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AGM 2018—2019

Friday February 14th 2020 (Viking Room)

6pm Supper is Provided

Elders Meeting 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday February 15th 2020 (Ballroom)

Breakfast 8:30 am-9:30 am

9:30 am - 12:00 pm - GGM review & Next Steps

Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Land Claim, Annuity Update

Sunday February 16th 2020 (Ballroom)

Breakfast Provided 8:30 am - 9:30 am

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - 18/19 Audit Presentation

Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm—Chief & Council Updates

Staff will have Presentation Boards available all day for both days...visit them to ask questions and offer ideas!!

REGISTER WITH GEORGINA ONLY!!

DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 7th AT NOON

IF YOU REGISTER LATE...you will have to wait for your cheque until the end of the next week.NO EXCEPTIONS..

Child Care Provided - Register kids with Georgina ONLY!!

BAND ADMINISTRATOR

Quarter 1 - April 1 to June 30

Quarter 3 - October 1 to December 31

Quarter 2 - July 1 to September 30

Quarter 4 - January 1 to March 31

We are in our final quarter of the fiscal year (January - March). This is a very busy time for us with planning for the upcoming year. Our annual planning includes workplans and budgets for all dollars received by the First Nation. We try to budget for what we know is coming, but naturally other events and emergencies come up throughout the year. We do our best to account for these and budget what we can to address them.

- Workplans are created based on what kind of activities funders say we can do according to their rules.
- Activities and Events are created based on what Members have identified as a need or a priority through the Comprehensive Community Plan for the Community.

If you have any ideas for workshops, activities or events for the



"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle."

Members Addresses

We have had many conflicts recently due to Member's addresses, especially when it comes to Community Meetings and Travel Cheques. Council has discussed this looking for a solution.

As of January 2020 all travel cheques will be made from your PHYSICAL address. This means where you are actually living. NOT where your mail is sent.

Georgina Nayanookeesic
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RECEPTIONIST



I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays, as for us at the office its been pretty busy.

This month, I will be doing registration for the up coming AGM.

Please.... if you are leaving a message.... leave your name and number so I can return your call with a registration number or e-mail me at gnayanookeesic@aza.ca

I cannot take registration from other Staff Members or Facebook.

If I haven't given you a registration number....you aren't registered yet.call me back if I haven't returned your call before February 7th.

If you have a picture you want to share in the newsletter call Georgina.

If you DO NOT want your name on the Birthday Page or your picture in our newsletter.....you need to call Georgina.

Please be advised that when you sign up for your newsletter by email you will no longer get a hard copy in the mail....

We have a Member's Corner page if you would like to add a picture or a little story you would like to share just email me at gnayanookeesic@aza.ca

Joe Donio

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Development Manager

Happy New Year !!

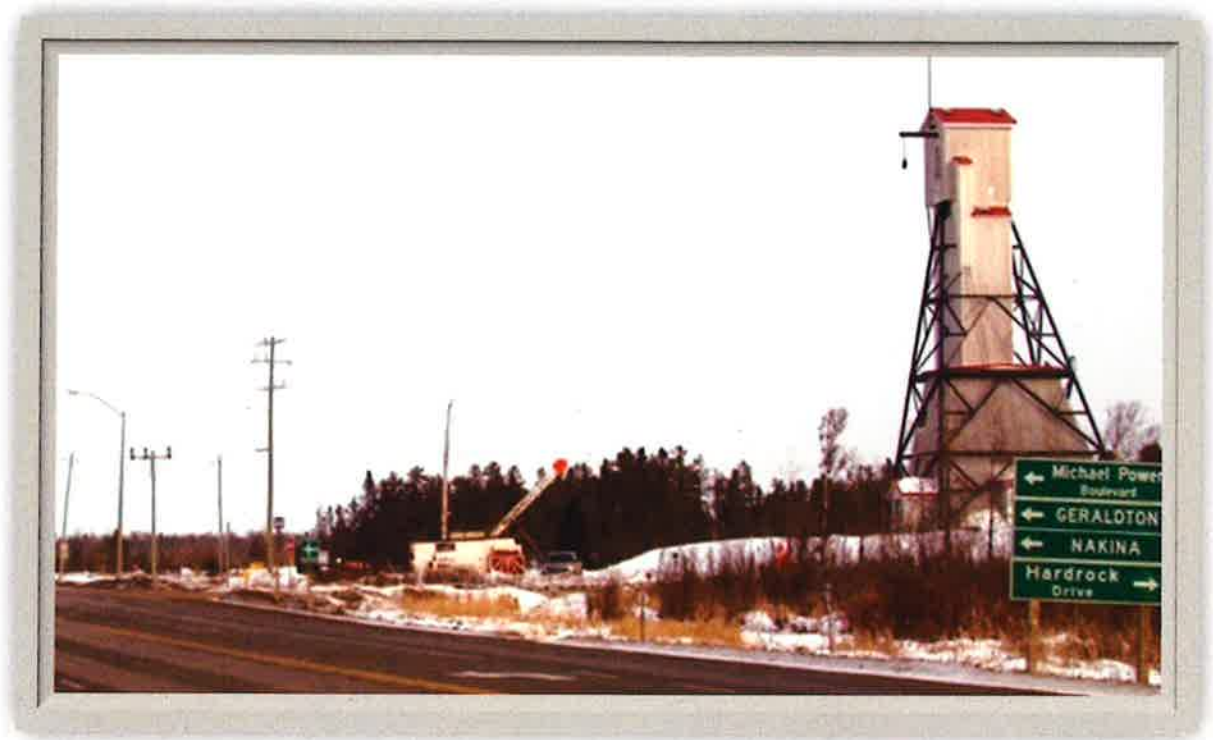


AZA, along with our partners Aroland and Ginoogaming First Nations have created a new company called Minodahmun Development Limited Partnership to capitalize and manage many business opportunities related to the Greenstone Gold Mines (GGM) Hardrock Project. The First Nations are all equal owners.

- ⇒ Minodahmun means “a clear, good path” in Anishinaabemowin and was selected by a member of Ginoogaming and confirmed by their Elders. Through the Long-Term Relationship Agreement (LTRA), Minodahmun will hold contracts related to the Hardrock Mine for construction, site services and operations opportunities.
- ⇒ Minodahmun is in the start-up phase and beginning to negotiate joint venture agreements with major construction, mine supply, and speciality companies to provide services and supplies to the mine.
- ⇒ Minodahmun will also play a major role in assisting AZA members in accessing training and employment opportunities with GGM, Minodahmun, joint venture partners and other spin-off businesses. This Project will bring a tremendous amount of training and employment opportunities to our community, and through the LTRA, AZA members have priority for those opportunities. The goal of Minodahmun is to ensure that any AZA member who wishes to participate in training or employment has the opportunity to do so and are supported. Over the coming months a training and employment inventory will be completed in to find out which members are interested in working directly for GGM, MDLP or one of the many sub-contractors. This information will help us to develop an upgrading program as well as specific training programs to meet the needs of the interested members.
- ⇒ Minodahmun’s goal is to maximize our opportunities from the Greenstone Gold Mine and to become the region’s leading Indigenous-owned site-services and supply company for mining and industrial projects in our Traditional Territory. This will ensure that AZA and our partner First Nations can benefit from development and keep the economic growth from these projects in our communities.

ALSO, the recent news about the lawsuit between Centerra Gold and Premier Gold is unfortunate but it does not mean that the Hardrock Project or anything related to our LTRA is in jeopardy. These types of legal actions happen in business and this may cause a project delay, but this is not really a bad thing for our group as it will give us more time to get ready for the project and to successfully complete the work identified above.

TRAINING



REMINDER: Training Opportunities currently open through AETS.

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- ◇ **Ontario Drivers' Licence Training – Last intakes at the end of February 2020.**

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- ◇ **If you are interested, please contact Bonnie Cordone at 1-866-870-AETS asap!**

The

Partridge Planner



January 2020

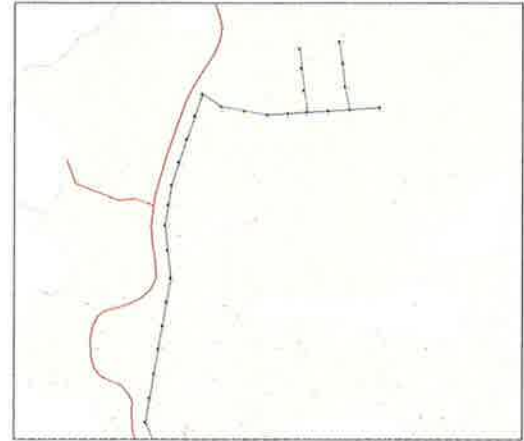
HYDRO COMING TO LAKE NIPIGON RESERVE

AZA has finally received approval for the funding of hydro On Reserve by Indigenous Services Canada.

HydroOne will start working on the installation of hydro in February.

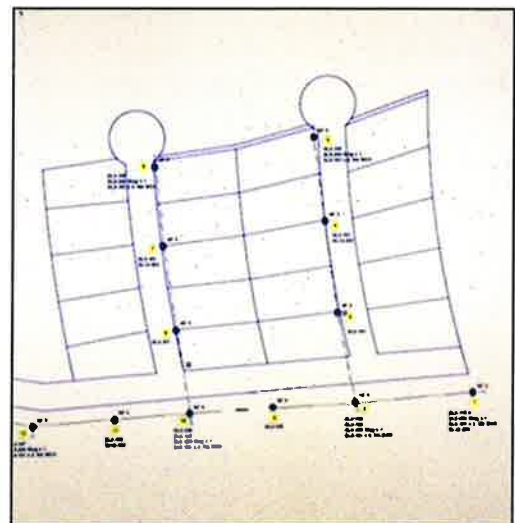
The work will consist of upgrading the single phase line from Jellicoe to the Reserve and installing a new line into the community.

The cost of this project is 2.5 million dollars. AZA 's cost share for this project is \$ 40,000.



Hydro Line along Partridge Lake Rd

Hydro Line



Hydro Line for 20 lots

Hydro Line



For more information, questions, or concerns
Contact Alice Sasines, Community Planner
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Partridge Planner



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AZA LAND MANAGEMENT

Coming up in 2020, information sessions about the Land Management.

Brenda Belmore, Lands Advisory Board, and I will be hosting information sessions in February to answer any questions, concerns, or comments regarding what the Land Code means for AZA.

It is our goal to ensure that everyone understands what the benefits and drawbacks are in accepting a Land Code for AZA.

AZA members will be voting on whether or not to accept the Land Code in May. A copy of the draft Land Code and a summary of the Individual Agreement will be mailed to all eligible voters in January. This will give you time to review it and if you have any questions or don't understand what it means, you can attend one of the information sessions or call in with your questions.

I will be sending out a schedule of the workshops next month.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

The next meeting for SWM is set for January 23rd in Beardmore.

The Steering Committee is working hard to get all the BCR's completed so that Greenstone can initiate the Environmental Assessment.

We will be hosting information sessions in the new year to get input from all the First Nations involved and the communities within the Municipality of Greenstone.

The Environmental Assessment will take at least a year to complete, but in the meantime some of the landfill sites are reaching capacity and will be closing down.



For more information, questions, or concerns
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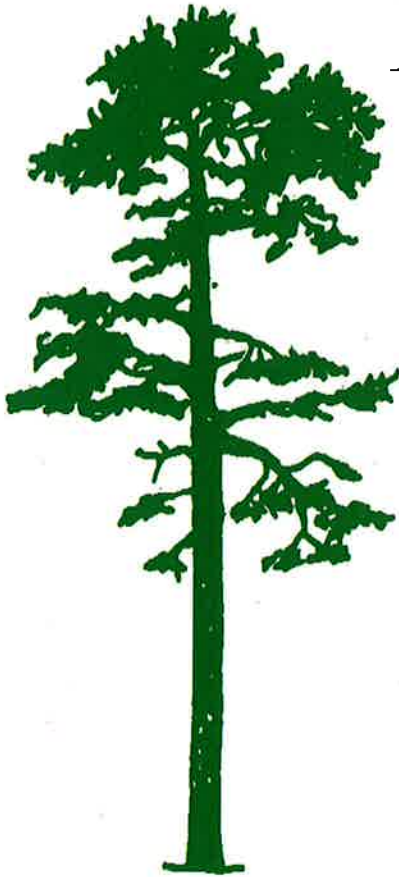
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“The Earth does not belong to man; Man belongs to the Earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.”

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GGM Consultation

Good Day to all and Happy New Year!



This month the Environmental Advisory Subcommittee had met to review and provide input on permits for the Hardrock project. We still have quite a few more permits to go through, but we are quickly getting them done.

- ⇒ Field Work this month at the Hardrock site. Surface water sampling, and flow stations.
- ⇒ I am still working on the list of members that own heavy equipment. This list is so that if any subcontracting opportunities arise at the mine site I will have a list of members that own equipment who I can call.

If there are any further questions please call, or email me.

I would like to thank those that were able to make it out to the first AZA Dart Tournament in Geraldton. This was a spectacular event. We had a good turnout of members that ranged from Youth to Elders participating in the tournament.

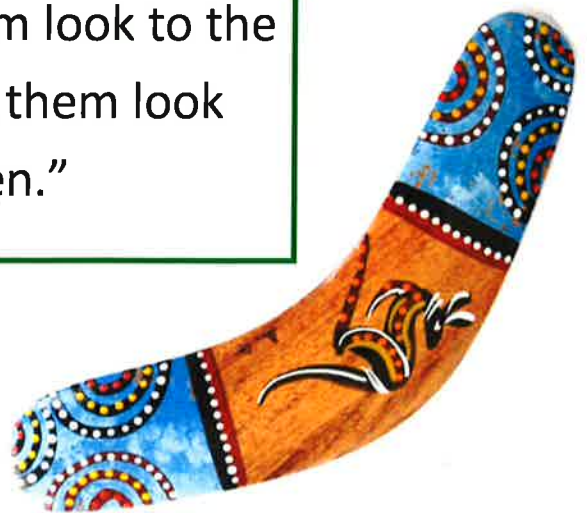
A big thank you to AZA for sponsoring the event, also a big thank you to Harvey Nayanookeesic and Irvin Shawayahamish for organizing the event. A thanks goes out to Kenny Stephenson for doing the tournament draw and a thanks to the Geraldton Dart League for allowing us to use their dart boards and equipment. And a thanks to the Geraldton Legion.



Signing off till next month, your one and only Mason Shawayahamish!

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“Let them look to the past, but let them also look to the future; let them look to the land of their ancestors, but let them look also to the land of their children.”



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Early Years Coordinator

Check out what's happening this month!

Early Years Programming

Early Years Language Class

Tuesday January 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 3:45 pm

AZA Trailer Beardmore

Adult Language Class

Tuesday January 14, 21, & 28, 6:00-8:00 pm

AZA Trailer Beardmore

Drum Social

Wednesday January 15th at 5:00 pm

Aza Trailer Beardmore

Tie Blanket Workshop

Wednesday January 22 at 6:00 pm

AZA Trailer Beardmore

Tie Blanket Workshop

Thursday January 23 at 6:00 pm

Jellicoe Rec Hall

Tie Blanket Workshop

Thursday January 29 at 6:00 pm

Geraldton French Club

Healthy Baby Visits

January 16th—Thunder Bay Visits

January 23rd - Beardmore & Jellicoe Visits



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Early Years Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

Babysitting Course

February 1st & 2nd, 2020 (Must have been registered)

February Early Years Programming

Early Years Language Class

Tuesday Feb 4, 11, 18, & 25, 3:45 pm

AZA Trailer Beardmore

Adult Language Class

Tuesday Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6:00-8:00 pm

AZA Trailer Beardmore

Valentines Day Party

Wednesday February 5 at 6:00 pm

AZA Trailer Beardmore

Cooking Class—Freezer Meals Workshop

Monday February 10th (Day time— Exact Hours TBD)

All Moms and Caretakers of 0-6 year old children are welcomed to attend

To register please contact Nikki (This will be ran during the day.)



Valentine's Day Party

Wednesday February 12 at 6:00 pm

Jellicoe Rec Hall

Drum Social

Wednesday February 19th at 5:00 pm

AZA Trailer Beardmore

Healthy Baby Visits

February 13th—Thunder Bay Visits

February 20th - Beardmore & Jellicoe Visits



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BUILD A BEAR WORKSHOP WILL NOW BE IN MARCH

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Good Day to all the Members:

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Financial Controller

GGM LTRA BONUS – MINOR CHILDREN

As you are aware in celebration of completing the negotiations for the GGM Long Term Relationship Agreement, the Chief and Council, have agreed to distribute \$1,000.00 to every AZA Members on the official Membership list as of Dec. 9, 2019.

All adult Members (18 +) are currently in the process of completing the required forms and payments will be sent out shortly as they are done.

For those minor Members (under 18 years of age), their portion of the bonus payment will be invested and secured, and paid out to them as they turn 18 and become adults.

At the time the children turn 18, they can contact the office and a GGM LTRA Request Package will be sent out to them at that time.

To confirm if your child is part of this list, please contact the Membership Clerk Denise Bottle, and she will be able to confirm this for you.

Ana

“When money realizes that it is in good hands, it wants to stay and multiply in those hands.”



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Top 15 Things Money Can't Buy

Time. Happiness. Inner Peace. Integrity.

Love. Character. Manners. Health.

Respect. Morals. Trust. Patience. Class.

Common Sense. Dignity."



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Medical Transportation Clerk

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and wishing you and your family all the best in 2020.

The Medical Transportation Department has been busy since we returned to work after the holidays. I have processed 27 prior approvals (applications before the appointment due date), and waiting for 40 post approvals (applications made after the appointment due date) to be posted. This is why I need your paperwork immediately after your appointment, as it slows NIHB approving, and it slows our invoicing NIHB to recover costs.

I have invoiced the approved applications of October, November and December to the NIHB Main Office for reimbursement. The total amount of the advanced payments for the 3 months paid by AZA to Members to attend their appointments was \$8,886.44 with the understanding that NIHB will pay us back once all paperwork confirmations are received.

It has come to my attention that the doctor's offices is calling patients for their appointments; can you please ask them to fax confirmation of your appointment to 807-875-2161, or ask them their name and phone # as I'll need to verify your appointment with them before sending in your application to NIHB.

Just a friendly reminder to notify me about your appointments as soon as you hear about it. NIHB requires a 10 day notice in order for your application to be processed and approved on time.

To all the Members that use the Medical Transportation program, I would like to thank you for your co-operation. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at the office, 807-875-2785 Ext: 258 or email at medicaltrip@aza.ca.

Chi-Miigwetch,



Lynda Lynch
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MANAGER of HEALTH SERVICES

Hope you all had a safe and happy holiday!

This month I will be;

- working on our Health Fair which will take place in March.....
- attend Greenstone services and programs meeting
- begin 2020-2021 workplans and budgets
- working on new health newsletter for new fiscal

Have a great month!

Lynda

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Health



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Homecare Coordinator



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FAMILY OUTREACH WORKER



Hi everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and created some wonderful family memories. Here are the programs for the month of January and February of 2020.....wow 2020, when I was a child I didn't realize that years changed and now when I look at 2020 gee how and where the time went. I would also like to inform you that Jellicoe programming will be on hold for a bit. I will post when programming will start up there in the near future.

Roles & Responsibilities (Hands on workshops that looks into history of how our roles were as family members and how they either changed or still the same). We will also be working on scenarios to see what we can do to assist our families in need as family members. Lunch/ supper will be provided, one or the other depends on the dates and times. We will also be having random food bingo prizes during the workshop. I hope to see you there).

Geraldton - Royal Canadian Legion – **January 12, 2020 – 10am – 2pm.**

Nipigon – Multi Purpose Room – Arena – **January 18, 2020 – 11am – 2pm**

Beardmore - Trailer – **January 20, 2020 – 5pm-8pm**

Thunder Bay – Oliver Community Center – **January 24 – 4pm-8pm**

Meet & Greet (This invite if for the community members to come and visit with me to get to know one another. I will bring some activities for you and your family to do like craft material and board games. There will be a door prize for participants to enter in and great food. At times we need to reach out when needed, but we intend not to, and with that said I'm here and I will listen to your struggles and together we can come up with a plan to assist you and your family).

Nipigon–Multi Purpose Room – Arena- **January 19, 2020 – 11am – 2pm**

Beardmore – Trailer – **January 27, 2020-5pm-8pm.**

Thunder Bay – Oliver Community Centre – two day one to meet and next day for intake and schedule home visits – **February 2, 2020-4pm – 7pm & February 3, 2020 – 10am-2pm.**

Geraldton – Royal Canadian Legion – two day one to meet and next day for intake and schedule home visits **March 7, 2020 – 10am-2pm & March 8, 2020 – 10am – 2pm.**

Family Tree & Strengths – (This program is about strengthening your family, creating a family tree and hands on Activities. Lunch or Supper will be provided and a prize bingo randomly during the program).

Nipigon – Multi Purpose Room – **February 8, 2020 – 11am-2pm.**

Geraldton – Royal Canadian Legion – **February 9, 2020 - 10am – 2pm.**

Beardmore – Trailer – **February 17, 2020 – 5pm-8pm.**

Thunder Bay – Oliver community Center – **March 13, 2020 – 4pm-7pm.**

Paige Nadeau

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Youth Coordinator

Hello members, I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday!

In December Indigenous Vitality came all the way from Winnipeg to teach our youth some hockey skills!! We had a great weekend & on Sunday we ended it off with a nice lunch, We had beef stew & bannock..

Thank you to Wanda Lamothe for donating the bannock- it was delicious and paired perfectly with the stew!

Congratulations to Kendra Goodman who won the attendance draw for a \$200 gift card to play it again sports :)

Thank you to all the Youth who came out & participated!



Upcoming events this month:

January 14th- Dream Catcher Making at the AZA trailer in Beardmore- 5:30pm-8:30pm

January 22nd- Tie Blanket Workshop in Nipigon at the arena in the multipurpose room 4:00pm- 6:30pm

January 31- Tie Blanket Workshop at the Thunderbird Friendship Center in Geraldton- 5:30pm-8:30pm

For all workshops there will be food and beverages provided– There will also be door prizes available for participants!

February:

February 7th– Youth Swim & Pizza Night at the Canada Games Complex in Thunder Bay– 5:30pm-9:00pm

February 15 & 16th– AGM In Thunder Bay.

February 19th-21st - IFN OICYS & Family Well-Being Retreat in Thunder Bay.



Member's Corner

Language Class is back With Mary Blakely

It will run from January 2020 to March 2020

Every Tuesday from

6pm to 8pm

At AZA

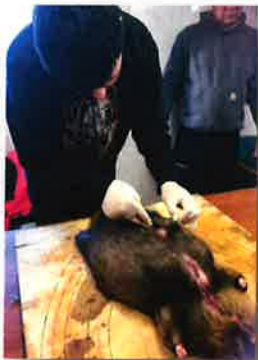


Contact Yvette if you are interested in taking the next Trappers Course.....We will begin a list again until we have enough to hold another Course.

If you'd like to take part in the next PAL course — contact Yvette to be put on the list.....there will be one coming soon!!

TRAPPERS COURSE

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

REMINDER

**Send Any
photos that
you want to
see in
Newsletter to
Georgina**

**For a
Change of
address or
email
contact
Georgina**

**If you are
Expecting
A Baby
Let
NIKKI
know!!**



It's Your Birthday!

Matthew Anakons	Irvin Shawayahamish
John Bottle	Blake Stephenson—Nelson
Michael Chisholm	Andrew Sutherland
Wendy Darling	Dale Taylor
Blake Gagne-Belleau	Darryl Taylor
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Kolby Johnson	
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