



Ermineskin Newsletter June 16, 2023

Neyâskweyâhk Acimowin Opaskâskwehowipisim Nikotwâsosâp

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FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION



We celebrate the fathers, mosoms, uncles, brothers and all of the important men in our lives, and would like to honor them by showing our appreciation. Ermineskin Cree Nation, in collaboration with Samson, and Louis Bull celebrated Father's Day on Thursday June 15th, 2023. This event was held at the Ermineskin Arena and allowed 150 participants. Each attendee received gifts, en-

gaged in games and participate in wellness and self care treatments. The afternoon kicked off with a performance by magician Chris Gowen and as well as a hypnotist! We hope that those who attended enjoyed themselves. We express our extreme gratitude to our fathers, grandfathers and all important male figures in our lives.



ELDERS GATHERING
IN HONOUR OF ELDER'S WEEK, A
CELEBRATION WAS HELD JUNE 7, 2023 AT
THE N.O.K BUILDING FOR OUR NATIONS
ELDERS!



N.E.S.T HOSPITALITY GRADUATION

Neyaskweyahk Employment Skills Training celebrated their Hospitality Program graduates on June 7, 2023 at By The Lake Park. This program was approximately eight weeks, that ran from January—June 2023. With the completion of the program, there were ten (10) graduates; Charmayne Cutarm, Daleen Buffalo, Jeannette Ermineskin, Joseph Littlechild, Karleya Littlechild, Shaye Littlechild, Tamera Littlechild, Corbin Roan-Littlechild, Sammy Lynch and Sharmaine Wildcat. Many of the graduates already obtained work placement, and were unable to attend this ceremony, but were celebrated and received parting gifts from the facilitators. Congratulations ladies and gentlemen for completing your training program! The N.E.S.T department will have more programs available in the next coming weeks, so be sure to keep an eye out for their training opportunities! Any questions regarding upcoming programs please contact the department office at (780) - 585 - 0191.



GRADUATE'S JOESPH, SHAYE & TAMERA LITTLECHILD



GRADUATE CHARMAYNE CUTARM

CREE CORNER



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STRAWBERRY
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ORANGE
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BLUEBERRY
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BANANA
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GRAPE
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CHOKECHERRY
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Nehiyawewin Colour Words



ERMINESKIN CREE NATION APP

Want to stay up-to-date with news, current events, and much more within your nation? Ermineskin has launched a new Mobile App! This app is accessible to all Ermineskin Cree Nation members. You can find the app in your Google Play store for Android and in the Apple App Store for iOS users for FREE.

This app was created in May of 2023 and was designed to be user-friendly and to allow members to keep updated on events, current news, important notices, and job opportunities. The I.T & Communications department would like to thank AIVIA Inc. for assisting in the production and launch of this app. We ask that you also "Verify" your membership in the "Forms" tab, to receive exclusive Ermineskin Membership Updates as well. We hope the mobile app will create an easier, more convenient way for our nation members to stay in touch.

MEMBERS OF
ERMINESKIN CREE NATION
NEVER MISS AN UPDATE
News & Events | Documents | Job Postings



DOWNLOAD NOW



- 1 Scan the QR code above or visit the App Store or Google Play Store and Search 'Ermineskin Cree Nation'
- 2 Tap 'Register' under 'Member Login'
- 3 Fill out your information and press 'Register'
- 4 Click the verification link sent to your email inbox

PONOKA 2023 GRAD CELEBRATION

On Saturday June 3, 2023 Ponoka Secondary celebrated the graduating class of 2023. Our Nation member, Ryland Mendoza was a graduate that was honoured in the celebration held at the Ponoka Arena Complex.

ture and Community Scholarship is granted to a deserving First Nations/Metis/Inuit graduating from Ponoka Secondary Campus who is active within their culture and community.



Photo Provided by: Josephine Small

Ms. Mendoza was also presented with two (2) scholarship awards; Aslan Jaipaul Scholarship and the Indigenous Culture and Community Scholarship. The Aslan Jaipaul Scholarship award is presented to a deserving graduate who is pursuing post-secondary education and has overcome considerable obstacles and exhibits enthusiasm for learning, positive attitude, and resilience in the face of challenge. In addition, the Indigenous Cul-

We would like to congratulate Ryland in all her accomplishments and look forward to seeing what the future holds for Ms. Mendoza! Congratulations to the Ponoka Graduates!



Photo Provided by: Josephine Small

Grad 2023



YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP

"It is about taking time for ourselves, loving ourselves, and reminding each other what we do matters" - Millie Mackinaw (Youth Employment Coordinator)



K.K.I GRAND OPENING



Photo provided by: Sara Lee

Thursday June 1st, Kanawemahwasowin Kamik held a grand opening to their new headquarters.

Guests were welcomed to tour the new office space and building. The

event started with a barbeque lunch and continued throughout the afternoon with dancers, guest speakers/presenters such as Vanessa Donaldson (Operations Director), Josh Littlechild (Law & Policy Coordinator), as well as our leadership Craig Makinaw, May Ermineskin and Chief Randy Ermineskin.

K.K.I. is made up of Social Workers who advocate and work with Ermineskin families involved with Child and Family Services. Programming is being developed to provide holistic support to community members to preserve family units, culture and language; as well as

to prevent the separation of children from their families. Kanawemahwasowin Kamik provides chances for children in care to return to the community through local events, and working with, supporting, and advocating for families involved with the Child and Family Services system.

“K.K.I. provides the community with the autonomy and authority needed to protect and care for their children, which is essential for preservation and assertion of Treaty No. 6 and Indigenous Rights,” says Josh Littlechild, in his opening remarks.



Vanessa Donaldson & Patty Wildcat

KEHTEHYAK M.E.S.C FORUM



PHOTO'S PROVIDED BY: JANINE WILDCAT (Communications Technician)

On Monday June 5, 2023 Maskwaçis Education and community elders came together to attend the annual M.E.S.C Elders Forum at Maskwaçis Cree High School. The purpose of the event was to allow elders to offer feedback and suggestions on the education curriculum and foundations. The event had many presentations, such as a District Presentation by MESC Superintendent Tracy Swampy-Sylvester, MESC Curriculum updates, and Planetarium Keynote by Wilfred Buck. Throughout the afternoon, the elders had the opportunity to participated in several engagements, wellness presentations and breakout sessions. For any questions regarding this event, you can contact the M.E.S.C Administration Building at (780) 585-3333.



RCMP MUSICAL RIDE



Ermineskin had the honor of hosting the 150th Anniversary Musical Horse Ride. The Musical Horse Ride performs in fifty (50) communities across Canada this year and Ermineskin Cree Nation got the opportunity to be one of the many communities they tour. Thank you to all operation crews, volunteers and attendee's!

ABOUT ME:

Kayla Cutarm
NEWSLETTER
EDITOR



My name is Kayla, I'm 24 and I am from Pigeon Lake Reserve #138A. I graduated from PLRS, and continued my education by attending two post-secondary programs and receiving my diploma/certificate's for completion.

Shortly after graduating my post secondary programs, I began working for ECN and have been employed with Ermineskin for the past 4 years. I look forward to working with the I.T & Communications department.



Any submissions can be emailed to:
newsletter@ermineskin.ca



M.E.S.C PRIDE WALK

MASKWACIS CREE HIGH SCHOOL ORGANIZED A GAY PRIDE WALK TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT AND LOVE FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY. EVERYONE DESERVES TO LOVE AND BE LOVED, REGARDLESS OF GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. WE STAND WITH OUR LGBTQ+ PEERS AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR EQUALITY AND ACCEPTANCE. LET'S SPREAD LOVE AND KINDNESS THIS PRIDE MONTH AND ALWAYS! - M.E.S.C

HEAT STROKE AWARENESS

With summer upon us and temperatures rising, let's do our part on reducing heat-related illnesses. Heat stroke is one of the most common illness throughout the summer months. Heat stroke is when the body can no longer control its natural body temperature; the body's temperature rises rapidly and is unable to cool down. Heat stroke can cause permanent disability or death if a person does not receive emergency medical treatment.

Symptoms of heat stroke include:

- Confusion, altered mental status, slurred speech
- Dizziness/Weakness/Loss of consciousness
- Headache/Nausea
- Hot, dry skin, or profuse sweating

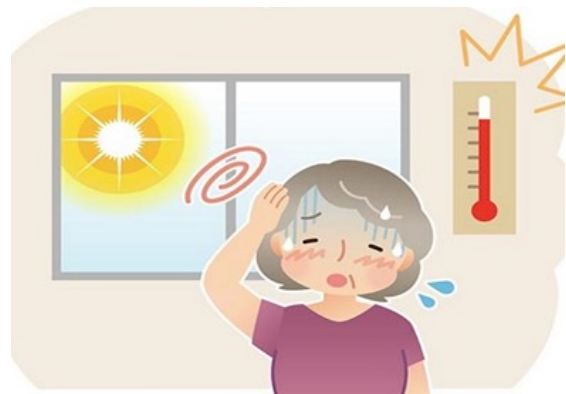
Heat stroke can be predicted and prevented. By following three main steps you can prevent heat stroke.

Steps to prevent heat stroke:

- **Wear loose-fitting & lightweight clothing:** This will help allow your body to stay cool.

- **Sun Protection:** Wearing sunscreen and other spf's and re-applying every two (2) hours. As well as using umbrella's when in direct sun.
- **Drink plenty of fluids:** stay hydrated, drink plenty of water. Drinking water will allow for your body to sweat & maintain normal body temperatures

Summer is upon us and let's do our part to keep our Ermineskin members healthy and safe! **Call 611 (Alberta Health Link) to speak with a medical professional if you are displaying symptoms and need to know if you require further medical attention.**



Upcoming Events/Classifieds



EVENTS FOR JUNE 2023

SATURDAY
17

- Spay/Neuter Clinic 10am - 3pm @ 4-Nation Arena

FRIDAY
23

- Home Maintenance WS @ NOK, 10am–5pm
- MCHS+Outreach Grad Ceremony @ MCHS Gym at 1:00pm

SUNDAY
18

- Spay/Neuter Clinic 10am - 3pm @ 4-Nation Arena
- Fathers Day 2023

TUESDAY
27

- Wetaskiwin Comp Grad Ceremony @ Wetaskiwin Drill Hall at 5:30pm
- ECN Rec Golf, Jim RS Bldg. @ 5:30
- Maskwacis Youth Day Camp - Soccer @ Bear Park, 12pm - 4pm

TUESDAY
20

- ECN Mall Market 11am–3pm
- Healing Personal and Family Grief @ Wayside Inn, Wetaskiwin
- ECN Rec Golf, 5:30pm @ Jim RS Sports Bldg.

THURSDAY
29

- Maskwacis Employment Centre Annual General Meeting. 12 NOON @ N.O.K. Building

WEDNESDAY
21

- Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration, 6pm - 10pm @ Maskwa Park

FRIDAY
30

- Home Maintenance WS @ Pigeon Lake Rec 10am–5pm
- Newsletter Distribution Day

THURSDAY
22

- MESOC Powwow @ Maskwa Park, 11am
- ECN Rec Drum Group @ Jim RS 5-7pm
- Healing Personal and Family Grief @ Wayside Inn, Wetaskiwin

JULY 2023

JULY
4-6

- Larry Cutarm Memorial Hand Game Tournament @ PL Rec Centre
- Maskwacis Youth Day Camp - Basket Ball @ H.M.B.C. 12pm - 4pm

JULY
12

- Ermineskin Nomination Meeting for Chief Candidates @ N.O.K. Building, 12pm - 2pm

JULY
10-14

- 18th Annual Youth Gathering @ Kehewin Cree Nation, AB

JULY
14

- ECN Recreation Calgary Stampede Field Trip, 10:30am @ Jim RS Bldg.

CONTACT US



Ermineskin Communications Team
(780) 585-3741

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AGES 11+

MASKWACIS YOUTH DAY CAMPS



EDDIE STEELE AS FOOTBALL COACH
(FORMER EDMONTON ESKIMOS GREY CUP WINNER 2015)

-  SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS
-  SAMSON YOUTH SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
-  ERMINESKIN RECREATION
-  ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY WELLNESS
-  LOUIS BULL HEALTH & WELLNESS

WEEK 1: JUNE 27 - 29	WEEK 2: JULY 4 - 6	WEEK 3: JULY 11 - 13	WEEK 4: JULY 18 - 20	WEEK 5: JULY 25 - 27	WEEK 6: AUGUST 1 - 3
12PM - 4PM	12PM - 4PM	12PM - 4PM	12PM - 4PM	12PM - 4PM	12PM - 4PM
SOCCER	BASKETBALL	LACROSSE	TOUCH FOOTBALL	GOLF	TOUCH FOOTBALL
LOCATION: BEAR PARK	LOCATION: H.B.M.C	LOCATION: ECN ARENA	LOCATION: BEAR PARK	LOCATION: DORCHESTER RANCH	LOCATION: SAMSON BASEBALL DIAMOND

ERMINESKIN RECREATION: (780) 585-3088
SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS: (780) 585-3634

SAMSON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT: (780) 585 3012
LOUIS BULL HEALTH & WELLNESS: (780) 585-4075 (GAVEN OR JESSE)
MONTANA RECREATION: (780) 585-3744 (JOSH OR CARSON)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION

JUNE 21ST, 2023
MASKWA PARK

BBQ: 6:00PM - 7:00PM
DRIVE-IN MOVIE: 8:45PM - 10:45PM
FIREWORKS: 10:45PM



ERMINESKIN CREE NATION, ERMINESKIN TRIBAL ENTERPRISES, OR ANY AFFILIATED ENTITIES AND DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FORM LOSS, THEFT, INJURY FORCES OF NATURE OR VANDILISM.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA ON RESERVE SHELTERS

**MONTGOMERY GLEN
WETASKIWIN, ALBERTA**



**FRIDAY
JULY 21, 2023**

REGISTER NOW!
\$1000 / Per TEAM

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:
Green fees, cart, KP,
Long putts and Steak Dinner

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS JULY 14, 2023

**CASH SCRAMBLE
PRIZES BASED ON
ENTRIES**

To get more information call:
NOLA @ ERMINESKIN WOMEN'S SHELTER
1-780-585-4470
OR BECKY @ SUCKER CREEK
1-780-523-2929

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8 AM
SHOT GUN START AT 9 AM

LONG DRIVES & MULLIGANS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

50/50 DRAWS & RAFFLES



HOME MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Traditional Past and Present, Why Home Maintenance?
Reactive vs. Proactive, Grade/Slope, Roof & Exterior Elements, Doors & Windows, Interior Elements, Minor Plumbing, Mechanical Components, Mold & Identifying Moisture Causes, and Workshop Safety.

Lunch will be provided
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
(Limited Seating)
(Call to register)

Attention: Pigeon Lake Home Occupants
Friday June 30, 2023
Pigeon Lake Rec. Centre

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
Bruce Littlechild – EPM (780) 585-3886 Ext. 237 / Cell – (780) 360-1557

Presented by
Nicholas Kootenahayoo

WAXASE 2023

Certificate upon
Completion

Taking Flight International Corporation

Healing Personal and Family Grief WORKSHOP

facilitated by Dr. Jane Simington, PhD.

JUNE 20-22, 2023

Best Western Wayside Inn
4103 56 St, Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 1V2


Gain the information you require and the interventions you need to work on and heal your grief, from whatever the source, and to support and help each of your family members to also heal from their losses.

To Register:
Call Ermineskin Brighter Futures office: 780-585-2000
or Email: futuresbrighter@yahoo.com

Each will receive a copy of

HEALING PERSONAL AND FAMILY GRIEF

JANE SIMINGTON



Dr. Jane Simington is an educator, author, and therapist, specializing in grief and trauma.



Ermineskin Cree Nation

WE ARE HIRING!

June 16th, 2023

OPEN POSITIONS:

- ✔ Child Support Worker with the Ermineskin Women's Shelter by: June 27, 2023
- ✔ Accounting Clerk with the Ermineskin Neyaskweyahk Human Services (NHS) Department by: June 29, 2023
- ✔ Case Management Worker with the Ermineskin Neyaskweyahk Human Services (NHS) Department by: June 29, 2023
- ✔ Two (2) Administrative Assistants with the Ermineskin Brighter Futures Department by: June 29, 2023
- ✔ Programmer with the Ermineskin Arena, Parks and Recreation Department by: July 4th, 2023
- ✔ One (1) Board Member with the Ermineskin Rural Electrification Association (REA) Board by: July 4th, 2023

Please submit applications, resume and criminal record check to:
faith@ermineskin.ca



MASKWACIS
Dog and Cat Wellness Clinic
at the Samson Hockey Arena
aka Four Nation Arena
June 16-18, 2023



MASKWACIS COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

Saturday, June 17
 Registration 10am - 3pm
 or until we have reached our
 capacity

No Pre-Registration
 Or Appointment Needed

Sorry we aren't able to
 provide vaccines ONLY

Sunday, June 18
 Registration CLOSED

Cash Donations are greatly appreciated
 or e-transfers can be sent to: donations@cataskforce.org

YOUR ANIMAL WILL BE:

- Spayed or neutered
- Tattooed
- Vaccinated and treated for parasites (worms and fleas)
- Your pet will spend a minimum of 1 night in our care

QUESTIONS:

- Call or Text (403) 837-7442
- If you need to borrow a crate to safely transport your animal please come down to the 4 Nations Arena the day of the event to borrow one.

This clinic is being brought to you by:



**CANADIAN ANIMAL
 TASK FORCE**

Maskwacis Cree
 Tribal Council



**ERMINESKIN
 CREE NATION**



NEYASKWEYAHK HUMAN SERVICES

S.A.E.T Youth Summer Work
 Experience Program



Start Date Monday July 4th to
 August 24th 2023. Open to

Ermineskin residents **Ages 14yrs to 17yrs** 8 week
 program. We are looking for 8 applicants

Focusing on teambuilding, resume writing, cultural teachings,
 class 7 driving to success, first aid, whimsis, 1 week job placement
 within community, and so much more.



(MUST HAVE)

Deadline to
 apply: June 23rd
 2023

Must have a
 bank account.

Must have a
 social
 insurance
 number (S.I.N.)
 to apply

Please contact Jamie Copenace @ NHS
 780-585-3835 ext: 114



GEORGE WOLFE MEMORIAL

FOR POST SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO
 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A FULL TIME
 PROGRAM FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.
 STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING
 AND SUBMITTING A COPY OF THEIR
 CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, DEGREE AND
 CONVOCATION PARCHMENT ONCE RECEIVED.

CONTACT ABBY
 FOR MORE INFO

CHIEF BOBTAIL - TRADES

APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION - STUDENTS
 MUST APPLY AND SUBMIT A COPY OF
 TRANSCRIPTS/CERTIFICATE SHOWING
 COMPLETION, AND SUBMIT A COPY OF RED SEAL
 IF APPLICABLE

CALL OR E-MAIL coordinator@eetfund.com
 780-585-2135

**SUB-DIVISION
 CLEAN-UP**



There will be a cleaning crew in the **ECN Sub-Division** to
 pick up any discarded old furniture items/appliances during
 the weeks of:

**June 20th to 23rd, and
 June 26th to 28th, 2023**

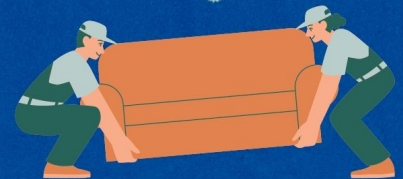
Tenants are required to put **ONLY** the following items to be
 discarded in their front lawn, where they will be picked up:

- Old Furniture (couches, chairs, etc.)
- Mattresses, bed frames
- Appliances (Fridge, stove, old tv's, washer/dryer, etc.)

**THEY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO TAKE ANY
 HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.**

CALL NOW

For more Information
780-585-3886
 Joanne Oskatamin-Potts
 or Shaunna Houle





Ermineskin Chief Elections Information

Candidate Forum:
To Be Announced
Chief Election Date:
July 19th, 2023

The CPIC and Affidavit of Residency MUST be submitted to the Tribal Law Office by:

JUNE 27TH, 2023

Contact: Collin Wildcat-
External Affairs and Law
Director
(780)- 585-3741 ext. 260 or
collin@ermineskin.ca

The Electoral Officer will receive the results of the Drug and Alcohol Testing Company via email NO LATER THAN:

JUNE 27TH, 2023

Elections Officer:

Loretta J Pete Lambert
Chief Electoral Officer
1-306-343-7383
petelambert@shaw.ca

COSTS OF THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE.



Ermineskin Nomination Meeting for Chief Candidates

Candidate Forum:
To Be Announced
Chief Election Date:
July 19th, 2023

JULY 12TH, 2023

12PM – 2PM

Contact: Collin Wildcat-
External Affairs and Law
Director
(780)- 585-3741 ext. 260 or
collin@ermineskin.ca

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Ermineskin Cree Nation that a nomination meeting will be held for the purpose of nominating eligible candidates for the position of Chief. There is one position available. The nomination meeting will be held for a minimum of two hours or until such time as all nominations from electors then present have been received, whichever comes first.

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