

# Enkamgak

## Mkwa Giizis (Bear Moon) | February 2026

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Boozhoo binookiinh yok!

Welcome babies born in 2025  
on page 6-8!

### Indigenous Family Celebration Night

The Powassan Voodoos are hosting Indigenous Family Celebration Night on Friday, February 13, as they take on the Espanola Paper Kings in Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League action. Nipissing First Nation families are invited to come together for an evening that highlights culture, connection, and a shared love of hockey.

This year, NFN Chief and Council proudly sponsored the Powassan Voodoos Hockey Cards, including a special-edition card featuring past and present NFN players Nathaniel McLeod, Brett Shawana, and Owen Head. These collectible cards can be purchased for \$3 each or \$25 for a full set by emailing [powassanvoodoos@gmail.com](mailto:powassanvoodoos@gmail.com).

The night begins at 4 p.m. with a meet-and-greet and facility tour, giving families an opportunity to meet players and see behind the scenes. Those who can't

attend early are encouraged to join for the 7 p.m. game, where NFN families will fill the stands with Nipissing Warrior pride.

NFN will also offer bus transportation. To register for tickets or reserve a seat, contact [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca). Everyone is encouraged to wear Nipissing Warrior gear to receive free entry and proudly support both Owen and the Voodoos during this special community celebration.



Nathaniel McLeod



Brett Shawana



Owen Head

### Connect with us!



### NFN Membership Portal

The Portal gives exclusive access for NFN members to:

- **View confidential documents** (Robinson Huron Treaty Past Annuities Settlement, Chief & Council)
- Sign up to **receive Enkamgak / Newsletter** and/or **Job Postings by email**.
- **Student registration**

Register at  
[portal.nfn.ca](http://portal.nfn.ca) or  
scan the QR  
code:



## Get ready, hockey fans — NFN and the Nbisiing Redhawks are headed to Ottawa!



From NFN, Ellie Penasse emerged as a courageous trailblazer whose determination helped reshape the landscape for Indigenous girls in hockey. At a time when opportunities for female players were scarce, Ellie often had to dress and play like the boys. Her resilience and passion pushed through barriers across Turtle

Island, creating space for Indigenous girls who dreamed of being part of the sport. Today, Ellie's influence continues to inspire, and she will be honoured at the PWHL game on March 4th—a meaningful acknowledgment of the path she helped carve.

On that same evening, the Nbisiing Redhawks Drum Group will perform at the Ottawa Charge vs. Seattle Torrent game at TD Place Arena in Ottawa. The performance will mark a powerful moment of cultural pride, youth leadership, and community unity. Tickets are available here: <https://bit.ly/4b3AK7c>



This celebration reflects the growing impact of the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL), which is expanding real professional opportunities for women and girls. Indigenous players like Jocelyne Larocque, Abby Roque, Kelly Babstock, and Victoria Bach continue to excel, proving that Indigenous women belong at the sport's highest levels. For Nbisiing students, taking part in this event represents both pride and possibility—carrying forward the path opened by trailblazers like Ellie.

## APS Recognized with Prestigious AVA International Digital Award

The Anishinabek Police Services (APS) received yet another remarkable achievement: the AVA International Digital Award for their newly redesigned website.

This award highlights APS's commitment to creating accessible, user-focused online resources that support community safety and awareness. The new website provides clear, valuable, and culturally informed information that benefits both APS partners and community members across the region.

To help ensure these important resources reach those who need them, APS encourages continued sharing of the site within all communities. The improved layout and enhanced features make it easier than ever for individuals and families to find guidance, support, and safety information.

APS extends sincere appreciation for everyone's ongoing support in helping keep communities informed, connected, and safe.

**YOU ASKED.  
WE LISTENED.**

Residents can now report non-emergency crimes to police anytime, anywhere, from any device.

Visit [anishinabekpolice.ca](https://anishinabekpolice.ca) and click *Report Online*.

## Don Chretien Awarded for Artistic Talent

Donald Chrétien, member of Nipissing First Nation, was recognized by the Convention on Biological Diversity for his outstanding contribution to the 25th anniversary celebration of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators. Through his artistic work, he emphasized the critical role of pollinators in sustaining ecosystems and supporting the livelihoods and cultures of Indigenous peoples and local communities. His art gave a voice to pollinators, advocating for their protection while integrating Indigenous and traditional knowledge into the global dialogue. This meaningful contribution advanced the Convention's vision of living in harmony with nature and raised awareness of pollinators' essential role in sustaining life on Earth.

Congratulations, Donald!



*Watch a video of Donald speaking about the Experience Trail.*

*Sustaining Life on Earth by Donald Chretien*  
<https://donaldchretien.com/artwork/>

## Notice to Vendors: Cigarette Quota

To access the Cigarette Quota for April 2026 to March 2027, you must submit a Letter of Request by February 28, 2026. Requests can be emailed to [ar@nfn.ca](mailto:ar@nfn.ca), mailed, or dropped off in-person to the Finance Department at:

**36 Semo Road  
Garden Village, ON, P2B 3K2**

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Rhonda Pankratz, Finance Supervisor  
705-753-2050 ext. 1269 | [rhondap@nfn.ca](mailto:rhondap@nfn.ca)

## Annual Christmas Tea: Chi-miigwech to our Community!

The Annual Christmas Tea grassroots committee extends a heartfelt Chi-miigwech to the NFN community for supporting the Annual Christmas Tea. Thanks to the generosity and participation of the community, the event was once again a great success. It would not have been possible without contributions—whether through donations or by attending and sharing in the festive spirit.

Special Chi-miigwech to the following volunteers for their generous donations:

- Beanie (Sharon) Williams
- Blair Peltier
- Cindy Peltier
- Conrad Saulis
- Evelyn McLeod
- Freda Martel
- Joan McLeod-Shabogesic
- Leda McLeod-Faubert
- Luc Martel
- Lynda Lewis
- Mike Faubert
- Nancy Allaire
- Peter Allaire
- Peter McLeod
- Rhonda Beaudentte
- Shirley Restoule
- Tammy Saulis
- Theresa Commanda
- Rev. Alamadus Tensingh

Gratitude to the dedicated community businesses who made this event possible:

- Arrowhead Gas Bar
- Eagles Nest
- Gen 7
- Hughes Masonry
- Pickles Pumps
- Supplies for the Soul
- Tobacco Road
- Tim's Convenience
- Tim Horton's at Wolves Den

All proceeds from the Annual Christmas Tea go toward the operations and maintenance of the Holy Spirit Church building. Beyond fundraising, this event provides a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together in a warm and social setting.

Special Chi-miigwech to Blair Peltier for sharing beautiful Christmas music that added to the festive spirit of the day.

## George Goulais January 2026 Recipient



### Taamgozin Nokiyyan Recognizing those who Walk the Good Path

*George has a very big heart and is always helping out his fellow community members. He has been for years helping out elders by helping removing snow for them, bringing wild game to community members who cannot hunt or fish anymore or anywhere he sees a need not being met. He also helps youth by teaching them the ways of his ancestors, bringing them hunting, gathering and fishing. Teaching them not only how to harvest but in a sustainable way. A family man, he has been living a model for many after living a sober life for the past 15 years. George uplifts others by sharing in their successes and helping members when they are in need and shares his story with others who struggle with mental health and sobriety to let them know there is hope without judgement or prejudice.*

#### Nominate a Community Member

NFN Social Services invites you to nominate a community member who makes a positive difference in our community and walks a good path. This recognition celebrates the strength, dedication, kindness and resilience of those uplifting others in our community. Each month, we will lift up and recognize a valued NFN member. The recipient of the nomination will receive a YETI cup and a grocery gift card!

**Complete the Nomination Form:**



### E-GIIGDOWAAD | CHIEF & COUNCIL

#### Attend Chief and Council Meetings and Submit Requests

Council meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. NFN members can attend and keep informed through in-person or virtual attendance.

If you have a request for Council, complete the request form at [nfn.ca/chief-council](http://nfn.ca/chief-council) and submit by 4 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the meeting. These can be dropped off to the front reception at 36 Semo Rd, Garden Village or emailed to [kaylal@nfn.ca](mailto:kaylal@nfn.ca).

Requests may also be made at the meeting. Due to a full agenda, Requests from the Floor are limited to three requests, with up to 10 minutes each. Some requests may be deferred to a future meeting if more information is required.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact Kayla Lariviere at 705-753-2050 ext. 1223 or [kaylal@nfn.ca](mailto:kaylal@nfn.ca).

**February 3 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Village**

**February 17 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Village**

#### JOIN IN PERSON:

Confirm your attendance with Kayla Lariviere at [kaylal@nfn.ca](mailto:kaylal@nfn.ca) or 705-753-2050 ext. 1223

#### WATCH THE LIVESTREAM:

NFN Membership Portal at [Portal.NFN.ca](http://Portal.NFN.ca)  
Recordings of past meetings are available for 30 days.

## Update from Gimaa Cathy Stevens: December 2025

As we close out the year, I want to share some highlights and important discussions from December and the past few months. I attended several regional and national meetings, including an Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) regional meeting on October 23, the Chiefs of Ontario Fall Assembly, and RHT Litigation Fund meeting in Sudbury, the ISC Joint Gathering, and the Assembly of First Nations meeting in December.

Closer to home, I met with MPP Vic Fedeli to discuss **long-term care** and the need to better support our Elders. I also attended the Lake Nipissing Steering Committee, where **fish harvesting** was discussed. I am pleased to share that NFN fishers remain within safe harvest targets and that harvesting levels are stable.

I continue to engage in discussions on new and changing legislation that affects our Nation. This includes **Bill S-2**, which looks to amend long-standing inequities in registration entitlements for First Nations individuals and families. These changes may affect how members are recognized and how resources are accessed, so we are watching this closely. At a meeting on **new Bands and Band amalgamations**, I raised concerns about ongoing issues involving Métis Nation of Ontario and “Antoine First Nation”. Because of these unresolved issues, NFN does not support the resolution that was brought forward.

Water remains a serious concern for First Nations. Chiefs continue to push Canada to do better. The class action settlement on **drinking water** was only a minimum amount and does not reflect the true cost of fixing long-term drinking water problems. These conditions would never be accepted off reserve. The Auditor General recently confirmed that progress has been too slow, funding is insufficient, and short-term advisories often become long-term. We continue to call on Canada to reaffirm its commitment to addressing this chronic issue.

Jordan’s Principle remains challenging. There is still no clear timeline to address the backlog of applications, and this directly affects children and families. Chiefs are raising concerns about how public advocacy and legal actions are impacting services on the ground. While this work continues, families waiting for Jordan’s Principle support are encouraged to access other services so children are not left without help.

At the ISC Joint Gathering, we discussed the new federal budget. **Indigenous funding** saw a 2% cut, equal to about \$80 million. Core programs and services will remain, and water funding continues. A new Fiscal Relationship Grant is coming that supports self-determination, reduces reporting, includes inflation increases, and allows Nations to request more funding if current amounts are not enough. NFN is well-positioned for this, as we already have a Financial Administration Law and strong governance practices.

**Harvesting** was another key focus. Topics included moose management, inter-Treaty harvesting, enforcement, and concerns about Shipman letters. Chiefs also discussed glyphosate spraying and the need for better wildlife data.

I also want to share some positive moments. The **Seniors Christmas Party** was a great success, with good food, music, and time together. Council gathered for a Christmas dinner as well, and I attended the **Annual Business Operations update**. I am proud of the strength and growth of NFN’s business portfolio.

### Get involved!

My door remains open! I welcome members to meet with me one-on-one to share concerns or ideas. You can email [liaison@nfn.ca](mailto:liaison@nfn.ca), and I encourage you to attend Council meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month through [portal.nfn.ca](http://portal.nfn.ca). Miigwech for your continued engagement and support.

# Boozhoo binoojiinhuyok Welcome, Babies!



## Maveryk Maxus Ojiik Beaucage

**March 10, 2025 | 4:58 p.m. | 6lbs 8oz | North Bay, ON**



**Parents:** Sarah and Dan Beaucage

**Siblings:** Peyton and Kashtin Beaucage

**Grandparents:** Nila Fisher and Art Fisherban, Glenna Beaucage and Ralph Beaucageban

**Great Grandparents:** Harriet and John Fisherban, Kathleen McLeod and Fred McLeodban, Magno and Chrisanta Santulan, Stella and Isadore Beaucageban

## River Kody Keith Twance

**March 16, 2025 | 2:12 a.m. | 9lbs 12oz | 21.5 In | North Bay, ON**

**Parents:** Melanie and Keith Twance

**Siblings:** Sequoia and Willow

**Grandparents:** Glenna Beaucage and Ralph Beaucageban, Carol and Keith Twance Sr.

**Great Grandparents:** Kathleen McLeod and Fred McLeodban, Nancyban and Basil Desmoulinban



## Debwewin Harbour Tsheskahatshuum Armstrong-Rich

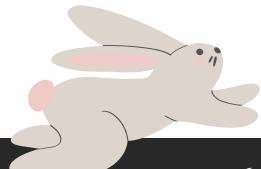
**June 27, 2025 | 2:45 a.m. | 8lbs 8oz | 52.5 cm | North Bay, ON**

**Parents:** Angel Armstrong and Donovan Rich

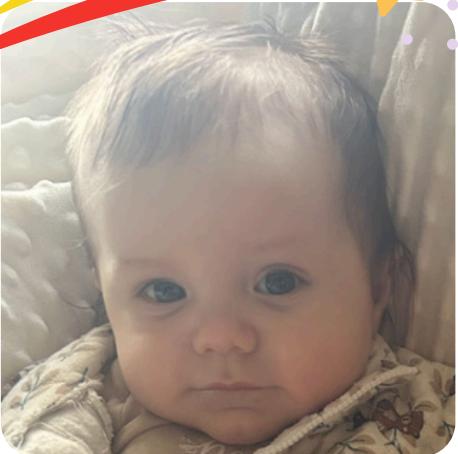
**Siblings:** Big Brother Olive the doggy

**Grandparents:** Lisa Beaucage and Davis ArmstrongBan, Dawn Rich and Draper Penunsi of Natuashish, NL

**Great Grandparents:** Lily and Alex Armstrong, Joyce Beaucage Ban, Katie Rich and Roland Dickens of Natuashish, NL, and Great-Great Grandmother Nora Goulais



# WELCOMING BABIES



## Theodore Alexander Lariviere

**July 24, 2025 | 8:25 p.m. | 7lbs 9oz | 21 In | Inverness, NS**



**Parents:** Jamey Lariviere and Kathryn Ryan

**Grandparents:** Lawrence Lariviere, Lisa Lariviere, Gail Ryan

## Rory Grace Delaney

**July 27, 2025 | 11:37 a.m. | 5lbs 7oz | 47cm | North Bay, ON**

**Parents:** Hanna Penasse and Jonathan Delaney

**Grandparents:** Cherie and Raymond Penasse, Robin and Michael Delaney

**Great Grandparents:** Rita and George Penasse, John and Grace Delaney, Harold and Alice Fraser, Annie Baxter



## Lucia Sage Camba Schnell

**August 15, 2025 | 8:50 a.m. | 4lbs 12oz | 45 cm | North Bay, ON**

**Parents:** Eric and May Schnell

**Siblings:** Lucas Schnell

**Grandparents:** Fred & Bethann (Couchie) Schnell, Noel and Leony Camba

**Great Grandparents:** Wilfred and Helen Couchie, Aurelio and Isidra Camba



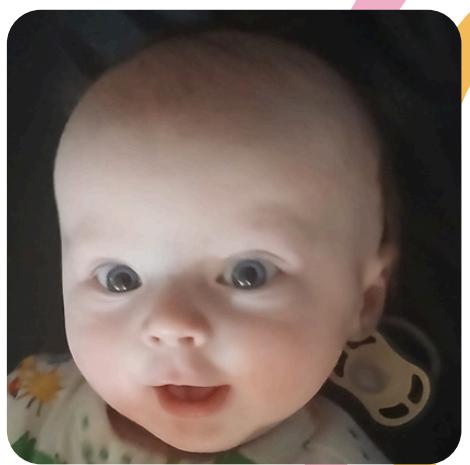
## Cormac Pierce Turner

**August 15, 2025 | 1:56 a.m. | 8lbs 2oz | 21 In | North Bay, ON**

**Parents:** Heather and Dan Turner

**Grandparents:** Lorraine Mallinson

**Great Grandparents:** George Howards



# WELCOMING BABIES



## Beau Andreas Clinton Camara

**September 29, 2025 | 6:13 p.m. | 7lbs 5oz | Toronto, ON**

**Parents:** Theresa Stevens and Lucas Camara

**Siblings:** Luca, Zachary and Jaxon

**Grandparents:** Willie and Maryse Stevens, Gerry and Aline Gilligan (Late), Carlos and Sandra Camara



## Ruby Reid Doucette

**October 3, 2025 | 1:46 p.m. | 9lbs 5oz | 54 cm | North Bay, ON**

**Parents:** Daanis Sawyer and Troy Doucette

**Siblings:** Cove Doucette

**Grandparents:** Randy Sawyer, Ann Nicolson, Donna Doucette and Mike Doucette

**Great Grandparents:** Delma Sawyer, Donald Sawyer, Judy Sparks and Rick Sparks



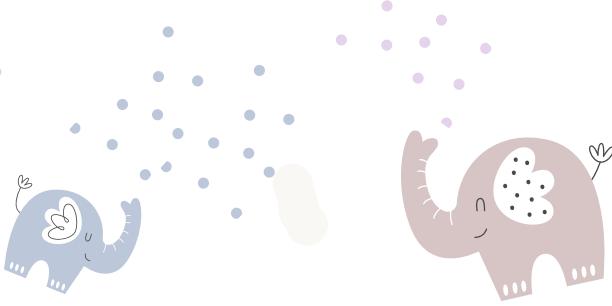
## Florence Mary Jane Beaucage

**December 5, 2025 | 11:03 p.m. | 6lbs 7oz | 51 cm | Belleville, ON**

**Parents:** Jazlen Beaucage

**Grandparents:** Trevor Beaucage and Julie Lambert

**Great Grandparents:** Brenda McNeil and Doug McNeil





## UPDATES

Visit [nbisiing.com](http://nbisiing.com) or [Nbisiing Secondary School Facebook Page](#) for our calendar of events and other school-related information, or call (705) 497-9938.

### September 2026 Registration

Nbisiing Secondary School is now accepting students for September 2026. If you or your child are interested in attending Nbisiing, visit us at our upcoming open house!

#### Required Transfer Documents

- Transcript or Credit Summary
- IEP if applicable

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

- Tour the school
- Learn about our programs
- Meet our admin team
- Ask questions
- begin the registration application

#### Can't Make It?

Contact us to book an appointment:  
[registration@nbisiing.com](mailto:registration@nbisiing.com) or  
705-497-9938 ext. 105

### Redhawks Basketball

The Nbisiing Redhawks competed in their first-ever basketball tournament at the two-day Lachance Classic. Playing over multiple days allowed the team to build chemistry, adjust to tournament play, and continue developing their skills against strong competition.



### Class B Licence Training Opportunity

#### *Interested in Becoming a Relief Bus Driver for NFN?*

NFN Education, in partnership with Employment & Training, is looking for NFN Members interested in obtaining their Class B Licence to join the Nbisiing Bus Lines casual driver list!

- Training dates set based on interest
- All costs covered, including living/training allowance
- Must complete training and driving test successfully

To learn more or register, contact the Employment & Training Manager at [thomas1@nfn.ca](mailto:thomas1@nfn.ca) or call 705-753-2050 ext. 6985

## NFN Entrepreneur Workshop Series

### Returns!

The NFN Economic Development Department, in partnership with The Business Centre Nipissing Parry Sound, invites NFN Members to take part in a 5-session Business Development Series designed to support and grow your business.

These sessions will cover key topics including business planning, finance, pitching, marketing, and hands-on support. Whether you are just starting out or looking to strengthen your existing business, these sessions offer practical tools and guidance to help you succeed.

- Attendance at all five sessions is not mandatory — NFN Members may choose which sessions to attend.
- Hybrid sessions (in-person or online)
- Registration is required for both in-person and online participation.

**All sessions are at**

**Duchesnay Hall from Noon - 2 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

*Topic: Business Planning and Start Up Considerations*

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

*Topic: Financial Forecasting, Cash Flow Management and Pricing Considerations*

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

*Topic: Preparing an Impactful Pitch and Finance Considerations*

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026,**

*Topic: Marketing and Promotions*

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026,**

*Topic: Hands-on Assistance and Working Session*

**To register, email [vinceg@nfn.ca](mailto:vinceg@nfn.ca) and indicate:**

1. Which session(s) you'd like to attend.
2. How you will participate — in-person or online (hybrid)

### Sign Up for Fresh, Local Greens with Mnogin's Bi-Weekly Subscription



For \$20 per order, subscribers receive fresh lettuce and leafy greens every two weeks, with flexibility to pause or cancel anytime for convenience.

#### Pick up dates for February:

- Duchesnay (Hall parking lot):  
February 4 and 18 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Garden Village (Band Office gym doors):  
February 11 and 25 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.



Mnogin Greenhouse online store is open with regularly updated stock. Order anytime and pick up Wednesdays (12:00 - 1:00 p.m.) or Fridays (12:00 - 4:30 p.m.): <https://mnogin-greenhouse.square.site/>

(705)-825-2449 | [orders@mnogin.ca](mailto:orders@mnogin.ca)

### Help Protect Our Lands:

#### Turn In Unknown Seeds

NFN Members are encouraged to report any suspicious or unknown seeds received in the mail to the Environment Department.



Unknown seeds may introduce invasive or harmful plants that can damage our lands and water systems. If you receive seeds from an unknown sender, do not plant them or throw them away, as this could make the issue worse. Instead, please turn them in to the Environment Department so they can be handled safely and properly.

#### To report unknown seeds, contact:

**Curtis Avery, Environment Manager**

[curtisa@nfn.ca](mailto:curtisa@nfn.ca)

705-753-2050 ext.1290

## Proposed Solar Project on NFN Corporate Lands

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Zoom Engagement Session

### What We Heard – Community Feedback on the Proposed Solar Project

At the recent community engagement session, NFN members shared important questions, concerns, and perspectives about the proposed solar project on NFN corporate lands. Below is a summary of key themes raised.

### Protecting the Land, Water, and Wildlife

Community members emphasized that the land has value even when it is not developed. Concerns were raised about potential impacts to wildlife, including moose, deer, bear, migratory birds, plants, and natural habitats.

NFN confirmed that no decision has been made on whether the site is environmentally appropriate. Only early screening has occurred so far. A full environmental review would be required before any project could proceed and would include detailed, multi-season studies of wildlife and vegetation. NFN has committed to meeting or exceeding provincial environmental standards.

### Cultural Knowledge and Traditional Use

Members stressed the importance of respecting cultural knowledge, Elder teachings, hunting areas, and traditional gathering of plants and medicines. It was also acknowledged that some members chose not to participate in earlier mapping exercises due to concerns about how information might be used.

NFN shared that it has access to historical records, Use and Occupancy Studies, and oral histories, and that cultural knowledge will inform any further review. Additional opportunities for Elders, hunters, and community members to provide input will be part of the process.

### NFN-Led Decision Making

Questions were raised about whether NFN relies only on provincial approvals. NFN confirmed that beyond any required permits, the Nation itself must be satisfied before a project moves forward.

Community values, environmental protection, and cultural considerations will guide decision-making.

### Taxes, Land Status, and Municipal Role

Members asked about taxation and the role of the Municipality of West Nipissing. It was clarified that West Nipissing cannot tax NFN revenues or control decisions on NFN lands. Any municipal property taxes related to a solar facility would be the responsibility of the project proponent, not NFN. These lands are also part of a longstanding land claim and are expected to return to reserve status in the future.

### What Happens Next

We thank community members for sharing your perspectives. Feedback from this session will help guide next steps. No final decisions have been made, and further community engagement will continue before any determination is reached.

The presentation is available on the [NFN Members Portal](#), and electronic or printed copies are available upon request. If you would like a copy, have questions, or wish to share feedback, please contact:

**Gen Couchie, Business Operations Manager**

705-753-2050 ext. 1243

[genc@nfn.ca](mailto:genc@nfn.ca)

**Draw Prize Winner (\$100 Amazon Gift Card):**

**Jack O'Halloran**

## Nishnaabemwin Word Search

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## NFN Walking Alongside Services: December/January at a Glance



In December/January, the NFN Walking Alongside Services held the following events:

- Youth Battalion Game
- Kids Hang Out
- Christmas Crafts
- Christmas Party
- Youth Singing
- Language Lessons
- Nishinaabemowin Shopping
- Garden Village & Duchesnay Drop-In
- Youth Lunch & Movies
- Nbisiing Stories
- Ice Fishing

**See upcoming child, youth, and family events on page 17 - 25!**

## NFN Food Bank Donations

**Donations can be brought to the NFN Front Reception (36 Semo Rd., Garden Village) or to the NFN Food Bank (19 Philip Ave., Garden Village).**



In November 2025, the NFN Food Bank received generous donations from the following individuals and organizations:

- Patrick and Samantha Stevens (monthly donation)
- \$3,000 from Local Union for All Workers UFCW Locals 175 and 633



Jen Stevens, Jessica Cormier and Scott Gaboury.

*Miigwech for your donations!*

## Community Circles

Join us for Community Circles every Wednesday and Sunday at the Garden Village True Self office (Holy Spirit Church Basement). We will gather around an outdoor fire when weather permits or move indoors for a cozy sharing circle. Snacks and beverages are provided. Come connect, share, and grow together!

**Wednesdays & Sundays | 3-6 p.m.**  
**Garden Village Community Lodge**  
*Beside Holy Spirit Church,  
 285 Ted Commanda Dr.*

## Volunteer at the Duchesnay Elders Lodge

We invite community members to share their music, stories, songs, dance, or other talents with Elders living at the Duchesnay Elders' Lodge.



Our Elders hold deep wisdom, laughter, and love — and your time and gifts can bring joy and connection.

Whether you can offer a song, storytelling, art activity, dance, or just some friendly company, every moment shared is deeply appreciated.

**When:** Flexible — any time you can offer is welcome

**Where:** 560 Couchie Memorial Drive

**Who:** Anyone with a kind heart and a willingness to share

If you'd like to volunteer or learn more, please contact: 705- 478-0186 | [jessicaj@nfn.ca](mailto:jessicaj@nfn.ca)

## Adult Recreation Reimbursement

NFN Members aged 18 and older are eligible to apply for a one-time recreation reimbursement of up to \$200.

This reimbursement is offered for a limited time only and applies only to recreation fees paid between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. This is not an annual or ongoing program.

### Program Overview

This fund supports NFN adult members with reimbursement for eligible recreation registration fees that promote physical activity and healthy living.

- **Maximum Reimbursement:** Up to \$200 per NFN adult member (one-time only)
- **Eligibility:** NFN members 18 years and older.
- **Receipts Required:** Original or clear copies must be submitted with the application,
- **Submission:** Drop off at the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre (58 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2 ), or email: [recreimbursements@nfn.ca](mailto:recreimbursements@nfn.ca)

### Eligible Expenses (Registration Fees Only)

Recreation registration fees related to sports and physical activity, including but not limited to:

- Gym memberships or passes
- Fitness or exercise classes (e.g., spin, yoga, dance)
- Organized sports (e.g., hockey, basketball)
- Recreation programs that promote physical activity

### Ineligible Expenses (Not Covered)

- Clothing or footwear
- Sports or recreation equipment
- Late fees, penalties, or interest charges
- Any expense without a receipt

### For more information contact:

**Jonathan Watson, Recreation Activator**

[jonw@nfn.ca](mailto:jonw@nfn.ca)

705-753-6971

Scan the QR code to download and complete the Adult Recreation Reimbursement Form.



## NFN Medical Health Fund Can Help Pay for Medical Costs Not Covered Elsewhere

The Medical Health Fund was established to help NFN members and their families with out-of-pocket medical expenses. The fund reimburses eligible health-related costs not covered by Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB), Employee or Group Insurance, OHIP, or other federal or provincial programs.

Each NFN member is eligible to access up to \$1,000 per fiscal year (April 1–March 31). For expenses incurred during the 2025–2026 fiscal year, reimbursement requests must be submitted by **April 15, 2026**.

### How it works:

NFN members first access all available coverage, such as NIHB, group or employee insurance, and provincial plans. If a balance remains after these plans are used, the member may apply to the Medical Health Fund for reimbursement of the remaining amount. *If group insurance is available, it must be accessed first, and a copy of the insurance claim must be included with the Medical Health Fund application.*

**For more information or to apply, contact:**  
**Eleanor McLeod, Records & Inventory**  
**Program Assistant Medical Health Fund**  
[medicalhealthfund@nfn.ca](mailto:medicalhealthfund@nfn.ca)

705-753-3312 x2224



Scan the QR code to download and complete the Medical Health Fund Form.

### Neyaashiing Mshkikiowan Land-Based Wellness Camp – Opening April 2026

We are pleased to share the upcoming soft opening of the Neyaashiing Mshkikiowan Land-Based Wellness Camp, set for April 2026. This 90-day residential wellness program is open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous adults ages 18 and older.

Located at the Jocko Point Traditional Ground (Old Powwow Grounds), the camp is designed to support healing and wellness through safe, inclusive, trauma-informed spaces. Participants will reconnect with the land, strengthen cultural identity, and work toward holistic well-being through ceremony, teachings, and shared living.

Healing is a lifelong journey, and returning to the land and culture can be a powerful part of that process. This program offers community members an opportunity to nurture their mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual health. Through land-based activities, cultural teachings, and wellness practices guided by Indigenous knowledge, participants will experience a supportive environment built on respect, community, and growth.

#### Program Benefits

- Cultural Teachings: Led by Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- Land-Based Activities: Hands-on experiences that promote connection and resilience
- Holistic Wellness: Focus on all aspects of personal well-being
- Community Support: Build meaningful relationships and take part in collective healing

#### Applications & Referral Forms

- Available online and in-person through the NFN Social Services Department
- 8 spots available for this intake
- Deadline: March 25, 2026

#### Additional Program Features

- Nutritious meals provided
- Cultural workshops and guest speakers
- Opportunities for personal reflection and growth

#### Eligibility & Intake Process

Individuals 18+ are welcome to apply once applications open this winter. The program, funded by Health Canada, includes three intake rounds:

- **First Round:** Registered Nipissing First Nation members
- **Second Round:** Registered members of other First Nations
- **Third Round:** Non-status individuals

Registration will be required once applications open. For questions, please contact:  
**[nfnwellnesscamp@nfn.ca](mailto:nfnwellnesscamp@nfn.ca)**

#### Miigwech Young's Forestry

The NFN Social Services Department extends a heartfelt *chi-miigwech* to Young's Forestry for their incredible generosity and support of the Land-Based Wellness Program.

Their donation of time, labour, and resources to remove trees at no cost is more than a service—it is a gift that strengthens the community and helps create a safe and welcoming space for healing and wellness. This act of kindness is a powerful reminder of the importance of working together and the spirit of giving. The department is truly grateful for Young's Forestry's commitment and the care shown for this program and the people it serves.

Chi-miigwech from everyone at the Land-Based Wellness Program.

# WE'RE HIRING!

As per Nipissing First Nation hiring procedures, the following steps are used for screening and recruitment processes:

- 1st Round: Open to all NFN members.
- 2nd Round: Open to registered members of other First Nations and spouses and children of registered NFN members.
- 3rd Round: Open to all applicants (status and non-status).

Nipissing First Nation members are encouraged to apply to all rounds of employment postings. As per **Section 24(1)(a) of the Ontario Human Rights Code**, Nipissing First Nation gives preference to First Nation applicants for any employment opportunities.

Full postings and descriptions are available at [nfn.ca/jobs](http://nfn.ca/jobs)

## Special Projects Coordinator

*Full-time / Permanent*

1st Round Closes Friday, January 30, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.  
 2nd Round Closes Friday, February 6, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.  
 3rd Round Closes Friday, February 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

## Accounts Payable Coordinator

*Full-Time/Permanent*

1st Round Closes Friday, January 23, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.  
 2nd Round Closes Friday, January 30, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.  
 3rd Round Closes Friday, February 6, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

**Open to all qualified applicants until filled**

### Public Works

#### Grounds Keeper

*Full-Time/ Permanent*

#### Maintenance and Housing

#### Maintenance Custodian

*Full-Time/Permanent*

### Social Services

#### Crisis Support Worker

*Full-Time/Permanent*

*Open to Round 1 and 2 only*

#### Family Support Coordinator

*Full-Time/Permanent*

#### Child and Youth Program Facilitator

*Full-Time/Permanent*

### Health Services

#### Addiction Services Coordinator

*Full-Time/Permanent*

#### Justice Services Specialist

*Full-Time/Permanent*

#### Elders' Lodge Caregiver

*Full-Time/Permanent – 5 Vacancies*

### Education

#### Bus Driver

*Part-time / Permanent*

#### Bus Driver

*Part-time / Contract*

# EVENTS

SUN

1

FEBRUARY

## Youth Scrapbooking

For NFN Members and Affiliates ages 13-29

2 - 5 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)

MON

2

FEBRUARY

## Kids Hang Out

For NFN Members and Affiliates ages 6-12

5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)

TUES

3, 10

17, 24

FEBRUARY

## The Village- Canadore College

For NFN Members and Affiliates

10 a.m. - Noon | Canadore College - The Village

- Come out and learn about the programs The Village offers (exercise classes, walking groups and more!)
- Snacks provided
- Transportation available upon request

 Registration is required with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or 705-753-3312

MON

2, 9, 23

FEBRUARY

## Circuit Training

For NFN Members and Affiliates 18+

12 - 12:45 p.m. | Holy Spirit Church Basement

- Registration encouraged, drop-ins welcome
- Wear comfortable clothing
- Bring your own water bottle
- No experience needed

 Register with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or 705-753-3312

MON

2, 9, 23

FEBRUARY

## Youth Singing

For NFN Members and Affiliates ages 13-29

5 - 8 p.m. | Big Medicine Studio

- Dinner provided
- Transportation available upon request

 Register with [darrenn@nfn.ca](mailto:darrenn@nfn.ca)

TUES

3

FEBRUARY

## LCHC Open House

For NFN Members and Affiliates

1:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Lawrence Commanda Health Centre

 For more information, contact 705-753-3312

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**WED  
3  
FEBRUARY**

## Valentines Crafts

For NFN Members and Affiliates 6-12

**5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village**

- Snacks and refreshments provided

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)

**TUES  
3, 10,  
17, 24  
FEBRUARY**

## Kickboxing

For NFN Members and Affiliates 18+

**12 - 12:45 p.m. | LCHC Boardroom**

Registration is required if you are new, contact the LCHC for equipment.

- Wear comfortable clothing
- Bring your own water bottle
- No experience needed

 Register with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or **705-753-3312**

**WED  
4, 11,  
18, 25  
FEBRUARY**

## Circuit Training

For NFN Members and Affiliates 18+

**12 - 12:45 p.m. | Holy Spirit Church Basement**

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- Bring your own water bottle
- No experience needed

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**WED-  
THURS  
4, 5, 11, 12,  
18, 19, 25  
FEBRUARY**



## Garden Village Drop-In

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

**5 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village**

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Transportation available upon request

 For more information, contact [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)

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THURS

5

FEBRUARY

## Chair Yoga

For NFN Members and Affiliates 55+

10 - 11 a.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall

- Wear comfortable clothing.
- Bring your own water bottle.
- No experience needed, drop-ins welcome.

 For more information: [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or 705-753-3312



FRI

6,27

FEBRUARY

## Game Night

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

5 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village

- Come out and play some games!
- Transportation available upon request

 Register with [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)



SAT

7

FEBRUARY

## NBA Night

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

6 - 9 p.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall

- Come out and play some games!
- Transportation available upon request

 Register with [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)

THURS

5, 12,  
19, 26

FEBRUARY

## Kickboxing

For NFN Members and Affiliates 18+

12 - 12:45 p.m. | Holy Spirit Church Basement

Registration is required if you are new, contact the LCHC for equipment.

- Wear comfortable clothing
- Bring your own water bottle
- No experience needed

 Register with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or 705-753-3312



SAT

7

FEBRUARY

## Stained Glass Feather Workshop

For NFN Members and Affiliates

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | LCHC Boardroom

- Dinner and refreshments provided.
- Registration is required, limited spots available!

 Register with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or 705-753-3312



SUN

8

FEBRUARY

## Super Bowl Party

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

6 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village

- Come out for a fun evening!
- Transportation available upon request

 Register with [darrenn@nfn.ca](mailto:darrenn@nfn.ca)

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MON  
9  
FEBRUARY

## Kids Hangout

For NFN Members and Affiliates 6-12

5 - 7 p.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)

MON  
9  
FEBRUARY

## Youth Crafts

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Transportation available upon request

 Register with [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)

TUES  
10  
FEBRUARY

## Partners Bowling

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

6 - 9 p.m. | Partners North Bay

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)

MON-WED  
9-11  
FEBRUARY

## Healing and Wellness with Dr. Makar Wellness Practitioner

For NFN Members and Affiliates ages 18+

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Sundown Ridge, Chalet #1

- Limited spots available, registration required.
- Once the form is submitted, we'll contact you with your time slot.
- Dr. Makar will offer body work and will not be doing alignment services.

 To register complete the form, questions: [socialservices@nfn.ca](mailto:socialservices@nfn.ca)



TUES  
10  
FEBRUARY

## Kids Video Game Night

For NFN Members and Affiliates 6-12

5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)

WED  
11  
FEBRUARY

## Diner's Club

For NFN Seniors 55+

Noon | Duchesnay Hall

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THURS  
12, 19, 26  
FEBRUARY

## Chair Yoga

For NFN Members and Affiliates 55+

10 - 11 a.m. | Duchesnay Elders' Lodge

- Wear comfortable clothing.
- Bring your own water bottle.
- No experience needed, drop-ins welcome.

 For more information: [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or 705-753-3312



FEBRUARY

FRI  
13  
FEBRUARY

## Valentines Day Dance

For NFN Members and Affiliates 6-12

6 - 8 p.m. | Holy Spirit Church Basement

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)

FRI  
13  
FEBRUARY



## Powassan Voodoos Game

Indigenous Family Celebration Night

7 p.m. | Powassan Arena

Espanola Paper Kings VS. Powassan Voodoos

- Tickets and Transportation provided.

 Register with [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)

MON  
16  
FEBRUARY

## Family Day Breakfast

For NFN Members and Affiliates

9 a.m. - Noon | Nbisiing Secondary School

- Transportation available upon request.

 For more information, contact [kerril@nfn.ca](mailto:kerril@nfn.ca)



SUN  
15  
FEBRUARY

## Wacky Wing

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

1 - 3 p.m. | Wacky Wings North Bay

- Transportation available upon request.

 Register with [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)

TUES  
17  
FEBRUARY

## Kids Hangout

For NFN Members and Affiliates 6-12

5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

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**WED  
18  
FEBRUARY**

## Tie Blanket Making

For NFN Members and Affiliates ages 18+

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall**

- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Materials provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca)

**FRI  
20  
FEBRUARY**

## Lake Nipissing Community Information Session

**9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall**

- Hear from the NFN Environment Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and Nipissing University on ongoing aquatic projects.
- Register for the meal (traditional food) and win prizes!

 Register with [hollym@nfn.ca](mailto:hollym@nfn.ca) or 705-753-2050 ext. 1250



**WED  
18  
FEBRUARY**

## Kids Movie Night

For NFN Members and Affiliates 6-12

**5 - 7 p.m. | Library - Kendaaswin**

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)

**FRI  
20  
FEBRUARY**



**FRI  
20  
FEBRUARY**

## Seniors Bowling

For NFN Members and Affiliates ages 55+

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Chatelaines Bowling Sturgeon Falls**

- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Shoes and bowling fees covered
- Registration required

 Register with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca)

**SAT  
21  
FEBRUARY**

## Youth Galaxy Movies

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

**5- 10 p.m. | Galaxy Cinemas North Bay**

- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)



**SAT  
21  
FEBRUARY**

## Science North

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Sudbury**

- Transportation available upon request.
- Limited spots available, must register.
- Ticket provided.

 Register with [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)



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SAT-SUN

**21-22**

FEBRUARY

## Family Ice Fishing

For NFN Members and Affiliates

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lake Nipissing**

- Bring your own lunch
- Snowmobile transportation and Ice Fishing kits provided
- Limited spots available, registration required
- Affiliates MUST have a valid Fishing Licence

 Register with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca)

MON

**23**

FEBRUARY

## Youth Cooking

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

**5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village**

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Transportation available upon request

 Register with [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)

TUES

**24**

FEBRUARY

## Kids Hangout

For NFN Members and Affiliates 6-12

**5 - 7 p.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall**

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)

MON

**23**

FEBRUARY

## Kids Uno Tournament

For NFN Members and Affiliates 6-12

**5 - 7 p.m. | Holy Spirit Church Basement**

- Snacks and refreshments provided
- Limited spots available, registration required

 Register with [brooklynt@nfn.ca](mailto:brooklynt@nfn.ca)

TUES

**24**

FEBRUARY

## ID Clinic

For NFN Members and Affiliates

**2 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Garden Village Training Room**

- Need help accessing proper identification?
- We can help you access the required forms to apply for Ontario IDs, birth certificates, passports, and other essential identification documents.

 Contact: [lynq@nfn.ca](mailto:lynq@nfn.ca) or 705-753-1375 ext.2266

TUE

**24**

FEBRUARY

## Game Night

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

**5 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres. Garden Village**

- Come out and play some games!
- Transportation available upon request

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**WED  
25  
FEBRUARY**

## Lunch and Learn: Diabetes and Your Feet

For NFN Members and Affiliates

**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | LCHC**

- For anyone living or caring for someone with diabetes
- Learn how to keep your feet healthy when living with diabetes
- Prizes and care packages available
- Limited spots available, registration required

 To Register, Contact [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or 705-753-3312

**THURS  
26  
FEBRUARY**

## Maamwi Wiisnidaa

For NFN Members and Affiliates

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Dukesnay Community Hall**

- Free community meal!

 For more information, contact the food bank 705-753-6972

**THURS  
26  
FEBRUARY**

## Smoking and Vaping Awareness for Youth : Know the Facts

**5:30 -6:30 p.m. | LCHC Boardroom**

- For NFN youth ages 10-13
- Pizza dinner and snacks provided
- Registration required by [Friday, February 20](#), limited spots available
- Prizes!

 Register with [lisah@nfn.ca](mailto:lisah@nfn.ca) or 705-753-1375

**THURS  
26  
FEBRUARY**

## Tea Talks

For NFN Members and Affiliates 55+

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Dukesnay Elders' Lodge**

- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Registration encouraged, drop-ins welcome
- Maple sap teaching with Gokmis Doreen Bellaire

 Register with [registerlchc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlchc@nfn.ca) or 705-753-3312

**THURS  
26  
FEBRUARY**

## ID Clinic

For NFN Members and Affiliates

**2 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Dukesnay Community Hall**

- Need help accessing proper identification?
- We can help you access the required forms to apply for Ontario IDs, birth certificates, passports, and other essential identification documents.

 Contact: [lynq@nfn.ca](mailto:lynq@nfn.ca) or 705-753-1375 ext.2266

**THURS  
26  
FEBRUARY**



## Youth Battalion Game

For NFN Members and Affiliates ages 13-29

**7 p.m. | Boart Longyear Memorial Gardens  
Kingston Frontenacs VS. North Bay Battalion**

- Tickets and Transportation provided.
- Limited spots available, registration required.

 Register with [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca) or [ianc@nfn.ca](mailto:ianc@nfn.ca)

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FRI  
27  
FEBRUARY



## Smoking and Vaping Awareness for Youth : Know the Facts

5:30 -6:30 p.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall

- For NFN youth ages 14-18
- Pizza dinner and snacks provided
- Registration required by Friday, February 20, limited spots available
- Prizes!

 Register with [lisah@nfn.ca](mailto:lisah@nfn.ca) or 705-753-1375

SAT  
28  
FEBRUARY

## Youth Magic Show

For NFN Members and Affiliates 13-29

6 - 10 p.m. | Capitol Centre North Bay

- Limited spots available, registration required.

 Register with [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca)

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## WE'VE ENHANCED OUR WEBSITE WITH THE LAUNCH OF A "STAYING SAFE" PORTFOLIO

When we initially launched our new website in July 2025, we committed to ensuring it would always meet the needs of the 16 communities we serve.

Since then, we've added a new "Staying Safe" portfolio.

From human trafficking, missing persons, mental health, domestic violence, drug poisoning, sexual assault, fraud, criminal harassment, and emergency preparedness, this portfolio shares meaningful, actionable, culturally appropriate information about the issues and concerns that are important to you.

[Visit us at anishinabekpolice.ca](http://anishinabekpolice.ca)



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# Community Events

## Mkwa Giizis (Bear Moon) | February 2026

Namegiizhgod Sunday	Nokiigiizhgod Monday	Niizhgiiizhgod Tuesday	Aabtawse Wednesday	Shpinganwang Thursday	Jiibiiaatgogiizhgod Friday	Maaniigiizhgod Saturday
1 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	2 LCHC Open House 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Chief & Council Garden Village 7:30 p.m.	3 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	4 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	9 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	10 Diner's Club Duchesnay Hall Noon - 1 p.m. Entrepreneur Series: Business Planning and Start-Up Duchesnay Hall / Online Noon - 2 p.m.	11 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	12	13 Powassan Voodoos Indigenous Family Celebration Night Powassan Sportsplex 7:00 p.m.	14
15 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	16 Family Day Family Day Breakfast Nbisiing Secondary School 9 a.m. - Noon	17 Chief & Council Garden Village 7:30 p.m.	18 Entrepreneur Workshop Series: Finances Duchesnay Hall / Online Noon - 2 p.m. Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	19	20 Environment Department Information Session Duchesnay Hall 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	21 Family Ice Fishing Lake Nipissing 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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**Mukwa Miikan Landfill:** Saturday - Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | *Closed Monday, February 16, 2026*

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