

Neyâskweyâhk Staff Golf

The annual Neyâskweyâhk Staff Golf was held on Friday, August 10th, 2018 at the Black Bull Golf Resort in Ma-Me-O this year. Despite the heatwave, at least 100 staff members, organizers and volunteers made it out that day to enjoy a day of golfing. A total of 19 teams competed for various prizes and bragging rights to be deemed this year's top teams and golfers. The day began with registration, breakfast and the picking of teams. Organizers and Volunteers made sure that the golfers were well hydrated throughout the day due to the extremely hot temperatures.

While the golfers completed their rounds of 18 holes, the planning committee and volunteers prepared for the dinner and eagerly waited for the teams to finish. Once the golfers returned, ECN Administrator Geraldine Hill kicked off the prize presentation with welcoming remarks to the staff. Prizes were awarded for Top 4 teams, longest drives, KP's, draw and door prizes. In order to win the ladies golf set with golf bag, Delwiliah Brown, Tina Littlechild, Melanie Omeaso and Fran Saulteaux competed in a dance elimination game for the prize, with Tina Littlechild coming out on top. Willie Albert Jr. was also the lucky winner of a 40 inch TV. The team prizes were awarded to Peter Wolfe's team for first place, Harper Potts and Ron Ermineskin's teams tied for second place and Kevin Littlechild and Gordon Minde's teams also tied for third place. On behalf of the attendees, we would like to thank the Neyaskweyahk Staff

Golf Committee (AL Wolfe, Gord Minde, Tyrone Ermineskin, Kevin Littlechild, John Rattlesnake, Alison Albert, Margaret Johnson, Robert Smallboy, and Stephen Wolfe) and Volunteers for doing such an awesome job. The 2018 Neyaskweyahk Staff Golf Committee would like to thank the following companies and departments for their generous donations to our event: Bakers Funeral Chapel, Wetaskiwin Boston Pizza, Brentridge Ford, Central Refrigeration and Heating, Wetaskiwin Cash Canada Pawn, Wetaskiwin Canadian Tire, Cherry Grove Florist, City of Wetaskiwin (Community Development), Coach's Source for Sports, Discount Dave's, How Sweet

it is by James, Wetaskiwin Kal-Tire, Mitchell's Café, Signs and Graphics, Stitch'N Magician, Universal Travel, Vision Care Plus, Vision Masters, Wild West Gallery, Wok & Roll Family Restaurant, Brighter Futures, Maskwacis Burger Baron, Peace Hills Trust, Ermineskin Personnel Department, and Ermineskin Administration.

"In closing, we know everyone had a fun time even though the heat was a little crazy. However, we look forward to another successful event next year. Ay-Hiy." – Ermineskin Events Department. Top Teams: 1st Place: Peter Wolfe, Cheyanne Roasting, John Stoney and Dean Wolfe. 2nd Place: Harper Potts, Marcella Child-Paul, Josh Currie, and Lee Littlechild. 2nd Place: Ron Ermineskin, Eric Ermineskin and Waylon Littlechild 3rd Place: Kevin Littlechild, Rachel Lee, Danny Belrose, and Joseph Small 3rd Place: Gordon Minde, Tina Littlechild, Nathaniel Mykat, Ryan Stoney.

~Article & Photos (above, opposite page) By Janine Wildcat ~



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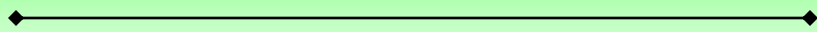
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Submission Deadline: August 27, 2018



Pictured above: Participants who braved the 30+ degree heat to play golf at ECN's staff golf; August 10th, 2018.



Walking In Spirit

August 8, 2018—Members of all 4 Nations were invited to participate in a walk and ride event to raise awareness about suicide and loss. The Walking in Spirit event was first organized by Mason Buffalo five years ago after he felt he'd been called back home to Maskwacis when he had been living in Toronto to spread healing in his home community. An elder told Mason, "When you walked in here a spirit walked in right behind you; a young man, about the height of [your] shoulders.

"Instead of turning it into something bad, I turned it into something positive. This spirit is pulling me back here, to Maskwacis." Mason also has a new project in the works: "We're doing a village out at my dad's house where we're planning on having fifteen cabins and bringing people there to have a safe haven.

"They'll be [building] it in the fall." People "aren't walking through this by themselves. There's other people going through the same struggles as them."

The walk began at 5 mile for the walkers and at Mostosamy Village for the riders and concluded in Bear Park.

~article and photos by Sara Lee~



July 26, 2018—Ermineskin Community Wellness Coordinator Gordon Minde arranged a 3 day "Staff Rebuild" session for ECN employees at the Ermineskin Arena (July 24-26, 2018). Staff participated in creating artwork in a healing exercise led by David Buffalo, which involved canvases, paint, and balloons. The staff members spoke of the exercise and David's input with interest and were impressed with the insight that David gave to them regarding the meaning of their creations. ~article and photo by Sara Lee~

August 12, 2018—
 Congratulations Seth
 Saulteaux, Siksika Junior Bulls
 Champion at this weekend's
 Siksika Rodeo!
 Photo by Raylene Saulteaux



Samson Traditional Pow Wow Grand Entry

August 9, 2018—Samson hosted a one day Traditional Pow Wow during their 4 day celebration at Bear Park and various locations in Maskwacis and surrounding areas. Before the grand entry began, Arena Directors danced around the Bear Park Arbour with Arena Directors-in-training, introducing the young men into the honoured role (pictured left).

Maskwacis's own Chevi Rabbit (pictured top-right), the award winning human rights advocate, who appeared on the Edmonton top 40 under 40, danced along with hundreds of other pow-wow attendees. ~photos and article by Sara Lee~



Lynks Internet Café

Lynks Internet Cafe has arrived! Lynks is an Oasis in the midst of Maskwacis! Stepping in to the spa-like environment that is Lynks immediately brings you a sense of peace and warmth. When you're feeling overcrowded and stressed or just want to treat yourself, come in for a mental health break, dab on an essential oil, bask in the glow of a Himalayan salt lamp and sip on your specially crafted beverage. Rent a laptop, snuggle into a comfy chair or sit amid antiques, crafts and furnishings from around the world. Order chili, garlic toast, a sandwich, taco-in-a-bag or grab a snack from the snack counter. Study, correspond and visit with friends between 8-6 Monday to Friday at Lynks, see you soon! Book our Meeting Room for \$15/hour. Call 780-243-2597 for inquiries or to place an order." ~ write up by Patricia Favel, photos by Janine Wildcat~



Lynks Internet Café is located in Samson between the bottle depot and Hawk Radio.

Samson Pow Wow Parade

August 9, 2018—The Samson Pow Wow Parade began at the Samson Bingo Hall and proceeded to Bear Hills Park, with several floats passing out candy and treats for young parade viewers. The floats were judged in five different categories while still in Samson and the winners were announced when they arrived at Bear Park.

Results:

Commercial: 1st Place-Heritage Museum, 2nd Place- Samson Management, 3rd Place-KCWS

Non-Commercial: 1st Place-Heritage Museum, 2nd Place-Cletis Louis & Family, 3rd Place-Ermieskin Tech Services.

Horse and Rider, Wagon: 1st Place-Pat B. 2nd Place-Mason Buffalo, 3rd place-Elijah Johnson-Cook

Adult/individual: 1st Place-Cason Shirt, 2nd

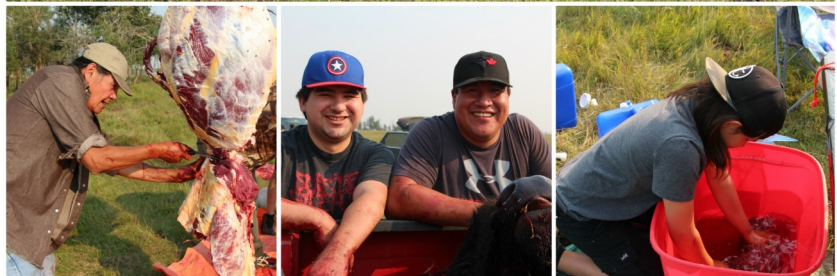


Place-Kayden Rowan-Shirt, 3rd Place-Kassdon Lightning. Automobiles: 1st Place-Larron Northwest, 2nd Place-Bruce Hinkley, 3rd Place: Jordana.

~photos and article by Sara

Traditional Buffalo Hunt and Butchering

August 9, 2018— In association with Buffalo Ranch Rodeo, the Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance Initiative, and organized by Paula Johnson, Josh Littlechild led a workshop that covered all aspects of slaughter and traditional harvesting of a buffalo. The hunt began at 5:30 AM. This was in effort to beat the heat of the day. The herd of buffalo were in Bittern Lake area, just west of Camrose, and it took the hunters hours to find and harvest the buffalo. The slaughter was expertly executed by Josh Littlechild, with help from Brian Lee and the participants, including Zak Wuttunee and Josh's own son Connor. The buffalo was skinned quickly with the many men on hand with sharp knives and deft fingers.



The buffalo meat was then loaded up for quick removal from the heat and was bound for Buffalo Ranch for preparation for a feast of traditional foods. The event was free for the community to attend and took place at the Samson Pow Wow at Bear Park, Maskwacis. The workshop, butchering, and feast were part of "reconnecting with the importance and respect for use of a buffalo." ~photos and article by Sara Lee~

Captain George Leonard

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Captain George Leonard tells us about a wise service dog named Stinky.

Stinky was one of our first service dogs trained to be a companion for the military soldiers. Her original name was Nikky but she had an unfortunate run-in with two skunks and a pile of manure, so her name was changed to Stinky. It took us a week to get her clean and a month for the stink to go away.

Stinky was in our loaner program. What that means is that when a war veteran was back from the war and having a hard time in life, maybe the soldier would need to have a service dog for up to six months to help him feel better. Perhaps the soldier was home from seeing hard things overseas in the war and we would loan Stinky to the veteran so that he could regain focus and balance in life.

Many veteran soldiers told us stories of how Stinky had helped them out and kept them feeling better. War is hard on soldiers as they may come back sad or angry from what they have seen. They may not have been away from their families for a long time. They may not have someone to talk to about what they went through. The loaner dog gives them someone to take care of, to talk to and to be loved by. This is what Stinky was trained to do. She was trained to be there for soldiers who needed to heal from war.

Stinky was there for many soldiers who had seen too much in war. She was a good friend, a good companion, and she even saved some lives in her work. She had a lot of love to give. She was trained to stop actions that could hurt people. She was trained in how to calm people down. She was trained to do certain behaviours until she got someone's full attention. She was honoured by the Purina Hall of Fame in 2011 for saving six lives. She was a dog who had much wisdom. She could sense when someone was sad or when someone was not able to talk to other people. She was wise and knew how to help others.

Living in a Good Way with Dogs: Our Stories

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Pictured Above—New bleachers have been installed at the Panee Memorial Agriplex! ~Photos submitted by Janine Wildcat~

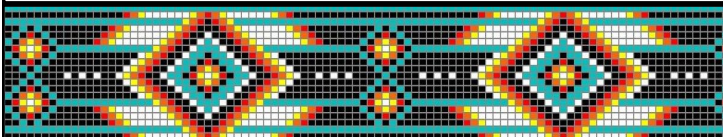
GED Program REVIEW for Previous Ermineskin ASETS GED Students

Do you need to re-write some sections of the GED Test?

ASETS GED Review
 3 weeks: September 10-28, 2018
 Evenings —Monday to Friday
 4:30-7:30 PM
12 seats available

**Deadline:
 August 29/18**

**For more information
 call Ermineskin ASETS
 @ 780-585-0191**



Pictured above: Students attending the 3 day Summer Youth Sports Camp (July 31st—August 2nd, 2018) organized by Ermineskin Community Wellness. For more information on Programs run by Community Wellness, contact Gordon Minde at the Ermineskin Administrative office: 780-585-3741 ~photo by Janine Wildcat~

Job Opportunities

One Level Two (2) Early Child Development worker with the Ermineskin Daycare department

Closing Date: August 21, 2018

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Early Childhood Development Certificate level 2
- First Aid – up to date
- Criminal Record Check – up to date
- Child Welfare Check – up to date
- Minimum grade ten (10) or equivalent
- Experience in working with children
- Ability to speak and understand Cree is an asset.
- Valid driver's license and reliable means of transportation.

Please Submit **Application/Resume, Criminal Record Check and Child Welfare Check.**

Nurse Practitioner—Maskwacis Health Services

Qualifications: A Masters' Degree in Nursing with Nurse Practitioner designation in Family—all ages or NP—Adult, Registered & in good standing with CARNA—no license restrictions, minimum 3-5 years Clinical Nursing and NP experience an asset, Experience in acute care, palliative or long-term care is an asset, DCA Certification an asset, current CPR, knowledge of the Cree Language & customs is an asset, knowledge of the 4 Nations community is an asset, must have valid class 5 driver's license. **Supporting Documents required:** Diplomas & certificates, copy of valid CARNA registration, criminal record check with vulnerable sector, current first aid & CPR

certification, copy of valid driver's license, driver's abstract

Deadline: August 31, 2018 @ 4:00 PM

Early Years Home Visitors (2) - Maskwacis Health Services (Temp./Full-time)

Supporting documents required: Diplomas &/or certificates, criminal record check with vulnerable sector, current first aid & CPR certification an asset, copy of valid driver's license, current (3 year) driver's abstract.

Deadline: August 31, 2018 @ 4:00 PM

Interim Executive Director—Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council (3 month contract, short term)

Application Deadline: August 21st, 2018 @ 4PM

Requirements: BA or diploma in business administration or related field, Min. 3 years of experience at a professional level in business admin., finance, or administrative services, Successful applicant must be a member of Ermineskin/Montana/Louis Bull/Samson (proof of membership may be required)

Submit: resume, cover letter, current Criminal Record Check. Address cover letter to "Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council Board of Directors," and send to:

**Claudine Buffalo c/o MCTC Board of Directors
Samson Cree Nation
PO Box 159
Maskwacis AB T0C 1N0**

Or, email Claudine Buffalo at claudine@samsoncree.com



Position: Cultural Resource Staff (Early Learning & Child Care Centre)

Why work for us:

- Opportunity to receive training in the new Play, Participation, Possibilities: An Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum Framework
- We offer an extensive benefit package
- Generous vacation and flex time benefits that support a work/life balance
- Make a meaningful contribution to your community by supporting children to play, learn, and grow

Responsibilities:

- Provide a safe, secure, loving environment
- Planning and implementing developmentally appropriate Indigenous programming based on traditional cultural practices and early childhood development knowledge/training
- Showing initiative, being energetic

Qualifications:

- Child Development Assistant/Worker/Supervisor Certification
- Extensive knowledge of Cree language and cultural practices
- Knowledge of Licensing and Accreditation standards
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- Criminal Record Check & Child Welfare Information Check
- First Aid Certification

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Interested applicants should send their resume and cover letter to esquao@iaaw.ca by August 27.



Sixties Scoop Settlement Information

The approved lawyers are paid by the government separate from the settlement. Koskie Minsky LLP is one of the four firms. They commenced a class action with Wright Oliver & Cooper (Sherwood Park) on behalf of individuals affected by the 60's scoop in Alberta. According to the website both the Federal court and Ontario have both approved a settlement as of today: August 9, 2018. They have authorized a notice to Sixties Scoop survivors.

Key things to know:

- Deadline to submit claim form to Claims Administrator is August 30, 2019
- Deadline to opt out of settlement and not release Canada from a claim is October 31, 2018.
- Settlement includes people who are registered Indians and people eligible to be registered that were removed from their homes in Canada between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1991 and placed in the care of non-indigenous foster or adoptive parents.
- “[Applicants] do not need to pay a lawyer to complete the form. The administrator will help you fill out the form and there are lawyers [applicants] can speak to free of charge”.
- Papers are not needed from relevant child service agencies to apply.
- Claim forms are available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info or 1-(844)- 287 – 4270.
- KMLLP listed contact information for Alberta applicants: 1-800-451-3225 or alberta60sscoopclassaction@kmlaw.ca

For more information you can follow this link:

<https://kmlaw.ca/cases/alberta-sixties-scoop-class-action/>

Danika Lightning - External Affairs Director

⇒ Please see the ECN Communication Facebook page for the full authorized notice.

Upcoming Events—Recreation and Community Wellness

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Elders Notice

Hearing Aid Clinic
August 17: 9am - 2pm

Medical appointments & other local personal errands transportation for elders if there is vehicle available to transport. **Medical appointments take priority.**

Special needs assistance for with the cost of appliances and specific health and personal support.

Direct Line for Elders office is 585-3435 for the following staff:
Margaret Cutarm, Marlon Littlechild, Harley Littlechild, Louise Wildcat, Doris Wolfe

Direct Line for Assisted Living Dept is 780-585-3478—staff: Darlene Coyote, Sheldon Smallboy, Tessa Minde, Justine Jacques, Janine Wolfe



The Early Years
A Martin Family Initiative

Picking of Traditional Smudge

Wednesday August 22nd, 2018
Soup and Bannock will be served
11 AM to 2 PM

Location will be shared and map provided
Text: (780) 361-5748 for information



The Early Years
A Martin Family Initiative

Drop-In Wednesday's August 15th and 29th

Ermineskin Brighter Futures
10 AM to 4 PM (closed for lunch)

Come do a small sewing project or a craft
Snacks provided

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Come visit and meet mom's-to-be, new mom's and the Early Years Staff.



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FACILITATOR: PAULA WEASELHEAD

AUGUST 29 + 30, 2018

9:00-4:00PM

LOCATION: WAYSIDE INN

LIMIT: 30 PARTICIPANTS



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20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27 - 2018

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**CONTACT: Clayton Wildcat 780-839-4078
Or Alex Littlechild 780-585-3779**



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