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Ermineskin Newsletter August 24th, 2022

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Alberta Indigenous Games comes to a close



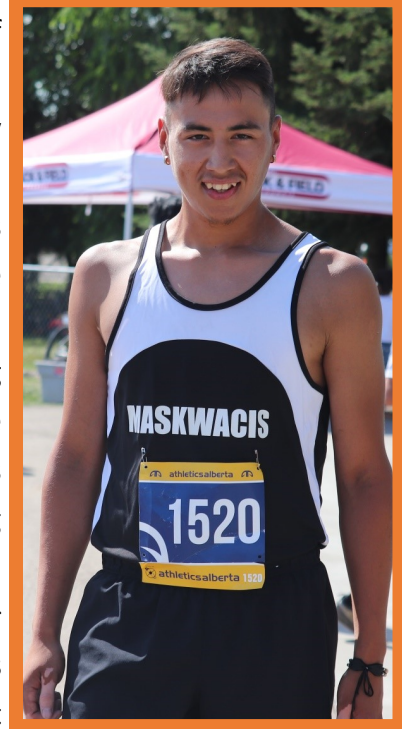
This years Alberta Indigenous Games have come to a close, and we would like to reflect on the many accomplishments of our athletes and coaches during this massive event. This year was the largest showing AIG has had yet and represented an even larger increase in the skill level of the participants. Our athletes had plenty of competition, competing against different nations from all over Alberta and even neighboring provinces such as Saskatchewan

or British Columbia. The competition was very fierce but our teams brought home plenty of medals despite the challenges they faced. While we cheer on and support our young athletes wed like to thank the many parents coaches and other support staff for making this event the spectacle it has become. Next year's AIG is expected to have 4000+ Participants and we hope that we can surpass even that estimation with the continued support of our band

Celebrating our Athletes!

One of the sports that held the most participating teams was basketball with a number of nineteen teams competing amongst other nations. Bearhills Eagles, was one of the teams that carried the most Ermineskin band members in the junior and senior age groups. The games went on for the seniors the further they competed but fell into a losing streak while in their versus with Kainai's nation along with Siksika. But played their hearts out as they competed. The Juniors had played with compassion fighting for their place in the competition for the placement matches and received a loss in a neck and neck game losing to Kainai's junior team. With the loss of games the Maskwacis men fought for their medals and brought home the silver, redeeming the younger generations for their hard work and sought after potential, as the teams had fun and enjoyed themselves for playing in the

games chalk full of fantastic basketball games amongst many great players from different nations across Alberta. The junior girls softball team did an amazing job earning a bronze medal for Maskwacis giving the opposing team "treaty 8" a run for their money. Our Lacrosse players played and fought



hard for their places in the playoffs bringing home silver medals in the junior division after the loss in gold against the opposing team that carried the name "AIG". Dropping them down into the silver ranks of the playoffs. Jayden Wildcat from Ermineskin Cree Nation, had brought home a gold medal from the adding another gold medal to his collection. The race was so close that even after reviewing video of the race it was hard to determine who had won. After much deliberation and revision it was determined that Jayden had won by a hair. Jayden Wildcat had competed in previous Alberta Indigenous Game Events in the past, and his success has earned him many scholarships from as well as requests from many colleges across Alberta, asking him to run for their colleges and schools, with promises of a full ride scholarship. Currently Jayden Wildcat attends Red Deer College, where he has earned much praise and admiration for his athletic prowess.



Devon Celebrates Second Annual Treaty Six Day!



On August 27th the town of Devon hosted its second annual Treaty Six Day, a day meant to celebrate Indigenous cul-

ture and inform all who attend on the various nations within Treaty Six territory. The event was a massive success and was a noticeable improvement upon last years Treaty Six Day. The event organizer Mitch Wincentaylo had this to say on the event: A huge thank you to all that made todays Treaty Six Day celebration in Devon a success this was a day of education, awareness, celebration and coming together. It wouldn't have been possible without the help of Samson Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe. Montana First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Ermineskin Cree Nation and all of our Metis and First Nations Partners and friends– Thank you all so much!

provide an opportunity to learn and participate for those who attended. I am so appreciative of those who helped and participated– the Elders, Nations members, dancers, and all of the vendors who setup Feedback was been appreciated, and I have come to realise when planning an even this size is just too much for one person (and my apologies to those who may have experienced any frustration or found parts of the day unorganized) We will be creating a committee moving forward to make sure our next Treaty gathering is better and more organized. Thank you again I am so grateful for everyone who made today a success and came out to the event.

This is only the second annual gathering, and it will grow each year! The weather was a bit uncooperative today, and we may not have had the turnout we expected, but we still able to





CREE CORNER

POSTERS IN PLAINS CREE

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Local Football Camp with CFL legends

Recently Ermineskin Community Wellness, Ermineskin Recreation, and Samson Youth and Sports Development were able to host a touch football camp with former Edmonton Eskimos Eddie Steele and Calvin McCarty. The camp was a tremendous success with a huge turnout and we want to thank both the former CFL players as well as all the staff members who were able to make such a memora-



ble event happen. Additionally we were able to have a brief Q&A with Eddie Steele

What has been your experience with the community?

Oh its been such a positive experience, first and foremost I do some business professionally in the community and that's how I got to know Michael Lee over the years and just developed relationships with different members of the community. Im a big believe in giving back and especially I feel like the first nations community sometimes don't get the fair end of the stick in terms of getting camps and putting on different programs. It's something near

and dear to my heart and something I'm very passionate about, so its been a wonderful experience they've been wonderful kids and its just filled me with a lot of joy, I'm really proud to see them work.

What led you to start teaching young athletes?

Well I've had the fortunate opportunity to play football for 9 years and I wouldn't have gotten to that level and lasted as long as I did if it wasn't for other people helping me, so I gained a lot of experience and knowledge over those 5 years and it would be a shame for me and it would be a complete waste for me not to pass on the knowledge I've acquired and to help the next future generation to be better athletes.

Do you see any CFL prospects in the community?

Well its so hard to forecast where a kids going to be in 6-7 years, when I was a kid myself in one of these camps I would've seen zero potential in myself to go pro, because so much changes and you grow you etc. So sure! They all have potential because in the end you have no idea what they're capable of and these kids can put whatever they put their minds to. Its not a cliché as long as they're willing to work hard they can achieve their goals and dreams.

What do you hope that these athletes take away from this training?

First and foremost that they had fun, that they had a good time out here, that they learned some things, some tools. Not just about football but about relationships the team atmosphere, just some movement things a little athletic movements. But as long as they leave here having fun and maybe learned a thing or to that's a success in my mind

Alberta Indigenous Games



2022 Highlights



UPCOMING ELECTION NEWS

Coming up on the 31st of August Ermineskin will be holding an election for four(4) council members seats. Below we've included a list of candidates for the councillor election as well as those who nominated them. A forum was held on August 25th, where each council candidate was given the opportunity to present their campaign platform and answer questions, videos of each candidates presentation have been uploaded to the official Ermineskin YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ErmineskinCreeNation>. We would encourage anyone who is able to, to come vote at the N.O.K. building on August 31st. Polling stations will be open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Band members only have to be at least 18 years of age to submit their vote. Unfortunately for this election we will not have online voting so you **must** vote in person. Masks and tests will be provided upon entry into the building, but please be advised that

voters will be screened upon arrival. If you're feeling ill or have recently been in close proximity with someone infected with Covid 19 please contact the External Affairs Department during our current hours: 9AM—3PM, (780) 585-3741. All ECN Offices will be closed for the afternoon to allow staff to vote. For any more questions or concerns on the voting process, contact Loretta at 1-306-227-3373



ECN Councillor Election 2022
Candidates List
Nomination Day - August 24, 2022

	Candidate	Nominator	Seconder
1.	Michelle Littlechild	Collette Simon	George A. Minde Jr.
2.	Clayton Wildcat	Mary Stoney	Marcella Child-Paul
3.	Lee Justin (Jiggs) Littlechild	George A. Minde Jr.	Christian Minde
4.	Samuel Daniel Wildcat	Carolyn WhiteQuills	Harley Littlechild
5.	Ryan (Ernie) Ermineskin	Elmer Rattlesnake	Lawrence Paul-Ward
6.	S. Collin Wildcat	Robert Littlechild	Eugene Coyote
7.	Ron Littlechild	Corrine Stoney	Ivan Roan
8.	Terry (Terry Bear) Littlechild	Harley Littlechild	Joyce Larocque
9.	Shirley (May) Ermineskin	Inez Lightning	Elvin Wolfe
10	Craig Alton Makinaw	Richard Coyote	Roxanne Morin

Posted this 24th day of August, at the Ermineskin Cree Nation in the Province of Alberta.

Loretta Lambert 1-306-227-3373 E: loretta@petelambert.ca

The Election for four councillors to be held on August 31, 2022 at NOK from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Ermineskin Community Wellness

Grief



Understanding the Inner Journey to Wellness

SEPT.
27 &
28

N.O.K
Bldg.

10am
to
3pm

**NO
COST**
INCENTIVES
OFFERED

Neurological Processes

Anxiety

Depression

Connection/Compassion

Love/Healing

Range of Emotions

To Register Please Contact: 780-585-3741

Ermineskin Education Trust Fund will be hosting their Annual Awards Night

October 15, 2022

**ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:
ERMINESKIN CREE NATION MEMBERS ENROLLED
IN KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12**

ATTENDANCE: KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 2	50%
GR 3 -6	70%
GR 7-12	90%

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - students in Grades 9 - 12 are eligible who receive an average overall grade of 80% or higher in their academic year

GENERAL INTEREST AWARD - eligible students are those who have completed or participated in an extracurricular activity that promotes physical, spiritual, intellectual, and mental development:

PLEASE SUBMIT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2022:

- 2020-2021 Report cards for Academic and Attendance Awards
- 2021-2022 Report cards for Academic and Attendance Awards
- Supporting documents for General Interest Awards

PARENTS CAN DROP OFF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AT THE EETF OFFICE OR SUBMIT VIA EMAIL COORDINATOR@EETFUND.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EETF COORDINATOR LISA LITTLECHILD: MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30-4:30 AT (780) 585-2135 OR COORDINATOR@EETFUND.COM

EETF celebrates 40 years of Educational Excellence

\$ FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & BUDGETING

\$ \$ FIRST 12 PARTICIPANTS PER MONTH

SESSIONS WILL BE STARTING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17.

AND CONTINUING ONWARD ON THESE \$ DATES.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21. \$

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19. \$

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16. \$

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21 \$

CONTACT :

LORALYN- ERMINESKIN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

780-585-3835 \$

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COVID RAPID TESTING FOR ECN EMPLOYEES AND ECN MEMBERS

RAPID TEST CLINIC
4:00 PM TO 6:00PM
N.O.K BUILDING
SUNDAY ONLY

! Those experiencing symptoms are NOT to be tested at the site, and are referred to go get tested at Maskwacis Ambulance Authority (MAA).

Friendly reminder for ECN employees that it is mandatory to provide weekly negative tests. Employees, once result is provided, notify your immediate supervisor. Rapid Testing until September 30, 2022

ERMINESKIN CREE NATION

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised that ALL ECN Offices will be closed September 1st due to staff appreciation day.

Please see our Emergency Number Listing, if should you need After-Hours services. Operations will resume September 2nd 2022

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SEPT 16TH CASH SCRAMBLE

FUND
RAISER
FOR KIAN
LITTLECHILD



SUPER KP
MULLIGANS
HOLE IN
ONE PRIZES

FIRST 10 LADIES TEAM ACCEPTED

FIRST 10 SR. MENS (50+) ACCEPTED

MEN'S DIVISION-30 HANDICAP (Minimum)



KIAN LITTLECHILD

\$600.00
Entry Fee
(includes 18
holes & cart)

Contacts:
Kevin Littlechild @7803358445
Bruce Littlechild @ 7803601557

Sage Beauty



Permanent Makeup Training

Date: September 12-16, 2022

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Location: Sage Beauty, Wetaskiwin Mall
3725 - 56 St.

Only 4 Spots Available

Contact Ermineskin NEST 780-585-0191 for more information!



**THE MUSTANGZ
CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE
FUNDRAISER**

Starting AUGUST 27, 2022

**HELP OUR YOUTH DRUM GROUP
TRAVEL TO SAN MANUAL**

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SEPT 16 - 18, 2022
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**WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS
OF ANY BOTTLES & CANS TO
HELP OFF SET TRAVEL COSTS**

Contact Martha 780-335-3884 or
Evangeline 780-360-3816
we can pick up any donations

VOTE

FOR YOUR COUNCIL

AUGUST 31ST, 2022

9:00AM - 6:00PM

LOCATION: N.O.K. BUILDING



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Nehiyaw Atisowin

Nehiyaw Atisowin is an Adult Literacy program which is offered through Maskwacis Cultural College. This unique program includes:

- >>> Math refresher
- >>> Language Arts refresher
- >>> Cree language introduction (beginner Cree, Cree culture refresher, Cree syllabics)
- >>> Life Skills (Personal and professional skill development)

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PROGRAM DETAILS:

- >> September Start date
- >> 12 week program
- >> Mon. - Thurs. Daily 9-3 PM
- >> School supplies provided
- >> NHS Classroom Ermineskin Mall location
- >> Space is limited (12 capacity)

REQUIREMENTS:

- >>MCC Application
- >> Commitment to complete the program



Please contact us to register:
 Neyaskweyahk Human Services
 780-585-3835
 Kenneth@ermineskin.ca

NEYASKWEYAHK CREE NATION

STAFF GOLF

September 1st 2022

Montgomery Glen Golf Course
Wetaskiwin, Ab

8:00am Breakfast Buffet/Registration
 9:00am SHOTGUN START
 3:00pm Chicken & Rib Buffet

Open to **ONLY ECN Staff**
+1Guest (\$125)



Mulligans \$10 each MAX 2 per player
Men's and Ladies KP, Longest Drive,
Longest Putt, Hole in One & more!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: AUGUST 30TH
NO LATE ENTRIES

CONTACT: MARCELLA CHILD-PAUL 780-585-3866
 ALISON LITTLECHILD-ALBERT 780-585-3741 (EXT 265)
 OR (EXT 310)