Health & Child Development

ORMAN RECOLLE

FALTH CENT

The Healthy Babies Healthy Children program is avaliable to answer your questions.

Drop in any time or set up a one-onone appointment with Natalie Goring, HBHC Worker.

Call or email: <u>Natalie.goring@wahnapitaefn.com</u> 705-920-9106

EMERGENCY SERVICES

IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, CALL 911 AND SPECIFY YOUR LOCATION AS WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION RESERVE

DO NOT CALL FIRE CHIEF RECOLLET.

911 Dispatch will notify ALL necessary persons. Not calling 911 first could cost our community lives and buildings.

LANDS UPDATES

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED DOOR PRIZES

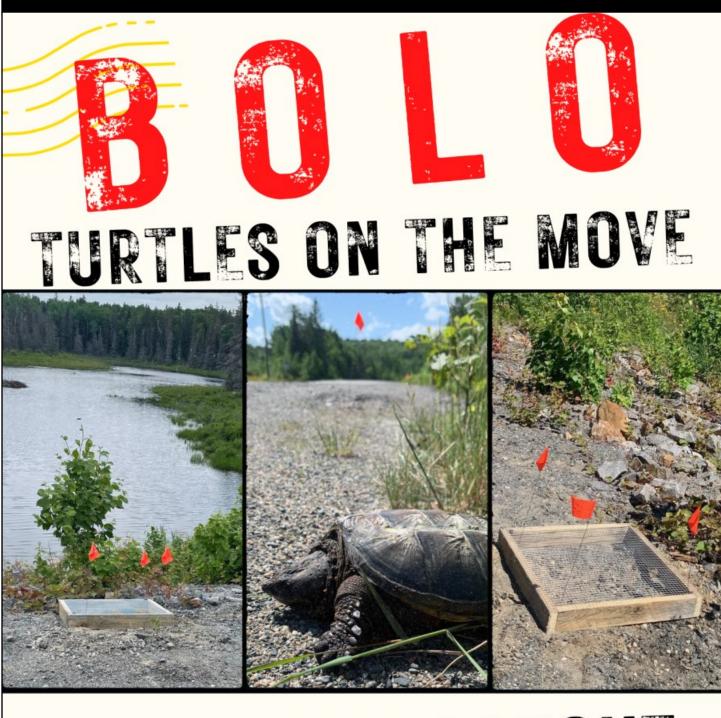
LAND CODE DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MAAN DOOSH GAMIG WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

VIA ZOOM https://cutt.ly/wfn_landcode_july2023

RSVP BY JULY 5 TO SAM.CORBIERE@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM

LANDS UPDATES



BE ON THE LOOKOUT Please watch the sides of the roads for warning flags

COMMUNITY PARTNER

Dibajimoovinan Gezhtoojig Employment & Training



Gezhtoojig Employment & Training, 117 Elm St., Unit 102, Sudbury, ON P3C 1T3 Tel: 705-524-6772/Toll: 1-800-361-9256/Fax: 705-524-5152

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WE NEED HELP WITH:

- 2 community-based hunters to assist with the hunt
- Must provide CPIC
- Must have PAL, Hunter Safety Course and Wilderness First Aid Training (provided July 17 * 18)
- Preparation and hunt: October 2-5, 2023
- Send letter of interest to Marilyn or Beatrice by July 12

DATE & PLACE: OCTOBER 3 - 5 WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION

Children ages 10+ can participate but MUST be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times. Participants will be grouped with hunters for this hunt.

RSVP BY MONDAY, AUGUST 21



Please direct any questions or RSVPs to:

Marilyn Nicholls marilyn.nicholls@wahnapitaefn.com

Beatrice Debassige beatrice.debassige@wahnapitaefn.com

WFN Fisheries Consumption and Community Health

FOCUS GROUPS

DINNER & \$50 HIAWATHA'S GC TO EACH PARTICIPANT

Wednesday, July 19 5:30 P.M. Gazebo

Would you like to take part in a focus group on fish and health in WFN?

This event builds on the Fisheries Project looking at contaminants in fish from Lake Wahnapitei and Lake Kukagami. The research team is co-led by Sara Lehman (WFN), Brian Laird (University of Waterloo), and Gretchen Lescord (Laurentian University/WCS Canada). The focus group will gather information about the fish harvested and eaten in WFN.

Only verbal information will be collected and all participants and their answers will be protected under our project's community research agreement. Focus groups will take up to 90 minutes. If you take part in the focus group, you will receive a \$50 gift card to Hiawatha's Marina and Gas Bar right after you are done. If you have any questions about the project, please contact us by email at <u>brian.laird@uwaterloo.ca</u> or <u>sara.lehman@wahnapitaefn.com.</u>

RSVP BY July 11: 705-858-0610 or sara.lehman@wahnapitaefn.com.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN Let's Cook Together

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 1 P.M. MAAN DOOSH GAMIG

Come cook a healthy meal with Heather, Community Wellness Coordinator, and Natalie, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Worker.

RSVP to Heather by July 13 HEATHER.ROY@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM 705-858-7700



TUESDAY, JULY 18 10 A.M.

HOW IT WORKS:

Meet Jenna and Heather at the WFN Centre of Excellence. At the Independent Grocer in Hanmer, they will teach you all about reading labels and how to make healthy choices when doing groceries.

LIMITED SPOTS

705-858-7700 x226 | heather.roy@wahnapitaefn.com



TRADITIONAL CRAFT NIGHT

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

Join WFN's Cultural Coordinator Tammy for a night of crafting and conversation.

RSVP to Tammy 705-920-9488 tammy.chevrette@wahnapitaefn.com

Minimum of 4 participants needed for event to run.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

SILENT AUCTION

#1 - Cracked

4 - Cracked

#5 - Cracked

AUCTION DEADLINE JULY 27 | 4PM

Three white 15' Reflections - Mad River Canoes Two green 17' Reflections - Mad River Canoes

WFN's Lands and Resources Department is auctioning off five canoes. Cracked canoes start at \$50

Canoe with no cracks starts at \$200

Payment must be received and canoes picked up from the Centre of Excellence by August 3, 2023. **Example of cracks**

Email your bid, canoe number, name and phone number to: sara.lehman@wahnapitaefn.com





WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Please let Rochelle or Line know by **July 12** if you will be participating this month to reserve your kit.

PICK-UP: 259 TAIGHWENINI TRAIL RD BRING YOUR OWN BAGS!

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THURSDAY, JULY 6 BETWEEN 5 P.M. - 6 P.M. in-person and delivery available

To join us in person, RSVP by July 1 CALL HEATHER TO RESERVE YOUR MEAL: (705) 858-7700

SOUP'S ON!

July 4, 11, 18, & 25 Call by 11 A.M. | Pick up by 12 P.M. Call Heather to place order: (705) 858-7700

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Thursday, July 20 5:30 P.M. MDG

IN PERSON ONLY

Call Heather to reserve your spot: (705) 858-7700

Prizes are the same.





WFN EVENT CALENDAR - MAY 2023

Please be sure to use this calendar as your official reminder for these events to help plan your month.

SUN	ΜΟΝ	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 CLOSED	4 Soup's On	5 Cool Summer Treats	6 GFB Order Congregate Dining	7 CLOSED	8
9	10 Early Years	11 Soup's On Storytelling with Linda - 0 to 6 yrs	12 Cool Summer Treats Storytelling with Linda - 7 to 11 yrs About Human Trafficking Medicine Walk	13 GFB Pick Up	¹⁴ CLOSED	15
16	17 Early Years Youth Book Club	18 Soup's On Grocery Run Traditional Craft Night	19 Cool Summer Treats Fish Focus Group Community Kitchen HROTM Women's Book Club	20 Drug Users' Remembrance Walk Nutrition Bingo	21 CLOSED	22
23	24 Early Years Cultural Mindfulness	25 Soup's On Chief & Council Meeting	26 Cool Summer Treats Service Canada Mobile Services Hepatitis C Presentation	27 Silent Auction Bid Deadline	28 CLOSED	29
30	31 Early Years Sexual Health 18+	1 Blueberry Picking RHT Community Consultation	2	3 GFB Order Congregate Dining	4 CLOSED	5