

MARCH 2026

# SAUGEEN NEWS

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The Saugeen news is published under the direction of Saugeen Band Council,  
6 Cameron Dr. Southampton, Ontario, N0H 2L0  
For free distribution to members of the Saugeen Band.



# COMMUNITY DEPUTATION DAYS

5:00–8:00PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6 CAMERON DR.

JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>

FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>

MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>

JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>

AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>

SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

Individuals wishing to make a deputation must submit their request, reasons for their deputation, and any supporting documentation to the Executive Assistant to Chief & Council no later than 5 days prior to the regularly scheduled deputation meeting. Please remember that respectful conduct is expected from everyone. Any form of misbehaviour will be addressed immediately and will not be tolerated. Each person will have 10 minutes to present to Chief & Council.

## CONTACT

LEONA.ROOTE@SAUGEEN.ORG

519-797-2781 EXT. 1103



\*light snacks & refreshments will be provided



# Saugeen First Nation #29

**Date:** February 19, 2026

**To:** Saugeen First Nation#29 Band Members

**From:** Chief and Council

**Re:** Interest Distribution aka Annual Christmas Gift

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Due to questions arising about the funds that band members receive before Christmas, this is a breakdown of those funds and the sources of funding used:

This past Christmas 2025, the \$1,025 that each member received came from the following sources:

Honi/Bruce to Milton	\$ 450.00
Medical Isotopes	246.00
Ottawa Trust interest	98.00
Own Source (Lease Rev)	231.00

With approximately 2,000+ band members, the payout has been approximately \$2,050,000+ each year

These are not “Treaty monies”, but monies from our own sources of income.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS, HEIRS AND OTHER CLAIMANTS

In the matter of the Indian Act, R.S.C. 1985, C. I-5 and amendments thereto and in the matter of the estate of Gregg Daniel Root, Band no. 1015-01,  
Saugeen Band, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 8 of the Indian Estates Regulation, THAT ALL CREDITORS, heirs and other claimants having demands or claims against the estate of Gregg Daniel Root (Name of Deceased) who died on or about the 4th of March, 2024, ARE REQUIRED to produce on or before 2026/02/11 (Actual Date - YYYYMMDD) to Karen Brenda Stevens, 912 French Bay Road, Southampton, Ontario, N0H 2L0 (Name of Executor/Administrator) (Address of Executor/Administrator) their names and addresses,

full particulars and evidence of their claims, statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that after the last mentioned date THE EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATOR will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard ONLY TO CLAIMS FILED BEFORE THAT DATE or ANY LATER DATE determined by Ministerial Order, and the said Executor/Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claims notice was not filed by 2026/02/11 (Actual Date / YYYYMMDD) unless the Minister ordered it may be later received.

Dated at Saugeen First Nation,  
in the Province/Territory of Ontario,  
this 17th of December, 2025.  
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Signature of Executor/Administrator: Karen Brenda Stevens Date (YYYYMMDD): 2025/12/17

Saugeen First Nation #29



Education Department

## Considering *College* or *University*?

The Education Department is now taking Post Secondary funding applications.  
**Deadline to apply: March 1, 2026, for spring/summer studies, and  
April 1, 2026, September studies.**

Please call or email for an application:

Tel: 519-797-2781, ext. 1119 [elaine.cameron@saugeen.org](mailto:elaine.cameron@saugeen.org)



Note: All new students applying for funding must also apply to their program of choice through OCAS and OUAC. Contact information below.



### **College**

Ontario College Application Services, (OCAS)  
<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>

or

### **University**

Ontario Universities Application Center (OUAC).  
<https://www.ouac.on.ca>



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## ***Post-Secondary Eligibility***

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- Applicant must be a Saugeen Band Member that has resided in Canada for a period of Twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date of application.
- Full-time studies in post-secondary program must be a minimum of eight (8) months in duration.
- Can enroll in the University and College Entrance Preparation program (ACE) that is a minimum of eight (8) months in duration.
- Required to be in good standing with a full-time post-secondary program of studies.
- Students must enroll in the maximum full-time course load the institution lists as the maximum course load. The minimum full-time course load is not acceptable unless you have academic accommodation granted by your college or university.
- Must be progressing through the education process. Students must always be achieving the next level of higher education.
- Application deadlines are:
  - March 1, 2026, for Spring or Summer start.
  - April 1, 2026, September starts.
  - November 23, 2026, January starts.

Students must check your email regularly. the Education Departments preferred method of contact is through email.

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Bluewater DSB Adult & Continuing Education  
2025-26 School Year  
Student Guide



[Welcome to Adult and Continuing Education!](#)

## Staff

Bailey Finlayson - Guidance Teacher

[bailey\\_finlayson@bwdsb.on.ca](mailto:bailey_finlayson@bwdsb.on.ca)

Michael Kolinias - Co-op, Math & Science Teacher

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Myke Zinn - Adult Education Teacher

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Andrea Anions - Adult Education Teacher

[andrea\\_anions@bwdsb.on.ca](mailto:andrea_anions@bwdsb.on.ca)

Annie MacKinnon, Adult Education Coordinator

[adulted@bwdsb.on.ca](mailto:adulted@bwdsb.on.ca)

Guidance Intake Form

<https://forms.office.com/r/gP3LD9CgP8>

## Ontario Secondary School Diploma types & Entry Dates

- SSGD - entered Gr 9 Sept 1, 1983 or earlier
- OSSD (89) - Sept 1, 1984 - Aug 31, 1999
- OSSD (99) - Sept 1, 1999 - Aug 31, 2024
- Current OSSD (2025) - Sept 1, 2024 and onward

## College Application Information

- The minimum requirement for **most** college programs in Ontario is an OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma) with **ENG4C**.
- Apply through OCAS: <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>
- **ONLINE** College Application Information session: March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

## Course Offerings

**\*\*\*Note: All courses offered are subject to course prerequisites.**

### Course Code Legend:

U= university level   C= college level   M= mixed (college/uni)   E= workplace level   O= open level

Subject	Courses Offered	Programs
<u>English</u>	<p><b>OLC30/OLC40</b> - Ontario Literacy Course</p> <p><b>ENG3E/3C</b> - Gr. 11 English, workplace/college levels</p> <p><b>ENG4E/4C</b> - Gr. 12 English - workplace/college/university levels</p>	<p>Correspondence (Self-study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semester 1, Semester 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Online Night School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 1, Term 2, Term 3, Term 4</li> </ul>
<u>Math</u>	<p><b>MEL3E</b> - Gr. 11 Math, workplace level</p> <p><b>MBF3C</b> - Gr. 11 Math, college level</p> <p><b>MCF3M</b> - Gr. 11 Math, university/college level</p> <p><b>MAP4C</b> - Gr. 12 Math, college level</p>	<p>Correspondence (Self-study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semester 1, Semester 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Online Night School</b></p> <p>***MEL3E, MBF3C, MAP4C only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 1, Term 2, Term 3, Term 4</li> </ul>
<u>Science</u>	<p><b>SBI3C</b> - Gr. 11 Biology, College level</p> <p><b>SCH4C</b> - Gr. 12 Chemistry, College Level</p> <p><b>SPH4C</b> - Gr. 12 Physics, College level</p>	<p>Correspondence (Self-study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semester 1, Semester 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Online Night School</b></p> <p>***SPH4C/4U</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 3</li> </ul>
<u>Guidance</u>	<p><b>GWL30</b> - Gr. 11 Designing Your future, open level</p> <p><b>GPP30</b> - Gr. 11 Peer Support &amp; Leadership, open level</p> <p><b>GLE30/40</b> - Gr. 11/12 Learning Skills, open level</p>	<p>Correspondence (Self-study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semester 1, Semester 2</li> </ul>
<u>Business</u>	<p><b>BDP30</b> - Gr. 11 Business, open level</p>	<p>Correspondence (Self-study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semester 1, Semester 2</li> </ul>
<u>Cooperative Education</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-credit co-op</li> <li>2-credit co-op</li> <li>3-credit co-op</li> <li>4-credit co-op</li> <li>Maximum 4-credits per semester</li> </ul>	<p>Credits@work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semester 1</li> <li>Semester 2</li> <li>110 hrs worked = 1 credit</li> <li>Must be employed to register</li> </ul>
<u>Dual Credit</u>	<p>Georgian College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal Finance (Online)</li> </ul> <p>Fanshawe College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical Photography (In-person)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Personal Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day &amp; Duration: TBD</li> <li>Time: 6-7:30 p.m. <b>ONLINE</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Practical Photography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day &amp; Duration: TBD</li> <li>Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. <b>IN-PERSON</b></li> </ul>

## Terms & Semester Dates

Mark maintain date: last day to drop courses without academic penalty

Program	Semester & Term Dates	Program Details
<u><b>Correspondence</b></u>	<p><b>Semester 1</b> Sep 2, 2025 - Jan 29, 2026 <b>Mark Maintain Date:</b> Dec 1, 2025</p> <p><b>Semester 2</b> Feb 2, 2026 - June 26, 2026 <b>Mark Maintain date:</b> May 4, 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-study</li> <li>• Access to teacher support and feedback</li> <li>• 5 months to complete course</li> <li>• Work at own pace</li> </ul>
<u><b>Credits@Work</b></u>	<p><b>Semester 1</b> Sep 2, 2025 - Jan 29, 2026 <b>Mark Maintain Date:</b> Dec 1, 2025</p> <p><b>Semester 2</b> Jan 30, 2026 - June 26, 2026 <b>Mark Maintain date:</b> May 4, 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be employed to register</li> <li>• Students' forms must be completed by student &amp; employer</li> <li>• 110 hrs work = 1 Credit</li> <li>• Only elective credits are earned through credits@work</li> </ul>
<u><b>Online Night School</b></u>	<p><b>Term 1</b> Sep 15, 2025 - Nov 24, 2025 <b>Mark Maintain date:</b> Oct 23, 2025</p> <p><b>Term 2</b> Dec 1, 2025 - Feb 23, 2026 <b>Mark Maintain Date:</b> Jan 21, 2026</p> <p><b>Term 3</b> Mar 2, 2026 - May 20, 2026 <b>Mark Maintain date:</b> Apr 16, 2026</p> <p><b>Term 4</b> May 25, 2026 - August 5, 2026 <b>Mark Maintain date:</b> June 30, 2026</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operates Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs</li> <li>• 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Attendance is mandatory</li> <li>• Teacher led, synchronous learning</li> <li>• 10-week terms</li> <li>• English, Math and Physics courses offered</li> </ul>
<u><b>Dual Credit</b></u>	<p><b>Semester 2</b> Jan 30, 2026 - June 26, 2026</p> <p>Courses are offered as the college schedule within Semester 2 of Adult and Continuing Ed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-class and online courses offered</li> <li>• Attendance is mandatory</li> <li>• Limited space</li> <li>• Students successful in a Dual Credit Course earn 1 College credit and 1 Secondary School Credit</li> </ul>

# **Student Forms**

## **Notice of Learning Accommodation Form**

- If you require specific accommodations for your courses, complete the form below to notify your guidance counsellor and teacher(s)
- [Bluewater DSB Adult Education - Notice of Learning Accommodation – Fill out form](#)

## **NEW! 2025-26 Intent to Graduate Form**

- [Bluewater DSB Adult Education: Intent to Graduate – Fill out form](#)

## **Student Letter Request Form**

- If you need a letter reflecting proof of graduation or proof of enrolment
- <https://forms.office.com/r/6vyfRy7cWt>

## **Student Course Drop/Change form**

- If you need to drop or change a course for any reason, use the form below:
- <https://forms.office.com/r/M8sWnHxzTp>

## **Community Service Hours**

- All students who entered high school on or after 1999 are required to complete and submit 40 community service hours. You can submit your hours using the link below.
- <https://forms.office.com/r/xPk45g5fYe>

## **Junior PLAR Assessments**

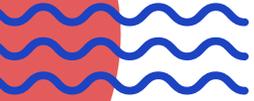
- If you have been told by your guidance counselor you need to complete a junior PLAR assessment in either Science, Geography and or History, you can access them all using this links below:
- **Geography:** <https://forms.office.com/r/Y0DA20sdkH>
- **History:** [Bluewater DSB Adult Education Jr. PLAR History Assessment – Fill out form](#)
- **Science:** <https://forms.office.com/r/UiASdsX8AQ>

## **Senior PLAR Application**

- If you have been told by your guidance counselor, you are eligible for Senior PLAR Equivalency credits; it is your responsibility to complete the online Sr. PLAR application form. You can do this using the link below:
- <https://forms.office.com/r/KNCjcVDttn>

## **BWDSB Adult Education Course Selection forms**

- **Online Night School Term 3 / Term 4:** [Adult Ed Night School Course Selections \[Term 3 and Term 4\] – Fill out form](#)
- **Semester 2 Correspondence:** [Adult Ed \[Semester 2\] Correspondence Course Selection Form – Fill out form](#)
- **Semester 2 Co-op:** [BWDSB Adult Ed \[Semester 2\] Co-op Registration Form – Fill out form](#)
- **Adult Education Dual Credit Application:** [BWDSB Adult Ed Dual Credit Application Winter/Spring 2026 \(Georgian College and Fanshawe\) – Fill out form](#)



## Student Services

Bluewater District School Board Adult Education program offers a number of services to assist students in determining the steps required to help you achieve your goal of graduating with your high school diploma. Services include:

- Guidance Services
- mPLAR (Prior Learning Assessment Recognition for mature students)
- OSSD Requirements
- Registration Information
- Course Guide
- Graduation

## Intake Form available online

<https://forms.office.com/r/gP3LD9CgP8>

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## Adult & Continuing Education 2025-26 Student Guide

[https://adulthood.bwdsb.on.ca/student\\_services/student\\_guide](https://adulthood.bwdsb.on.ca/student_services/student_guide)

## For more information:

Email: [AdultEd@bwdsb.on.ca](mailto:AdultEd@bwdsb.on.ca)

Phone: 519-363-2014 (follow the prompts for Adult Education)



**Are you wanting to  
complete your Ontario  
Secondary School  
Diploma?**

**Bluewater District School Board's  
Adult Education Program can help**

[www.adulthood.bwdsb.on.ca](http://www.adulthood.bwdsb.on.ca)



# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child starting kindergarten in September please register them with the school and contact Saugeen Education Department to ensure they are on the bus list.

**Saugeen Education Department**

Phone: 519-797-2781 x 1120

Email: [janice.mason@saugeen.org](mailto:janice.mason@saugeen.org)

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## PLEASE HAVE PROOF OF AGE, ADDRESS AND VACCINATIONS

To register at **G.C. Huston Public School**, 61 Victoria St. N., Southampton:

Phone: 519-797-3241

Visit: [www.bwdsb.on.ca/programs/kindergarten](http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/programs/kindergarten)

To register at **St. Joseph's Catholic School**, 584 Stafford St., Port Elgin:

Phone: 519-389-5495

Email: [STJ.INFO@BGCDSEB.ORG](mailto:STJ.INFO@BGCDSEB.ORG)

Visit: [www.bgcdsb.org/kinder](http://www.bgcdsb.org/kinder)

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# Weegwaus Complex

8 Village Rd.

**Application  
Deadline**

March 13, 2026

**Occupancy**

April 1, 2026



The Housing Department is now accepting applications for 2-2 bedroom units at the Weegwaus Complex. Rent is \$600/month including hydro.

## Contact Us

519-797-2781 ext. 1108

[housing.clerk@saugeen.org](mailto:housing.clerk@saugeen.org)

[saugeenfirstnation.com/housing-department/](http://saugeenfirstnation.com/housing-department/)



# March



# 2026

## Saugeen Ontario Works



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Information Session at 1:30pm	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Woman's Day</i> 	9	10	11	12 ODSP in Office  GoodFoodBox Delivery	13	14
15	16 Income Statement/ Job Search <b>DUE</b>	17  YMCA in Office 10am – 3pm Registration for Habitat Build ends at 4pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Workshop 10-3pm	25 Volunteer Day with Habitat 8-4:30pm  Habitat for Humanity	26 <b>Late</b> Income Statement Job Search <b>DUE</b> Legal Clinic 1-3pm	27	28 ODSP in office
29	30	31				
						File created: Feb 18, 2026



# Saugeen Ontario Works Mandatory Information Session

*Check your mail!*

*A Mandatory Information  
Session letter has been sent out to those  
requiring this session.*



*Please note this is mandatory, and clients must  
attend.*

*The Information Session covers services, benefits,  
programming, and demonstrates accurate  
reporting.*

***Important Note: If you miss this scheduled Info  
Session date, you are at risk of being put on hold.***

*Date: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026*

*Time: 1:30 pm*

*Location: 6470 Hwy 21, Saugeen Ontario Works Office*



*If you need transportation,  
please call our office at  
(519)797-1613  
24hr notice required!*



# *The artwork of Crochet Workshop*



*Untangle those worries!*

*Crochet brings relaxation and creativity. This lost craft is a useful skill for creating art for friends, family or to sell as artwork!*

*This workshop is for OW / ODSP clients with any skill level.*

*Limited occupancy; call ahead to book your spot!*



## **When?**

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:00am - 3:00pm

## **Where?**

6470 Hwy 21 at Saugeen Ontario Works Office

## **Need a ride?**

Please give the Ontario Works Office a call at (519) 797-1613 ~ \*24hr advance notice required

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# Volunteer with Saugeen Ontario Works for



## Habitat for Humanity's Team Build



### Details

Help volunteer with Saugeen Ontario works for Habitat for Humanity's

Team Build.

Clients who attend this experience, are not required to submit an April Job Search.

When: **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Time: **8am – 4:30pm**

Where: **French Bay Rd, Saugeen**



### Interested?

Contact Saugeen Ontario Works to register & arrange transportation  
**(519) 797-1613**

**Registration open until March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:30pm**

### SCHEDULE

**8:00AM** – Volunteer Pick Up

**8:30AM** - Welcome to the Build: check in! Habitat will share tasks for the day where volunteers will choose their group and sign-out \*PPE

**10:30AM** – Break (provided by OW)

**12:30PM** – Lunch (provided by OW)

**4:00PM** – Clean Up & Wrap Up

**4:30PM** – Home Time

### **Do participants need construction experience?**

Not at all! Our professional construction staff and experienced Crew Leaders will teach you everything you need to know.

### **What on-site amenities are there?**

The Build site has porta potties for your use equipped with hand sanitizer. There is no running water on-site. We provide filtered bottled water for drinking purposes. We do not have the ability to cool or heat food.

\*PPE = Personal Protective Equipment:

hard hats, safety glasses, gloves, ear protection, steel toe boots

### **What to Bring:**

- Your own PPE from home (if you can) for your own use
  - Water bottle
  - Sun block
- Dress weather appropriate

### **What Will Be Provided to Volunteers?**

- PPE
- Safety Training
- Guidance & Instruction

### **Is the work safe?**

Yes, you will never be asked to perform a task that is unsafe. You will be paired with an experienced Crew Leader who will provide you with quality safety training and instruction. Habitat staff will greet your team participants at our on-site welcome tent and guide you to the Build site once your registration is confirmed, PPE distributed, open remarks, safety talk and orientation are completed. The tasks at your event are dependent on weather and materials. Should we anticipate any concerns with your upcoming event itinerary, we will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

## Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

# FREE Income Tax Filing

Do you have a modest income and a simple tax situation? A trained volunteer may be able to help you complete your Income Tax and Benefit Return—for free.



### Eligibility Guidelines:

Household Income is LESS THAN:

- \$40,000 for 1 person
- \$55,000 for 2 people
  - add \$5,000 for each additional person

### What to Bring:

- Photo Identification
- Income Slips (T50007, T4, etc.)
- And any other receipts that may be applicable (rent, property tax, medical, etc.)

## 2026 LIBRARY CLINICS

### Southgate Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library

80 Proton St. N.

Tues, April 7 - 4pm to 8pm  
Sat, April 18- 10:30am to 1:30pm

### Flesherton Library

101 Highland Drive

Tues, March 3 - 10am to 2pm  
Tues, March 17- 12pm to 4pm  
Wed, April 15 - 2pm to 4pm

### Markdale Library

75 Walker St.

Thurs, March 19 - 4pm to 8pm  
Sat, April 11- 1pm to 4pm



South East Grey  
Community Health Centre

CONTACT US: 519-986-2222 ext. 6375  
programs@segchc.ca

## FREE TAX CLINICS



**BRUCE GREY  
POVERTY  
TASK FORCE**  
Our Voice is Power

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, a trained volunteer may be able to help you complete your Income Tax and Benefit Return - for free!

**Call 211 to find the nearest free clinic or  
see the Grey Bruce 211 list at: [freetaxclinics.ca](http://freetaxclinics.ca)**



**People  
helping  
people**





# CVITP

## Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

CVITP Volunteers will be helping with simple tax and benefit returns for free during March and April by appointment.

**Registration opens Wednesday, February 18**

Contact the Branch you would like to attend directly to book your appointment.

Walkerton Branch: 519-881-3240 or [walib@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:walib@brucecounty.on.ca)

Port Elgin Branch: 519-832-2201 or [plib@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:plib@brucecounty.on.ca)

Chesley Branch: 519-363-2239 or [chlib@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:chlib@brucecounty.on.ca)

Kincardine Branch: 519-396-3289 or [kilib@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:kilib@brucecounty.on.ca)

Lucknow Branch: 519-528-3011 or [lulib@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:lulib@brucecounty.on.ca)

## **FREE LEGAL ADVICE**

**519-370-2200**

Please drop in or give us a call to book an appointment if you require legal advice.

**Location:** Ontario Works Building –Saugeen First Nation Between 1-3pm on the last Thursday of the month

### **Topics we can help with:**

- Ontario Disability Support
  - Ontario Works
  - Off Reserve Housing
  - Human Rights
  - Canada Pension Plan
- Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement
  - First Nations Claim Forms
  - Wills and POA

# Find Your Spark

Training, Career Guidance, and Support  
with YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce



**3rd Tuesday of the month**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (drop -in)**

Explore your goals, grow your skills, and shine with support tailored to you.

- **Share Your Aspirations:** Tell us about your dreams and goals.
- **Explore Training Opportunities:** Learn about programs to grow your skills.
- **Build Your Resume & Interview Skills:** Get personalized guidance to stand out in your job search.
- **Discover YMCA Resources:** Find out how we can help you achieve your personal and professional goals.

**Drop in and stay as long or as little as you like.**

Light lunch and snacks/drinks provided. If transportation is needed, call 519-797-1613 24hrs in advance to book a ride.

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 **Employment  
Services**  
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[ymcaowensound.on.ca](http://ymcaowensound.on.ca)

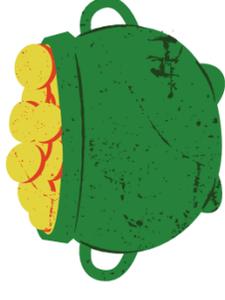




# March



**WELLNESS CENTRE**  
MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS TREATMENT  
SAUGEEN FIRST NATION

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
2:00 Breathwork	2	1:00 Hot Lunch	3	1:30 Healthy Talk	4	1:00 Hot Lunch 1:30 NA	5	1:00 Crafts	6
2:00 Breathwork	9	1:00 Hot Lunch	10	1:30 Healthy Talk	11	1:00 Hot Lunch 1:30 NA	12	1:00 Crafts	13
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### Available Daily:

- Laundry
- Showers
- Computer
- Peer Support
- Counselling
- Application
- Support
- Referrals

**Nurse Practitioner**  
**Available Mondays**  
**by Appointment**

# March 2026

## Home & Community Care Program



For questions, Please call the Community Support Service Coordinator

Erin @ 519-374-9976, Also For Transportation.

# 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	Shopping 10 am - 3 pm	Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	No Program
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Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	Yoga with Brittany 11 am - 1 pm	Coffee & Tea Social 11 am - 3 pm	Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	Yoga with Brittany 11 am - 1 pm
Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	Shopping 10 am - 3 pm	Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	Yoga with Brittany 11 am - 1 pm
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# Mino Bimaadsawin Health Centre

47 Mason Dr., Southampton, ON

## School Based Immunizations

Did you know the Community Health Nurses at our Health Centre can help your child get up to date with school-based immunizations and avoid school suspensions?



### VACCINATION INFORMATION

Have you received a suspension notice for your child or a child in your care? Contact us as soon as possible — we can help get them caught up on their vaccinations and avoid a school suspension. This year suspensions begin on March 24th, 2026.

### FOR QUESTIONS AND SCHEDULING

Please call Tara Duplantis 519-797-3792 ext. 1010. Please note school based immunizations will be by appointment only. Miigwetch/Thank you!

# Mino Bimaadsawin Health Centre

47 Mason Dr., Southampton, ON

## Join us for our Smoking Cessation program starting February 18th, 2026!

### What is the Smoking Cessation program?

Our Smoking Cessation Program is a six-week series designed to educate and support individuals in preventing commercial tobacco use and successfully quitting smoking. This year's program will cover a variety of important topics, including the traditional uses of tobacco, vaping awareness, stress management techniques, the health effects of smoking, the STOP program, and more. Participants will gain valuable knowledge, practical tools, and supportive resources to help them on their journey to becoming tobacco-free.



### When?

Join us at the Health Centre from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25.

A light supper will be provided

### Interested in signing up?

Please reach out to Reni Nawash (519-797-3792 ext. 1009)  
or

Tara Duplantis (519-797-3792 ext. 1010)

## **REMINDER FROM MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

**THIS IS JUST A REMINDER TO REMEMBER THAT WE ARE SHORT OF DRIVERS AT THIS TIME AND TO ENSURE WE CAN RUN AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE TO GET YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENTS, PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES BELOW:**

- 1. We require at least 24 hours advance notice of any new appointments as well as cancelled med rides.**
- 2. If you need assistance, please let a family member or friend know as it is up to the driver if they will assist. Some are unable.**
- 3. Please call the office, and not the driver. If there is a certain driver you would like, I will do my best to accommodate but is not always possible.**
- 4. Your call will be answered from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm.**
- 5. Finally, if you miss 3 medical rides you will be put on a month suspension from accessing medical rides.**

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone 519-797-2781 ext. 1125, work cell 519-385-5335 or email [tammy.roote@saugeenfirstnation.com](mailto:tammy.roote@saugeenfirstnation.com)**

**Tammy Roote  
Medical Transportation Co-ordinator**

# March 2026

## SAUGEEN RECREATION CALENDAR

**DATES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY AND COMMUNITY NEEDS**



SHEENA KEWAGESHIG,  
RECREATION MANAGER

PHONE: 519-797-3254 Ext:2300 CELL: 519-372-4840  
EMAIL: sheena.kewageshig@saugeen.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SFN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE YEAR END TOURNEY 10AM-6PM	2 BINAABIKEWAG INDOOR BALL TRAINING 6PM-9PM	3 U11 STING WINTER DEVELOPMENT 6PM-8PM	4 SSUFC 5PM-10PM	5 LADY THUNDERBIRDS INDOOR TRAINING 6PM-9PM	6 PET WELLNESS 8AM-5PM ANGELS BALL REGISTRATION 6PM-9PM PRIVATE BOOKING 6PM-9PM	7 PET WELLNESS 8AM-5PM U9 GIRLS LITTLE NHL PRACTICE TARA ARENA 11:30AM-1:30PM
8 SSUFC 4PM-3PM INDOOR BALL CLINIC WITH THE CAMERON'S 6PM-8PM	9 BINAABIKEWAG INDOOR BALL TRAINING 6PM-9PM	10 U11 STING WINTER DEVELOPMENT 6PM-8PM	11 G.C HUSTON PS VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY 9AM-3PM SSUFC 5PM-10PM	12 GOOD FOOD BOX ALL DAY LADY THUNDERBIRDS INDOOR TRAINING 6PM-9PM	13 OPEN GYM 6PM-9PM ANGELS BALL REGISTRATION 6PM-9PM	14 PRIVATE BOOKING 6PM-8PM
15	16 MARCH BREAK - GOOD LUCK TO SAUGEEN STARS AT LITTLE NHL - PLAY HARD & HAVE FUN!	17	18	19	20	21 PRIVATE BOOKING 11AM-4PM
22 INDOOR BALL CLINIC WITH THE CAMERON'S 6PM-8PM	23 BINAABIKEWAG INDOOR BALL TRAINING 6PM-9PM	24 U11 STING WINTER DEVELOPMENT 6PM-8PM	25 BRUCE COUNTY MUSEUM 9AM-3PM SSUFC 5PM-10PM	26 OPEN GYM 6PM-9PM	27 BALL HOCKEY W SON EO 6PM-9PM ANGELS BALL REGISTRATION 6PM-9PM	28 PRIVATE BOOKING 2PM-5PM
29 PRIVATE BOOKING 12PM-4PM INDOOR BALL CLINIC WITH THE CAMERON'S 6PM-8PM	30 BINAABIKEWAG INDOOR BALL TRAINING 6PM-9PM	31 U11 STING WINTER DEVELOPMENT 6PM-8PM				

GBMSA – SAUGEEN JR THUNDERBIRDS



# **2026 SEASON BASEBALL REGISTRATION**

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**TIME HAS COME TO REGISTER FOR SAUGEEN JR THUNDERBIRDS  
2026 SOFTBALL SEASON  
SEEKING PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO MANAGE, COACH & TRAINERS  
REGISTRATION NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE APRIL 8/26**

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**IN PERSON REGISTRATION AT  
SAUGEEN RECREATION CENTRE**

FEBRUARY 27/26: 6PM-9PM

MARCH 6/26: 6PM-9PM

MARCH 13/26: 6PM-9PM

MARCH 27/26: 6PM-9PM

FORM CAN ALSO BE PRINTED FROM SAUGEEN  
WEBSITE UNDER SAUGEEN RECREATION

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
SHEENA KEWAGESHIG, REC MANAGER**

**519-797-2781 EXT 2300 [SHEENA.KEWAGESHIG@SAUGEEN.ORG](mailto:SHEENA.KEWAGESHIG@SAUGEEN.ORG)**

## SAUGEEN ANGELS MINOR SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CONDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that Saugeen Recreation/coach/volunteer will be using a staff vehicle or own vehicle to transport my child(ren) to and from their destination.

Should the need arise I give permission for a member of Saugeen Recreation/Coach/Volunteer to see and/or administer necessary medical attention.

### Disclaimer Clause

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Saugeen Recreation and its employees, partners, volunteers, and representatives (hereafter are referred to as "the organizers") are not responsible for any injury, loss or damage of any kind sustained by any person while participating in any activities held in relationship to this department or any loss or damage which might be caused by the negligence of the organizers.

### Photo Waiver

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Saugeen Recreation has my permission to use my and/or my child(ren)'s photograph, video, or story in future publications, web pages and other materials produced, used by, and representing Saugeen Recreation. I understand the circulation of the materials could be worldwide and there will be no compensation to me for this use.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT: I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named player who wishes to participate in organized softball at the James Mason Memorial Cultural and Recreation Centre.

I understand that softball can be a hazardous activity, which may subject participants to serious injury. Nevertheless I, hereby agree to assume all risk to which my child may be exposed to his/her activities and participation, directly or indirectly, in connection with playing softball. I specifically release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the James Mason Memorial Cultural and Recreation Centre, managers, sponsors, employees, coaches, and volunteers thereof from any liability resulting therefrom.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

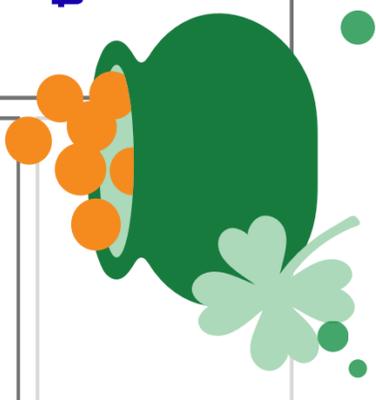


# MARCH 2026

# FOODBANK



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perishables are available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of each month</li> <li>Clients can access the Foodbank once-a-month or once every 30 days</li> <li>Deliveries are on the Tuesday of Perishable Weeks</li> <li>Clients must pre-register for delivery</li> <li>Delivery is for those without transportation and is on Reserve only</li> </ul>
8 <b>PERISHABLES WEEK</b>	9 <b>BOOK A DELIVERY DEADLINE 4 PM</b>	10 <b>DELIVERIES</b>	11 <b>WALK INS</b>	12 <b>WALK INS</b>	13 <b>WALK INS</b>	14	
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21	
22 <b>PERISHABLES WEEK</b>	23 <b>BOOK A DELIVERY DEADLINE 4 PM</b>	24 <b>DELIVERIES</b>	25 <b>WALK INS</b>	26 <b>WALK INS</b>	27 <b>WALK INS</b>	28	
29	30	31					





THE HEALTH CENTRE IS SPONSORING  
A TEAM IN THE SFN FOODBANK'S

**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CHARITY GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

**JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

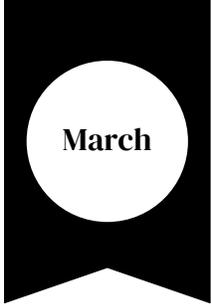
The team will consist of 3 community  
members plus 1 staff member

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**Draw will be made April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Please submit team names to  
Reni at the Health Centre or  
to Erin at the Foodbank!**





March

# Waste Management Corner

By: Chrispin Ajedipe, Solid Waste Coordinator, Roads and Works Dept.

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## What Constitutes Illegal Waste Dumping?

In this month's issue, I'm exploring the issue of illegal waste dumping. What is it, and why does it matter? When we talk about keeping our community clean and healthy, one issue that often comes up is illegal waste dumping. Many people think of it as someone abandoning a couch on the roadside in the middle of the night. While that is certainly illegal dumping, the reality is that it can take many different forms. Some of which people may not even realize are harmful.

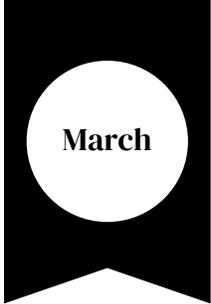
Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste in places that are not approved or designated for waste disposal.

This can include:

- Leaving garbage bags on roadsides or in wooded areas
- Dumping household waste in fields, ditches, or near waterways
- Abandoning furniture, mattresses, or appliances outside designated collection periods
- Disposing of construction debris on vacant land
- Leaving tires, scrap metal, or hazardous materials outside the landfill

In simple terms, if waste is placed somewhere that is not an approved waste facility or scheduled collection area, it is considered illegal dumping.

Why does illegal dumping happen? Sometimes it happens because of convenience. Sometimes intentional, and in some cases, individuals may believe that placing waste "just outside town" or "in the bush" will not cause harm. Unfortunately, the environmental and health consequences can be long-lasting. It is not just about appearance, it has real environmental effects. Waste can enter nearby streams, rivers or lakes and contaminate source water (the very water we drink after treatment). Animals may ingest plastics or hazardous materials and end up on our dinner table. Chemicals from construction debris or appliances can leach into the soil and end up in our source waters.

A black banner with a white circle in the center containing the word "March".

March

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## What Constitutes Illegal Waste Dumping?

Dump sites attract rodents and insects, and they increase fire risks during dry conditions or spread diseases. These impacts do not stay isolated; they eventually affect all of us. When we overlook the importance of proper waste disposal, we may end up facing consequences that impact on our health, safety, and our finances.

In our community, the land is more than just space, it holds cultural, ecological, and generational value. Protecting it is part of protecting ourselves. Cleaning up illegal dumping is also costly. Funds used to remove waste from unauthorized areas are funds that could otherwise support community programs, infrastructure improvements, environmental initiatives, and youth activities. Illegal dumping becomes a shared cost for the whole community.

There are also common misunderstandings. Leaving bulky items outside of scheduled collection days, dropping construction waste in residential bins, overfilling public bins, or placing garbage beside landfill gates after hours still qualify as illegal dumping.

What is our individual role? Preventing illegal dumping is not only about enforcement, it is about awareness and shared responsibility. We can all contribute by using designated landfill and collection services, respecting waste management guidelines, participating in community cleanups when call to do so, reporting illegal dumping, and educating family members about proper disposal practices. Waste management is not just a service ; it is a system that works best when everyone participates. When waste is disposed of properly, the landfill operates more efficiently, environmental and health risks are reduced, cleanup costs decrease, and reduced expenditure on health by families.

Finally, illegal dumping is not simply about breaking rules. It is about how we choose to treat the environment we share. When we dispose of waste responsibly, we demonstrate respect for the environment, for our neighbors, and for future generations. Let us continue working together to keep our environment clean, safe, and flourishing.

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**BRUCE COUNTY**  
museum & cultural centre

# **MEMBERS NEEDED!**

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) is seeking interested SON band members to join the Reconciliation Committee to help provide support and guidance for reconciliation exhibitions and supporting program development.

## **Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre Overview**

The BCM&CC is committed to enhancing knowledge, awareness and understanding of Saugeen Anishnaabek culture, language and heritage, history, spirituality and world views through intentional learning. This pathway will provide learning opportunities for Bruce County residents and visitors to increase knowledge and understanding of Saugeen Anishnaabek culture, language, history, treaties and experiences of historical injustices, intergenerational trauma and anti-Indigenous racism.

## **Reconciliation Committee Overview**

The current volunteer Reconciliation Committee has been in place since 2022 and has supported and guided the BCM&CC's work to localize exhibition development and supporting programming content for national exhibitions from the Legacy of Hope Foundation.

This is a **non-monetary, volunteer role** where members meet approximately 6-8 times annually with the launch of the exhibitions in September. Meetings are held in person at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre starting with lunch and the meeting to follow for approximately 1-2 hours.

In 2026 we will be hosting "The Witness Blanket" (a replica version) from the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. From 2027-2029 we are returning to exhibitions from the Legacy of Hope Foundation with the suggested exhibitions: **Waniskahtah** – Honouring the lives and legacies of Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQ+, **Bi-Giwen**: Coming Home – Truth Telling from the Sixties Scoop and **Cruel & Unethical**: Medical Experiments, Residential Schools and the Impacts of Systemic Racism on Indigenous Peoples. Exact years for these exhibition have not been confirmed.



If you are interested and want to learn more about the committee please contact Director, Museum & Cultural Services, Cathy McGirr, [cmcgirr@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:cmcgirr@brucecounty.on.ca) or at 226-909-2858

**HAAMB INVITES YOU TO OUR...**

# **JOB FAIR**

# **2026**

**Get Your Dream Job**

**Thursday April 16, 2026 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**James Mason Memorial Cultural & Recreation Centre**  
**47 French Bay Rd, Saugeen First Nation #29**

**This event is for Nawash & Saugeen members who want to explore future opportunities. Join us to connect with local employers, education & training institutions. Refreshments & transportation will be provided.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A BOOTH SPACE -  
PLEASE CONTACT APRIL JOHN :  
PROJECTSCOORD@HAAMB.CA | 519-373-1474**

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Management Board



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## **Makwa Development**

### **Job Posting: Finance Clerk (Part-Time)**

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#### **Position Overview**

Makwa Development is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Finance Clerk to support our financial operations on a part-time basis. The ideal candidate brings strong administrative and financial skills, along with experience in the nuclear sector, unionized environments, and core financial processes such as payroll and invoicing.

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#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Process payroll accurately and in accordance with organizational and union requirements
  - Prepare, review, and submit invoices
  - Maintain financial records and assist with account reconciliations
  - Support internal reporting and documentation needs
  - Communicate with internal teams, vendors, and external partners
  - Perform general administrative and financial duties as assigned
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#### **Qualifications**

- Experience in the nuclear industry is strongly preferred
- Knowledge of unionized workplaces and related payroll considerations
- Demonstrated experience with payroll processing and invoicing
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to confidentiality
- Proficiency with financial software and Microsoft Office applications
- Excellent communication, time-management, and organizational skills



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## Position Details

- Part-time role with reliable hours
- Competitive compensation based on experience
- Opportunity to contribute to a growing, community-focused organization

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## How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit their résumé and cover letter to Trenton Chegahno, at [Trenton.chegahno@makwadev.com](mailto:Trenton.chegahno@makwadev.com). Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and candidates interviewed until the position is filled.



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## **Makwa Development**

### **Job Posting: Administrative Support (Part-Time)**

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#### **Position Overview**

Makwa Development is seeking a reliable and organized Administrative Support professional to assist with day-to-day office operations on a part-time basis. The ideal candidate is detail-oriented, adaptable, and comfortable supporting a variety of administrative functions.

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#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Provide general administrative support to office staff and management
  - Manage incoming calls, emails, and correspondence
  - Assist with scheduling, meeting coordination, and calendar management
  - Maintain organized filing systems—both digital and physical
  - Support document preparation, data entry, and record-keeping
  - Coordinate office supplies and assist with vendor communication
  - Perform additional administrative duties as required
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#### **Qualifications**

- Previous administrative or office support experience preferred
- Strong organizational and multitasking abilities
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office and general office software
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive information
- Professional, dependable, and comfortable working in a dynamic environment



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# SAUGEEN NEWS

## Newsletter Deadline

April newsletter content due  
March 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember to spell check  
before submitting content.

[Justine.kaufman@saugeen.org](mailto:Justine.kaufman@saugeen.org)