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Media Maskwacis Library

**CBC Edmonton Visited the Maskwacis Library
at the HBMC in Samson.**

Words by Guide & Paul Moore CBC Edmonton Photo Ashley Lightning

January 26, 2024

Maskwacis has a library and it located in the HBMC. Maria Buffalo works at the library and you can register with her to take books or videos out. They have a facebook page: Maskwacis Library Services. You can call them at 780-585-3012.

The Acimowin editor reached out to Paul Moore, Executive Producer of Programming & Engagement, via email to ask him about the visit, this is what he had to say:

“We were thrilled with our public event at the Maskwacis Library.

Dozens of people came to enjoy the food and music, to learn about the library, and to have some really great conversations about their community.

We heard from many people who spoke about why they love their community. They talked about interesting and vibrant

artists, cultural programming, business opportunities, close-knit relationships and much, much more.

Many people also spoke to us about how they feel the media as a whole needs to do a better job of reflecting the positivity in Maskwacis.

All of this was helpful to hear.

And we want to very sincerely thank everyone for being so open and welcoming.

We left Maskwacis with many ideas for stories to follow and ways to continue to build connections with the people who live there. And we are already planning more events in collaboration with the Maskwacis Library - so stay tuned for that!”

I had reached out to a representative from the Maskwacis Library but nobody got back to me by the time the newsletter went out.

Maskwacis Library



Left to Right: Jessica Chan (CBC), Yvonne Reitsma (CBC), Maria Buffalo (Maskwacis Library), Myah Juneau (CBC), Barrett Perzoni (CBC), Andrea Newland (Parkland Regional Library System), Elizabeth Mensforth (CBC), David Perlich (CBC).



February 25, 2024

Words/Photos: Guide.

Pigeon Lake Recreation Center: There was a soup kitchen and a big thank you goes out to the cooks that day. Pigeon Lake has their soup kitchen every Thursday. Marcella was helping out in the kitchen. Marcella is one of the workers at the centre and she organizes events. Leon

Bruno also schedules events and programs out there on behalf of Samson Community Wellness.

Today was fry bread and beef soup. Come out on Thursdays and enjoy some good food and conversation. Catch all the events, programs and services on their facebook page: Pigeon Lake Recreation and S.C.N. Satellite Office.



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January 20, 2024

Words: Guide. Photos: Mason Saddleback.

Jim Rattlesnake Building: Indigenous Smash League.

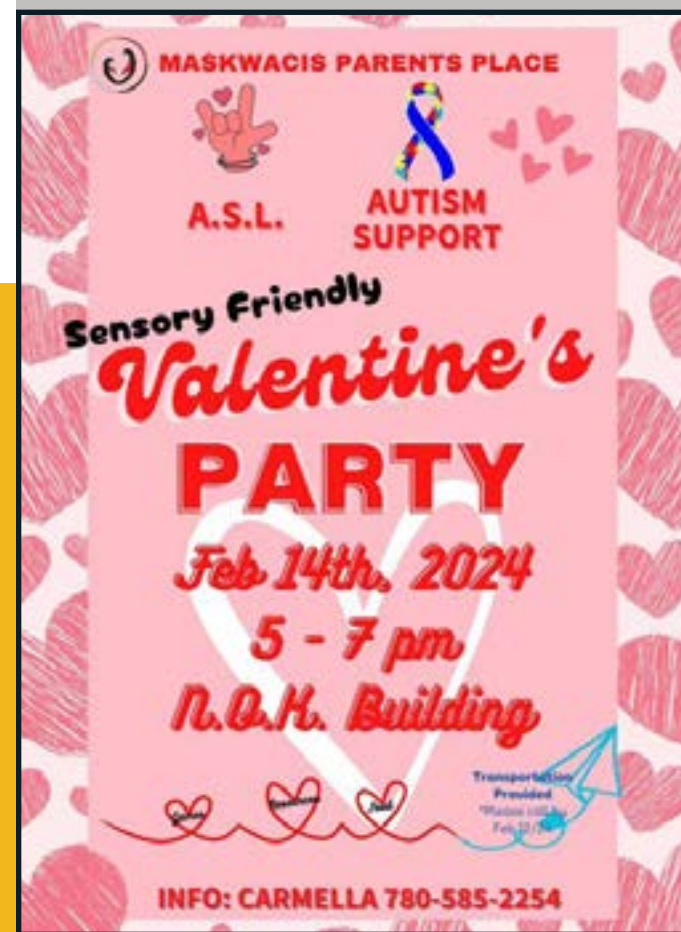
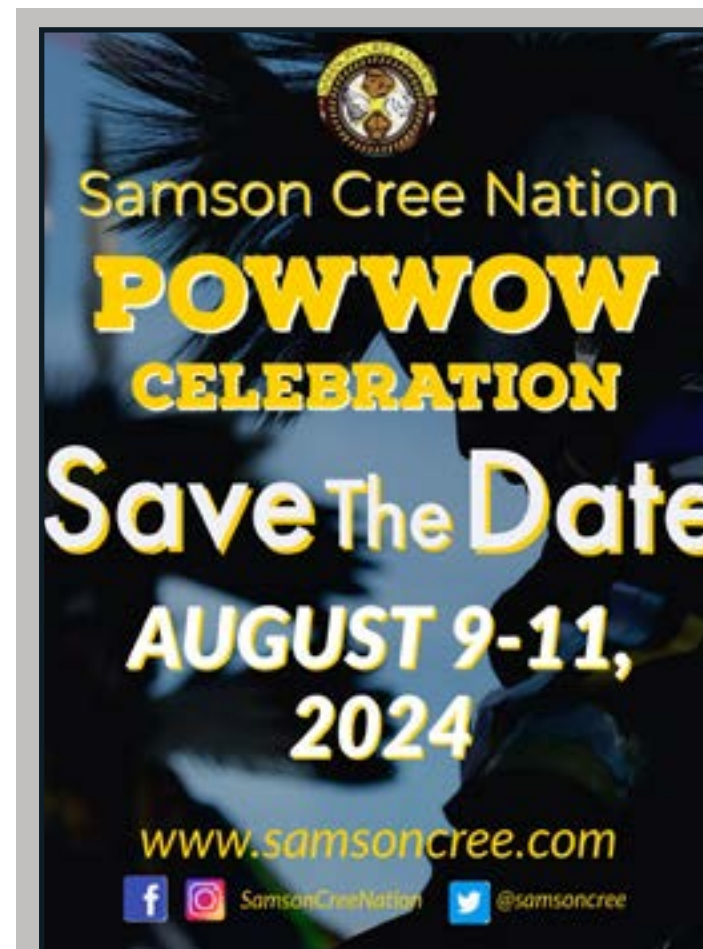
Mason Saddleback held his gaming tournament right after the holidays. Twenty five players showed up. Mason brings the computers, monitors and games with him to these tournaments. He is always looking to start up tournaments in Maskwacis so give him a call if your nation' youth are interested.

Gaming is a good choice to begin with if you want a career in the computer industry. Whether that be IT (information technology), networking or maintenance of hardware-building computers or servers. Most gamers, like Mason, have all their own gear

and they need to connect to the internet in most cases networking becomes a skill. The gamers build most of their custom computers because standard desktops do not have enough power to play the games.

The next step would be to design the games and that would mean the person would have to be a programmer. An industry in Samson of computer programmers could be possible. Basically, it would mean Samson would have it's band members build software. Software that could be used by the nation and other nations on Turtle Island.

Females should also be encouraged to enter the computer industry. There is not much representation so encourage the girls to give it a try. Maybe there should be a female gaming competition in Maskwacis.



Samson Head Start & Samson Youth and Sport development are joining forces to bring you another fun filled family friendly celebration!

Family Day '22

Monday February 19, 2024
12:00p m to 5:00 pm
Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre

- Bouncy Houses
- Face Painters/Glitter Tattoos
- Balloon Twisters
- Photo Booth
- Door Prizes
- Be a part of the festivities!

All are Welcome!

DAUGHTERS OF TRADITION

*DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS
*BUILD HEALTHY IDENTITY
*HAVE & BE A MENTOR

13 WEEK PROGRAM
STARTING FEBRUARY 19TH, 2024

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

EVERY TUESDAY
SCW WILLOWVIEW (4:00-5:00 P.M.)

EVERY THURSDAY
PIGEON LAKE REC (4:00-5:00 P.M.)

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

AGES: 7-12 YEARS

PLEASE CALL SCW FOR MORE INFORMATION 780-585-3634

This program provides a prevention education program that will enable youth ages (7-12) to create healthy identities for themselves as young Native women.

Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association is excited to host our annual Kids Can Catch event, sponsored by the Alberta Conservation Association. Join us for a day of ice fishing fun on February 17, 2024, from 10 AM to 3 PM at Camp Bar-V-Kokl. Go To Their Website: www.barvnok.com

kids can catch

February 17, 10am-3pm
Camp Bar-V-Nok

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 innovation, impact potential, comprehensive scope, communication, budget, realistic solution, visuals, and connection to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CARING FOR OUR Watersheds® For more information visit: CaringForOurWatersheds.com

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YOUTH WHOLISTIC TEACHINGS

AGES 13-17 YEARS

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

LOCATION: SAMSON WILLOWVIEW (TEEPEE ROOM)

EVERY THURSDAY
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

PLEASE CALL SCW FOR MORE INFORMATION 780-585-3634

YOUTH SACRED VOICES

AGES 13-17 YEARS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
SCW WILLOWVIEW (4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.)

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

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

PLEASE CALL SCW FOR MORE INFORMATION 780-585-3634

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

January 13, 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 650+ rural homes, located both in Samson Cree Nation and in Pigeon Lake.

The department will operate under the Treaty-based Service Plan, and will include the hiring of 10+ staff positions, and purchase of capital infrastructure (i.e., servicing trucks and equipment). The Nation is very excited to pilot this new department to address aging infrastructure and Drinking Water Adversities. 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 Approval Feedback Page!

What Does This Mean for You?

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

By the way,
Samson Cree

Operation? Please Contact:
Chief: 780-585-3763
Water Project Coordinator: 780-585-3763
Email: water@samsoncree.ca
P: 780-585-3763

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CULTURAL BASKET

February 21st, 22nd & 23rd 2024

Teachings:
Traditional Perspective On Grief
&
Traditional Winter Stories

Location: H.B.M.C Maskwacis
Time: 10am - 3pm
Lunch & Transportation Provided
Register at Integrated Family Services
Call: 780-585-2254

NEVER MISS AN UPDATE

GET THE APP

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

- JOB OPENINGS
- SURVEYS
- EVENTS
- NEWS

HOW TO GET THE APP

- 1 Scan the QR code below or visit the App Store or Google Play Store and Search "Samson 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



SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS- NNADAP

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS

LOCATION: NNADAP HOUSE

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

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY:
JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 8
FEBRUARY 22, MARCH 7
MARCH 21, APRIL 4
APRIL 18, MAY 2

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

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS- NNADAP

RELAPSE PREVENTION/ AFTERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

LOCATION: NNADAP OFFICE
GREY HOUSE BESIDE SHELTER TRAILERS

EVERY TUESDAY'S 10:00 - 3:00

WEEK 1: DECEMBER 26, 2023
WEEK 2: JANUARY 2, 2024
WEEK 3: JANUARY 9, 2024
WEEK 4: JANUARY 16, 2024
WEEK 5: JANUARY 23, 2024
WEEK 6: JANUARY 30, 2024
WEEK 7: FEBRUARY 6, 2024
WEEK 8: FEBRUARY 13, 2024
WEEK 9: FEBRUARY 20, 2024
WEEK 10: FEBRUARY 27, 2024

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: FEBRUARY 7, 2024
WEEK 8: JANUARY 14, 2024
WEEK 9: JANUARY 21, 2024
WEEK 10: JANUARY 28, 2024

CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION

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

RCMP-GRC **MISSING / DISPARU(E)**

Christopher Crier

Age / Âge: 16 **Hair / Cheveux: Black**

Weight / Poids: 180 lbs / livres **Height / Taille: 5 ft / pieds 7 in / pouces**

Last Seen / Vu(e) la dernière fois: 2022-10-01 in / à:

Please contact the Maskwacis RCMP Detachment at 780-585-4600

Appelez le détachement de la GRC de Maskwacis au 780-585-4600

CRIME STOPPERS **1-800-222-TIPS**
www.p3tips.com

Canada

FEBRUARY 2024 "The scariest moment is always just before you start." - Stephen King -

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Like us on Facebook Integrated Family Services

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed during lunch 12:00 - 1:00

Contact: 780-585-2254
Fax 780-585-2234

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. Cultural Teachings Pigeon Lk.	13 Community Engagement HBMC 10AM.	14 Amazing Race. Sensory Friendly Valentines Party NOK building.	15 AA Shelter 5PM.	16 ECD Level 1 Training Ends.	17 Treaty Tryouts. Poundmakers Lodge Roundance. Flora NW Sober Dance Montana.
18 Treaty Tryouts 4 Nations Arena	19 Family Day HBMC 12-5PM. Treaty Tryouts. Cultural Teachings Pigeon Lk.	20 Cree Market.	21 Cultural Basket 10AM HBMC. Youth Pow Wow Pigeon Lk. MCSS Equine Therapy.	22 AA Shelter 5PM. Cultural Basket 10AM HBMC. MCSS Equine Therapy.	23 Acimowin MHS Sober Dance HBMC. Cultural Basket 10AM HBMC	24
25	26 Cultural Teachings Pigeon Lk.	27	28 Youth Pow Wow Pigeon Lk.	29		

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 MESC Open House.
3	4	5	6	7	8 Acimowin International Womens Day	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins.	11	12	13	14	15 MCSS Round Dance HBMC.	16
17 St. Patricks Day	18	19 First Day of Spring. Equinox.	20	21 MEC Job Fair HBMC 10AM.	22 Acimowin	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday.	30
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Vision Statement

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

Mission Statement


Samson Cree Nation is a Sovereign Nation that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all our People by maximizing our Human Resources and respecting our Cree Language and Traditions of our Peoples.
www.samsoncree.com/aboutus

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