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International Justice Summit, Maskwacis, Alberta

March 25-28, 2024

Words by **Editor**: Photos: **Ashley & Editor**

March 25-28, 2024

The International Justice Summit: Regaining Legal Sovereignty took place at the Jonas Applegarth theatre in Samson. MCs Laurie Buffalo and Mario Swampy kept the event going smoothly. Both Laurie and Mario were former Samson Councilors. The International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development and the Samson Treaty Protectorate & Enforcement were sponsors. The Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) Cooks treated everyone to breakfast and Bob Ronnie Catering served lunch.

Other speakers included: David Lametti, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General from 2019 to 2023; Jerry Saddleback Sr.; Grand Chief Michael Mitchell; Dr. Leroy Littlebear; Honourable Justice Leonard (Tony) Mandamin; Grand Chief Ed John, TI' azt' en Nation and Former Expert Member UNPFII; Dr. Esther Tailfeathers, Blood Tribe Health Authority; Amber Ward (Virtual-Online), Enoch, UBC Medical School; Olivia Buffalo, Maskwacis Counselling & Support Services; Lawrence Aimoe, Treaty 8 Regional Police Service; Harley Crowshoe, Piikani Health Services; Honourable Gerald Morin; Teddi Saddleback, Warden at Pe Sakastew Centre; Josephine Buffalo, Elder at Pe Sakastew Centre; Robert Breaker; Francis "Butch" Wolfleg; Jo Anne Yellow Horse,

Coordinator Aiskapimokiiks (Traditional Conflict Resolution) Program; Simonne Backfat, Youth Mediator Administrator; Rita Cutknife; Jerry Roasting; Harley Bastien, President Eagle & Raven Consulting, Piikani Elder; Stephanie Harpe MMIWG Advocate; Violet Soosay, Samson Cree Paminikewin Registrar; Gail Lightning, Maskwacis Mobile Mental Health; Marlene R. Buffalo, Samson Cree Treaty Protectorate Senior Manager; Commissioner Violet Maginius, Tsuut'ina Police Commission; Laurie Buffalo; Ida Bull; Bobbi Herrera, Wayne Moonias and Ivy Rain.

There were themes to each day of the summit. The first day was Kikipakitiwikosiwin Self Determination. Day two theme was Weytinah Pimatsowin Being Well. Day three was an extension of day two, Being Well. Day four was Miyowahkotowin Good Relations. Elders who prayed in the morning were: John Crier, Ivy Rain and Josephine Buffalo.

Day 1: Kikpahkitinkosowin, Self Determination:

Traditional Justice Panel of Elders and Knowledge Keepers 'Traditional Justice.' Justice and Reconciliation.

UN Declaration Legislation and National Action Plan.

OAS Declaration and United Nations Declaration.

International Human Rights Experts on

Gail Lightning, Violet Soosay and Laurie Buffalo.



Olivia Buffalo and Dr. Esther Tailfeathers.



Truth, Justice, Reparation and Traditional Restorative Justice and Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Day 2: Weytinah Pimatsowin, Being Well Part 1:

Prevention and Intervention, Trauma Informed Practices Panel.

Dispossession Trauma 'The Impact of Being Well'

Total Brain Development: Impacts of all aspects of Violence.

The Way Things Were: Children, Youth, Adults, Elders and Persons with Disabilities 'Traditional Responsibilities and Research' Nipisis Teachings Panel 'Traditional Parenting and Discipline'

Day 3: Weytinah Pimatsowin, Being Well Part 2:

Kimmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy Documentary.

Mental Health and Addictions: Ion Impacts Panel.

Gangs, Drugs and Restorative Justice 'Legal Based Solutions'

Indigenous Policing 'Culture Based Solutions'

Peace and Traditional Court Panel 'Court Based Solutions'

MMIWG Calls for Justice Report 'Identified Solutions'

Day 4: Miyowahkotowin Day, Having Good Relations Day:

Healing Lodges

Traditional Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation

Nehiyawewin: The Importance of Our Language 'Teaching and Song' Environmental Justice.

Rebuilding Relationships and Community: Humour as Medicine.

In the Spirit of Reconciliation:

Miyowahkotowin and Rebuilding Our Nation.

Dr. Leroy Littlebear is well known in Indian country. He has spoken about Treaty, the Buffalo and traditional knowledge before in Maskwacis. At this speaking engagement he talked about how Indigenous law is becoming more prevalent in the Canadian court system and how our traditional practices are being more recognized.

Special Guest Speaker was Dr. Wilton Littlechild. The speakers came from all over Canada. From the Mohawk territory in Ontario Grand Chief Michael Mitchell talked about what it was like at the Oka Crisis which took place in 1990. The Grand Chief talked about how his nation asserted their sovereignty on the land and in the court system.

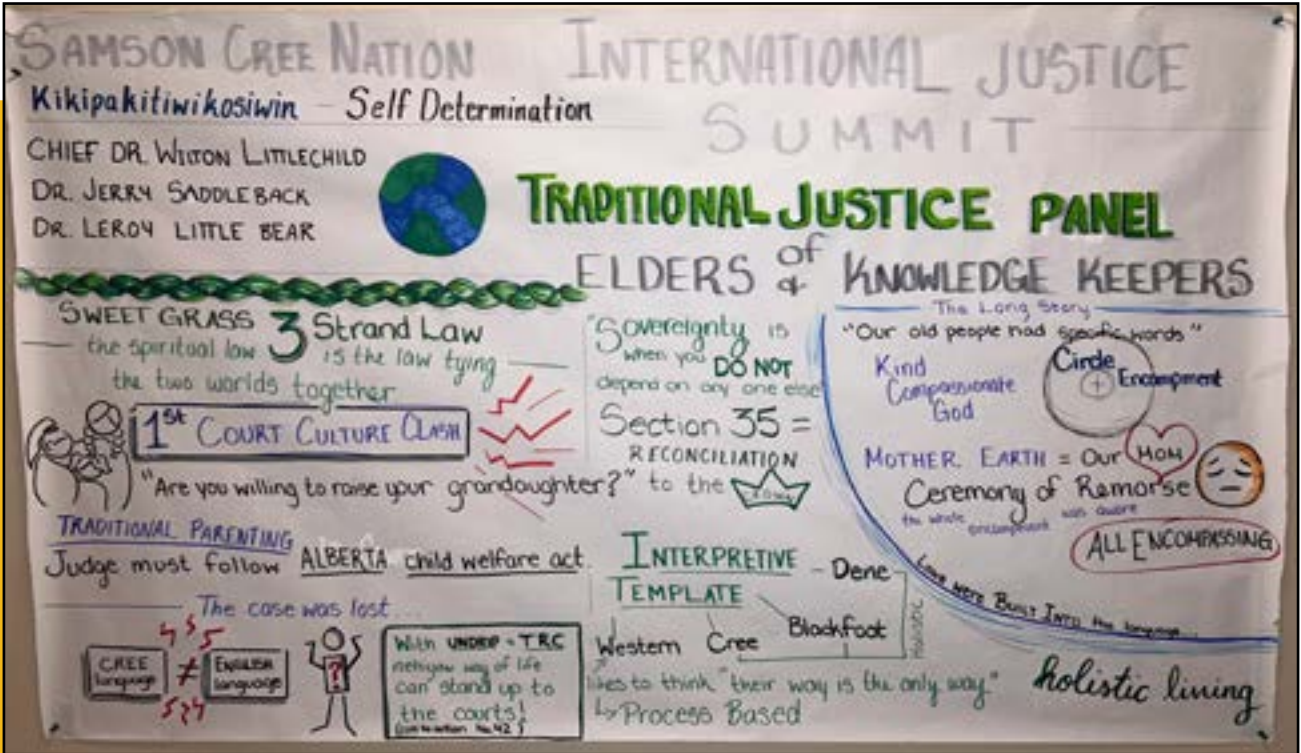
On Day three Dr. Esther Tailfeathers, Blood Tribe Health Authority, did her presentation. One point that Dr. Tailfeathers wanted everybody to know was that for the first time ever, native females in the prison industrial complex has outnumbered the male population.

Before Dr. Tailfeathers went on there was a documentary shown to the audience. The documentary was called: Kimmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy. It is a look at the fentanyl and opioid crisis that has gripped Kainai First Nation. The director, Elle-Maija Tailfeathers created the documentary in 2016. Ten years ago Kainai declared a state of emergency because of the opioid poisonings that were taking place in their community. The documentary is about harm reduction, nation members living in Lethbridge and

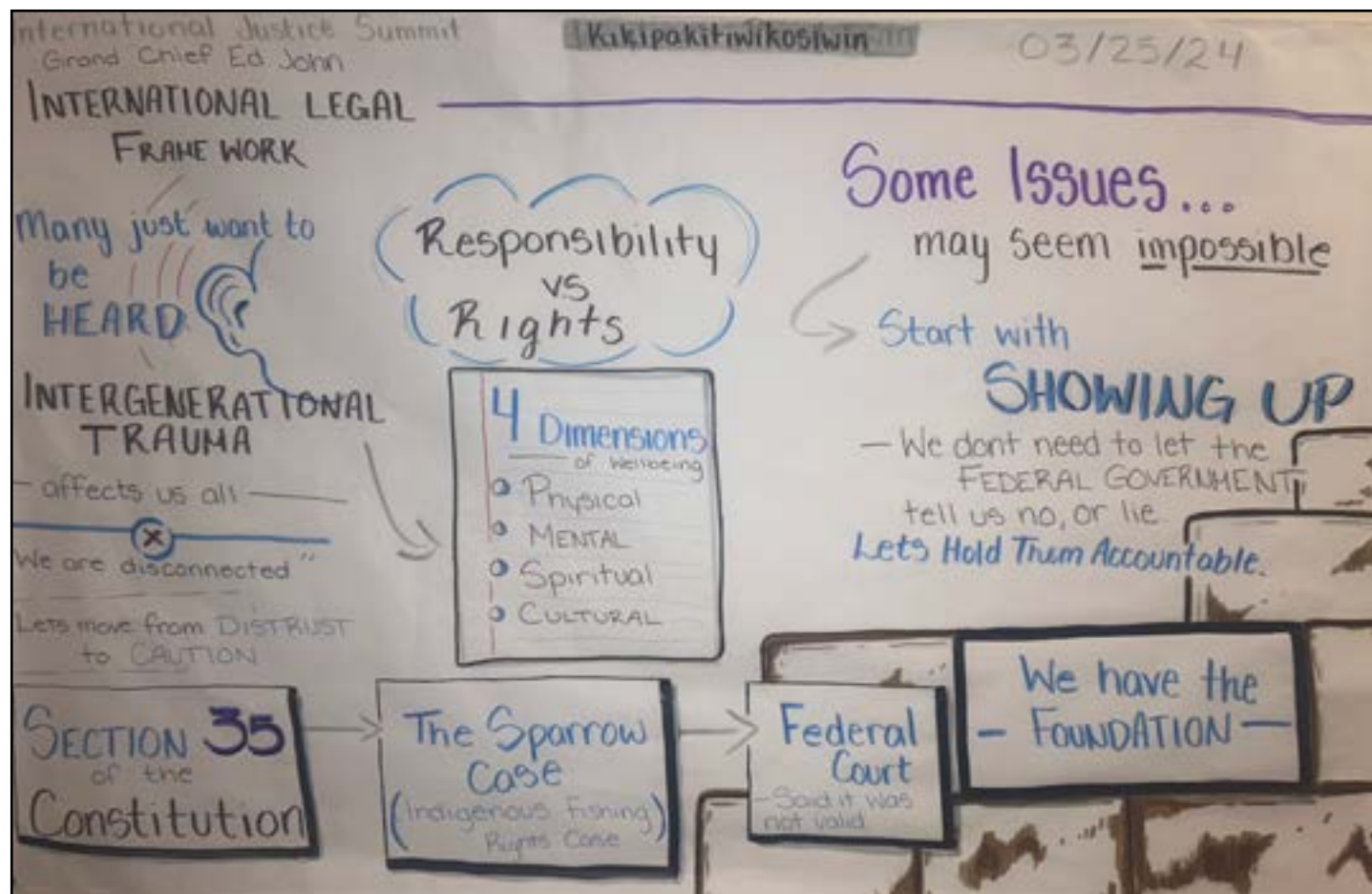
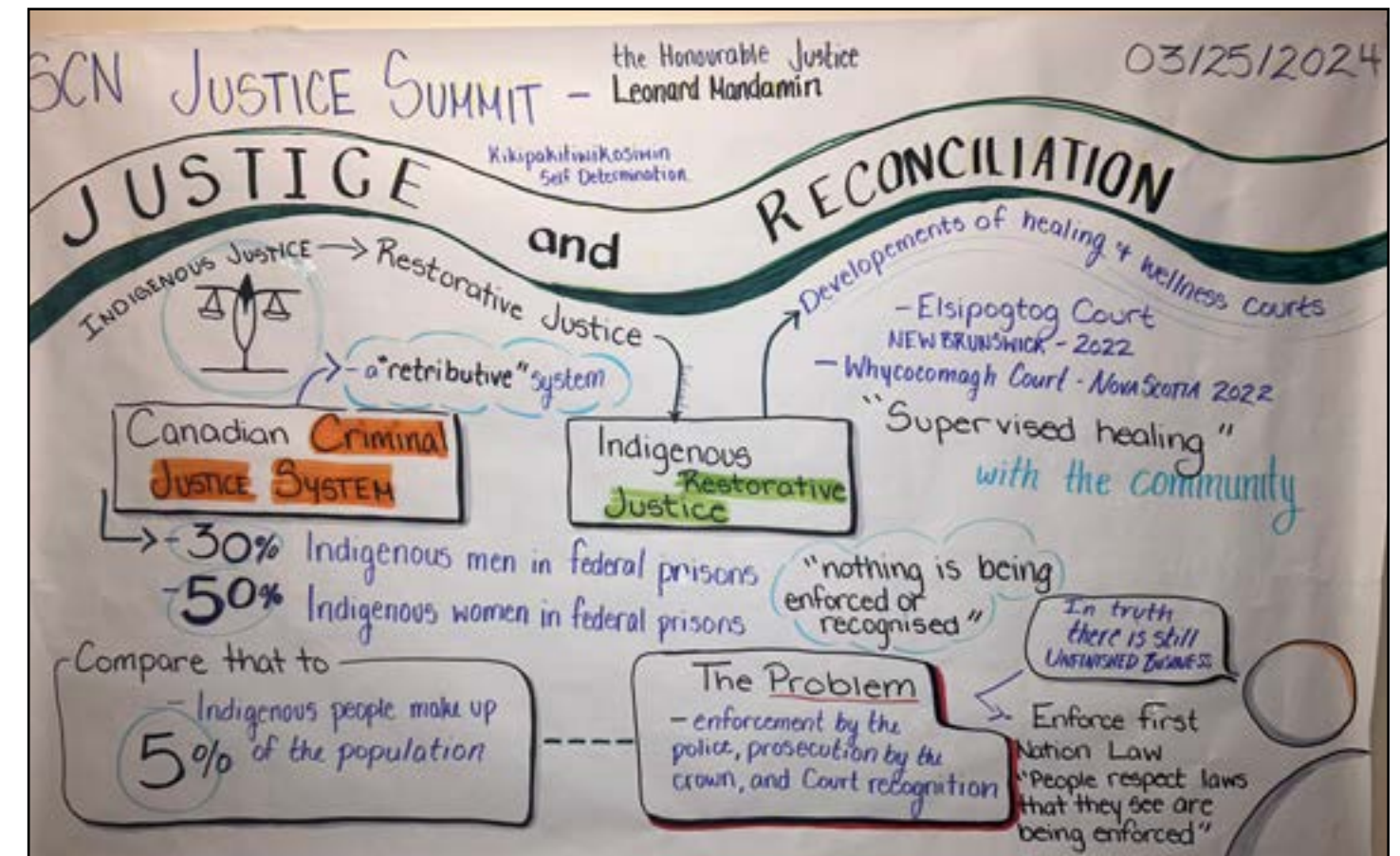
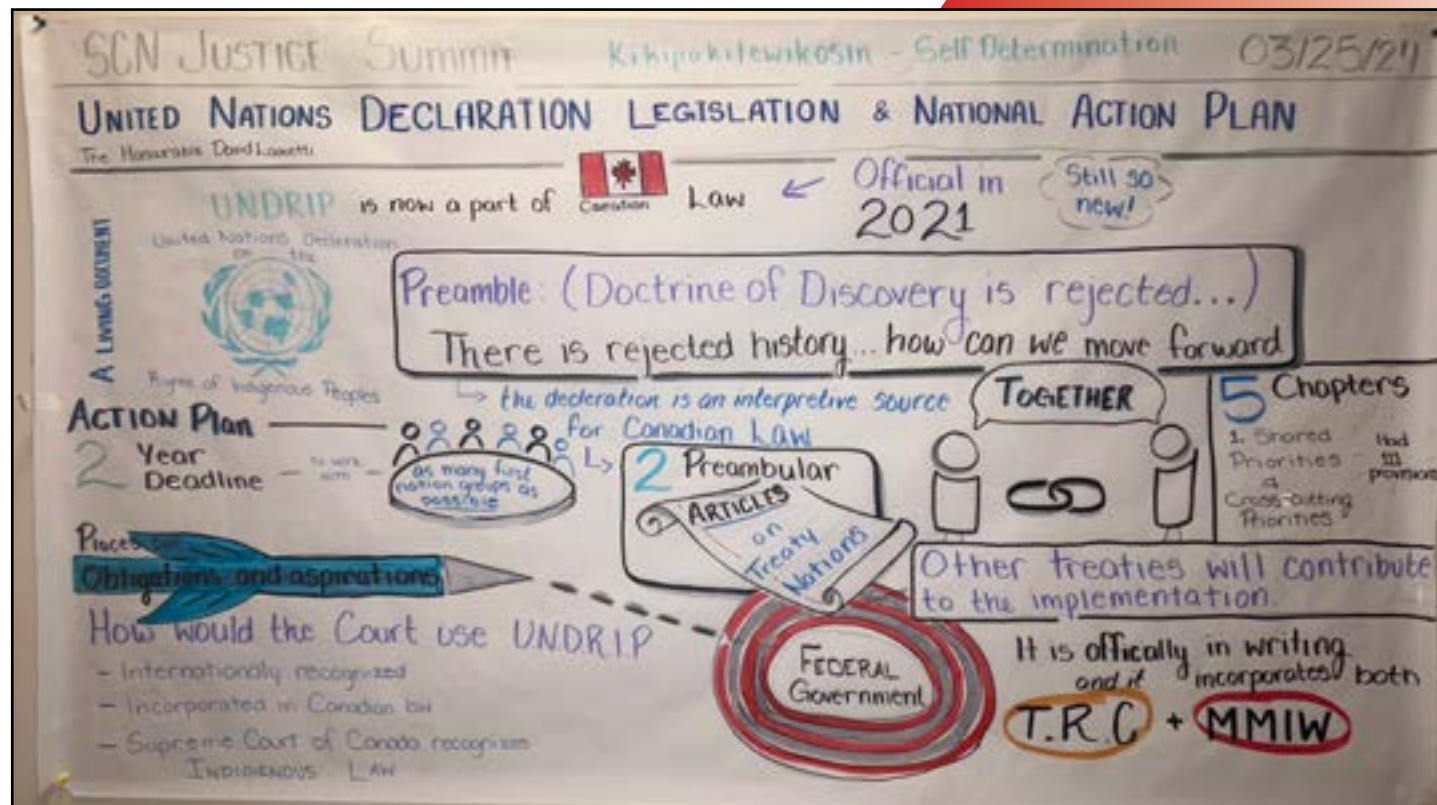
the provincial policies that have failed the people.

The International Justice Summit Regaining Legal Sovereignty was very informing. The speakers were very good and the experiences they talked about were real and life changing. It was mentioned before the summit ended that there will be another

Justice Summit in the future. Each day, one Chief from each nation in Maskwacis started the day off with opening remarks. It was said during the summit that the people of Maskwacis have to work together in order to attain sovereignty. The Indian Act has divided the people and it is still a form of colonization.



Graphic Recording by Tiyanne Louis-Johnson





**Samson Cree Nation
POWWOW
CELEBRATION**

Save The Date

**AUGUST 9-11,
2024**

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MASTERS OF CEREMONIES:
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DRUM GROUPS WILL BE PAID!**
*drum groups please bring
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CRAFT VENDORS WELCOME!
\$50 per table: Please bring your
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Contact: Leah Potts for vendor
registration: 780-585-3300

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CHILD WELLNESS
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**2024 TRADITIONAL
POWWOW**
Join us May 18th, 2024
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
@The Panee Memorial Agriplex
Ermineskin Cree Nation
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information

For more information, please contact Lionel Waskewitch or Elizabeth Rowan at KCWS: 780-585-3300

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EVERYDAY A NEW CREE WORD!

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YOU ARE CORRECT, YOU WILL BE ENTERED IN FOR
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ARE EVERY FRIDAY. SEASONAL DRAWS ARE THE
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**NNADAP
DEPARTMENT**

WE'VE MOVED

— AS OF TUESDAY —
OCTOBER 10

**NEW CONTACT NUMBER FOR
NNADAP**

825-299-0056
825-299-0057

**GREY HOUSE BESIDE
SHELTER TRAILERS**

**TO A
NEW
LOCATION**



Maskwacis Employment Center Society Presents:

**EMPLOYMENT
READINESS
PROGRAM**

APRIL 22 - MAY 3, 2024

DEADLINE : APRIL 19TH @ 12PM

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- MINIMUM 18 YEARS OF AGE
- CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED
- SPORADIC OR NO WORK HISTORY
- NEED ASSISTANCE FINDING EMPLOYMENT
- MUST BE MOTIVATED TO WORK
- MUST HAVE OWN WORKING EMAIL
- MUST ATTEND PROGRAM DAILY
- MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND CLASSES IN PERSON AT MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- SAFETY TICKETS

HOW TO APPLY:
By email at Nicole@maskwacisemployment.ca or call (780) 585-4450

Spring Has Arrived

Samson Gas Utility

would like to remind our
Nation Members
Before Starting Projects
Such As:

- Fence Posting
- Building of Decks
- Removal/Planting of Trees
- Contractors
- Or any other Digging

Please Call: Alberta One Call @
1-800-242-3447 or (780) 585-3547

To avoid hitting main lines such as sewer,
water, electrical etc.
Hai Hai for your cooperation



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**MIMIW SAKAHKAN KAKIYAW
MAMAWOKAMATOWIN
KINOSAWAK EKWA NIPIY**

Pigeon Lake Working Together for Fish and
Water

TEA DANCE

EVERYONE WELCOME

Pigeon Lake Rec Centre
April 14, 2024
3 PM

The Pigeon Lake Aquatic Habitat Project is
wrapping up and we would like to celebrate
successes.

Hosted by Samson Community Wellness

CONTACT GLINIS BUFFALO AT
PROJECTINFORMATION@SCW.GMAIL.COM
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

**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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why does the Rural Water and Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Department exist?

This is the first time in our Nation's history that funding has been provided to maintain our rural household water and wastewater systems. Performance of ongoing and preventative maintenance will extend the life of our infrastructure, address active drinking water advisories, limit the amount of future drinking water advisories, and improve the health and well-being of our members.

What is the Rural Water and Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Department responsible for?

Providing proactive operation and maintenance to all individual water and septic systems. This generally includes:

Annually

- Shock chlorination of all rural household wells
- Inspection of well and septic infrastructure, along with routine maintenance and basic repairs
- Maskwacis Health Services will continue to oversee bacteriological water quality testing and issuing Drinking Water Advisories
- Reporting results of operations to leadership and members

Every Four Years

- Replacement of filters or filter media for household water treatment units that have been installed by the Nation, as required, as well as pump out of household septic tanks approximately once every four years

Ongoing

- Working alongside Maskwacis Health Services and the Samson Cree Nation Residential Development and Trades Departments
- Minimum of one comprehensive water quality test for every rural household

Who does the Rural Water and Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Department serve?

The department will provide services to Samson Cree Nation member homes with individual water and septic systems. Typically, these homes are located in rural areas of Samson Cree Nation or Pigeon Lake, and have a groundwater well and septic field or open discharge system.

Where does it fit within the organization? Where are the staff located?

The new department will be under the Tipahaskahn Kamik Pillar and report to the Nipiy sub-committee, who will in turn report to the Tipahaskahn Kamik committee. The department will be housed in the Bear Hills Industries building, north of Highway 611 and west of 5 Mile Road.

How is the department funded?

Funding is provided through a three-year (2024-2026) pilot project by Indigenous Services Canada. The Nation will be documenting our progress throughout the three years to advocate for a long-term funding commitment by the end of the three-year pilot project.

This department does not handle service call emergencies (e.g., no water to residence, septic back-ups, etc.). Emergency repairs will continue to be handled through the Trades Centre Department.

To report an emergency (e.g., no water to your residence, septic back up, etc.), please contact the

Samson Cree Nation Trades Department at [780-585-3919]

Contact Chad Simon, Tipahaskahn Kamik Water Project Coordinator 780-585-3793 EXT. 193 for more info

ISKWESIS PROGRAM

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

13 WEEK PROGRAM

STARTING FEBRUARY 13TH, 2024

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

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AGES:
7-11 YEARS

This program provides a prevention education program that will enable youth ages (7-11) to create healthy identities for themselves as young Native women.

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS NNADAP

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS

LOCATION:

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS

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

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY:
MARCH 6, MARCH 20, APRIL 3,
APRIL 17, MAY 1, MAY 15, 2024

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

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS NNADAP

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS

LOCATION:
SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS

TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY:
MARCH 13, MARCH 27, APRIL 10,
APRIL 24, MAY 9, MAY 23, 2024

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

Programs & Services

YOU POWER

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2BBOYS

BOYS WELL-BEING GROUPS

10 WEEK PROGRAM

STARTING FEBRUARY 26TH, 2024

EVERY MONDAY

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

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

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

For more information please call 780-585-3634

2BBOYS program is designed to assist in connecting to their true selves in an empowering, respectful, healthy and dynamic way. The program focuses on building skills to help boys excel socially and emotionally

Cultural Basket with Karlene Cutknife

March 26-28, 2024

Samson Cree Nation HBMC: Cultural Basket involves Cree culture and language. The Integrated Family Services has the program for three days once a month. Elder Dennis Omeasoo and Rita Cutknife are some of the instructors. Life skills are also taught. If you are interested in taking the program call Karlene at 780-585-2254. For the next Cultural Basket please call Karlene first to confirm the date. The Acimowin talked to Karlene about her last Cultural Basket which took place March 26-28, 2024, at the HBMC. Ladies and Moms who want to attend: Please call Karlene for babysitting services.

April 2, 2024

Interview with Karlene Cutknife and the Cultural Basket which took place March 26-28, 2024.

Karlene: The first two days were with Ken Saddleback and he taught some traditional

stories, like legends. There was one about Maskwa, one about the Sun and how it sparks in our heart. That was really powerful. A lot of people picked up on that one.

Guide: Was that the first time you heard that story?

Karlene: Yes. There were people in my generation that were there. We had one worker there, Carmella's new assistant, and she did not have to work the next day but she came back just to be in the program.

Guide: What you learned are you going to pass that down to your children?

Karlene: Yes I am. I am going to share that with them and let them know about it. Another idea that I remembered was that Ken talked about the Red Road. The Red Road is when we get older but Ken talked about the Sweetgrass Road.

The Sweetgrass Road is basically about mediation. Let's say you and I were always arguing or there is conflict. Say it always comes down to us solving it through anger, the words we say and the loud voices are part of it. From that point, Ken mentioned that on that Sweetgrass

Road your basically handling the situation with first, honesty, you tell the person why you are in conflict with them. You say it in a nice and calm way. So there was that honesty and the second one was kindness. He kept stressing kindness. Everything we did as Cree people we did it with kindness. The way we spoke. The third one was almost like Protocol but there was another word he used. It's like me taking my daughters to round dances. Kind of like Ceremony but he said it could be you taking your children to round dances, pow wows and other traditional ceremonies. That's you living on that Sweetgrass road. Within that teaching, there was nothing about strict discipline. An Elder from the O'Chiese reserve taught him that.

A lot of participants came back on day 3 and the homework was to reflect on what the Sweetgrass Road meant to them in their life. Some heaviness came out first but then they would end with that Sweetgrass Road: this is what I learned, I am going to forgive my sister. When I talk to her I am going to talk to her in kindness. Then the protocols will be done after. I thought to myself, "That is so cool."

After that full circle, we had Gladys Northwest open it up and then Solomom Bull closed the group. The teaching we got out of it was listening and paying attention

to someone who is older than you because they have something to teach you. So that was it. We concluded, everybody got fed and it was good.

I think the program is going good. The Cultural Basket theme to this one was New Beginnings. Yes they are still sharing some issues but now they have this perspective of the Sweetgrass Road that Ken brought up.

There is always that eight participants that always come back, and we want them to come back. There was one individual that was really down because she did not finish her education.

I acknowledged her. I told her that she came to the program every single day that I hosted. In a way you are getting an education but in a traditional way. The participant was happy when I pointed that out to her.

Guide: So you had 10 participants, that is really good.

Karlene: Yes we had 10 and they finished the whole three days. On the second day I acknowledged them and thanked them for being there. That first day I could not be there and I apologized for it and at the end of the day we are all human: we got up and we did what we could throughout the day.

The **Post-Majority Support Services (PMSS) National Conference 2024** for First Nations youth and young adults, a cornerstone within the larger reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program. Taking place from **May 7 – 9, 2024**, this event is specifically crafted for Indigenous youth aged 16-25, as well as dedicated professionals working within Child

and Family Services across Canada. Delve into an immersive experience where discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities will explore the immediate measures implemented from April 1, 2022, to support Indigenous youth transitioning into adulthood. For more information or if you are interested in attending please call us the office 780-585-3634.



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Moccasin Making: Samson Headstart Program

March 27, 2024

There was Moccasin Making at the Samson Headstart trailers. You can smell the hide when you walked in. The material to make them are all there all you have to do is show up and the instructor will help

you out. One participant was making it for her children. Another person was making a pair of men's moccasins. Moccasin Making is open to parents with children ages 0-16 years of age. FCFS.



April 3, 2024: Farm and Ranch with Yukon Potatoes that was given out to the people in Maskwacis and Pigeon Lake. Photo: Katherine Swampy.



March 28, 2024. Maskwacis Library in Partnership with CBC Presents: Beginners Beading Workshop 2, Brick Stitch Fringes. Maria Buffalo from the Library mentioned that there were six participants when CBC Edmonton came down for a visit. CBC will be back for another visit so watch the social media for the date and time.

Samson Headstart: Spring Break Fun Day



March 27, 2024

Samson Headstart had a Spring Break Fun Day at the HBMC with youth and families in attendance. There were activities such as the bouncy castle, face painting by Magic Pixie Brush which included faces like: galaxy, dinosaur,



Picachu, fox and other faces. There were also prizes, snacks and drinks, and a photography booth. There was good turnout and parents waited around while there children played on the bouncy castles. There was a Toddler bouncy castle as well for the baby girl and boys.



March 28, 2024: Samson HBMC. Photos: Ashley Lightning
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WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE 2

Anticipated locations on Temporary Water Shown in Hatch




URBAN SYSTEMS

Pidherney's

WORK ZONE LOCATION:


WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PH 2



PUBLIC NOTICE: Watermain Replacement.

As part of the SCN Watermain Replacement Phase 2, utilities will be getting upgraded in the area. Buildings in the work zone will be put on Temporary water from April to mid-July. All roadways and parking lots will remain open with only one access closed at any given time. Construction will reach completion in September 2024.

Please keep a safe distance from the Construction site and equipment.



Samson Cree Nation

P.O. Box 338
Maskwacis, Alberta
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(780) 585-6793
1-800-661-1579

PUBLIC NOTICE

To: Residents of Samson Cree Nation

BURNED TOWNSITE UNIT

DEMOLITION PROJECT

The Safety of our Nation members is and always has been a priority of Samson Cree Nation Administration and Programs/Services.

As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety of our members, on Monday April 8, 2024 Bear Hills Industries in partnership with several departments under the Tipahaskahn Kamik pillar will begin demolishing burned units in the Samson Townsite that are beyond repair and/or unsalvageable.

Please be aware of ongoing construction and please cooperate with the demolition crew as they will have the safety of residents in mind.

Ay hiy,
Tipahaskahn Kamik

MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

DRIVING TO SUCCESS

CLASS 5

IN-PERSON CLASSES MAY 14 & 15

LIMITED SPOTS (10) AVAILABLE

- Must Attend In Person
- Must Have Valid Identification (Birth Certificate, Indian Status, etc)
- Must be unemployed or under employed.
- Open to all four bands.
- MUST HAVE VALID CLASS 7 AND NO FINES



DEADLINE TO REGISTER :
APRIL 26, 2024

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER





Dear Owner / Resident, Samson Cree Nation:

April 5, 2024

As part of the 2024 Samson Cree Nation Watermain Replacement Phase 2, Pidherney's is upgrading utilities in your area. Work will occur in front of the Administration Building and south across Sashaback Avenue at the Memorial Center, Gas Bar, and Friendship Center. It will also extend north from the Bingo Hall past the Daycare to the College and Arena. Please see the figure on the backside of this notice for the work zone location. The all roadways and parking lots will remain open with only one access closed at any given time. It is expected that the construction will reach a seasonal completion in September 2024.

Buildings in the work zone will be put on temporary water from April to mid-July. A separate notice for the temporary water will follow this notice to all affected residences. A Pidherney's employee will be in contact with you at your residence / business and review the procedure required for your temporary water. During the switch over to temporary water there will be a short water outage.

We ask that you please keep a safe distance from the construction site and the equipment.

Hours of construction will generally be 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 5pm Saturday; however these are subject to change should circumstances arise regarding weather delays or emergencies.

Pidherney's contact persons for this project are:

- Dan Wells, Project Manager: 403-585-1738
- Chris Martin, Construction Foreman: 403-322-6561
- Kevin Tanary, Site Superintendent: 403-315-8361

Samson Cree Nation contact persons for this project are:

- Chad Simon: 780-264-7211
- Dennis Louis: 403-613-6177
- Cree Tribal Administration Building: 780-585-0793


Thank you for your patience during these interruptions.

Sincerely,
PIDHERNEY'S

Pidherney's Inc.
P.O. Box 440, Rocky Mountain House, AB T4T 1A7
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P.O. Box 130, Blackfalds, AB T3M 6J6
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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 80th rural homes, located both in Samson Cree Nation and in Pigeon Lake.


The department will operate under the Tipahaskahn Kamik Pillar, and will include the hiring of 10th staff positions, and purchase of capital infrastructure (inc. 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:

- 10th 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

My hiy,
Samson Cree



SOHKITEHEW (STRONG HEART) RESEARCH GROUP

Presents

AGING WELL BOOKLET

COMMUNITY LAUNCH CELEBRATION

In 2018, The Sohkitehew (Strong Heart) Group held Aging Wellness sharing circles in the communities of Pigeon Lake and Maskwacis. The wisdom, knowledge and strategies in this booklet came from the women who attended those events.

DATE




THURSDAY
APRIL 25, 2024

LOCATION: JIM RATTLESNAKE BUILDING (ENMENEKIN)

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunch and refreshments provided

YOU ARE INVITED!


This community-led booklet is a part of a research study, increasing Mature Women's Wellness in an Indigenous Community. The Sohkitehew (Strong Heart) Group in collaboration with the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary. In partnership with:



Miyo Ispihitisowin

Aging Well

Strategies shared by the women of Pigeon Lake and Maskwacis



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THURSDAY
MAY 2, 2024

LOCATION: PIGEON LAKE RECREATION CENTER

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunch and refreshments provided

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YOUNG SPIRIT WINDS
Youth Treatment Program

Kisewatisowin

~Kindness~

APRIL 8 - JUNE 14, 2024

CO-ED
MALE / FEMALE
AGES 12 - 17
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
TRANSPORTATION & MEALS PROVIDED
INCENTIVE & CERTIFICATE

The Youth Day Treatment Program helps with the following:

- Addictions
- Anger Management
- Relapse Prevention
- Grief & Loss
- Cultural Awareness
- Mental Health Awareness
- Low Self-esteem
- Suicide Awareness

FOR INFORMATION / INTAKE CONTACT:
MYSWS: 780-585-2219

Karen Longmuir, Program Supervisor Email: klongmuir@youngspiritwinds.com
Susan Lenzin, Outreach Worker Email: slenzin@youngspiritwinds.com

WCJHRI's Indigenous Children's Health Program invites you to join us for our first:

Maskwacis Autism Awareness Gathering and Walk

Let's come together to raise awareness, show support and celebrate the uniqueness of individuals in our community on the autism spectrum. **Don't miss this enlightening event!**

Location:
Neyaskweyahk
Okimaw Kamik
(N.O.K) Ermineskin,
Maskwacis, AB.

Featuring:
- Inspirational speakers sharing their stories
- Delicious food provided for all attendees
- Transportation available upon request
- Door prizes

Date: Tuesday, May 7th, 2024
Time: 8:30am-5pm

EMAIL
tierney1@ualberta.ca
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- JOB OPENINGS
- SURVEYS
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- Tap "Register" under "Member Login"
- Fill out your information and press "Register"
- Click the verification link in your email address

PHT

41st Annual Indigenous Art Contest

Call for Submissions from Indigenous Artists

Deadline: September 3rd, 2024

more details @ peacehills.com

	adult	youth
1st Place	\$5,000	\$1,000
2nd Place	\$3,000	\$750
3rd Place	\$2,000	\$500

ATTN: Samson Cree Nation Members

Public Notice

TIPAHASKAHN KAMIK - NIPIY

Our Field Technicians will be conducting comprehensive water testing in rural areas as part of a pilot project funded by Indigenous Services Canada.

We respectfully request that residents with dogs ensure their pets are securely restrained during our visit.

If you have any further questions please reach out to Tipahaskahn.Kamik

780-585-3793 EXT 193

Bear Hills Casino & Travel Resort Employer Connection

KHAW Centre
Thursday, April 18
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Seeking employees and accepting resumes on site for the following opportunities:

- All casino floor positions
- Security positions
- All kitchen positions, from cooks to dishwashers
- Bartenders and servers
- Players club cashiers
- Cash cage cashiers
- Slot attendants
- Dealers
- Maintenance and janitorial
- Gas station cashiers for the Petro-Can

Bring your resume and a copy of a current criminal check (if you have it).

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

Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada

Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

Media and Reconciliation

84.

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.

85.

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.



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March 21, 2024

Maskwacis Employment Center (MEC) Job Fair at the HBMC in Samson:
Samson Cree Nation
81 Vendors/Companies present today at the Maskwacis Spring JobFair.

Thank You to the Sponsors: TC Energy, Peace Hills Trust Sanjel Energy Services, ATB Financial, NPA A Colas Company, Grizzly Trek, Starbucks, Samson

Cree Nation, IW Iron Workers, Trican, Aquatera, Christenson Communitie, Bethany Group, Alberta Government, Canada YourAlberta (Government of Alberta) Canada Government.

On the day of the job fair it snowed but that did not stop the companies or job seekers from attending. The day started off with a prayer by an Elder and a Land Acknowledgement by MEC representative.



April 5, 2024

Thank You to Sylvia Monterrosa and the Elders Department for helping out with doing Taxes at the HBMC. Photo: Ashley. SCN Communications.

SAMSON PEDIATRIC MEDICAL CLINIC

NOTICE

WE'VE MOVED

— AS OF MONDAY —

APRIL 15/24

WE WILL BE AT OUR NEW LOCATION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR GRAND OPENING MAY 2024

TO A **NEW** LOCATION

780-585-4062

March 25, 2024

Public Skate at the Four Nations Arena. One male and one female. Watch the Samson Cree Nation facebook page for available times for Public Skating.



April 3, 2024

Hunter Saddleback U15 AAA Champions.

Jordana Littlepoplar picture.

Hunter's Parents: Chantelle Moonias and Billy Saddleback.

Congratulations to Hunter Saddleback (Samson Cree Nation) and the Saint Albert Sabres for winning the Bantam AAA U15 Provincial Championship. They went on to swept 5-0 in Provincials.

Don't forget: T4's ID SIN

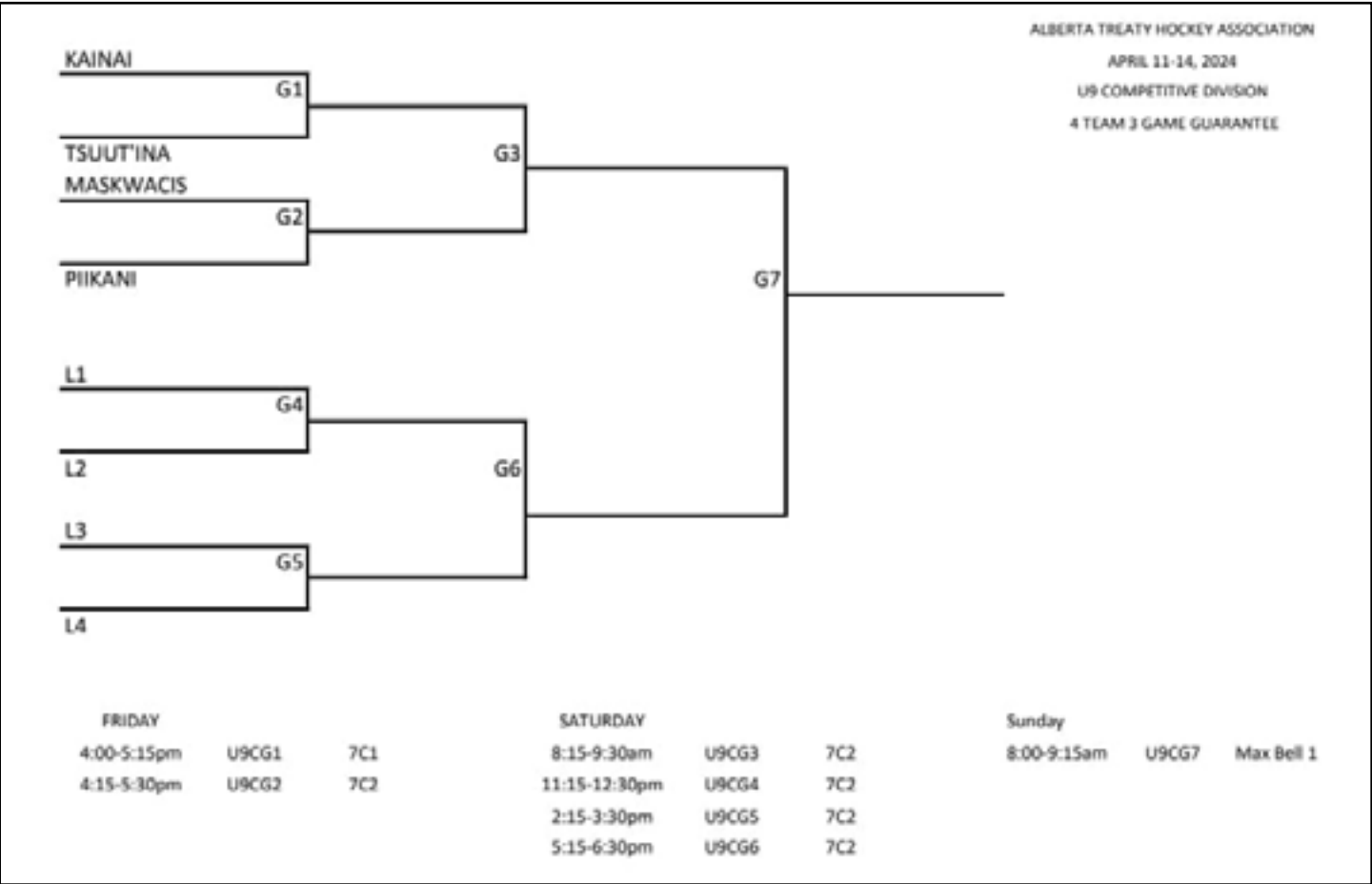
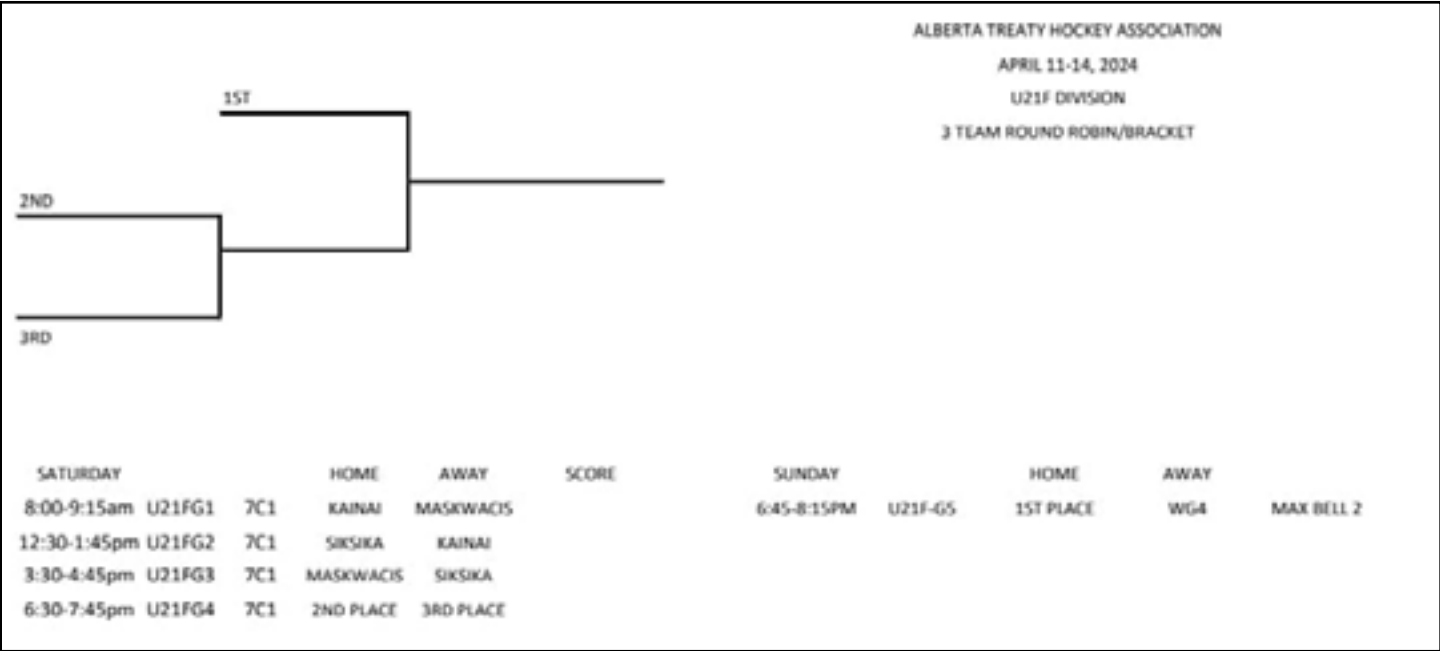
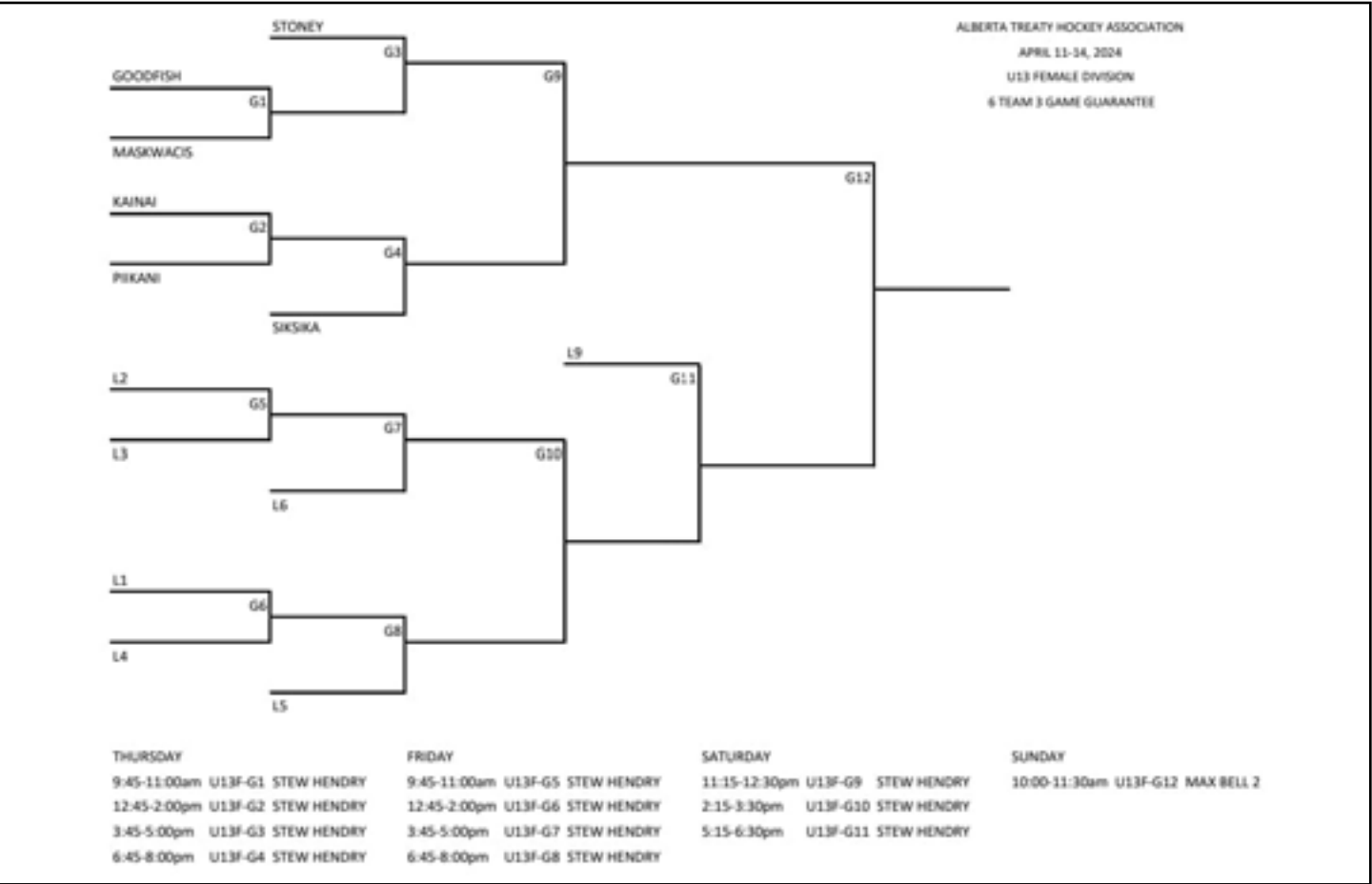
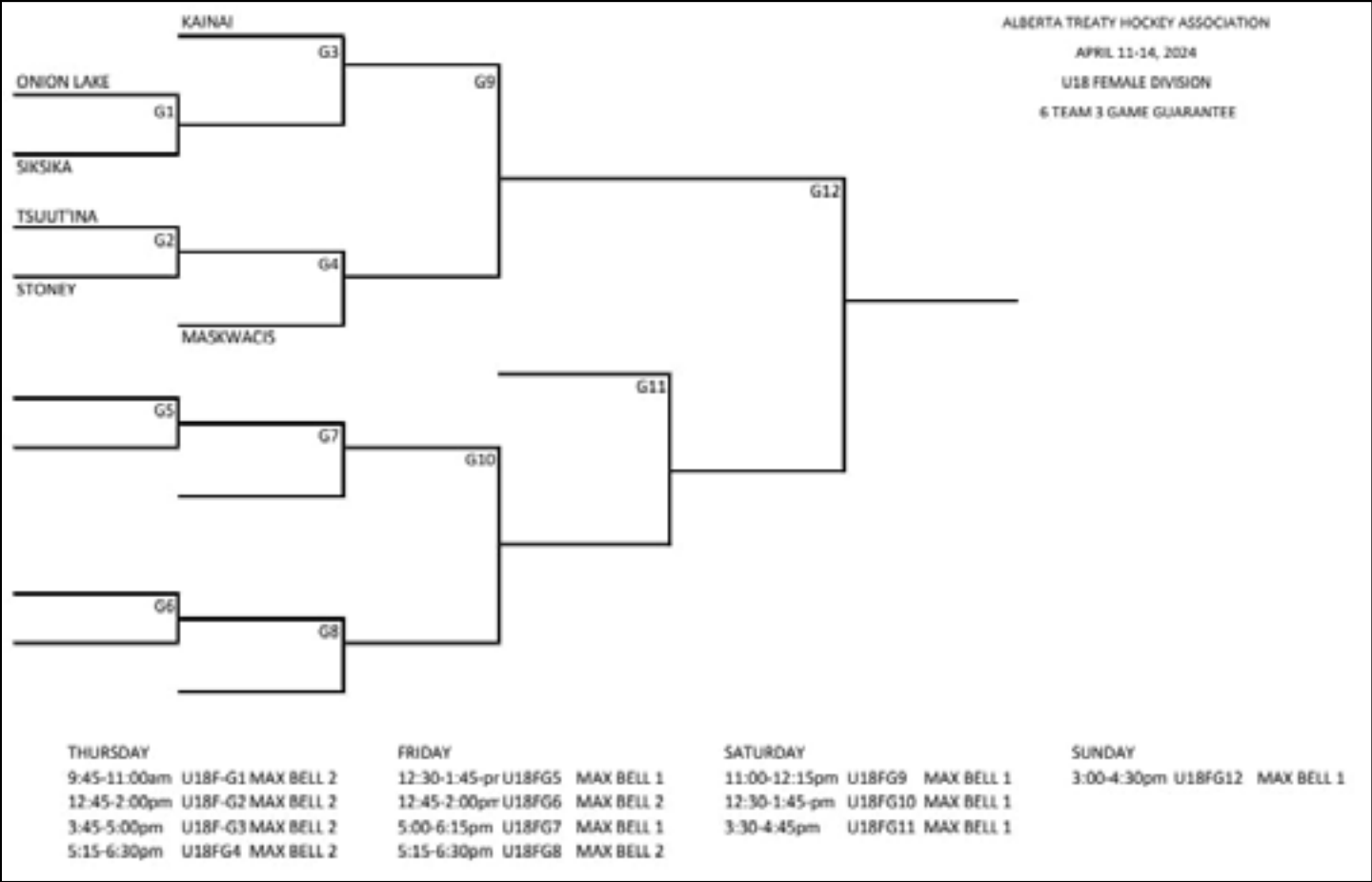
Did you know, Integrated Family Services has a registered Tax Representative in their office to help you file your taxes?

Representative will be available Thursday, April 4 & Friday, April 5th, 2024, 9:00 – 3:30 Will resume tax returns April 15th – April 30th, 2024

TAX DEADLINE IS APPROCHING QUICK! FILE YOUR 2023 TAX RETURN BY April 30th

Late applications will be subject to late benefit payments starting of the summer holidays!

Alberta Treaty Hockey Association



ALBERTA TREATY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION APRIL 11-14, 2024 U7 AND U9 PARTICIPATION 4 GAMES EACH									
THURSDAY									
8:30-9:00am	U7G1	ALEXANDER 1	VS	GOODFISH	8:30-9:05am	U7G2	MASKWACIS ORANGE	VS	TSUUT'INA YELLOW
		KAINAI 1	VS	PAUL FIRST NATION			STONEY 1	VS	MASKWACIS BLACK
9:30-10:00am	U9PG1	TSUUT'INA YELLOW	VS	MASKWACIS	9:30-10:05am	U9PG2	KAINAI 1	VS	SISKIWA 2
		PAUL FIRST NATION 1	VS	GOODFISH			STONEY 1	VS	KAINAI 2
10:05-11:05am	U7G3	TSUUT'INA BLACK	VS	STONEY 2	10:30-11:30am	U7G4	ENOCH	VS	ALEXANDER 2
		SHSRA	VS	KAINAI 2			ALEXANDER 1	VS	PAUL FIRST NATION
11:05-12:05pm	U9PG3	SHSRA 1	VS	STONEY 2	11:30-12:30pm	U9PG4	ENOCH	VS	TSUUT'INA WHITE
		ALEXANDER	VS	PAUL FIRST NATION 2			TSUUT'INA YELLOW	VS	GOODFISH
12:30-1:00pm	U7G5	KAINAI 1	VS	GOODFISH	12:45-1:45pm	U7G6	STONEY 1	VS	TSUUT'INA YELLOW
		MASKWACIS ORANGE	VS	STONEY 2			SHSRA	VS	MASKWACIS BLACK
1:30-2:00pm	U9PG5	PAUL FIRST NATION 1	VS	MASKWACIS	1:45-2:45pm	U9PG6	PAUL FIRST NATION 1	VS	SISKIWA 2
		KAINAI 1	VS	STONEY 2			ALEXANDER	VS	KAINAI 2
2:45-3:45pm	U7G7	ENOCH	VS	KAINAI 2	2:45-3:45pm	U9PG7	ENOCH	VS	PAUL FIRST NATION 2
		TSUUT'INA BLACK	VS	ALEXANDER 2			SHSRA 1	VS	TSUUT'INA WHITE
FRIDAY									
8:30-9:00am	U9PG8	PAUL FIRST NATION 1	VS	TSUUT'INA WHITE	8:30-9:05am	U9PG9	KAINAI 1	VS	MASKWACIS
		TSUUT'INA YELLOW	VS	PAUL FIRST NATION 2			STONEY 1	VS	GOODFISH
9:30-10:00am	U7G8	KAINAI 1	VS	ALEXANDER 2	9:30-10:05am	U7G9	MASKWACIS ORANGE	VS	GOODFISH
		ALEXANDER 1	VS	KAINAI 2			STONEY 1	VS	PAUL FIRST NATION
10:05-11:05am	U9PG10	SHSRA 1	VS	KAINAI 2	10:30-11:30am	U9PG11	ENOCH	VS	SISKIWA 2
		ALEXANDER	VS	STONEY 2			TSUUT'INA YELLOW	VS	KAINAI 2
11:05-12:05pm	U7G10	TSUUT'INA BLACK	VS	MASKWACIS BLACK	11:30-12:30pm	U7G11	ALEXANDER 1	VS	MASKWACIS BLACK
		SHSRA	VS	STONEY 2			ENOCH	VS	TSUUT'INA YELLOW
12:30-1:30pm	U9PG12	PAUL FIRST NATION 1	VS	STONEY 2	12:45-1:45pm	U9PG13	STONEY 1	VS	MASKWACIS
		KAINAI 1	VS	GOODFISH			SHSRA 1	VS	PAUL FIRST NATION 2
1:30-2:30pm	U7G12	KAINAI 1	VS	STONEY 2	1:45-2:45pm	U7G13	STONEY 1	VS	GOODFISH
		MASKWACIS ORANGE	VS	PAUL FIRST NATION			TSUUT'INA BLACK	VS	KAINAI 2
2:45-3:45pm	U7G14	SHSRA	VS	ENOCH	2:45-3:45pm	U9PG14	ALEXANDER	VS	ENOCH
		ALEXANDER 2	VS	TSUUT'INA YELLOW			TSUUT'INA WHITE	VS	SISKIWA 2



ALBERTA TREATY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION APRIL 11-14, 2024 U11 A DIVISION 6 TEAM 3 GAME GUARANTEE									
THURSDAY					FRIDAY				
8:15-9:30am	U11A-G1	STEW HENDRY			9:30-10:45am	U11A-G5	HENRY VINEY		
11:15-12:30pm	U11A-G2	STEW HENDRY			12:30-1:45pm	U11A-G6	HENRY VINEY		
2:15-3:30pm	U11A-G3	STEW HENDRY			3:30-4:45pm	U11A-G7	HENRY VINEY		
5:15-6:30pm	U11A-G4	STEW HENDRY			6:30-7:45pm	U11A-G8	HENRY VINEY		
					SATURDAY				
					11:00-12:15pm	U11A-G9	HENRY VINEY		
					2:00-3:15pm	U11A-G10	HENRY VINEY		
					5:00-6:15pm	U11A-G11	HENRY VINEY		
					SUNDAY				
					9:45-11:15am	U11A-G12	MAX BELL 1		

ALBERTA TREATY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION APRIL 11-14, 2024 U13 B DIVISION 13 TEAM 3 GAME GUARANTEE									
THURSDAY					FRIDAY				
8:00-9:15am	U13B-G1	HENRY VINEY			8:00-9:15am	U13B-G10	HENRY VINEY		
9:30-10:45am	U13B-G2	HENRY VINEY			8:15-9:30am	U13B-G11	STEW HENDRY		
11:00-12:15pm	U13B-G3	HENRY VINEY			9:30-10:45am	U13B-G12	HENRY VINEY		
12:30-1:45pm	U13B-G4	HENRY VINEY			9:45-11:00am	U13B-G13	STEW HENDRY		
2:00-3:15pm	U13B-G5	HENRY VINEY			12:30-1:45pm	U13B-G14	HENRY VINEY		
3:30-4:45pm	U13B-G6	HENRY VINEY			12:45-2:00pm	U13B-G15	STEW HENDRY		
5:00-6:15pm	U13B-G7	HENRY VINEY			3:30-4:45pm	U13B-G16	HENRY VINEY		
6:30-7:45pm	U13B-G8	HENRY VINEY			3:45-5:00pm	U13B-G17	STEW HENDRY		
8:00-9:15pm	U13B-G9	HENRY VINEY			6:30-7:45pm	U13B-G18	HENRY VINEY		
					SATURDAY				
					8:00-9:15am	U13B-G19	HENRY VINEY		
					8:15-9:30am	U13B-G20	STEW HENDRY		
					9:30-10:45am	U13B-G21	HENRY VINEY		
					9:45-11:00am	U13B-G22	STEW HENDRY		
					12:30-1:45pm	U13B-G23	HENRY VINEY		
					12:45-2:00pm	U13B-G24	STEW HENDRY		
					3:30-4:45pm	U13B-G25	HENRY VINEY		
					3:45-5:00pm	U13B-G26	STEW HENDRY		
					6:30-7:45pm	U13B-G27	HENRY VINEY		
					SUNDAY				
					8:15-9:45am	U13B-G28	MAX BELL 2		


ALBERTA TREATY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION APRIL 11-14, 2024 U13 B DIVISION 12 TEAM 3 GAME GUARANTEE									
THURSDAY					FRIDAY				
8:15-9:30am	U13BG1	JIMMY CONDON			8:15-9:30am	U13BG9	JIMMY CONDON		
9:45-11:00am	U13BG2	JIMMY CONDON			9:45-11:00am	U13BG10	JIMMY CONDON		
11:05-12:30pm	U13BG3	JIMMY CONDON			11:05-12:30pm	U13BG11	JIMMY CONDON		
12:45-2:00pm	U13BG4	JIMMY CONDON			12:45-2:00pm	U13BG12	JIMMY CONDON		
2:15-3:30pm	U13BG5	JIMMY CONDON			2:15-3:30pm	U13BG13	JIMMY CONDON		
3:45-5:00pm	U13BG6	JIMMY CONDON			3:45-5:00pm	U13BG14	JIMMY CONDON		
5:15-6:30pm	U13BG7	JIMMY CONDON			5:15-6:30pm	U13BG15	JIMMY CONDON		
6:45-8:00pm	U13BG8	JIMMY CONDON			6:45-8:00pm	U13BG16	JIMMY CONDON		
					SATURDAY				
					8:00-9:15am	U13BG17	ROSE KOHN		
					8:10-9:30am	U13BG18	JIMMY CONDON		
					11:00-12:15pm	U13BG19	ROSE KOHN		
					11:15-12:30pm	U13BG20	JIMMY CONDON		
					2:00-3:15pm	U13BG21	ROSE KOHN		
					2:15-3:30pm	U13BG22	JIMMY CONDON		
					3:45-5:00pm	U13BG23	JIMMY CONDON		
					5:15-6:30pm	U13BG24	JIMMY CONDON		
					SUNDAY				
					11:45-1:05pm	U13BG25	MAX BELL 2		


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.
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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4 After School Sports Pigeon Lake.	5	6
7	8 Full Moon Eclipse.	9	10	11 Spring Carnival 4-6PM.	12 Acimowin	13 Edmonton Round Dance 9210 118AveNW. Enoch Traditional Pow Wow.
14 . Enoch Traditional Pow Wow.	15	16 Taxes Pigeon Lake 9-3PM.	17 Taxes Pigeon Lake 9-3PM.	18 Kasokowew Traditional Pow Wow Panee.	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Administrative Professional's Day	25 Aging Well Community Launch Jim R building 10-1PM.	26 Acimowin	27
28	29	30				

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Aging Well Community Launch Pigeon Lake 10-1PM.	3 Esqua Awards Edmonton.	4
5	6	7 Post Majority National Conference Youth 16-25.	8 Post Majority National Conference Youth 16-25.	9 Post Majority National Conference Youth 16-25.	10 Acimowin	11
12 Mothers Day.	13	14	15	16	17 Pigeon Lake Luncheon 11-2PM.	18 KCWS Pow Wow.
19	20 Victoria Day.	21	22	23	24 Acimowin	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	




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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Walk-In Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm	4 AA Sessions 12 noon to 1 pm	5	6
8	9 Relapse Prevention 10- 3 pm	10 Walk-In Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm	11 Harm Reduction 10- 3pm AA Sessions 12 - 1 pm Men's Support 10 - 3 pm	12	13
15	16 Suicide Prevention 10 - 3 pm Pregnancy & Substance abuse 10 - 3pm	17 Walk-In Wednesday 9 - 3 pm Suicide Prevention 10 to 3 pm	18 AA Sessions 12 noon - 1 pm Women's Support 10- 3 pm	19	20
22	23 Relapse Prevention 10 - 3 pm Domestic Violence & Trauma 10 - 3 pm	24 Walk-In Wednesday 9- 3 pm Grief Recovery 10- 3 pm	25 AA Sessions 12 noon - 1 pm Men's Support 10- 3 pm	26	27
29	30 Relapse Prevention 10- 3 pm Opioids Misuse 10 - 12 noon Narcan and Naloxone 1 - 3 pm				