



Ermineskin Newsletter July 28, 2023

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CHIEF ELECTION RESULTS 2023

2023 Ermineskin Cree Nation Chief Election - Vote Results

Date: July 19th, 2023		874 Voters
#	Candidate	Vote Results
1	Makinaw, Craig	179
2	Mykat, Joel	250
3	White, Laurelle	89
4	Whitebear, Dennis	153
5	Wildcat, Anne M.	149
6	Wildcat, Daniel	54
To the position of Chief		Joel Mykat Commencing on October 1st 2023 For a three year term
prepared and posted this 19th day of July 2023 at Ermineskin Cree Nation,		
Chief Electoral Officer 1-306-227-3373		



On July 19th, 2023 members of our nation had the opportunity to vote for our upcoming Chief. Polling stations were open from 9am to 6pm at the N.O.K. Building. With a total of 874 votes at the 6pm deadline, our new elected Chief is Joel Mykat. Mr. Mykat obtained 250 votes which is 28% of the total amount of votes. Joel is set to commence his role as Chief on October 1st, 2023. Congratulations Joel Mykat! Please be aware, that our Ermineskin Council nominations and election will be held next month. Four Council positions will be open for

the upcoming term. Nominations will be held on August 23rd, 2023. The forum for candidates will be held on August 25th, 2023. Candidate platform videos will be posted on Ermineskin Website, Youtube Channel and social media. The election will be held on August 30th, 2023. The nominations, forum and election will all take place at the Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik Building (N.O.K.). We encourage all our members to participate in voting as it will help determine our nations future leadership!

E.C.N STUDENTS TAKE TO THE SKY!

Neyaskweyahk Employment Skills Training celebrated their Indigenous Flight Attendant Program graduates on July 14th, 2023 at the Elevate Learning Centre in Nisku, Alberta. This program is approximately eight weeks, that started June 5th and will be completed August 11th, 2023. The Program would not be possible without these following partners; Elevate Aviation Learning Centre, N.E.S.T and Channer Consulting & Training. With the completion of the program, there are eight (8) graduates; Sephra Buffalo (S.C.N), Jasmine Coyote (E.C.N), Tresley Nepoose (S.C.N), LeeAnn Omeasoo (E.C.N), Angel Rabbit (L.B.T), Sam Wildcat (E.C.N), Amarae Young (E.C.N) and Sierra Young (E.C.N). As the program starts to come to an end, many of the students are excited to see what the future holds!



"I've always had a passion for travelling and meeting people from diverse backgrounds and cultures, so once I seen this opportunity, I immediately took interest. Earning the opportunity to travel with E.J.S.H Travel Club is where my passion for travelling originated. There was a lot of information to remember throughout the program, but for me it was also a great opportunity for personal growth. Moving for-

ward I would like to work for Air Canada or West Jet as a flight attendant. I am excited for the seniority benefits of being a flight attendant and I am also excited in seeing how far me and my classmates can go within the aviation industry. I am very grateful and proud to have been able to take advantage of this opportunity and I hope to inspire others." Says Jasmine Coyote. (Flight Attendant Graduate)



Congratulations ladies and gentlemen for completing your training program! The N.E.S.T Department will have more programs available in the near future, so be sure to keep an eye out for their amazing training opportunities! Any questions regarding upcoming programs please contact the department office at (780) - 585 - 0191.



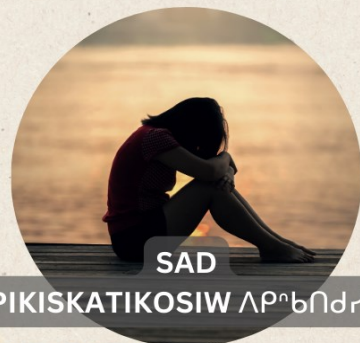
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MEMBERS OF
**ERMINESKIN
CREE NATION**

**NEVER MISS
AN UPDATE**

GET THE APP

The app uses state-of-the-art technology to notify ECN members of breaking news, documents, videos, and events, instantly delivered via push notifications.



HOW TO GET THE APP

- 1 Scan the QR code below 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 in your email address

- NEWS
- EVENTS
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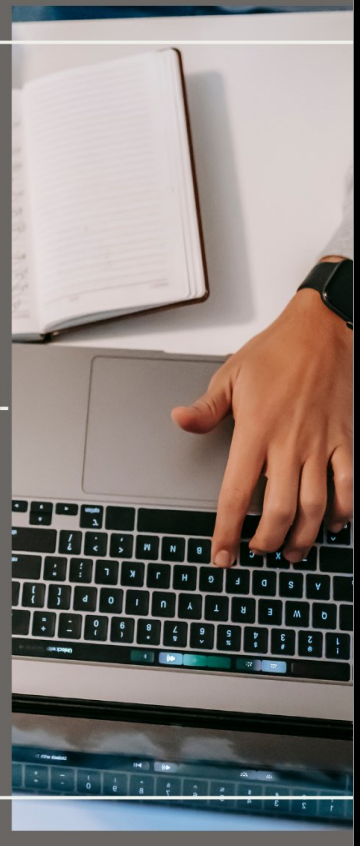
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

August 8, 2023

YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR INFO & PHOTO'S TO:

NEWSLETTER@ERMINESKIN.CA
OR
KAYLA@ERMINESKIN.CA



FORMER GREY CUP CHAMPIONS VISIT E.C.N YOUTH

During the week of July 17th to July 20th, the Maskwacis Four Nations collaborated with former Edmonton Grey Cup Champions Eddie Steele and Calvin McCarty to host a summer youth camp. Also in attendance was Alberta Indigenous Games CEO; Jacob Hendy.

This is the second camp hosted in Ermineskin after COVID restrictions were lifted back in 2021/22. "We are Post-COVID now, I feel like those couple of years took a lot from us. It took a lot from the youth, who had to figure out a different way of living. Going to school, graduating, doing sports as well as family events and so on. There was no time to gather and get together. Especially in this community, not being able to get out and talk to people, so it's nice to give them this chance to get out there again, and interact with one another." explains Calvin McCarty.

Throughout the three day camp, youth had the chance to learn a new sport and interact with other fellow youth in a healthy environment, while also having fun. "It's more about getting out here, loosening up and building some friendships with some other kids that you might not have a relationship with. We hope they will encourage others, build confidence, make mistakes, have fun, learn from their mistakes, and that's what it comes down to. Ultimately just learn a couple of small football pointers from us, but that's not even the importance of a camp like this. The im-



Eddie Steele & Calvin McCarty

portance is just looking out, seeing kids running and having fun just moving, being active. Sure we can pass along some really cool tips and keys that we know, but it's not about getting that intimate on the football side of things." says Eddie Steele.

He then goes on to say, "It's something that I'm deeply passionate about, to be honest. Just providing the opportunity for kids to come out who, typically, don't get the same opportunities as "the city kids." Just to be able to pass on some knowledge and give the kids the opportunity to learn from a couple of former pros is something I could never pass up. I've spent so much time, not only within this community, but I'm from North Winnipeg myself, I had a lot of friends who grew up on the reserve and spent a lot of time out on different Nation reserves. I have a pretty deep knowledge of what life is like out here. There is quite a vast difference between here and the city. But yeah, there's an understanding for sure."

This is the first time that Calvin McCarty has participated in a youth camp located within Ermineskin Cree Nation. He was more than excited to have the opportunity to interact and mentor our communities youth.



He goes on to say “At first, everyone is always a little bit nervous, people don't know each other and it's tough to break that ice, but I feel like football is the ultimate icebreaker. The best part, for me, is just, seeing them smile and running around and having fun. Eddie is actually the one who originated the program, so I thank him for bringing me out. I know he has some friends out here, and then he called me about doing it again this year. I had to jump on board because for me personally, I feel like it's important to give back. A game that's given so much to me and has gotten me to where I am today; it's important for me to teach others those life lessons. Also learning, and the relationships you meet through football and meeting people. My big thing was seeing the effort that the kids put in, that they were having fun and building a bond. So I'm thankful I got the opportunity to come and do it and I'll be here again next year.”

Eddie adds, “That's been the best part, having people be involved. I think that just comes with time, building a little bit of trust. The first day everybody's kind of standoffish and really sticking in their cliques. But you've seen how they've opened up day by day, and now that we're on day three of the camp, they see that we're not here to try and torture them or anything, that we are cool dudes. We hope that they see us as relatable guys as well.”

Both Eddie and Calvin were both so eager to build relationships with the youth of the Nations, interact with everyone and not to mention enjoying the time they had during the youth camp. We'd like to thank both former champions for giving the youth the opportunity to have fun and allow them to connect with each other. These former pros look forward to returning to Maskwacis in the near future, bringing more programs that promote a healthy lifestyle, relationships and mentality. “To see some of these kids, I know they go through stuff. But just to be able to put a smile on their face for a day, I know it means a lot. See, football is kind of my therapy. Sports and being active is my way of releasing some of that negative energy. If you are having a bad day, you can continue to have a bad day, or you can put that energy towards something good and productive. If there's something you're passionate about, go after your passion. Nobody is asking you to be perfect and nobody's going to be perfect. It's how you react to the situations and bounce back. Eddie will be back at the be-

ginning of August to host another camp, I would love to be invited back. I want to come back to Ermineskin! Make sure you invite me back!” expresses Calvin.

“I do quite a bit of work in the community, just life outside of football. It's the different bands and different managers, the different facilities and simply building some good relationships over the years. Obviously, with my background in football, I put on a couple of other camps for some other First Nations communities up north in Cambridge Bay as well as Nunavut. I did a camp here last August. It wasn't as big, probably about half the numbers we had this week. We are hosting two camps here in Ermineskin this summer. We just wrapped up the first one, and we have another one coming up at the beginning of August, so we hope to see more youth attend, come out and learn a few tips and tricks, but ultimately see these kids grow more confident and build friendships with each other.”

Jacob Hendy was also in attendance to the youth camp, he mention “We are having a flag football category for the first time this year in our Alberta Indigenous Games. We'd love to see participants from the community take part as well as come support those attending the flag football events.”

For more information on the upcoming Alberta Indigenous Games, you can follow the A.I.G. Facebook page, or visit their website. They will be posting their schedules, categories and locations. The Opening Ceremony will be taking place on August 9th, 2023 @ the Edmonton Expo Centre.

A.I.G FACEBOOK: [Alberta Indigenous Games 2023](#)

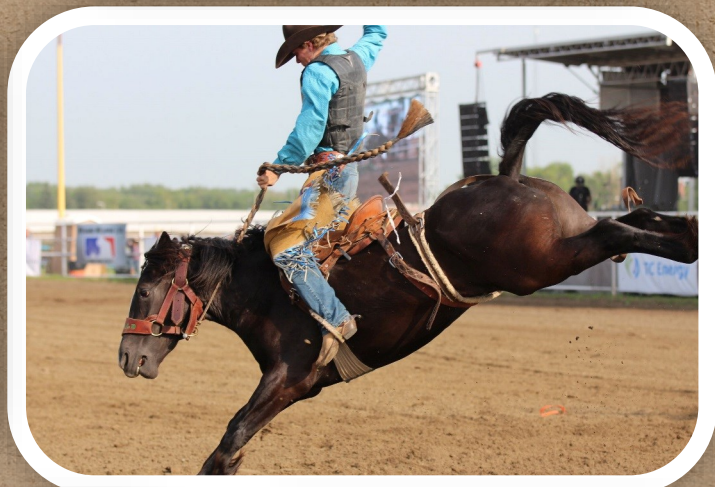
A.I.G WEBSITE: albertaindigenousgames.com



NEYASKWEYAHK

During the weekend of July 21st to July 23rd, 2023 Ermineskin Cree Nation hosted there eleventh (11th) Annual Neyaskweyahk Native Classic. This event consists of many rodeo categories as well as Chuckwagon Races, Chariot Races and renowned Indian Relay Races. Participants from all over the globe had travelled to take part in this years competition. We'd like to thank all the attendee's and participants of this event. As well as all

staff, volunteers and vendors that contributed. We hope to see you all next year!



NATIVE CLASSIC



CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

RODEO

- STRAN ROTH- BAREBACK CHAMPION
- RYLAN DITCHUK- JUNIOR STEERS CHAMPION
- RYLEE HARBIN- JUNIOR BARRELS CHAMPION
- JAKE MAHER- BULL RIDING CHAMPION
- SAM ROASTING- SADDLE BRONC CHAMPION
- CHALEN JOHNSON- LADIES BREAK AWAY CHAMPION

CHUCKWAGON

- 1ST: LEE ADAMSON
- 2ND: GARY THIEL
- 3RD: HERB ARCAND

CARTS

- 1ST: JR.PAHTAYKEN
- 2ND: KEN MADDEN
- 3RD: LINDA-JOYCE WOOD

INDIAN RELAY

CHIEF RACE

- 1ST: SUCKER CREEK- AUSTIN CANNIINGHAM
- 2ND: MINI THAI- WASTON KAQUITLS
- 3RD: GREY EAGLE- FELICIA JACKSON

WARRIOR RACE

- TIE (1ST, 2ND, & 3RD)
- 1ST: MAJESTIC STARLIGHT- LEON PAHTAYKEN
- 2ND: SUCKER CREEK- AUSTIN CUNNINGHAM
- 3RD:JJ NOSIMAK- KYRI JACKSON

LADY RACE

- 1ST: WILD N CREE- ADRIAN BADGER
- 2ND: EMERY BURNING GRASS- DONNIE MCDONALD
- 3RD: MINI THAI- WASTON KAQUITLS

N.A.I.G 2023

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) are a multi-sport, multi-disciplinary event for Indigenous youth, between the ages of 13 and 19, from across North America (Turtle Island). The Games will bring together 756 Indigenous Nations, and approximately 5,000 athletes, to celebrate, share and reconnect through sport and culture in Kijipuktuk (Halifax), Dartmouth and Millbrook First Nation. The Games offer contemporary sports competitions, three of which are traditional Indigenous sports, including box lacrosse, 3D archery and canoe/kayaking.

Congratulations to the following Maskwacis Athletes for excelling in the North American Indigenous Games!

Brooklyn Raine – U19 Lacrosse (Bronze) (Coach

Blaine Raine)

Madison Wood U19 Lacrosse (Bronze)

Jerelus Francis -U19 Volleyball -(Gold) (Coach Johnathan Crier)

Tia Saddleback- U14 Basketball (Bronze)

Emillie Morin- U16 Basketball (Gold)

Mackenzie and Chloe McKnight - U16 Soccer (Bronze)

“My boys pretty much ran through the tourney with only one set loss coming from Manitoba and Ontario all week. They went 7-0 all week and they were a treat to coach, all motivated hard working young men that deserve the gold.” said Coach Johnathan Crier of the U19 Volleyball Team.



UPCOMING EVENTS / CLASSIFIEDS



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



Ermineskin Cree Nation

WE ARE HIRING!

July 25th, 2023

OPEN POSITIONS:

- ✓ **Commercial Truck Operator with the Ermineskin Technical Services & Capital Management Department by August 17th, 2023**
- ✓ **Tribal Administrator ****Three Year Contract**** with the Ermineskin Administration Department by August 25, 2023**

Please submit applications, resume and criminal record check to:

faith@ermineskin.ca

Councilor's Nomination

Ermineskin Cree Nation Elections 2023 Councilors Nomination

Wednesday,
August 23rd, 2023

**12 pm - 2 pm
@ N.O.K. Building**



2023

ALBERTA INDIGENOUS GAMES ERMINESKIN YOUTH ATHLETE SPONSORSHIP

Application forms for A.I.G. FNDF Sponsorship are available at Jim Rattlesank Sports Building or the Ermineskin Administration building.

Applications will be available until:
AUGUST 2ND, 2023

You must bring a roster with your child(ren)'s name on it.

For more information contact Eugene Coyote:
(780) 585-3088



KKI PIMATISEWIN SUMMER PROGRAM

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
OPEN TO FAMILIES - PARENTS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE (Ages 0-17)
Location: Ermineskin Bear Park / Time: 10 am - 4 pm
(Time/Location are Subject to Change)

JULY 31 - AUGUST 4, 2023
AUGUST 21 - 25, 2023

- July 31st - Traditional teaching & bannock making
- August 1st - Tipi teachings & crafts
- August 2nd - Medicine teachings & picking
- August 3rd - Oskapewis roles & teachings
- August 4th - Wrap up with games
- August 21st - Medicine teachings & picking
- August 22nd - Teaching of the hunt & preparing traditional foods
- August 23rd - Horse Therapy & Elder teachings
- August 24th - KKI Back to School Event
- August 25th - Wrap up with games

Register with the QR code



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



Paradigm Esteem

Is Coming !!

Aug 21-23 2023

THE 'ART' OF BEING ME

TOPICS Include: How to Have Happy Healthy Feelings, The 'Art' Of Appreciation, Loving How The Creator Made YOU, The Self-Esteem Bucket, Mealtimé Manners.

ACTIVITIES Include: Self-Esteem Games, Lessons, Group Activities, Graduation Meal.

Ages 11 - 17

HURRY Hold Your Spot!



CONTACT:
Brighter Futures office
780-585-2000
or email
futuresbrighter@yahoo.com

Lunch and transportation provided

LOCATION: Wayside Inn, Wetaskiwin, AB




Working Through Adverse Childhood Experiences

3 Day Workshop:

- Discuss Adverse Childhood Experiences based on the ACE Study
- Explore how we are impacted by our childhood experiences
- Explore different techniques to begin healing from childhood adversities
- Become familiar with various resources and tools to assist on our healing journey

LIMITED SEATING

Informed Trauma Facilitation

Location Pigeon Lake

August 11-13, 2023

Transportation provided if needed

CONTACT:
p: 780-585-2000
E: futuresbrighter@yahoo.com

Register Now




KANAWEMAHWASOWIN KAMIK INC.

KKI KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2023

Registration at the doors!



INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

OPEN TO FAMILIES - Parents Must Be In Attendance / Pick up Family Passes with Andrea @ KKI

July 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

August 2023

- Aug 8th - Ribbon skirt/shirt
- Aug 10th - Ribbon skirt/shirt
- Aug 15th - Family Swim
- Aug 17th - Movie Day
- Aug 22nd - Wrap up with Games/Prizes

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

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AGES 11+

MASKWACIS YOUTH DAY CAMPS

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

EDMONTON ELKS

WEEK 1: JUNE 27 - 28 12PM - 4PM SOCCER LOCATION: BEAR PARK	WEEK 2: JULY 4 - 6 12PM - 4PM BASKETBALL LOCATION: H.B.M.C	WEEK 3: JULY 11 - 13 12PM - 4PM LACROSSE LOCATION: ECN ARENA	WEEK 4: JULY 18 - 20 12PM - 4PM TOUCH FOOTBALL LOCATION: BEAR PARK	WEEK 5: JULY 25 - 27 12PM - 4PM GOLF LOCATION: DORCHESTER RANCH	WEEK 6: AUGUST 1 - 3 12PM - 4PM TOUCH FOOTBALL LOCATION: SAMSON BASEBALL DIAMOND
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SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS
SAMSON YOUTH SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
ERMINESKIN RECREATION
ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY WELLNESS
LOUIS BULL HEALTH & WELLNESS

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)

MOVIE DAY

AUG 07 2023

WETASKIWIN CINEMA
AGES 8+
SPOTS LIMITED

BACK TO SKOOL

W.E.M WATER PARK

AUG 09 2023

AGES 8+
\$25
REGISTRATION FEE LIMITED SPOTS

PAINTBALL

AUG 08 2023

SILVER CREEK
AGES 13+
\$25
REGISTRATION FEE LIMITED SPOTS

EXTRAVAGANZA

REGISTRATION:

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LOUIS BULL HEALTH & WELLNESS: [780] 585-4075
SYSD: [780] 585-3012
SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS: [780] 585-3634
MONTANA RECREATION: [780] 585-3744
[CONTACT JOSH OR CARSON]



Ermineskin Council Elections Information

Candidate Forum:
AUGUST 25th, 2023
Councillor Election:
August 30th, 2023

The CPIC and Affidavit of Residency
MUST be submitted to the Tribal Law Office by:
August 9th, 2023

Contact: Robert Smallboy,
External Affairs
(780)- 585-3741 or
robert.smallboy@ermineskin.ca

The Electoral Officer will receive the results from
the Drug and Alcohol company via email by NO
LATER THAN:
August 9th, 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 THEN RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATES.



Ermineskin FORUM for Councillor Candidates:

Candidate Nomination:
AUGUST 23RD, 2023
Council Election Date:
AUGUST 30TH, 2023

AUGUST 25TH, 2023
STARTING AT 9AM
LOCATION: N.O.K. BUILDING

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Come meet the Candidates!