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Ermineskin Newsletter July 28th, 2022

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Pope Francis Apologizes To All Residential School Survivors.



On July 25, 2022 History was made when Pope Francis made his way across the globe to give his sincerest apologies to all residential school survivors who had gone through the hardships and hurtles that the system had forced them to go through. Upon the arrival of his visit he began with a prayer in the Ermineskin Church and a stop to the Ermineskin burial grounds. There he sat in sadness and sorrow and did one final prayer before heading back into the arbor

where thousands of people stood awaiting for their long overdue apology. Once the Pope was escorted into the arbor (Bear Park) he was greeted by Chiefs of the four bands. There they welcomed him and followed him to the stage where he sat, and began his apologies. "I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the indigenous people".



Before the pope had left an Indigenous woman had come out of the crowd spontaneously and began to sing a song that is titled the four directions of wind. she sang in the tune of "Oh Canada" the Canadian

National Anthem. This woman goes by the name of *Si Pih Ko*, and is Ogichidaa Kwe From Manitoba. Many people were confused of the tune that this young woman had sang as it didn't sound like

anything close to what the lyrics in the Anthem convey. All together slowly but surely the people in the crowd could understand what she was saying, and collectively realized that none of what she sang was about the Anthem. But was instead admonishing the Pope for the terrible, disturbing and dastardly deeds that was committed within these schools. "Our land was pure before the church's arrival to our land." she stated in the interviews of national T.V.

A statement from *Stephanie Ambrose* giving us a rough translation as to what Si Pih Ko said: "She said something like... - Take your men and go home and write the wrongs of the past.."

A Thank You To Those Who Have Volunteered

"Thank You to all our community members who volunteered their time and service during such a historic event. From the band office liaisons, bus drivers, security, mental health and medical services, minders, etc.... and everyone there. You did a phenomenal job looking after ALL of us who attended. It is much appreciated. Ay hyi kahkeeyaw". - *Chrystal M. Buffalo*.

"I hope this visit brings comfort to all who needed it. To all the elders who traveled across the country, across the rez wherever. I hope you are at peace. The coming to my reservation was a big deal, something like this has never and probably never will happen again and I'm happy for Maskwacis. - *Jolayne Danielle*.

"This moment was truly gut-wrenching, the bringing of the red banner of four thousand children who were lost to their families. - *Kenlan*

"So far I realized I am still angry so if there is any healing from my anger it will have to come from seeing the Holy father. My greatest on going concern is that He needs to dismantle the doctrine of Discovery. Hoping that will be a future task for him. We have much healing to do in our community and I always believe this has to be done together. I cried three days straight when two hundred and fifteen children were found in Kamloops last year. We have that and other horrific discoveries in our communities to come to terms with. So best of luck for us for tomorrow and for sure may the creator be with us! - *Murial Lee*.

These quotes were taken from Facebook.

A Thank You To Our Elders .

We would like to say a special thanks to our elders for sharing their stories about their trauma and their experiences that those of you who still struggle with coping from Residential schools, along with those who have suffered with them in Day schools. Thank you all for breaking the cycles and helping the younger generations within our community with healing within intergenerational trauma. For those of you who still struggle with coping or talking about your experiences please dial: 1-855-242-3310 for help and understanding. Hai Hai.

We are very appreciative to all who have shared their stories with many interviews and other media newsletters, as we know how hard and heartbreaking it was for you to speak out and relive those experiences.

These photos are from the interviews that elders had cooperated in. To speak out on how the Pope visit could and would affect them, and a story from their experience as a residential school Survivor.





CREE CORNER

POSTERS IN PLAINS CREE

Colors / Ēsināhkwahk

 black / kâskitewāw	 white / wāpiskāw
 brown / wātokinākwan	 gray / pihkowāstewnākwan
 yellow / osawinakwan	 purple / nîpamāyātan
 red / mihkwāw	 green / āskihtakwāw
 orange / osāwāw	 blue / sîpihkwāw

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PANEE RODEO CLASSIC

Panee Rodeo Classic! Was a hit for the local cowboys and cowgirls as they watched the shows chalk full of Chariots, Chuck wagons and Bronco riders. The crowd was glued to their seats as they watched the races go round cheering for everyone who was either in a wagon or on top one of the many Broncos they had on for show.







PANEE RODEO DANCE



As a side event to the standard fair of the Panee Rodeo Classic event, a dance was put on. We wanted to give a special thanks to all the Summer Students who've helped everyone set up.

The event was a blast and had everyone every one on their feet and dancing, it was a big step forward as it was a refreshing return to form that we hope to see more of as the Covid-19 Pandemic tapers off.



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From inhibiting your future and get unstuck.

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AUGUST 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 	1 CIVIC HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 PIMATISIWIN HORSE THERAPY 9AM-4PM	3 WETASKIWIN MOVIE THEATER: LIGHTYEAR 2:30PM	4	5	6
7	8 International Cat Day	9 TALENT SHOW/SOCCER TIPS ERMINESKIN ARENA 1PM-4PM	10 HORSE THERAPY 9AM-4PM	11	12	13
14	15 ELDER TEACHINGS LAND BASED TEACHINGS	16 TIPI TEACHINGS LAND BASED TEACHINGS	17 MEDICINE PICKING LAND BASED TEACHINGS	18 FISHING/ELDERS TEACHINGS LAND BASED TEACHINGS	19 WRAP UP OF LAND BASED TEACHINGS	20
21	22	23 CONFLICT MANAGEMENT/ GAMES BEAR PARK 1-4PM	24 WETASKIWIN POOL FAMILY SWIM 1-4PM	25	26 International Dog Day	27
28	29	30 SCHOOL PREP ACTIVITIES/ HAIRCUTS FOR CHILDREN ERMINESKIN ARENA 9AM-4PM	31 SCHOOL PREP ACTIVITIES/ HAIRCUTS FOR CHILDREN ERMINESKIN ARENA 9AM-4PM	1	2	3

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Upcoming Events/Classifieds



NEYASKWEYAHK HUMAN SERVICES

AUGUST Issuance

JULY 28TH, 2022

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Bills & Document can be dropped off at front window.

Office Hours: 9 am - 3 pm

NHS: (780)585-3835

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Ermineskin Election Information

Wy-Co Alcohol & Drug Testing Dates: July 26 - August 17, 2022

Alcohol and Drug tests are **REQUIRED** under the *ECN Custom Election Law* and **MUST** be completed prior to the Nomination Date.

12 Panel Test + ETG Cost \$250.00. Scheduling should be done ASAP. To comply with Wy-Co scheduled dates. Wy-co may request proof of prescription where follow up is required.

Costs Associated with the test are the responsibility of the candidate.

Elections Officer:

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ERMINESKIN YOUTH & SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Star Express

K DAYS

K-DAYS FIELD TRIP

VAN LEAVES AT 10:30 AM FROM THE JIM RS BLDG.

FEE: \$25 PER CHILD

PLEASE NOTE: FEE IS TO SECURE A SPOT AND WILL BE USED TO FEED THE CHILDREN ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

FRIDAY JULY 29, 2022

AGES 12+ UP

FIRST 11 TO REGISTER & PAY FEE

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT ERMINESKIN RECREATION AT [780]585-3088

TOP CANADIAN AND AMERICAN COWBOYS & COWGIRLS

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CREE NATION INFR TOUR QUALIFIER

RODEO PERFS SAT/SUN @ 1 P.M. DAILY SLACK SAT @ 7 P.M. SLACK SUN @ 9 A.M.

JULY 30TH, 31ST

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MALE YOUTH CULTURAL/SURVIVAL CAMP

with Brighter Futures

Cultural & Creative Outdoor Activities for **BOYS** ages: 12 and Above

AUGUST 7-11, 2022

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ACTIVITIES:

- Storytelling
- Fire safety, building, and maintenance
- Fun Games
- Nature-Based Mentoring AND MUCH MORE!

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FIRST NATIONS TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP INC. & THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA AUGUSTANA CAMPUS PRESENT:

MIQUELON LAKE KNOWLEDGE CAMP

August 15-19th, 2022
Augustana Miquelon Lake Research Station

In this FREE 5 day-long day camp, you will learn about nature, astronomy, ecosystems, and more!
Open to youth aged 14-18 | Lunch and snacks provided
Register now until August 5th online at www.TSAG.net



Transportation to and from camp will be provided. Must be able to travel to the Subway in Samson Mall, Maskwacis to catch the bus to camp.

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**ERMINESKIN CREE NATION
NOMINATION MEETING
FOR
COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES
AUGUST 24, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE FOR NOMINATION MEETING AND
COUNCILLOR ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ERMINESKIN CREE NATION THAT A NOMINATION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **AUGUST 24, 2022** FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLORS. THERE ARE FOUR (4) POSITIONS AVAILABLE.

THE CPIC AND AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TRIBAL LAW OFFICE BY AUGUST 17, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME,

THE ELECTORAL OFFICER WILL RECEIVE THE RESULTS FROM THE WYCO – THE DRUG TESTING COMPANY VIA EMAIL BY NO LATER THAN AUGUST 17, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME. THE COST OF TESTING IS BORNE BY THE CANDIDATE.

THE ELECTION FOR THE COUNCILLOR POSITION WILL BE ON **AUGUST 31, 2022**. THE POLL WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

THE ERMINESKIN CREE NATION ADMINISTRATION WILL HOST AN ON-LINE FORUM. THE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FORUM, PLEASE CONTACT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OR CALL (780) 585-3741.

PREPARED AND POSTED THIS 14 TH DAY OF JULY, 2022 AT THE ERMINESKIN CREE NATION.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta J. Pete Lambert".

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