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New Year

The Night The Power Grid Nearly Shut Down



Saturday January 13, 2024

Words by Guide

January 22, 2023

As we know there was an extreme weather alert on Saturday January 13, 2024. The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) was telling people that the power grid might go down so expect black outs, the weather was -40°C in some areas with wind chills hitting -50°C. The request to shut off non essential electrical appliances worked and the province did not have to shut down the power.

The power grid by Alberta Energy Systems Operators (AESO) needed 200,000 megawatts that Saturday night to avoid a black out. The request that was done by cell phone alert and other devices. People answered the call and they started shutting off their electrical appliances and unplugging their block heaters to their vehicles.

We all have to learn to consume less energy during times like this. Or have a plan in case

it happens again. It seems these extreme weather events are more frequent. We all see it and there's no denying it. Not to many people expected an extreme weather alert. One person mentioned that this was the first time an alert like that was issued. I think they are correct. So during the summer it would be a good time to plan. Elders, people with limited mobility and disabled people need to be thought of in times like these.

People have to be prepared for the weather and also when you travel. So be careful. There is information out there about winter safety so grab a pamphlet or go online to look a topic up if you need too and tell your Kokum or Mosum about it and your family.

Thank You

The Samson Food Bank would like to thank the following Organizations and Individuals for the generous Donations to the Food Bank during the 2023 Christmas Holidays! Please know each name below, as well as those who are not mentioned on this list, have made a difference in the lives of families and individuals in our community.

\$1000 Pe Sakastew Centre. \$500 Michael Okeymow, \$4000 Sanjel Energy Services, \$1000 MESC, \$500 Anonymous Donor, \$30 Derek from MCC, \$1000 Natural Resources, \$300 Councilor Ryan Lightning.

It is an honour to publicly thank and recognize the individuals and organizations in our community who are making leadership gifts that make it possible to contribute to serve our community.



We do not take for granted the incredible generosity we have received throughout the year from individuals, community groups and workplaces.

Respectfully, *Kristen Wildcat-Many Bears*
SCN Food Bank Coordinator.





planners, and it promotes your event. There is also a record in the public domain if anybody wants to research your event to see what it is about.

It takes a little dedication. The event planner has to take a little more time to write up the event or that person can let the newsletter editor write it up. Correspondence between the

newsletter editor and event planner can be done by email or some other way where the information can be recorded properly so it can be transferred digitally to the graphic designer or social media platforms.

The newsletter is not so large where event planners cannot send in a write up on their event for promotion. I encourage managers, coordinators and event planners to sharpen up their writing skills because it can benefit not just your event/project it can help you in other ways as well. The work place today involves that social media and the people of the nation want to read what's going on.

People are interested in what you have to say so get your written article out there. People have questions and this is one way to answer those questions.

The newsletter is in printed format so that is where the written part comes in. Not all of the nation members are online or have access to the internet. However, for those who read the newsletter online (the nation website or Issuu.com for past issues) it saves our trees and environment. There is less of a carbon footprint with the online newsletter for people who read it. Until that day comes when all nation members can read it online the newsletter will be printed.

Locations for drop offs for the newsletter is: MESC main office, the RCMP detachment, HBMC, Willowview, the Bingo hall, Samson Gas Bar.

Samson Cree Nation
Cree Tribal Administration Building
PO Box 159, Medicine Hat, Alberta T0C 1Y0
P: 780-585-0793

COMMUNITY NOTICE
RURAL WATER AND WASTEWATER O&M
DEPARTMENT PILOT PROJECT

January 11, 2024

Project Overview
Samson Cree Nation is one of only two Nations across Canada who have received pilot funding for the creation and administration of an Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Department dedicated to servicing the water and wastewater infrastructure of the Nation's 800+ rural homes, located both in Samson Cree Nation and in Pigeon Lake.

The department will operate under the Tipikashkash Cree Pilots, and will include the hiring of 10+ staff positions, and purchase of capital infrastructure (incl. servicing trucks and equipment). The Nation is very excited to pilot this new department to address aging infrastructure and Drinking Water Advisories. We hope that our Nation can serve as a model for other First Nations across Canada who seek to improve public health for rural community members. We expect to be posting for the new positions over the next 2-3 months. Keep an eye out on the Samson Cree Nation App and Facebook Page!

What Does This Mean for Me?
In short, a new department brings a lot of opportunity for growth, improved health conditions and hope for a better future. We expect to see:

- 10+ New Job Opportunities for Nation members, including on-the-job training
- Improved household water quality for rural Nation members
- Increased sovereignty for our Nation through the ability to look after our own water and wastewater systems and advocate for the necessary funding for Canada to fulfill Treaty obligations related to water

Questions? Please Contact:
Chief Steven
Water Project Coordinator
Tipikashkash Cree
E: samson.nadap@scn.ca
P: (780) 585-0793 ext. 119

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Samson Cree

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS NNADAP

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SUPPORT GROUP

LOCATION:
NNADAP OFFICE
GREY HOUSE BESIDE SHELTER TRAILERS

TOGETHER IN RECOVERY

EVERY THURSDAYS
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL THE NNADAP OFFICE
825-299-0056

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS NNADAP

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS

LOCATION: NNADAP HOUSE

TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY:
JANUARY 18, FEBRUARY 1, FEBRUARY 15, FEBRUARY 29, MARCH 14, MARCH 28, APRIL 11, APRIL 25, MAY 9

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL THE NNADAP OFFICE
825-299-0056

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS- NNADAP

GRIEF RECOVERY

LOCATION:
NNADAP OFFICE
GREY HOUSE BESIDE SHELTER TRAILERS

EVERY WEDNESDAY'S
10:00 - 3:00

WEEK 1: DECEMBER 27, 2023
WEEK 2: JANUARY 3, 2024
WEEK 3: JANUARY 10, 2024
WEEK 4: JANUARY 17, 2024
WEEK 5: JANUARY 24, 2024
WEEK 6: JANUARY 31, 2024
WEEK 7: JANUARY 7, 2024
WEEK 8: JANUARY 14, 2024
WEEK 9: JANUARY 21, 2024
WEEK 10: JANUARY 28, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL THE NNADAP OFFICE
825-299-0056

CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION

Cultural Basket



January 17-19, 2024

Words by Guide, Ashley & Karlene Cutknife. Photos: Ashley & Guide.

Cultural Basket took place at the HBMC upstairs classroom and the facilitator was Karlene Cutknife. On this day there was a talking circle with Elder John Crier in attendance. The circle had Elders, youth and families. When it was your turn to talk you would hold the stick and let your topic or issue be known to the group. What is said in the room stays in the room is one of the rules.

Ashley attended the next day and this time it was Elders Teachings.

Ashley Lightning: "Day 2 and Day 3 of the Cultural Basket at the HBMC! Each day they had different Elders come in and share their knowledge, teachings, and stories. The purpose of this program is to learn more about yourself,

from others, and the Cree culture. It is a great learning experience. If you missed out, don't worry, the Cultural Basket will be happening once a month till May 2024. It is a 3 day program from 10-3pm and it is open to anyone. Call INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES at 780-585-2254 to register for the next one!"
Bruce Cutknife also did a presentation on Cree places and names. A power point is done to show the people the locations and other significant information about the place.

Karlene Cutknife: Cultural Basket is a program where Elders in the community are the facilitators. Sharing knowledge using the Cree core values. Settings are co-Ed or female with female and male with male. We will have one Cultural Basket once a month till May 2024.
Usually a 3 day program 10-3pm. Incentives, lunch and transportation included.

Culture Basket

December 2023

Maskwacis Widows/Widowers Christmas Special

December 27, 2023

Words/
Photos:
Guide.

to get people out, socialize and have some fun. There was an international organization and a doctor from the Stollery Children's Hospital who also helped out with the event Rick mentioned. The supper was catered by Bob Ronnie. Soon after the dinner, the Stony River band from Morley-Nakoda First Nation, took the stage with their country rock. The first song had people dancing on the floor.



Rick Lightning, The University of Alberta Maskwacis Elders Mentoring Program and Maskwacis Health Services had a dinner and dance right after Christmas. Rick mentioned that it is a tough time for people who have lost loved ones during Christmas. This event was done

Acimowin Release Dates 2024

January 26

February 9 & February 23

March 8 & March 22

April 12 & April 26

May 10 & May 24

June 7 & June 21

July 12 & July 26

August 9 & August 23

September 13 & September 27

October 11 & October 25

November 8 & November 22

December 6 & December 20.



A Little About Myself

Tanisi miyo kisikaw!

wapi kiniw nitisiyihkason, kisikos ohci niya!

My name is White Eagle (given name is Chase Campeau) and I am from Keeseekoose! I am a proud 2S nehiyawak who was born in Wetaskiwin and raised in Ermineskin Cree nation. My traditional roots are Treaty 4 descendants who come from Keeseekoose FN in Saskatchewan. My bloodline is Saulteaux (River people) or more appropriately known as Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) and Cree. Although

I am registered and come from treaty 4 territory, Maskwacis has always been my home, where I was raised, and where a lot of my family and friends come from. My parents are Michelle Campeau and Shane Severight. My grandparents on my fathers side are Florence Severight and Blaire Pelletier, and on my mothers side are Florence Whitebear (maiden Campeau) and Gordon Willier. Somewhere in my bloodline I believe is a dash of metis settlement ancestry because my last name sounds a little French, which is one of my life goals is to find out where my name and people come from further down in the roots. I currently call Mohkintstis colonially known as Calgary my home just over 4 years. Some hobbies and side projects I do are modelling, volleyball, boxing, designing, and drag. I went to school for indigenous family and youth support at the Riel Institute and from there made my way in numerous organizations assisting in program development, facilitation, as well as peer support work which I worked very closely with the vulnerable urban indigenous youth. It is with these qualities and many opportunities that brought me here to this office in Calgary. It feels good giving back and uplifting our people, and working with Samson members, feels close to home. It is an honour serving the community and to the best of my abilities can help members navigate the city to build a strong, stable healthy home fire, or by simply finding their way in this physical existence to get to where they need to go. Ay hay for reading my little bio.

Are you in Grades 7 to 12?

Compete to win \$1,000 cash!

Submit a proposal that answers the question:

“What can you do to improve your watershed?”

- Research your local watershed and come up with a solution to an environmental concern
- Finalists present their idea to win cash rewards
- Nearly \$20,000 will be awarded to students and schools who participate
- Funding is also available to help implement student ideas

Alberta contest deadlines:
March 12, 2024 – Contest Entry Deadline
May 10, 2024 – Final Competition

Solutions are judged on: scientific impact potential, comprehensive scope, communication, budget, realistic solution, design, and connection to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Caring for Our Watersheds
For more information visit: CaringForOurWatersheds.com

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Feeding the Future

With support from community partners:

- City of Calgary
- Calgary Board of Education
- Calgary Public Library
- Calgary Police Service
- Calgary Fire Department
- Calgary Transit
- Calgary Housing Services
- Calgary Animal Services
- Calgary Parks and Recreation
- Calgary Health Services
- Calgary Community Services
- Calgary Economic Development
- Calgary International Airport
- Calgary Convention Centre
- Calgary Convention Centre
- Calgary Convention Centre

COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY

FOOD HAMPER AND/OR VOUCHER INCENTIVE FOR COMPLETED SURVEYS

DATES:

- GROUP 1 (40-60 MAX)**
JANUARY 30, 2024 – 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
- GROUP 2 (40-60 MAX)**
JANUARY 31, 2024 – 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- GROUP 3 (40-60 MAX)**
JANUARY 31, 2024 – 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

- **BOX LUNCH PROVIDED**
- **TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

TO BOOK TRANSPORTATION PLEASE CALL 780-585-3634

REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT SCWPROGRAMS.COM OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

REGISTRATION FORM

LOCATION:

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 780-585-3634

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR SAMSON CREE NATION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 0-6 YEARS OLD

FEBRUARY 12-16, 2024

Maskwacis Cultural College

COURSE INCLUDES:

- Interested SCN Members with children 0-6 years of age will receive:
- Incentive available
- Child Care/Baby sitting fees available
- Must complete course
- Limited spots available

Please contact MCC directly to sign-up

ECD Level 1 will prepare students for employment in daycare, head start and kindergarten programs, primary school settings and organizations working directly with children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
YVONNE LAROUCHE
OR KRISTA MONTOUR
INFO@MCCEDU.CA
(780) 585-3925

APPLY IN-PERSON @ MCC OR ONLINE ON THE MCC WEBSITE
[HTTPS://WWW.MCCEDU.CA/](https://www.mccedu.ca/)

MASKWACIS ANONYMOUS ANIMAL CONTROL SURVEY

Open to Band Members from Samson Cree Nation, Ermineskin Cree Nation, Montana First Nation & Louis Bull Tribe on & off reserve

Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council (MCTC) has launched a survey to gather opinions from nation members on safety and animal bylaws within the 4 nations. The feedback received will be instrumental in making informed decisions about animal care services in the 4 nations of Maskwacis. Your participation in this survey will help shape the future of animal welfare in the area, and your valuable insights are greatly appreciated.

TO COMPLETE SURVEY

SCAN ME

[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/233236378056257](https://form.jotform.com/233236378056257)

CLICK HERE

INQUIRIES?

Contact Us: 780-585-0016

Visit Our Facebook: Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council

Business Section

January 15, 2024

Words by Guide.

The Acimowin is all about supporting local businesses. Send in your business card so it can be scanned and run, free of charge at business card size, in the newsletter. If you have any suggestions that can improve the business section please send in your ideas, job opportunities or comments. Buying local means the economy grows. Furthermore, people should consider a chamber of commerce because it is numbers and by working together that companies in Maskwacis can become successful.

I know most people find services on facebook. Advertising on Google Ads is another way to promote your company or event.

What I noticed during the Christmas holidays was that there were a few businesses open. The few times I did drive by fast food stores and the stores that were open, there were a lot of people at these locations. Even during the polar vortex

that lasted from January 12 to January 15, there was a demand for tow trucks, boosts and towing. What would be good for a business is a 24 hour store that is open. Some people work night shifts and gasoline is needed by those people who travel at all hours of the day and night. A 24 hour store would be good for the pow wows that take place in Maskwacis. Coffee at 6 AM or earlier would be good instead of having to go to town.

Another idea is having a company at local events. I see the Subway mascot at events sometimes in his suit. I have also seen companies have booth set up at events. The event planner can promote your company if you are set up. Sponsoring a local event is another way to promote your company. The sponsor amount does not have to be a major amount but if the MC announces your company to the people while you are at the event maybe some people will come pick up your business card. Business cards are another way to promote businesses. There are local businesses that can print 100 business cards for relatively cheap.

North Bear Contracting Services

January 18, 2024

Hello and good day Guide, thanks for your email.

You can find us on Facebook, I believe TikTok as well and our website is in the process of creation. Our company started out in 2021 with lawn care moving into the Landscaping and Removals (Junk & Snow), for this type of work, at the moment, we require general labourers: must be physically fit and attain Proper PPE & Safety gear, also vehicle ownership is preferred.

In the very near future, as our company grows and expands, We will have more employment

positions available ranging from office positions to field work to consultants.

For the upcoming business creators, Believe and Focus! Remember that life happens and it is how one responds to the situation that truly counts.

I hope this helps and again, thanks for reaching out, also attached is our flyer.

Ay Hai, ☺

Jordan & Angelina Buffalo
Founders & Co-Owners
780.362.1887 / 780.312.9881

Advertising Space Available Here!



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Office: 780-312-9881 Jordan (berb) Cell: 780-362-1887

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PO BOX 1530 MASKWACIS, AB T0C 1N0
780.312.9881 C:780.362.1887 E:northbearservices@gmail.com

There are few facebook groups out there dedicated to getting their Indigenous businesses some promotion.

One group I noticed, and there are probably a few so email the ones you know, is called: Maskwacis Businesses, Artists, and Companies. People sell their beadwork which is a big.

Please check out the Samson Cree Nation Personnel facebook page for job opportunities. The facebook page is: SCN Personnel. The department was looking for temp workers a couple of days ago so send in those resumes to:

personnel.179@gmail.com



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BREAKFAST:

• Breakfast Sandwich: Ham, Bacon, or Sausage \$5.00




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Danielle Baptiste
Owner/Operator
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Settlement Distribution

Samson/Edmonton/Calgary

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
Location: Samson - HBMC Time: 9am-3pm.

Thursday, January 25, 2024
Location: Samson - HBMC Time: 9am-3pm.

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Location: Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway NW Time: 9am-3pm.

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Location: Calgary - Best Western Premier Calgary Hotel & Conf. Centre, 1316 St. NE T2A 6B6. Time: 9am-3pm.

Please Contact: The Membership Department at 780-585-3793 ext. 104.

Ph: 780-585-3793 ext. 104. Please Have Patience When Calling, Staff Are Managing A High Number of Phone Calls. Hai Hai !

Samson Head Start

Craft Workshops with local Artisan
Kenisha Roan

FEB 5-6

DENTALLIUM SETS
February 5 from 9am to 4pm
February 6 from 12pm to 4pm
@ Samson Head Start Building

FEB 15-16

RIBBON DRESS MAKING
February 15 from 9am to 4pm
February 16 from 12pm to 4pm
@ Samson Head Start Building

FEB 19-23

PARFLECHÉ BAGS & EARRINGS
February 19 from 9am to 4pm
February 23 from 12pm to 4pm
@ Samson Head Start Building

FEB 26-27

QUILLING
February 26 from 9am to 4pm
February 27 from 12pm to 4pm
@ Samson Head Start Building

SCN Parents/Caregivers with Children ages 0-6 years old.
"Maximum of 5 participants per class"
To sign up or more information please contact email Kenisha:

→ keniisharoan@yahoo.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Ice Fishing, Fishing with a Net, and Water and Fish Sampling

Dates: January 24-25, 2024
Location: Wilcox-Saskatoon Highway 1040
Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Open to Samson Cree Nation Members
Registration required

Transportation Provided from Willowview.
Leave at 9 AM daily and return at 4 pm

Food Provided: Pancakes and Frying
Under the all participants

Please contact Glinis Buffalo at
projectinformation@scn.ca or
for any questions.
Registration required
https://forms.gle/hKcnAH1Sgpc1w7p5_3d18
https://forms.gle/hKcnAH1Sgpc1w7p5_3d18



Traditional Teaching

One day session
Classroom one H.B.M.C
January 29th 2024
10AM-3PM
Transportation & Lunch provided
Call to register:
780-585-2254
Samson Cree Nation
Integrated Family Services

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION

IF YOUR NAME WAS ENTERED ON THE BAND LIST FOR THE SAMSON CREE NATION AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, 1967 AND YOU WERE NOT PAID A PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION THAT WAS MADE BY THE NATION AFTER YOU BECAME A MEMBER

YOU MAY HAVE LEGAL RIGHTS IN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT.

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

What's this about?

The Alberta Court of King's Bench has authorized a Class Action to proceed against the Chief and Council of the Samson Cree Nation and the Samson Cree Nation (collectively, "Samson Cree Nation"). The Representative Plaintiff for the Class is Bonnie Lee Bruno. The claim alleges that the Samson Cree Nation excluded individuals who became band members pursuant to Bill C-31, from per capita distributions ("PCDs") that the Samson Cree Nation paid to its members from time to time after June 29, 1967 (the "Class"). The claim asserts damages, a constructive trust in favour of the Class over the unpaid PCDs and other relief for breach of fiduciary duty by the defendants and for unjust enrichment of the Samson Cree Nation. Samson Cree Nation has denied the allegations made in the claim.

The Court has also granted partial judgment in favour of the Class on some of the common issues that were certified for trial. The Court has not yet made a decision on whether any of the Class members are entitled to succeed in their claims for relief, however

Who is included?

The Court has defined the Class as follows:

All persons whose names were recorded on the "Band List", as that term is defined by the Indian Act, RSC 1985, c I-5, as amended, for Samson Cree Nation maintained by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (the "Samson Band List"), at any time on or after June 29, 1967, and from whom Samson Cree Nation withheld payment of per capita distributions and Special Pays at any point after the person's name was added to the Samson Band List, until August 31, 2020, or, where such person is deceased, the personal representative of the estate of the deceased person (the "Class Members").

If you are not sure whether you are a member of the Class, you should speak to Class Counsel, whose contact information is set out below.

What do I need to do?

If you are a Class Member, you do not need to do anything to be included in the Class Action. You will be bound by any decisions on the common issues for the Class and you will be entitled to share in any benefits that Class members may ultimately receive. It is recommended that you contact Class Counsel to confirm your contact information, however, so that they can notify you from time to time of developments in the lawsuit.

What do I need to do if I do not want to be bound?

If you do not want to be bound by the determinations that are reached in this lawsuit you must opt out of this Class Action (exclude yourself) by sending a written opt-out form, which you have signed, stating that

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Out Your Way

Maskwacis

Event Location:
Library Service in Maskwacis, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre

Date: Friday, January 26, 2024
Time: 12-5 p.m.

CBC is headed Out Your Way! We want to hear your thoughts on what you want to see covered for your community and beyond.

Come join us for free food, local entertainment, swag, and conversation.
All ages welcome.



you opt out of the Class Action, The written opt-out form can be obtained from Class Counsel and you must return it to them by pre-paid mail, courier, fax or by email, using the contact information below:

Dentons Canada LLP
Attention: PCD Claim
2500 Stortec Tower,
10220 - 103 Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0K4
Telephone: 780-423-7235
Facsimile: 780-423-7276
Email: pcdclaim@dentons.com

The written opt-out form must be received by Class Counsel by no later than **APRIL 26, 2024** and no Class Member will be permitted to opt out of the Class Action after that date, without the leave of the Court. If you opt out of the Class Action you will not be represented by Class Counsel in the claim, you will not be bound by any rulings in the lawsuit and you will not be eligible to receive any benefit from its resolution.

What are the costs to me of being part of this Class Action?

Class Members will not be personally liable to pay any legal fees or disbursements to Class Counsel. If the Class Action is successful in obtaining a ruling that the Class Members are entitled to relief, further determination may be made including which Class Members may be entitled to benefit, and how the benefits should be distributed to those Class Members.

Who pays the lawyers?

If the Class Action is successful, legal costs will be deducted from the amounts recovered on behalf of the Class Members. All legal costs must be approved by the Court.

The Representative Plaintiff has retained Class Counsel to conduct the Class Action on behalf of herself and the Class on a contingent fee basis. Class Counsel will only be paid legal fees if the lawsuit is successful. If the lawsuit is successful, Class Counsel will request that legal fees be set by the Court. The Representative Plaintiff's retainer agreement with Class Counsel provides that Class Counsel will be paid a percentage of the total amount they obtain for the Class Members.

Where can I get more information?

Do not direct your questions about this Notice to the Court. They should be directed to Class Counsel, using the contact information above. More information about the Class Action can also be found at www.SCNClassAction.ca

Do not contact Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council about your possible claim until after April 26, 2024, if at all. Members of Chief and Council are not allowed to speak to you about this claim until after the Notice period is over. All questions should be directed to Class Counsel.

This Notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the Certification Order in the Class Action. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this notice and the Certification Order, including the Schedules to the Certification Order, the terms of the Certification Order shall prevail.

THIS NOTICE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF IT, HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

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Domestic Violence

Byline: Kelly Karius

The cycles of domestic violence don't come out of nowhere. They come from our history, our learning, our ability to value self, and often, through our earliest influences. Even though colonization minimized our ability to value ourselves, that doesn't mean the cycles can't change...they can! [Violent victimization and perceptions of safety: Experiences of First Nations, Métis and Inuit women in Canada \(statcan.gc.ca\)](#)

These horrific statistics from Stats Canada show how vital it is that each of us do what we can to change these cycles:

- more than six in ten (63%) Indigenous women have experienced physical or sexual assault in their lifetime.
- Almost six in ten (56%) Indigenous women have experienced physical assault while almost half (46%) of Indigenous women have experienced sexual assault. In comparison, about a third of non-Indigenous women have experienced physical assault (34%) or sexual assault (33%) in their lifetime.
- About two-thirds of First Nations (64%) and Métis (65%) women have experienced violent victimization in their lifetime.
- Indigenous women (11%) were almost six times more likely than non-Indigenous women (2.3%) to have ever been under the legal responsibility of the government and about eight in ten (81%) Indigenous women who were ever under the legal responsibility of the government have experienced lifetime violent victimization.
- Indigenous women (42%) were more likely than non-Indigenous women (27%) to have been physically or sexually abused by an adult during childhood and to have experienced harsh parenting by a parent or guardian. These childhood experiences were associated with an increased prevalence of lifetime violent victimization.

An important new tool to combat domestic violence is Clare's Law. Individuals can apply to police to find out if their intimate partner has a history of domestic violence or abuse. This is a good law, however it requires bravery for indigenous women to approach the police and ask for this information. It is also difficult to access if abuse has already begun in a relationship. Indigenous women (17%) were more than twice as likely to report having not very much or no confidence in the police compared with non-Indigenous women (8.2%).

We know that our women and men must be leaders in changing this cycle for the next generation. But how? Let's consider this in light of The Seven Sacred Teachings.

Wisdom: Wisdom says we need to be knowledgeable. Wisdom is gained through reading, listening and observing, as well as many other ways. Gain wisdom about domestic violence, how to talk it about it, how to avoid it, how to be a good example for the next generation.

Courage: Violence takes courage to stand up against. Whether you are witnessing domestic

violence within your family, or in your own experience, speaking out about it takes courage. Be brave. There is a list of resources that can help at the end of this article.

Honesty: We need to be honest with ourselves and others about what we are experiencing and observing. Call things what they are. Abuse is abuse. Often it gets minimized "Awe, they both beat each other up." "She just blacked out." When you see people being abused, or experience abuse, calling it what it is can put an end to it more quickly.

Respect: Respect yourself enough that you will not let other people treat you badly. Learn how to set respectful boundaries. Respect other people enough that you will not treat them badly, but will know when it is time to disengage and allow them to live their own path, while you choose one of respect.

Truth: Speaking truth of what is seen and experienced brings things to the light. Find a safe place to speak your own truth. Sometimes that is time with an elder, going for a sweat, or seeking out a counsellor.

Humility: An elder once said to me, "Being humble isn't about making yourself small, or saying bad things about yourself. It is about saying "I'm great, and you are too." There is no need to denigrate others. The community is learning to come out of a cycle. Let's give everyone a chance, each keeping ourselves safe and smart while we do.

Love: This culture is all about love. Keep a strong love for yourself, for others and for the community. Embrace positive change and encourage it in others. Don't be discouraged, even if you see places where love is not shown. Showing it starts with you, and it grows from there.

The Family Violence Info Line is accessible 24/7, toll-free at 310-1818.

Wellnesstogether.ca provides counselling sessions over phone or video at no cost.

Ermineskin shelter is available to all female members of the community. They can be reached at (780) 585-4444

A list of all Alberta Shelters can be found here. [Shelters Directory - Alberta Council of Women's Shelters \(acws.ca\)](#)

Samson Community Wellness can assist or provide direction for further resources
780-585-3634



Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

Media and Reconciliation

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We call upon the federal government to restore and increase funding to the CBC/Radio-Canada, to enable Canada's national public broadcaster to support reconciliation, and be properly reflective of the diverse cultures, languages, and perspectives of Aboriginal peoples, including, but not limited to:

 - I. Increasing Aboriginal programming, including Aboriginal-language speakers.
 - II. Increasing equitable access for Aboriginal peoples to jobs, leadership positions, and professional development opportunities within the organization.
 - III. Continuing to provide dedicated news coverage and online public information resources
- on issues of concern to Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians, including the history and legacy of residential schools and the reconciliation process.

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We call upon the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, as an independent non-profit broadcaster with programming by, for, and about Aboriginal peoples, to support reconciliation, including but not limited to:

 - I. Continuing to provide leadership in programming and organizational culture that reflects the diverse cultures, languages, and perspectives of Aboriginal peoples.
 - II. Continuing to develop media initiatives that inform and educate the Canadian public, and connect Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians.

2024



January 24, 2024

Words by Guide
Photo: @Lily_gladstone

Lily Gladstone won a Golden Globe for her part in the movie Killers of the Flower Moon. The movie is about a tribe in America which encounters natural resource wealth. One band member told me that she had read the book prior to the movie coming out.

Lily's Twitter (X) account states that she is Siksikaitsitapii/Nimiipuu, Blackfeet, from Kalispell, Montana, USA. She is the first Native American to win the award. She is not on facebook but she is on Twitter and Instagram if you want to keep up to date.

What a monumental accomplishment for the arts and her nation.

Source: Google Search and Twitter (X) @Lily_gladstone.

*January 29, 2024: **Traditional Teachings** with Integrated Family Services. Classroom 1 at the HBMC. Transportation and lunch provided. Call to Register: 780-585-2254.

***Samson Community Wellness, NNADAP**
Phone: 825-299-0056 OR 825-299-0057. Moved to the Grey House by the Shelter Trailers.

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January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Years Day. Happy New Year SCN!	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Back To Work. PCD HBMC 9AM	9 PCD BAND OFFICE	10 PCD BAND OFFICE	11 PCD BAND OFFICE	12 Acimowin	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Gaming Tournament with Mason SB NOK building Ermineskin 11 AM.
21	22	23	24	25 Full Moon.	26 Acimowin	27 Ice Fishing Pigeon Lake.
28 Ice Fishing Pigeon Lake.	29 Traditional Teachings 10-2PM HBMC.	30 Bill C92 NOK building. Health Survey HBMC. Settlement Edmtn	31 Health Survey HBMC 9-3PM. Settlement Calgary.	Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services (MCSS) 585-2268 for A.A. Program. Maskwacis Mobile Mental Health 780-585-3830 Hotline 780-362-2150.		

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gangs Drugs 10-9PM HBMC. AA Shelter 5PM.	2 HBMC Youth Conference.	3
4	5 Communications Meeting 10AM.	6	7	8 AA Shelter 5PM.	9 Acimowin	10
11	12 ECD Level 1 Training Starts.	13	14	15 AA Shelter 5PM.	16 ECD Level 1 Training Ends.	17
18	19 Family Day HBMC 12-5PM.	20	21	22 AA Shelter 5PM.	23 Acimowin	24
25	26	27	28	29		

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Samson Cree Nation is a healthy, educated, knowledgeable and industrious community.

Mission Statement

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- SURVEYS
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- 3 Fill out your information and press "Register"
- 4 Click the verification link in your email address



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