



Maskwacis Veterans

(PAST AND CURRENT)



ERMINESKIN VETERANS

Robert Belcourt
Joseph Buffalo
Joseph Smith
Charlie Roasting
Lawrence Wildcat
Alex Georgie Minde
Ernest Omeasoo
Jim Stoney
Albert Stoney
Lucy Stoney
George Minde
Dick Lightning
Peter (Pete) James Oldpan
Peter Ermineskin
Joe Young
Gordon Lee
Wilton Littlechild
Patrick Rattlesnake
Clarence Wildcat
Leslie Dennehy

MONTANA VETERANS

Alex Makinaw
Erwin Peigan
Malcom Peigan
Greg Buffalo
Seth Longjohn

LOUIS BULL VETERANS

Joseph Deschamps
Fred Larocque
Henry Larocque
Cecil Lee/Bruno
Henry Floyd Raine
Lloyd Shortneck (Raine)
Andrew Raine
Trevor Larocque
Harry Bull Lightning
Blaine Raine
Jacob (Jake) Raine
Joe Shortneck
Shayla Raine

SAMSON VETERANS

George Applegarth-Foureyes
Dr. Elizabeth Lightning
Harry (Jackie) Lightning/Bull
Arthur (Art) Potts
Louis Potts
Walter Potts
William Samson
Narcisse Yellowbird
Dan Johnson
Lawrence Johnson
Michael Lightning
Joseph Montour Sr.
Wallace Soosay Sr.
Archie Northwest
Henry (Ducky) Northwest
Joe Saskatchewan
Gus Bruno
Victor Bruno
Daniel Joshua
Joe Omeasoo
Wilfred Sangrett
Cory Shane Buffalo
Herman Cutknife
Adolphus Dennehy
Danny Montour
Wolfgang (Saddleback) Twoarrows
Jim Saskatchewan
Ernest Simon

COMMUNITY MEMBER VETERANS

Narcisse Blood
Joe Fraser
Victor Fraser
Wilfred Sangret
Isadore Spence
Josie Spence
Pete Roughfoot



CREE CORNER

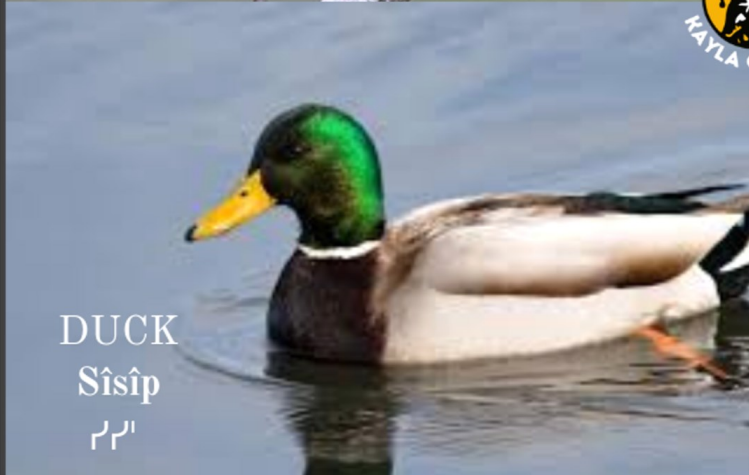
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**SUBMITTED BY:
CRYSTAL CUTARM**

“The big dipper overlooking my house”



ERMINESKIN GENERAL MEETING

M.N.P. presented a breakdown of the Ermineskin 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget on November 14, 2023 at the Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik Building. The Auditor, Chris Cholak, went over all of the Nations accounts and highlighted areas of achievements and areas of improvement. Mr. Cholak spoke in regards to Covid-19 in our budgets and how they were affected throughout the year. Many questions were asked throughout the presentation from concerned elders and those members with larger families. M.N.P. also made a presentation for N.G.C.I. for their annual budget for 2021-22 Fiscal Year the day prior. They spoke about the overall revenue of the businesses and future plans on expanding N.G.C.I.'s franchises.

Our general meetings play a key role in our Nations well-being. Serving as a forum for communication, community engagement, and strong relationships.



The meeting also holds leaders and directors/managers accountable for their decisions throughout the fiscal year. Members can question choices made by our leaders, financial reports, and overall performance, promoting transparency and ensuring that the Ermineskin finances are being managed responsibly. It's an opportunity for people to actively participate in discussions, share opinions, and voice concerns of needs for the public. In summary, the general meetings serve as a vital outlet for effective communication and engagement with the Nation.



The evening of November 8th 2023, Kokoms of Maskwacîs held a rally for the war on drugs within the Nations. There were many speakers who talked about bringing our children and young adults' home, creating safer home fires and building a strong bond within the households and Nations themselves. How we need to practice wahkohtowin in our everyday lives and take every step with compassion and understanding. Having an open mind and strong heart to start on the path of healing our home fires.

KOKUM'S AGAINST DRUGS RALLY

The drug war's impact on indigenous communities is complex and often devastating. First Nation populations can be disproportionately affected due to factors like marginalization, poverty, and lack of resources. Additionally, their traditional territories may be used for drug cultivation or trafficking, leading to conflicts and many types of violence.

The Government efforts to combat drug-related issues can sometimes aggravate problems for many First Nation people. Aggressive law enforcement strategies may violate their rights, and displacement can occur as a result of anti-drug operations.

It's crucial to approach the issue with a broad perspective, considering both the immediate challenges and the deeper socio-economic factors at play. Involving our communities and addressing root causes can contribute to more effective and justified solutions.

CONGRADULATIONS M.E.S.C!



Ashley Denney Tom Crier Jennifer Nepoose

On Sunday, October 29, 2023, Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) won a Coup de cœur Award for the MESC Graduation Roadside Banners during the 2023 BRAVO! Awards Gala hosted by the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) in Montreal, QC. “We’re thrilled and honored to receive this recognition from the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education,” said Tracy Swampy-Sylvester, MESC Superintendent .

“Our communications department is responsible for providing communications support for all of our schools and the various district departments to ensure our various rights holders remain informed of important news regarding MESC.” ““We’re fortunate to have a communications team to provide effective communications strategies to rights holders across the district. Maskwacîsak and Otatoskewak are the beneficiaries of these efforts,” says Tracy Swampy-Sylvester . “It’s important to increase awareness and understanding of the critical management role played by professional communicators.”

The CACE BRAVO! Awards, presented by SchoolBundle, are the only Canada-wide awards program specifically designed to recognize excellence in school board communications. CACE recognizes and honors exemplary work in all aspects of school public relations, communications, marketing and engagement through the BRAVO! Awards Program each year.

Article Provided by: M.E.S.C

ISKWEWAK YOUTH WELLNESS CAMP

Maskwacis Counselling and Support Services Department hosted a Youth Camp in Pigeon Lake for young Woman. A three-day camp that had covered many topics such as Traditional teachings, women’s wellness, grief/loss discussions, dealing with stress, physical fitness as well as many fun activities!

Youth wellness is such an important topic! It's all about taking care of both the physical and mental well-being of young people. Encouraging healthy habits, promoting positive self-esteem, and providing support for mental health are key components. Physically, it supports growth and development, laying the foundation for a healthy adulthood. Mentally and emotionally, it's crucial for building a strong sense of self, coping with stress, and navigating the challenges of a youth.

Promoting wellness in youth also helps prevent issues like bad eating habits, mental health struggles, and unhealthy lifestyle habits.



When teaching youth about the importance of their wellness they will learn to prioritize their well-being, they're more likely to carry those habits into adulthood, creating a ripple effect of health and happiness. It's an investment in a future generation that's not just surviving but thriving. It often involves a combination of education, creating supportive environments, and fostering positive relationships. Encouraging open conversations about mental health, promoting healthy lifestyle choices, and providing resources for coping with stress are all valuable pieces of the puzzle. It's about helping young people build a toolkit for navigating life's ups and downs.

VETERAN'S DAY



POWWOW 2023



THE POWWOW COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG THANKS TO THEIR DONORS OF THE EVENT:

WILD WEST GALLERIES
PEACE HILL TRUST
ERMINESKIN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
(E.I.R.D)

**Confederacy of Treaty
No. 6 First Nations**



PRESS RELEASE

Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations statement regarding Alberta health care announcement

The Confederacy decries absence of consultation

November 14, 2023 (Treaty No. 6 Territory) – The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations, along with many groups in the province, was surprised and disappointed by the Government of Alberta’s November 8th announcement regarding a reorganization of health care in Alberta. While we will take time to consider carefully the full implications of the outlined proposals, we wish to address a number of concerns immediately.

We were not consulted. Despite a duty to consult acknowledged in our 2022 Relationship Agreement with the Province of Alberta, these system-wide changes were developed without our participation or knowledge. This lack of consultation is troubling when responsibilities for issues that impact Indigenous Peoples and communities in the highest proportion – like mental health and addictions – are being shifted. Immediate action is needed, not reorganization.

Creating a new bureaucracy in the midst of the Confederacy’s ongoing opioid crisis State of Emergency is a dangerous disruption. Measures to address this crisis that are further delayed, interrupted or slowed by years of implementation will have fatal outcomes.

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations also shares a concern with many people about what appears to be a trend toward increasing private provision of health care. Any move toward privatization will endanger First Nations communities already struggling with issues of poverty, chronic underfunding and lack of accessibility of health services. We remind this government that the Treaty Right to Health is enshrined in the Medicine Chest Clause of Treaty No. 6.

For us, any positive change in health care services must include finding Indigenous-led solutions at the community level. We will continue to consider all implications of this plan proposed by the Government of Alberta, and once again remind this government to respect our Treaty and our Relationship Agreement, and to take seriously its duties as a partner in both.

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UPCOMING EVENTS/CLASSIFIEDS




Join us at the
Cree Market
Nov. 20th @ HBMC
10-3 pm

Raffles
&
Merch



NEW HOURS!
8:00 AM - 10:00PM
EVERY DAY



**MASKWACIS
FAS GAS**



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

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

<i>Tyson Johnson</i> Food Bank Client Intake Worker	<i>Oren Rattlesnake</i> Office Administration Custodian/Janitor
<i>Zacharia Yellowbird</i> Arena, Parks and Recreation Ground Maintenance	<i>Earl J. Ermineskin</i> Arena, Parks and Recreation Programmer
<i>Lawrence Roasting</i> Office Administration Security	<i>Ryra Mackinaw</i> Brighter Futures FASD Mentor
<i>Lanny Wildcat</i> Technical Services Commercial Truck Driver	<i>Tyson M. Ward</i> Arena, Parks and Recreation Arena Operator Supervisor
<i>Marvin Josh Littlechild</i> Lands & Resources Manager	<i>Jerrica Whitebear</i> NEST Project Officer
<i>Michelle LaBelle</i> NEST Project Officer	

RAZORBACK TINTING

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WINDOW TINTING COURSE

Maskwacis, Alberta
December 9-11, 2023
Cost: \$1800.00 per participant

Three Day Course
Covers:

- Basic installation; and
- Advanced techniques for installation.

Each participant will receive tint tools (with a roll of carbon tint) and a certificate at the end of course.

Participant will need to provide own vehicle or borrow a vehicle for tint course.
Bonus: It's a free tint job for the person with the vehicle!





Attention ECN Band Members

Christmas Hampers will be distributed at the Panee Starting December 5, 2023. We will not be distributing on the weekends, hours will be from 1:00-6:00 PM

Smallboy Camp/Pigeon Lake and Bucklake will be delivered that same week to the usual drop off points as every year.

1 PER HOUSEHOLD. Those who live on other reserves can also pick theirs up as long as you bring in a bill with your name on it. For those living in the Wetaskiwin and Ponoka regions can also bring bills or a lease stating that you're home owners/renters.

Please be advised that for those who had applied for the gift cards, | your names are cross referenced off the hamper pick up list. Lateral violence will not be tolerated.

Thank you,
Management.

Maskwacis RCMP Townhall

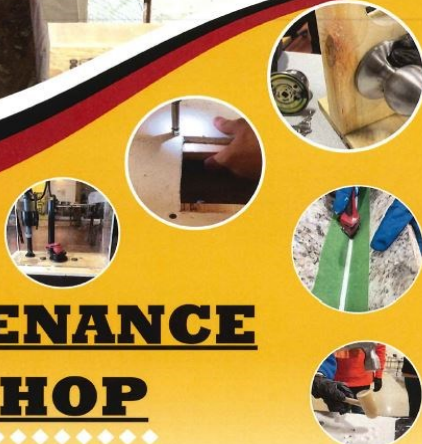
*You Are
Invited!*

*For the
Public*

**TOWN HALL ON
NOVEMBER 21, 2023
FROM 6-8PM LOCATED AT THE
NEYASKWEYAHK
OKIMAW KAMIK (NOK).**



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.

Light Lunch will be provided
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
(Limited Seating)
(Call to register)

Attention: Home Occupants
Saturday November 25, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Bruce Littlechild – EPM (780) 585-3886 Ext. 237 / Cell (780) 360-1557

Presented by
Nicholas Kootenaiyoo

WAXASE 2023

Certificate upon
Completion

ERMINESKIN ELDERS CENTRE

November 30, 2023

Time: 9:30am—3:30pm



PRESENTATION

Right food and Healthy life

By

Dr. Minoru Sumimoto (BODO)

Doctor of Acupuncture & Oriental Therapy

In collaboration with the Maskwacis Health Promotions.

Ermineskin Elders welcome

Lunch and refreshments will be served

For more information please contact. 780-585-3435



NATIONAL CHILD DAY Online contest

Submit a video stating what a healthy community means to you, to our FB Page and be entered into a draw for some fun winter prizes. please note, your submission gives us consent to post publicly to our social media. Open to all youth in the community!

MONDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2023

National Addictions Awareness Week

November 19 - 25, 2023

In honor of NAAW week, Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services department will be going onto HAWK Radio to speak on various topics which include; Abuse of drugs, the MHS Nayoskan Detox & Treatment Centre, the weekly AA group, and other items.



On Tuesday, November 21st we will be handing out slices of cake & MCSS information from the parkinglot until supplies last.

To speak to a counsellor, join our weekly AA group or for questions about the Nayoskan Detox & Treatment Centre, call MCSS at 780-585-2268.



SUPPORT for INDIGENOUS STUDENT LEARNING PROGRAM

INDIGENOUS DISABILITY CANADA

WHO - Indigenous students of any age, across Canada who have limited financial resources, including Indigenous students living with disabilities. To be eligible, students must be of low-income, enrolled in formal education (online, remote, on-site), and must be actively attending classes

HOW - Submit your filled application along with the supporting documents to the sislp@bcands.bc.ca to be considered to receive a laptop and/or related accessories necessary for learning and academic success

WHY - To support and assist Indigenous (First Nation, Métis, Inuit) students in their continued educational success, ongoing studies and eventual career path

Resources are limited - apply today!
 Applications will be accepted up to March 15, 2024 or until available resources have been expended.
 All information will be verified, applications will be approved or declined based on documented priority need
 Visit www.bcands.bc.ca for more information and to apply

*Due to the pandemic and world wide shortages of technology, times to receive computers by approved applicants may be longer than anticipated



Indigenous Disability Canada (IDC)

Mailing Address: #6 - 1610 Island Highway - Victoria, British Columbia - Canada - V9B 1H8
 Toll Free Telephone: 1-888-815-5511 Victoria Capital Region Telephone: (250) 381-7303
 Fax: (250) 381-7312 Email: sislp@bcands.bc.ca



ERMINESKIN ELDERS DEPT

Christmas Dinner

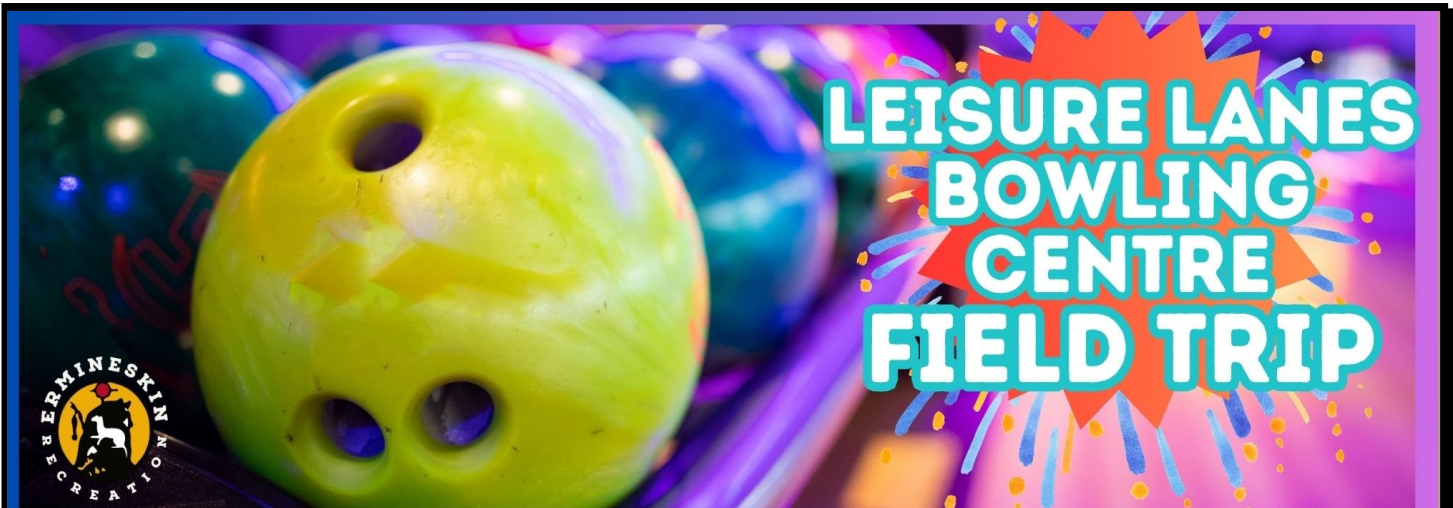
December 4, 2023
 Time: 10am-3pm
 Location N.O.K



The Ermineskin Elders Centre Staff, Assisted Living Program and volunteers invite all Ermineskin Cree Nation Elders sixty (60) plus years of age (spouses welcome) to celebrate Christmas Dinner.

For more information please call 780-585-3435

Merry Christmas



LEISURE LANES BOWLING CENTRE FIELD TRIP



***VAN LEAVE AT
5:00 PM
FROM JIM RS
SPORTS BUILDING***
SPOTS ARE LIMITED

NOVEMBER 17TH, 2023
AGES 8-17
**TO REGISTER:
(780) 585-3088**



Reindeer Lane Holiday Lights Drive-thru

December 19 & 20, 2023
Pance Memorial Agriplex
6:00pm - 8:00pm

HOLIDAY LIGHTS, FIREWORKS, HOT CHOCOLATE AND CANDY BAGS!

ECN COMMUNITY WELLNESS, RECREATION AND SAMSON YOUTH & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS:

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE, COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE