

Ermineskin Newsletter July 2, 2021

Legacy 215+ Event in Wetaskiwin

July 1, 2021 / photos/article by Sara Lee

On the hottest day of the year so far, hundreds of supporters, survivors, and community members of both Wetaskiwin and Maskwacis gathered at the Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin to honour and remember the children found at Indian Residential School sites across Canada.

The Chiefs of all Four Nations and Mayor of Wetaskiwin Tyler Gandam spoke to the large crowd on the first day of phase 3 of Alberta's reopening, which removed most restrictions on gatherings and facecoverings.

Chief Randy Ermineskin spoke to the gathering: "There isn't a whole lot for us to celebrate right now. There's so much sadness in the community. We need to figure out a way to heal... Many of the children never made it home. That's a sad, sad thing. Think as your sitting there listening. What if your children didn't make it home?... We have to talk about them. We have to get uncomfortable."

Indian Residential School Survivor Flora Northwest spoke to the attendees about the found children. "It's an honour. They're finally released. To go home to the

spirit world with their families. The history Help is available residential whenever you need it. schools started, Immediate support is available 24/7 Ermineskin, for all Indigenous people in Canada. back in 1824. It's been 127 Hope for Wellness Help Line and Chat 1-855-242-3310 hopeforwellness.ca years..." Flora spoke of her Father's prayer al Indian Residential School Crisis Line 1-866-925-4419 drum songs, noting that the g and Murdered Indigenous Wome and Girls Support Line 1-844-413-6649 sound of North-Cree's

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her spirits. Flora's daughter and granddaughter joined her as she finished her speech.

"We did the study of the residential school. Everything came back... the pain, the abuse. I was told that I was going to amount to nobody...

"My dream was to have all my children graduate... [they] did. All my grandchildren graduated... I'm grateful for the friends that I have and all the gifts that I have... I want to thank all of you for being here... Those children set us free." Flora thanked leadership, the pipe carrier, Northern Cree, the dancers and all attendees for attending and showing support.

drumming lifted

KKI Pride Event

June 18, 2021 Photos/article by Sara Lee

Kanawemahwasowin Kamik, Inc. (KKI), hosted a drive-thru Pride event that involved flying a Pride flag at the Ermineskin Cree Nation (ECN) administration building, snacks, swag, lunch, and a Parade through the Ermineskin Townsite. KKI Director Chrystal Littlechild-Hill emceed, introducing Keegan Johnson.

Keegan of Maskwacis greeted everyone: "I

am from Samson. I identify as a trans male. I've been on this journey for a very long time. I just really want to thank everyone that's here today... What I really want to say is that I'm really proud of how far we've come as a community. I've grown up here, I know what it's like to be questioning my identity and sexuality. It was definitely a very difficult time for me... Being able to celebrate pride here on the reserve, it feels very historical, to me... I grew



up here and I feel so supported. I feel very emotional to see this."

Chrystal thanked Keegan for speaking, "This is just one of many moments you're going to inspire and empower change... It takes one person... you've impacted change. You're a crusader and we're so proud of you."

Two-spirit hoop dancer Lakota Tootoosis shared his dance, demonstrating the symbolism of his dance moves. Lakota dances with 21 hoops.

National Indigenous People's Day 2021 at Bear Park

Hundreds of excited onlookers watch the fireworks display by NGCI and Samson Cree Nation. The first 300 attendees were treated with a drive-thru bagged meal.



Above: Drone footage by Perry Morin





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CREE CORNER

by Sara Lee

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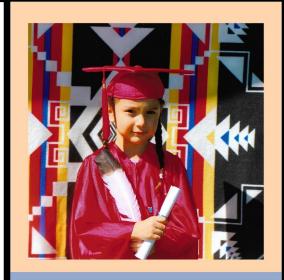
Tips for Keeping Cool

Add ice to plastic bags and keep them in a folded kerchief at the back of your neck, or place inside your shirt.

Wet a towel and wring it out, putting the towel on you as a fan blows over you as you sleep.

Wet your hair with cold water repeatedly.





Jordin Young K5 Grad Ermineskin Kindergarten

Pigeon Lake Regional School Grad 2021

June 25, 2021 Photo/Article by Sara Lee

Pigeon Lake Regional School hosted a grad ceremony in the gym with all grads sitting in their cohort family units before receiving their High School Diploma.

Five students received an Eagle Feather in Ceremony from Cecil Nepoose; Ashton Baumann, Jett Baumann, Kyanna Hill-Cutarm, Kylie Johnson-Potts, and Nicklous Morin.

Students were congratulated by various dignitaries, including MLA Rick Wilson, Superintendant Peter Barron, and Principal Dr. Melissa Humby.

After asking the students to stand, Dr. Humby spoke: "Take a moment... twirl. jump just around... want everyone in this audience to take a look at this amazing group of individuals... You did it! You are officially graduates Pigeon Lake Regional School!"

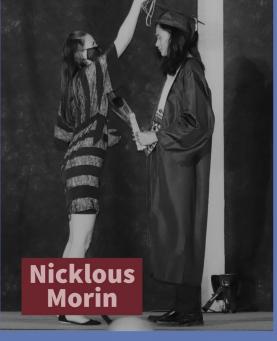














Congratulations 2021 Grads!





Jayden Wildcat NAIT Millwork & Carpentry 30 week certificate program

Jayden also passed the 1st year Carpenter AIT Exam.
This school year he has completed the 120 work practicum hours needed to get his certificate of completion.

He completed his work practicum in St. Albert, framing 2 two-story houses, a garage, an addition,

has half way framed the 3rd house.

He is currently a registered 1st Yr. Carpenter Apprentice getting trained in St. Albert by 3
journeymen Carpenters working on residential houses. He is working on completing his 1530 hours for his 1st year Carpenter.

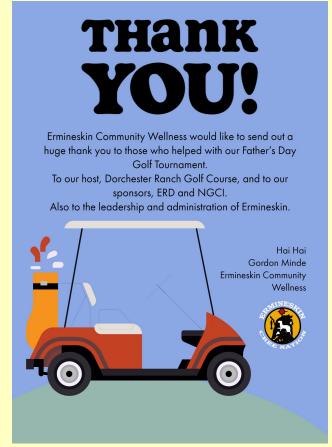




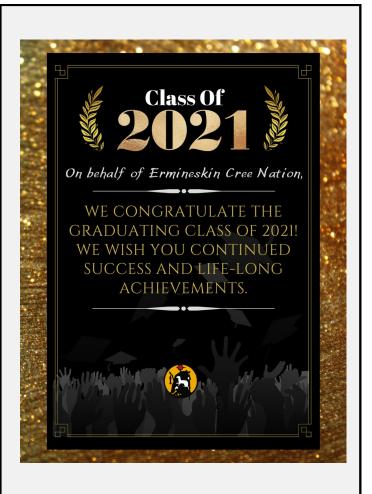
Father's Day Golf Tournament 2021













Upcoming Events/Classifieds

ECN REOPENING

PHASE 1

Masks are still mandatory in all public places. Large public gatherings are not permissible at this time.





Effective June 15th,

2021:

All Mangers, Directors and Essential staff are to report to work in office Tuesdays to Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All offices are still closed to public. Programs and services are accessible by appointment only. Public are to contact staff via phone or email.

Effective July 1st, 2021:

Change to CURFEW: CURFEW will now be 12:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. starting July 1, 2021.

HOURS OF OPERATION will continue to be TUESDAYS TO

THURSDAY

from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



TACO TIME IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

STARTING JULY 5, 2021
OUR DINING AREA WILL BE OPEN
FOR DINE-IN.

There will be limited seating and we will continue to follow social-distancing measures.

Hours of Operation:

Beginning: July 5^e

Monday - Friday: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturdays: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sundays: Closed

Also, beginning July 1, 2021

Masks are optional but encouraged.Restrooms will be opened to customers only.

NOTE: TACO TIME WILL BE CLOSED JULY 1, 2021





JOB & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Driving to Success, Class 7 Virtual Training

AGES 14-17 ONLY

July 19th - July 23rd, 2021

- Must not have any fines

To register contact: faith@maskwacisemployment.ca 780-585-4450 780-360-4423 (Text)



DEADLINE: July 14th, 2021

Hosted by Maskwacis Employment Center

DRIVING TO SUCCESS, VIRTUAL **CLASS 7 TRAINING**



HOSTED BY MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

July 12th-19th, 2021

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have access to internet and zoom
 - Must attend online classes everyday
- Must have valid identification (Birth Certificate, Indian Status, Proof of Residency)
 - Must not have any fines
 - Must be 18 years of age



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Poster created by Job Opportunities: July 1, 2021 APPLY AT ECN PERSONNEL DEPT. 780-585-3741 FAITH@ERMINESKIN.CA Required Closing Date Position documents CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT WITH OPEN UNTIL SUITABLE APPLICATION/RESUME AND UPDATED CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT CANDIDATE FOUND PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION/RESUME AND UPDATED CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK. RECEPTIONIST WITH THE JULY 7, ERMINESKIN OFFICE Administration department 2021 PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION/RESUME, UPDATED CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK AND CHILD INTERVENTION CHECK. **JULY 14.** TEMPORARY COOK WITH THE DAYCARE DEPARTMENT 2021 PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION/RESUME, UPDATED Criminal record check and child intervention check. CUSTODIAN/JANITOR WITH THE DAYCARE DEPARTMENT **JULY 14.** 2021 RESEARCHER WITH THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT **JULY 14.** PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION/RESUME And updated criminal record check 2021 TEMPORARY REGISTRAR WITH PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION/RESUME And updated criminal record check **JULY 14**, 2021 PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION/RESUME, DRIVER Abstract, copies of certificates and Updated Criminal Record Check. **JULY 14**,

2021





JOB & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES







ton Arena Soccer @ Rundle Park Soccer Field Fastpitch Softball Goldstick Park & Rundle Park **Ball Diamonds** (22 year-olds Glrl's can't pitch or catch) Sunday August 15th, 2021 Medal Ceremonies in the evening @ 6pm @ Rundle Park

2021 Alberta Indigenous Games INDIVIDUAL REGISTRA-

TION/WAIVER/ CONSENT FORM:

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2021 Alberta Indigenous Games August 13-19th @ RUNDLE PARK, Edmonton, AB 12 SPORTS 2000+ Indigenous youth from across Alberta are invited to engage in a week of competitive sports, traditional games, special events, education, and cultural connection!

Early Bird Registrations June 18th to July 3rd, 2021

Regular Registrations July 4th to July 31st

Late Last Chance Registrations August 1st to August 5th

Thursday August 12th, 2021

Eagle Staff Run/Opening Ceremonies @ 2pm At Rundle Park

Friday- Sunday August 13-15th, 2021

Basketball @ Saville Centre & St. FX Sports Centre

Lacrosse @ Michael Cameron Arena & TipStage Monday August 16th, Rugby 7's @ Rundle Park Football Field Golf COED 4 Player Team Scramble 18 Hole Victoria Golf Course Beach Volleyball CEOD 4 v 4 @ Rundle Park Beach Volleyball Pits Cross Country @ Rundle Park Hand Games @ Rundle

Park Outside Family Centre

Medal Ceremonies for Monday's sports in the evening @6pm Rundle Park Stage.

Tuesday- Thursday August 17-19th

Volleyball @ Saville Community Sports Cen-

Ball Hockey @ Michael Cameron Árena & Tipton Arena

Baseball @ Callingwood Park Ball Diamonds (22 year-olds can't pitch or catch)

Thursday August 19th, 2021

Medal & Closing Ceremonies at 6pm Rundle Park - 2909 113 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB

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2021 AIG Sports & Age



Divisions:

Participants can register in more than one sport. Baseball Boys, Ball Hockey (COED), Basketball, Cross Country, Fastpitch Softball Girls

Divisions: Mini: 2011-2009

lunior: 2008-2006 Intermediate: 2005-2003

Senior: 2002-1999 Beach Volleyball 4 v 4 (COED) & Golf COED 4

Player Team Scramble 18 Hole Divisions: Junior: 2009-2007

Senior: 2003-1999

Lacrosse (COED) & Rug-

Intermediate: 2006-2004

by 7's (COED) Divisions: Junior: 2011-2009

Intermediate: 2008-2005 Senior: 2004-1999

Soccer (COED) Divisions:

lunior: 2011-2009 Intermediate: 2008-2004

Senior: 2003-1999 Volleyball Divisions: lunior: 2009-2007

Intermediate: 2006-2004 Senior: 2003-1999 Registration for the Sport of 4 Player Team Scramble 18 Hole Golf

Is just \$250 per team. Registration for the Sport of Soccer is just

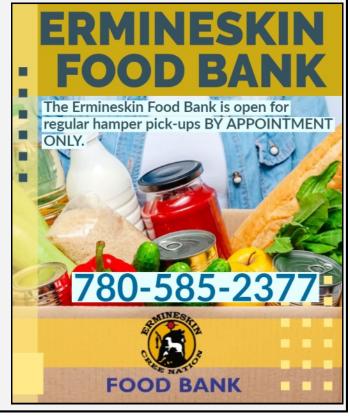
\$200 per team.

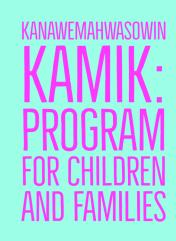














JULY 19 & 20, 2021 10AM-3PM



VIRTUAL JOB FAIR INFORMATION SESSION HOSTED ON CISCO WEBEX PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 16, 2021 INFO SESSION BROADCASTED LIVE ON HAWK RADIO 93.5 AND KKI FACEBOOK WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ECN.KKI REGISTRATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL



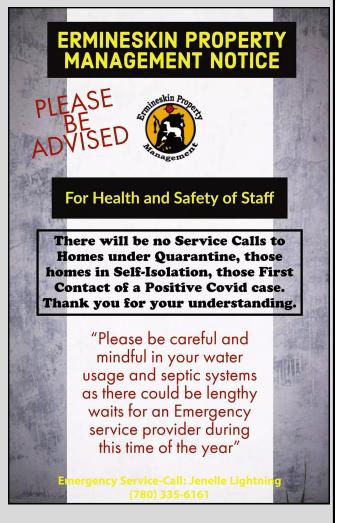


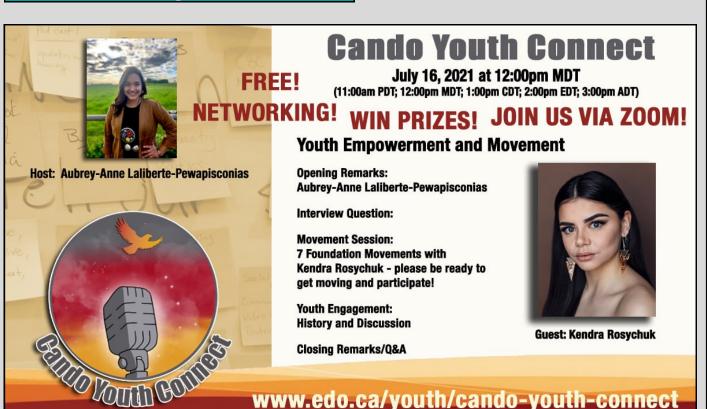




Small ENCLOSED campfires allowed









Tues - Thurs, 10AM - 3PM



Ermineskin Cree Nation

ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOLLOWED

Directors and Managers will be in-office during regulated office hours

ESSENTIAL SERVICES WILL CONTINUE NON-ESSENTIAL STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO WORK REMOTELY



Contact our staff by phone or email Programs and services will be available during regulated office hours

. ECN OFFICES WILL REMAIN

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 10 AM - 4 PM



CURFEW UPDATE

EFFECTIVE: JULY 1ST, 2021

HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

