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Ermineskin Newsletter July 14, 2023

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CHIEF NOMINATION 2023



On Wednesday July 12, 2023 Ermineskin Cree Nation held a event for the Chief Nominations. This event allowed for our nation members to appoint someone who they feel would best suit the roles and responsibilities for the Chief of Ermineskin. They started the event by covering all the criteria that Chief nominee's must uphold when running in the election. Each nominee must provide a criminal record check, affidavits of residency, and a alcohol and drug test. With the election

coming up on July 19, 2023 members will have a total of six (6) candidates for Chief. You will see the candidates information on pages six (6) and seven (7). There will also be a upcoming special edition news letter with each candidates platform and speeches. Anyone that wishes to watch both nominations and forum video's they will be posted on the Ermineskin Youtube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ErmineskinCreeNation>

N.G.C.I SECOND ANNUAL YOUTH FORUM

On July 4th & 5th, 2023, N.G.C.I and Youth Advisory Board Member Brayden Omeasoo-Steinhauer held the Second Annual Youth Business Forum at the Jim Rattlesnake Building. This event was aimed to bring the youth of the community together to focus on business-related topics, Nêhiyaw culture, and youth wellness. The event had speakers that covered topics like resume building, entrepreneurship, N.G.C.I Businesses & Projects, financial wellness, and stories from local community members and youth. In addition, keynote speaker Fawn Wood from Saddlelake Cree Nation was able to speak on her accomplishments, challenges, culture, and share her songs with the attendee's. The youth absolutely loved it!

"I would like to give a special thanks to the youth who were in attendance, N.G.C.I staff and board of directors for supporting me and the events I lead, the Youth Business Forum Planning Committee for assisting me in the creation of this event, as well as the N.G.C.I sponsors who made this event possible. My heart is full, kinanâskomitinâwâw." Said Brayden Omeasoo-Steinhauer.

Brayden is a member of Ermineskin Cree Nation, his role as the Youth Advisory Board member to create a conduit of dialogue and the expression of ideas from a

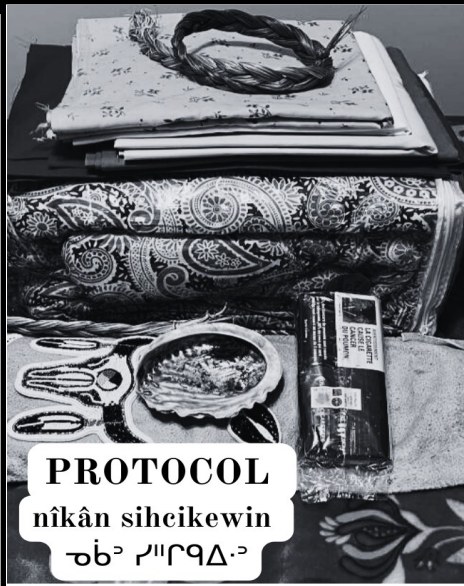
youth perspective. He was selected by the board for his leadership, commitment to community, his education and skills. Brayden advises NGCI as an advocate for fellow youth and the benefit of all

NGCI business, Ermineskin Cree Nation citizens and the Maskwacis community at large. He follows a workplace which outlines his goals to achieve within the next year, such as hosting youth events pertaining to business, youth focus sessions on various topics, school presentations, youth engagement and participation, as well as a youth and elder exchange in the community. Each of these programs have outcomes that will benefit NGCI's strategic direction, as well as provide capacity building to the youth to enhance our community.





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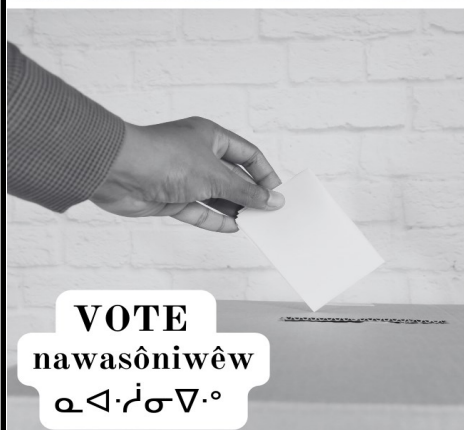
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WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We give a warm welcome to our new staff members of Ermineskin Cree Nation!

Summer Mackinaw
Arena, Parks and Recreation
Executive Assistant

Phillip Jr. Coyote
Elders Centre Administrative
Assistant



NEXT ISSUE

JULY 28, 2023

Submission Deadline: July 25, 2023
newsletter@ermineskin.ca

CUTARM MEMORIAL HANDGAME TOURNAMENT

On July 4-6, 2023, the Cutarm Family hosted a memorial handgame tournament for late elder, Larry Cutarm. Larry was an elder from Pigeon Lake 138A, Alberta. The tournament had over 36 teams that registered for the main jackpot which paid out first, second, third and fourth.



"I'd like to thank everyone that sponsored and contributed to this event, it was such a good tournament and I couldn't be more grateful for everyone that made it possible. We as a family worked very hard to make sure it was a successful. Thank you to everyone that attended and played as well." - Said Lorraine Cutarm (Host).



E.C.N CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF CHUCK WAGON RACING AT PONOKA STAMPEDE PARADE 2023!



NEW LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE



great inspiration and role model, and an advocate for both education and her community. She set an example for sixty years of dedicated service with a sincere and deep interest for the betterment of her people, the advancement of First Nations education and the preservation of Cree language and history. Theresa was a tireless advocate for all levels of education in her community and province. She was also the first female elected to the Ermineskin Cree Nation council in 1966.

We are excited for the opportunities that await our students as we prepare to open the doors of Theresa C.

Wildcat Early Learning Centre.

Introducing the "Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre"

We are thrilled to unveil the name of our brand-new school: Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre. This innovative early learning centre has been designed to celebrate and honor the rich traditions, values, and language of the Maskwacis Cree. With a curriculum that integrates Cree language, history, and cultural practices, aligning with all MESC schools, this school will provide a nurturing environment for students to connect with Maskwacis culture and continue to receive a high-quality education. We are excited to embark on this journey together and create a space where students can explore their passions, embrace critical thinking, and cultivate lifelong learning skills.

Late Theresa C. Wildcat, a member of the Ermineskin Cree Nation, was the eldest daughter to Joe and Emma Minde. Her grandfather was Chief Dan Minde. Theresa attended the Ermineskin Residential School and the St. Joseph's Convent in Red Deer and was the first Ermineskin Nation member to graduate from high school. When she received her teaching certificate from the University of Alberta in 1952, she became the first teacher from Maskwacis. Theresa taught at St. Mary's Residential School from 1955 into the 1960's. In 1957 she married Sam Wildcat and together they raised a family of five children.

Theresa has been described as a visionary, dedicated educator, a pioneer in the field of education, a

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the completion of our new building has been delayed. This only affects kindergarten students attending the Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre. As a result, we regret to inform you that the start of the school year will be postponed to September 25th, 2023. We understand that this change may cause inconvenience and uncertainty, and we apologize for any disruption this may cause to your family's plans. However, please be assured that this delay is necessary to ensure that our new facility meets the highest standards of safety and quality, providing an optimal learning environment for our students.

We understand that you may have questions or concerns regarding the delayed start. Feel free to reach out to our administrative team who will be available to address any inquiries you may have. The team can be reached at our main administration office, (780) 585-3333.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time. We value your partnership and look forward to welcoming your child to the new school building on September 25th.

Article Provided by: M.E.S.C

(Maskwacis Education Schools Commission)

E.C.N CHIEF



CRAIG MAKINAW

*Nominated by: Richard Coyote
Second: Kathleen Ward*

"I am working with colleague's in getting the band back into business after the COVID-19 slow down. One of the things I would like to work on is consulting with membership more."

ANNE WILDCAT

*Nominated by: Terence Littlechild
Second: Joyce Larocque*

"Gratitude!! This is how I am feeling for the love and support of family, friends, relatives, for my nominators Joyce Larocque and Terence Littlechild and the opportunity to potentially be your Chief. Hai hai!"



DENNIS WHITEBEAR

*Nominated by: Jack Makinaw
Second: Dean Wolfe (Deano)*

"I've submitted my name for the chief position. I want to insure our nation that I will be working for all the nation members. The youth, the babies, the teenagers and adults. I'll do it in the best way that I can, through the guidance of creator. "



CANDIDATES

LAURELLE WHITE

*Nominated by: Trudy Whitebear
Seconded by: Jerry Roasting*

"Thank you to my nominator and seconder. And good luck to all of the other candidates"



JOEL MYKAT

*Nominated by: Lawrence Wildcat
Seconded by: Therese Wildcat*

"Tansi, Neyaskweyaw iyinowak. I want to thank my nominator former Chief Lawrence Wildcat and his wife Therese Wildcat for believing in me and nominating me. Leadership is about submission to duty not elevation to power. I love you all Neyaskweyaw iyinowak. "



DANIEL WILDCAT

*Nominated by: Ken Ermineskin
Seconded by: Karman Cutarm*

"I'd like to thank my two nominators, Ken Ermineskin and Karman Cutarm. I look forward to this election, we have an opportunity as a nation to start moving with different project. We have to concentrate on our youth and the elders, as an important issues. They should be involved at different stages of our whole governance systems."



YOUR VOTE MATTERS



How you choose your leader is as important as who you choose to lead. Leadership should not be a popular competition, rather leaders should have qualities of good leadership. We as voters must realize this because our vote is our voice, and essentially our future as Ermineskin Cree Nation citizens. I will be voting in this year's election for whose character reflects good leadership, shows up for our youth, elders, & citizens, honors Treaty, Nêhiyaw culture & language, as well as the next seven generations of the Ermineskin Cree Nation. Good luck to all candidates!

- Brayden Omeasoo-Steinhauer, Proud Member of Ermineskin Cree Nation

I am voting in this year's chief election because, as an off-reserve member, there are changes that need to be made. I grew up off-reserve and growing up, I had not gotten the help or support that members who lived on reserve had received. Graduating high school and getting into post-secondary was challenging, as no support came from leadership nor departments. We need more opportunities and support outside the reservation, out in Bucklake.

- Kimberly Mackinaw, ECN Bucklake Member



My Reason to Vote in the upcoming Ermineskin Election for Chief; as Ermineskin Cree Nation prepares for the forthcoming election of a new chief, I have taken a moment to reflect on the importance of exercising my voting rights. The primary reason driving my decision is the profound recognition of how our ancestors, blessed with good health and wisdom, envisioned our success in governing ourselves through Treaty 6 adhesion. Their foresight and dedication to our inherent right to self-governance inspire me to actively participate in shaping our community's future.

- Tatanka wahkan wichasa "Holy Buffalo Man". #2092 Josh Littlechild. Ermineskin Cree #138 Nation Band Member

I will be voting in this year's Chief Election. Our Nation deserves change and the Ermineskin youth deserve to have their voices heard. Now is that chance. We are reaching a time in our lives where we are becoming the leaders of our Nation, we are becoming the voices of the younger generation, the person we needed as kids. Don't let this opportunity for change pass you by

- Marleigh Cutarm, Ermineskin 138A Member and Resident



I am choosing to take the opportunity and vote for this year's chief election, for the reason that we as Ermineskin band members need a chief, who could be considered accountable and responsible for decision-making on behalf of our community that will benefit us as treaty six First Nations, Nehiyawak. Our community needs a Chief to hear our voices and concerns as Ermineskin band members. A leader who takes on the role as Chief of Ermineskin who takes action where it's needed and is supportive to help develop our community as a nation because, without unity, we cannot be a community. A leader, a Chief, who is willing to make a difference in positive changes so our nation can prosper and grow with improvements. For us to grow as a nation, we need to conquer the difficulties of trials and proceed with leadership to carry our Nation through hardships. I am proud to be from Ermineskin Cree Nation. Our Community Deserves Positive Changes! That is why I choose to Vote!

- Millie H. Mackinaw, Ermineskin Member

UPCOMING EVENTS / CLASSIFIEDS



VOTE

Ermineskin Chief Election
July 19th, 2023
 N.O.K. Building, 9am - 6pm

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

FIRST 36 TEAMS

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

11th Annual Neyaskweyâhk Native Classic

Panee Memorial Agriplex
 July 21-23, 2023
 Maskwacis, AB

FLYING CROSS JOCKEY CLUB

FRIDAY	JULY 21 6:00PM - 8:00PM	SATURDAY	JULY 22 4:00PM - 9:00PM	SUNDAY	JULY 23 2:00PM - 6:00PM
	FLYING CROSS FLAT RACES CHUCKWAGON RUBBER TIRE WAGON		BILLY RODEO FLAT RACES CHUCKWAGON INDIAN RELAY		FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO FLAT RACES CHUCKWAGON INDIAN RELAY

Featuring Special Guests:

Dance Saturday July 22 9pm

MIKE AND THE BOYS

Daily Admission Prices:
 Children 8+ Under FREE
 Youth 9+Up - \$15
 Elders - \$15
 Adults - \$20
 Saturday Admission - \$20 Includes Dance

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ALEX LITTLECHILD: (780)335-2788

THE NEYASKWEYAHK NATIVE CLASSIC WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACTION, CLAIM, COST OR EXPENSE WHICH YOU MAY SUFFER OR INCUR AS A RESULT OF ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT.

JULY SALE

CERAMIC/PORCELAIN MUGS 10% OFF

ALL BLANKETS 10% OFF

CURTAINS 10% OFF

CERAMIC VASE 10% OFF

SHEER SHAWLS 10% OFF

BATH MAT SETS 15% OFF

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 A.C.V. GIFT SHOP

KANAWEMAHWASOWIN KAMIK INC.



KKI KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2023

Registration at the doors!



INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

OPEN TO FAMILIES - Parents Must Be In Attendance



July 2023

August 2023

- July 11th - Family Swim Wetaskiwin (1-4pm)
- July 13th - Skateboard Event (9-3pm)
- July 14th - Movie Day Wetaskiwin
- July 18th - Family Swim Wetaskiwin (1-4pm)
- July 20th - Movie Day Wetaskiwin

- Aug 8th - Ribbon skirt/shirt
- Aug 10th - Ribbon skirt/shirt
- Aug 15th - Family Swim
- Aug 17th - KKI back to School
- Aug 22nd - Movie Day

More info: Phone (780) 585-3721 ask for Andrea or email andrea.m@kkamik.com



"My Gifts" Workshop

Women's Workshop with Lorraine Cutarm



"A reminder of our responsibilities as daughters, mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers"

15 Participants MAX
Transportation and Hotel Accommodations PROVIDED

Dates & Location

16-20 July 2023
Village Creek Inn
Ma-Me-O Beach, AB

Registration Now

(780) 585-2000
futuresbrighter@yahoo.com

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AGES 11+

MASKWACIS YOUTH DAY CAMPS



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



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)

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:
JULY 10TH**

Apply at ECN Personnel Dpt.
780-585-3741



Position	Closing Date	Required Documents
Client Intake Worker with the Ermineskin Food Bank department	July 24th	Application/Resume, updated Criminal Record Check and Two (2) Letters of Reference
One (1) Board Member with the Ermineskin Rural Electrification Association (REA) Board	July 25th	application/resume, updated criminal record check
Administrative Assistant with the Ermineskin Industrial Relations (EIRD) department	July 25th	Application/Resume, updated Criminal Record Check and copies of Certificates
Two (2) Program Aide/Drivers with the Ermineskin Arena, Parks and Recreation department	July 24th	Application/Resume, updated Criminal Record Check and copies of Certificates.
Tribal Administrator with the Ermineskin Administration department	August 25th	application/resume, Cover letter, Three (3) Letters of Reference, updated Clean Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check, Driver Abstract and copies of Certificates

**NEYASKWEYAHK
WILDLAND
FIRE FIGHTERS**

NGCI is calling out for Trainees for Wildland Firetack Training.

If you considered a career in Wildland Firefighting, now is your opportunity!

We are seeking trainees who have the following:

- Driver's license (Preferred but not required)
- Chainsaw Trained (Preferred but not required)
- Standard First Aid (This will help you get on a crew this season; if not, you will need to obtain it).

Dates for Training:

July 17–22, 2023

August 7–11, 2023

For More Information Contact:

Tricia Wildcat @ (780) 585-3000

Email: tricia@ngcinc.ca

**Ermineskin
Property Management**

**IMPORTANT
UPDATE**

The clean-up is now complete for the core townsite area. It is now the responsibility of the residents to keep their yards clean and free of major garbage items (old furniture, mattresses, appliances, etc.) sitting in their yards.

N.E.P. provide a service to pick up discarded furniture from your yard for a fee.

LET'S KEEP OUR TOWNSITE AND YARDS CLEAN!

We are still encountering wipes being flushed down the toilets, causing problems with the septic system in the homes. The wipes do not break down. Instead, they clog the septic system causing damage to the septic pumps and adding a cost to E.P.M.

PLEASE DISCARD ANY TYPE OF WIPES IN THE GARBAGE!



✉ joanne@ermineskin.ca
🌐 ermineskin.ca/property-management

For more info!

📞 780-585-3886



**ECN AUGUST 2023
DISTRIBUTION**

ERMINESKIN BAND MEMBERS,

ECN MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE STAFF WILL BE HANDING OUT DISTRIBUTION CHEQUES:

**AUGUST 9TH, 2023
10:00AM - 3:00PM**

**LOCATION: N.O.K.
BUILDING**

\$100 Per Person

DIRECT DEPOSIT WILL ALSO BE SENT OUT ON AUGUST 9TH, 2023

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO ECN FINANCE IS JULY 20, 2023

Please ONLY SUBMIT if you've made any of the following changes in the past year:

- New addresses
- Bank information for direct deposit
- Guardianship changes, etc.

Drop off to the ECN Finance Dept. or email to: allowance@ermineskin.ca

ECN FINANCE
(780) 585-3741
TOLL-FREE:
1(866) 585-3941

**MEMBERSHIP &
FINANCE**



K-DAYS FIELD TRIP



VAN LEAVES AT

10:30AM FROM THE JIM RS SPORTS BLDG.

\$25.00/CHILD

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

Monday, July 24, 2023

Ages 12+

First 12 to pay fee and register

To register, ECN Recreation: (780) 585-3088



CALAWAY PARK FIELD TRIP



VAN LEAVES AT

10:30AM FROM THE JIM RS SPORTS BLDG.

\$25.00/CHILD

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

Friday, July 28, 2023

Ages 12+

First 12 to pay fee and register

To register, ECN Recreation: (780) 585-3088