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# Ermineskin Newsletter October 6th 2022

Neyâskweyâhk Acimowin Kaskatinôpîsim Nîkotwâsik Akimaw Anohc

## Truth And Reconciliation, One Step At A Time



On September 28th Ermineskin held its official Orange Shirt Day Event. The event started by giving everyone their orange shirts and asking those who were willing to participate to write the names of someone effected by the terrible conditions of the residential schools on a piece of paper shaped like an orange shirt. There were a large number of participants from all age groups and quite a few volunteers who assisted with distributing the shirts and coordinated the event. After everyone had their shirts, everyone began walking a short dis-

tance to the residential school memorial stone located in front of the Ermineskin High school. It was here that stories and testimonies regarding the residential schools were told by guest speakers as well as the importance of healing, moving forward and how to begin your own healing journey. A small lunch was then given out as the event came to a close. We would like to extend our gratitude to the RCMP, drum group, guest speakers, and volunteers who made this event happen and we hope to see such a large turnout next year.

## The Growing Recognition of Orange Shirt Day

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (named in 2021), also known as Orange Shirt Day, is a day that recognizes the heartbreaking history of Canadian Residential Schools, the missing children, the families left behind, and of course the survivors of these institutions. It has been a year since the child remains at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School have been found, and the search of many other former residential schools began. This has had major impacts across Canada, and continue to effect us today. This day continues to grow across the county, with more participants and support from Canadians as a whole. Awareness grew so much we even had a highly controversial visit and apology

from the pope. On September 30th, every year, we come together for the survivors, the ones who didn't come home, and the many families who have experienced heartbreak from the lasting trauma from these residential schools. Those who spoke at the event showed extreme courage sharing their stories with the public. We appreciate those who came to the event, walked with us, showed support, as well as grieved and healed with one another. This day is not easy, but it is important, not only to First Nations people, but to all Canadians and those across Turtle Island. We hope that this day continues to shed a light on the history of First Nations Peoples, and educate future generations.

### ORANGE SHIRT DAY HIGHLIGHTS



## ECN's Councillor Inauguration

On October 1st we held the official Inauguration Ceremony for our new and returning Chief and Council Members. Things started off with a pipe ceremony and then moved on to the official signing of documents marking the start of their new terms, and finally ended with a few short speeches given on the nature of their terms.

Craig spoke first "its an honor to be here for our nation. Our elders said it's a good start for all of us, we just need to move forward and to keep working together on things. With all that's started here today I hope we can start working together.. I'd like to thank shoes of you who are here and the councillors for their



support."

The next Councillor to speak was May Ermineskin - " I'd like to thank my "dream team" whose helped me so much with my campaign and while I was out there on my campaign I just want to share that I met so many beautiful people and made so many beautiful memories. They were good to me when I was talking to them and they shared some beautiful stories from their lives with me which I really appreciated. I would drive home at the end of my day of campaigning and think back on them. So I look forward to working hard for my people I believe strongly in working hard, and ive always done that in my job and I look forward to working for Ermineskin and going in the right direction that we should be going. There are many issues we are currently facing that our on our agenda and that we

will be dealing with. One of the ones I'm most passionate about are treaty rights ,for my grand children and for the grand children of others"

Next they started calling returning councillors to speak and they led with Clayton Wildcat- "Id like to thank everybody and celebrate our new and reelected council members as well as our past generation. Id like to thank Mary Stoney for nomitaing me, shes an elder of ECN, and the second person who nominated me Marcella Little Child. They trusted me to lead them again for a second term and I appreciate that. As this new year comes Id like to move and protect all of us because of the things that are changing right now in the world. Id like to thank my wife and kids for keeping me going through my past 3 years on council. Id also like to say thank you to everybody the elders. Hai Hai."

We closed with a statement from Ryan Ermineskin- "Id like to thank those of you who have lent us your support and who have come with us on this journey. I greatly look forward to working with the newly elected councillors. I've had many teachers id like to thank, one of which was my dad among many others. They've helped me see this through and fight for our rights and the things we all believe in. I look forward to this journey and id like to thank all of you for coming along, Hai Hai."

The full speeches have been uploaded to the official Ermineskin Youtube and have also been uploaded to the Ermineskin Facebook





# CREE CORNER

# Frost Month October

kaskatinô pîsim b<sup>h</sup>b<sup>h</sup>o<sup>h</sup> <sup>h</sup>h<sup>h</sup>c



Night - tipiskaw <sup>h</sup>h<sup>h</sup>o<sup>h</sup>

Cree Provided by Betty Simon

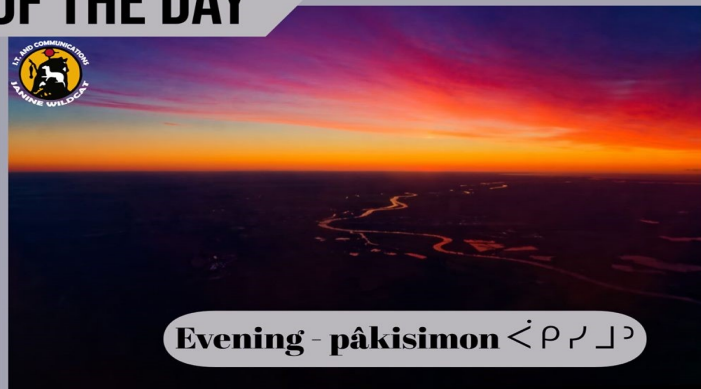


Morning - kîkisêpayaw <sup>h</sup>h<sup>h</sup>h<sup>h</sup>o<sup>h</sup>

## 4 STAGES OF THE DAY



Noon - apîhtakisikaw <sup>h</sup>h<sup>h</sup>h<sup>h</sup>o<sup>h</sup>



Evening - pâkisimon <sup>h</sup>h<sup>h</sup>h<sup>h</sup>o<sup>h</sup>

## Treaty Six Day Celebration



In Ermineskin, September 25th is recognized as Bobtail Day, Annual holiday to honor Chief Bobtail & Treaty No. 6. The treaty was first signed in 1876 at Fort Carlton, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan



years since Chief Bobtail signed The Treaty on September 25th, 2022 We had an amazing day that started with an El-

by Plain and Wood Cree, Assiniboine, and other tribes. An Adhesion to Treaty 6 was signed by Chief Bobtail of Maskwacis on September 25th, 1877 at Blackfoot Crossing at the Bow River, (Siksika Nation). Ermineskin Celebrated 146

years since Chief Bobtail signed The Treaty on September 25th, 2022 We had an amazing day that started with an Elders Prayer. It was followed by a drum group and a drive-thru lunch. A special thank you to all the volunteers, the Ermineskin Industrial Relations Department, the Panee Staff, and of course all those who came out to celebrate with us. Councillors Nina Crossing at the Makinaw and Clayton Wildcat came to show their support as well and celebrate with the nation. As we approach the 150th anniversary of the signing we hope to see an even larger turnout in the com-



## NHS Program Graduate Parade



NHS recently hosted their parade of program graduates, an event held to highlight the accomplishments of those who have completed one of their various pro-

grams. Those programs cover a wide variety of subjects including small engine repair, office technology, make up, gel nail/pedicure, adult literacy, adult upgrading, GED program, and a women's trade program. We'd like to thank the NHS staff who work to

provide these important programs as well as congratulate the graduates who put in the work to complete them. We've dedicated the next two pages to

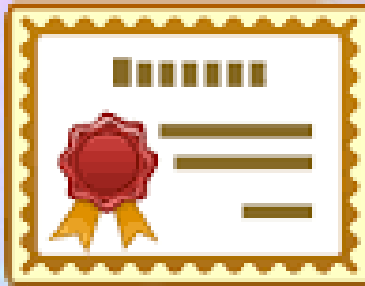
the graduates of these programs and hope to see many more participants in the future! For more information on how to sign up when the next program becomes available contact NHS via email at [crystal@ermineskin.ca](mailto:crystal@ermineskin.ca) or by phone at 780-585-3835.



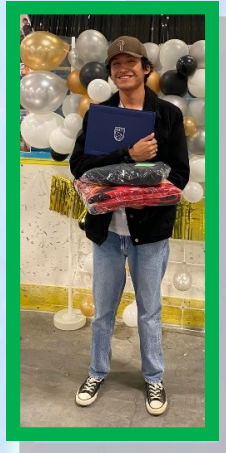
# NHS PROGRAM GRADUATES!



**Fabian Rowan - Small Engine Re-**



**Tyrese Omeasoo - Small Engine Repair (NAIT)**



**Jarron Evert - Small Engine Repair (Nait)**



**Ryan Morin - Small Engine Repair (NAIT)**



**James Wolfe - Small Engine Repair (Nait)**



**Joseph Morin-Wolfe - Small Engine Repair (Nait)**



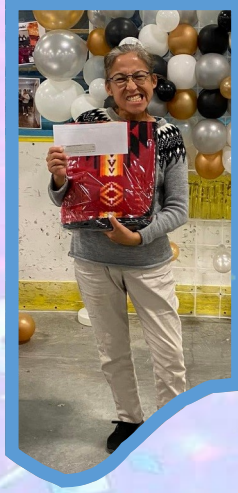
**Gavin Cutarm - Small Engine Repair**



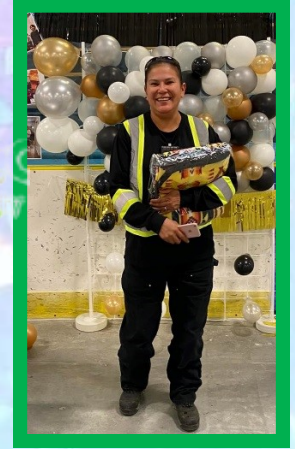
**Antonio Babich - Small Engine Repair (NAIT)**



Wynn Whitebear - Women in



Tansi Omeasoo - Women



Louise Saddleback -  
Women in Trades (RDP)



Kaylene Bruno - Adult Upgrading



Harvey Redbear - adult



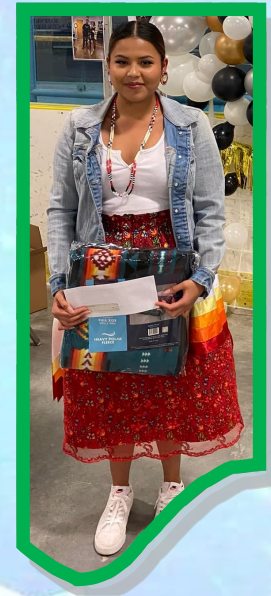
Keenan Fraynn - GED Prep  
(Norquest college-  
Wetaskiwin)



Samantha Si-  
mon-Morin.  
Make-up level  
1 (Delmar Col-  
lege)



Arienne Smallboy. Makeup level 1



Tylen Ward - Makeup Level-  
1 (Delmar College)

## A PERSPECTIVE ON TRAUMA AND HEALING

(Edmonton) – The Edmonton Public Library and the Jewish Federation of Edmonton are proud to host Saskatchewan artist Carol Wylie and Saddle Lake Indigenous Educator Terri Cardinal to discuss their perspectives on survival and healing from the Holocaust and residential schools.

This event is in conjunction with Carol Wylie’s art installation, *They didn’t know we were seeds*, which will be on display at the Stanley A. Milner Library from September 29 through November 25, 2022. This large-scale portrait series honours those lost in residential schools and the Holocaust, as well as survivors and intergenerational survivors.

Wylie states in her project/artist statement: “Both Indigenous survivors and Jewish survivors speak of a solidarity forged from the shared need to find ways of healing personal and generational trauma in the wake of horrendous abuse and attempted genocide, and to educate.”

The event will be held in the Muttart Theatre on the basement floor of the Stanley A. Milner Library. After the discussion, guests are invited up to the first floor PÎYÊSÎW WÂSKÂHIKAN for tea, coffee and desserts.

About the presenters: Carol Wylie has engaged in an active art practice for thirty years, exclusively working with portrait and figuration. She holds an MFA from the Vermont College of Fine Arts, a BFA in studio art and BA in psychology from the University of Saskatchewan. She resides in Saskatoon, SK and divides her time between personal practice, teaching drawing and painting for Hues Art Supply, and art education at Remain Modern Art Gallery of Saskatchewan. Wapekihêw Iskewew, Terri Cardinal is from Saddle Lake Cree Nation in Treaty 6 Territory. She is currently the Indian Residential School Coordinator for University nuhelot’jine thaiyots’j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills, which is located on a former residential school site. She has previously worked in First Nations communities developing and implementing cultural programming for Indigenous families while mentoring front line workers in the Health and Social Work field. Terri acknowledges her learning and connection to Cree Worldview from the University nuhelot’jine thaiyots’j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills where she completed her first two degrees (BGS & IBSW). Terri’s research and passion focuses on ceremony is healing, Indigenous social work, identity and Indigenous land-based learning.

This program is supported by the Isadore and Florence Burstyn Memorial Fund, KSW Calgary Holocaust Education & Commemoration Endowment Fund.

-article taken from [www.albertanativenews.com/](http://www.albertanativenews.com/)



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# Upcoming Events/Classifieds



20  
22

KKI CREE CLASSES

## KANAWEMAHWASOWIN KAMIK INVITES YOU TO

VIRTUAL CREE LANGUAGE  
TEACHINGS 'NEHIYAWEWIN'

STARTING WEEK OCT 11  
EVERY TUESDAY (AGES 0-6)  
4 PM-5 PM

OCT 12  
EVERY WEDNESDAY (AGES 7-12)  
4 PM - 5 PM

OCT 13  
EVERY THURSDAY (AGES 13-17+)  
4 PM - 5 PM

START DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2022  
END DATE: MAY 25, 2023

\*ALL AGE GROUPS WILL FALL ON ITS RESPECTIVE  
DAY UNTIL END DATE - OPEN TO EVERYONE!



FOR more information PLEASE CONTACT ANDREA.M@KKAMIK.COM  
REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE



# NHS

## Inflation Supplement

*Neyaskweyahk Human Services will be given out  
an Inflation supplement for Income Support  
Clients who were active in April, May & June  
2022.*

*NHS / Income Support Clients Only*

**07** OCTOBER  
10am-4pm

Neyaskweyahk Human  
Services Office

NHS (780)586-3835

ERMINESKIN RECREATION

## Lacombe Kraay Family Farm Corn Maze

Saturday October 8th, 2022

AGES 7-17

FIRST 10 SPOTS

Van leaves at 11:30 am from the Jim RS BLDG.

FEE: 20 PER CHILD

For more information or  
to register your child  
please contact the Rec  
at (780) 585-3088



### Attention ECN Band Members – Off-Reserve

Christmas Hamper Gift Card mail outs – upon availability

#### Those that live both out of province

Can submit your information with:

- ❖ Full-Complete Address
- ❖ Valid Phone Number
- ❖ ECN band number

Please note: Gift cards are only for those over 18 and residing within Leduc/Red  
deer Regions and beyond

Please Call the Ermineskin Industrial Relations Office with all  
your information@780-585-3779, keep in mind that these are  
the x-mas hamper gift cards for those unable to pick up your  
hamper

We thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter ©

Please continue to stay safe out there

A workshop designed to help you begin healing your life in a simple easy and effective way. The tools you will learn in this program will help you reach a deeper connection with your cultural roots in a healthy healing manner.

*"Bridging the Gap"*  
between

**Cultural Identity  
and mental and emotional healing.**

October 11, 12, 13  
9:00am to 3:30 pm each day  
15 spots available

To Register, please call Ermineskin NEST @780-585-0191

Facilitated by Lindsay Nepoose  
Certified Workshop facilitator and Licensed coach

This workshop will benefit you if:

- \* you have tried everything to get your life back on track but cycles keep repeating.
- \* you are ready and willing to commit to true change and growth
- \* You know you have past issues holding you back but you don't know where to start.



Maskwacis Health Services  
**COVID Vaccine Clinics** **OCT 2022**

For Children 6 months+ to Adults

**October 12** Maskwacis Health Center

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**October 26** Maskwacis Health Center

11:00 am - 3:30 pm

**COVID Vaccines To Be Offered:**

- > Moderna is available for 6 months to 4 years of age
- > Pfizer is available for 5-11 years old

> **BIVALENT Moderna is available for ages 18+ as a BOOSTER dose to protect against OMICRON and the original Virus Strain.**



Book an appointment by calling  
**780-585-2266**  
Walk-ins are welcome.

Call Community Health 780-585-2266 for Questions  
Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx> for up to date COVID vaccine information and eligibility.  
Contact your local pharmacy for COVID vaccines for ages 12 and up.

**DEADLY TECHSKILL 2022  
ACT II  
Halloween Edition**

October 30th, 2022, Sunday 11:00AM

@ Jim Rattlesnake Building in Maskwacis

Halloween Costumes are welcomed!

\$10 Venue Fee (\$5 off venue fee when you bring your own setup)

\$5 per event

Free Mario Kart tournament!

**BRING YOUR OWN CONTROLLER!!**

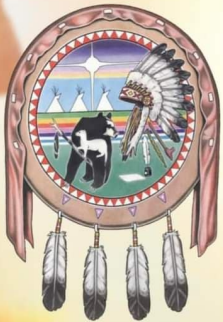


**MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER**

# FALL JOB FAIR

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022**

**HOWARD BUFFALO MEMORIAL CENTER  
MASKWACIS, ALBERTA  
10AM-3PM**



- ✓ Be Prepared
- ✓ Bring Your Resume
- ✓ Dress to Impress

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**

**INDUSTRY REGISTRATION**  
[www.maskwacisemployment.ca](http://www.maskwacisemployment.ca)

For more information, contact 780-585-4450  
or email [lanea@maskwacisemployment.ca](mailto:lanea@maskwacisemployment.ca)



## NGCI Fundraiser!! Lottery Board



\$260 Worth of  
Tickets!  
\$5.00 Each

Draw Date:  
October 14, 2022

**Ermineskin Community Wellness**

# 2022 HALLOWEEN DRIVE THRU EVENT

**2 DAY EVENT: OCTOBER 29 + 30, 2022**

**PANEE MEMORIAL AGRIFLEX**

**6:30PM - 8:30PM**

**ZOMBIE WALK, COSTUME CONTEST AND  
HAUNTED VEHICLES CONTEST ON  
OCTOBER 29, 2022**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY WELLNESS (780)585-3741**

**ERMINESKIN RECREATION (780)585-3088 / SAMSON YOUTH & SPORT DEVELP.(780)585-3012**



**HOT DOGS**

**PRIZES**

**CANDY  
BAGS**



<p><i>Youth Categories</i></p> <p>4-6   7-9   10-12</p> <p>16-18   13-15</p>	<p><i>Prizes Awarded</i></p>  <p>Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, Ham, &amp; Pie</p>	<p><i>Adult Categories</i></p> <p>19-24   25-35   36-45</p> <p>46-49   50-59   60+</p>
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**Ermîneskîn Community Wellness**

# 2022 Turkey Trot

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

**Maskwacis Bear Park at 12pm - 2pm**

**1KM ELDERS ROUTE**

**2KM WALK**

**5KM RUN**

<p><i>Covid-19 Precautions</i></p> <p><b>Masks, Hand Sanitizing &amp; Social Distancing Mandatory at this event. Please stay home if you are experiencing symptoms.</b></p>	<p><i>Registration</i></p> <p><b>11:00 AM at Maskwacis Bear Park</b></p> <p><b>*In Person Registration</b></p>	<p><b>Ermîneskîn Community Wellness</b> (780)585-3741</p> <p><b>Ermîneskîn Recreation</b> (780)585-3088</p> <p><b>Samson Youth &amp; Sport Develop.</b> (780)585-3012</p>
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## YOUTH RECOGNITION DAY

# DROP-IN EVENT

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2022**

**12:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**


**NEYASKWEYAHK OKIMAW KAMIK BUILDING (NOK)**

- Invitation open for EETF students K5-Grade 11
- EETF students can drop-in for their awards and a gift, enjoy a light snack and activities.
- Professional photo-booth onsite (no cost required.)
- Students unable to attend will have to contact EETF for pickup/delivery.



For more information please contact:  
info@eetfund.com or 780-585-2135

Alberta First Nations Voice for On Reserve Shelters



## Dinner & Live Auction

### Coast Edmonton West

18035 Stoney Plain Road

OCTOBER

# 22

Saturday

6 pm - 11 pm

TICKETS ARE \$125 each or \$1250 for a table of 10

Please contact Jennifer Gladue @ 780-891-3905