

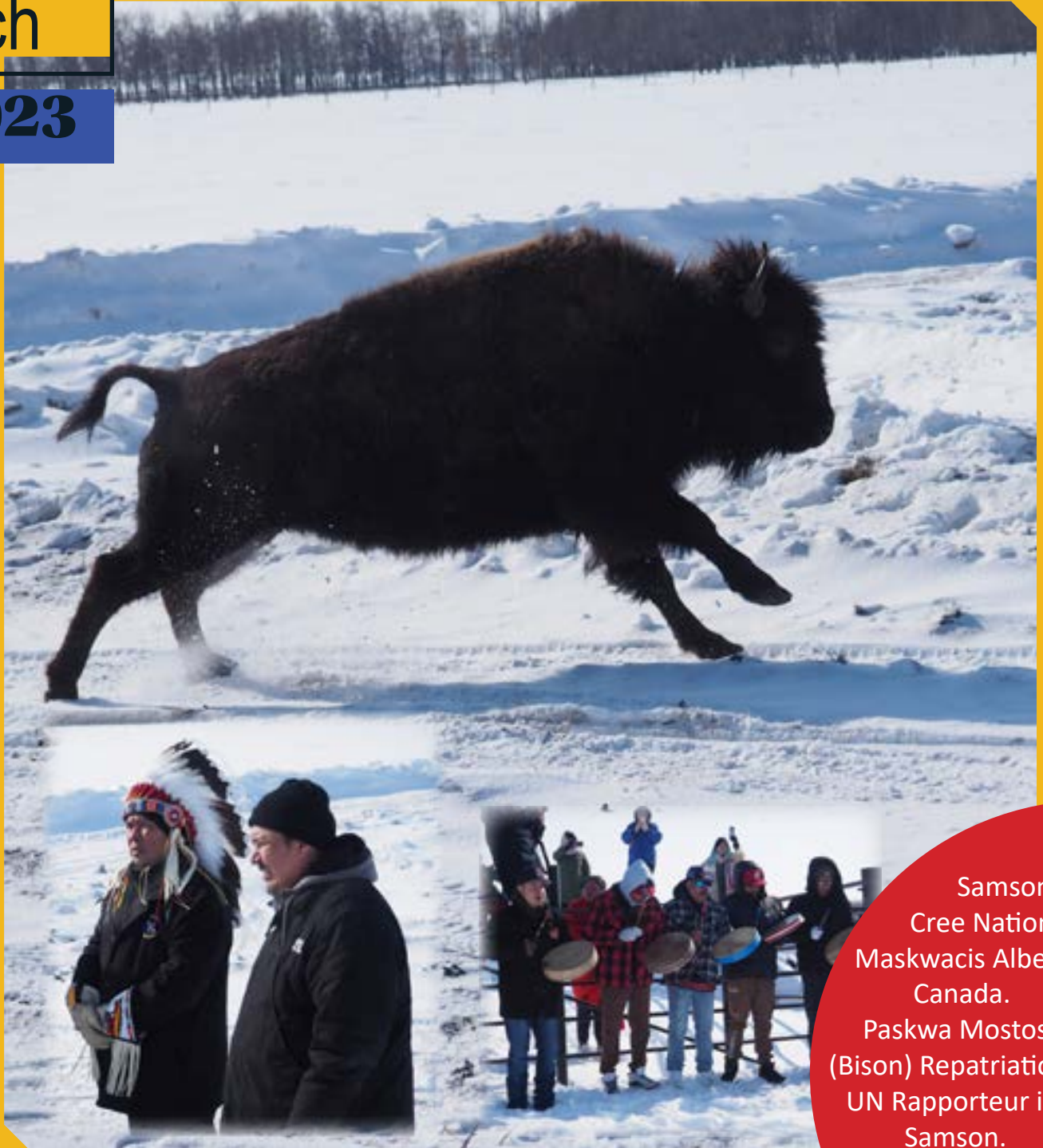
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(Bison) Repatriation.
UN Rapporteur in
Samson.

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

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Interview with Crystle Lightning and Bear Grease that Played at the Jonas Applegarth Theatre back in 2022



December 14, 2022

Interview with Crystle Lightning. Photos Delorna Makinaw.

1. Tell me about Bear Grease but first where you from if you don't mind.

Crystle: I'm from Enoch. I grew up in Los Angeles though but I'm registered in Enoch.

Crystle: Bear Grease is basically the native version of the 1972 classic Grease. We just indigenized it. We never had anything like that because in the 50s and 60s our native people couldn't dance on the street like Olivia Newton John or John Travolta because there were other

things going on with us like residential schools, the 60s Scoop so that's why we do it. We do it because in that time, I don't like to say lost but we could not celebrate like that. So we want to recreate that experience for our Elders and young people and to show them that we can have fun.

2. Have you done live plays, sorry musical, like this before?

Crystle: I have done live plays before but I have not done a musical. I am a trained actor and I've done many different plays but we've added an element of music and dance to it. I choreographed most of the dances and I directed it as well. My husband Red Cloud wrote most

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of it. It's a collaborative effort. It's our baby. We love it and we used some of the original tracks like "Summer Loving," but we made it Summer Snaggin. We just made it native. The other half of the songs are our own original music from previous albums that we have done. There is a sprinkle of 50s Do Woop, there's traditional drumming, cultural songs and hip hop. So we've mixed everything together and just created our own thing.

It's Red Clouds and my music that is in the musical. We also have Lightning Cloud. It's a hip hop group we created years ago and it's how we met. We brought some of our songs from previous albums into Bear Grease.

Guide: Your singing career, that must have started early for you as well?

Crystle: When I met Red Cloud 11 years ago he was going on a tour across Canada. We were living in California at the time. He heard of me and that I was a DJ. He said to me, "I need a DJ for this tour across Canada. I heard your Canadian and would you do this tour with me?" I agreed. We went on this tour together and while on the road I was singing something and he said, "I want you to do a song for me."

I said, "I don't know."

Red Cloud said "I like the way you sound."

So we came back to Los Angeles and we recorded this song together and people loved it. That's how it started. We did a few songs and soon we had enough for an album which we submitted to the Indigenous Music Awards. We won a lot of awards like best new artist.

Guide: So you have had about 10 years singing prior to this then.

Crystle: I was ready for this. I started rapping first then I started singing. In acting school you learn everything: dance, music and acting.

So it was something that I did not pursue at first. With Red Cloud. He is a full time musician and I am full time actor and he said to me, "You can

sing."

So I started singing more and here we are 11 years later with a musical.

Guide: So you do all three in this play, I heard it said before? There's a word for it.

Crystle: It's called a triple threat. Acting, singing and dancing.

Guide: Thank you. Question 4. Is there more opportunities for native actors and actresses out there today then before?

Crystle: Yes, right now is our time. We have never been represented like we are today than ever before. You have your Dances with Wolves, and you have Geronimo, and we're always being put in this period like it was in the 1800s. Stereotypical things like a native person on the back of a horse or wearing buckskin which of course is part of our history but there's more to it. We are funny people and we also like to laugh. Now that there's Reservation Dogs on TV, Rutherford Falls and Dark Winds on Prime Time TV. Native people actually telling native stories. That's never happened before. So we are in a really good spot. I think we have a long way to go but we are in a really good place because native people are hot right now, everybody wants to do native stories.

Guide: So this native wave that's going through Indian Country right now, would you recommend people who have a project or plan to get it out there so the world can see it?

Crystle: Yes. Go take a class on writing. If you have stories in your head then there is the technical part of it. How do you write a script? If you have these stories, who are the right people to take it to? There's different steps to take.

Guide: What about acting classes?

Crystle: Acting classes are essential. They are the most important thing if you want to get into acting. The first step would be at school. Join the theatre class. Join drama class. See if you can

actually stand up on that stage and talk. That's where it starts. Are you able to stand in front of a room full people and read something like a poem. Are you really shy? It's trying to get over being shy and it's little steps. Number one thing I would recommend is getting take some acting classes.

Everything is on Youtube today. Search for: The Beginning Steps to Being An Actor. Follow you favourite actors. What do they do and read biographies on how they did it. Every journey is different. The common denominator among all of them is that they went to acting class. On Youtube acting classes are free and then you



can see if your actually good at it. Some people see actors on stage and then say, "I want to do that."

Guide: What got you into acting?

Crystle: When I was 8 years old, my Mom Georgina Lightning, was studying at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton. She graduated and the people there told my Mom something like, "Your amazing!"

Back then they didn't have the resources like

the way they do today as far as the arts go. My Mom's teacher said if you want to take it to the next level you have to move to Los Angeles or New York.

She packed up her three kids, everything she owned, put in a U Haul and we moved to Los Angeles. She wanted to do this and she chased it.

Guide: Do you remember all that when you were young?

Crystle: I remember it. I was nine. It was snowing when we left Edmonton and when we got to California, we were sleeping in the car and then my Mom said, "My girl, wake up and look to your right." To my right there was the ocean, palm trees, and no snow. We were in a different world. The first thing I said was, "Where's Disney Land?"

As soon as we got there my Mom got my brothers and I an agent. I went to my first audition, I had a little acting experience prior to that as a child like fashion shows and modelling, after two months in LA and I got the part and it was called Three Ninjas.

There was a couple things going on there, I think it was the right timing. I was prepared and in the right place. Creator was looking after me. My Mom helped me with my script and I nailed it. I did an amazing job and I think that's why I got the part.

They do not know the work behind that goes on behind the scenes. Countless hours of being on the road with people in a van. It's tough. The glamour of it is what they see in one hour. Then

maybe they can discover, that maybe I am not into this. Or I love this, what do I need to do next. Study the great actors. Who are your role models?

Guide: What is the difference between seeing a play than going to the movie theatre?

Crystle: There is such a big difference. When you go to a movie theatre, I love old school movie theatres. I love going to get my popcorn, the sound of the place and it's very polished.

When you go to a play it is live. You only get one shot. So there's an energy that theatre has. The energy is just different. As an actor and I am up here on stage I can see people's faces and they're laughing. Or their getting emotional because they're getting touched by a song. That's the fulfillment that I crave because I am vessel. I am a vessel for the story. Say somebody writes a script and then they give it to the actor. So now I am the vessel to put it out there. So what I am going to do with this material? How can I make people feel something?

Guide: I hope you come back with another play Crystle.

Crystle: We will I promise.

Guide: You have a lot of projects going on and you have won the 2021 Canadian Screen Awards for best lead actress, drama series, what are your plans for the future?

Crystle: Right now I have this show on Amazon called Three Pines. That's probably some of my best work. Make sure you have your tissue paper. It is emotional and it's based off of a bestselling novel. So they turned it into a TV show. My real Mom plays my Mom in that show. That's running and it's the number one TV show in Canada right now on Amazon.

I have a TV show coming up called Bass Reeves. It's about a black cowboy and it's a true story. Have you heard of Yellowstone?

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Guide: Yes I have.

Crystle: It's the same writer from Yellowstone. He's recreating this TV show and I play a Choctaw woman warrior who only speaks Choctaw. So I had to learn Choctaw for that. I will be shooting that in Texas in February.

There's another one called Ghosts. Ghosts is on ABC and I was in the first and second season. They are going to bring me back for the third season. It's for one episode but it's a recurring role and it's a comedy. So that's fun.

Guide: Do you post your upcoming work on your social media?

Crystle: Yes.

Guide: So if fans want to know what your doing now and in the future all they have to do is go to your social media.

Crystle: Yes.

Guide: Last question, what has driven you to become the person you are today?

Crystle: At a certain point in my life I had to decide what I was going to pursue that makes me happy. I was blessed to be introduced to it at such a young age. I started acting when I was nine but I was a regular teenager, I went to high school and I was into a lot of things like fashion. I loved music so I became a DJ. With acting it's not like you graduate from acting class and then go to work. There is rejection. You can go to a hundred auditions and you book only one. After a year of not booking anything you realize, "What am I going to do with my life?" I have to figure something out because I can't pay the rent. Living in Los Angeles is very expensive. There's no help and I was working three jobs. Anyway, I thought I don't really have a choice, I want to be an actor. This is what fulfills me. I have failed but it's about not giving up.

Personally, I went to therapy to become a better

person. I had to work through past traumas that I experienced in the past. I wanted to break cycles. I wanted my child to have good life. Red Cloud also worked out some things as well. I am so happy that I did that.

Guide: Thank you Crystle.

Gaming Tournament Coming Up Saturday March 18, 2023. Location: HBMC in Samson.



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Register your team on-site the day off or
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March 2, 2022
Pigeon Lake had an **AECOM Job Fair** all day and it ended with Elders Bernice Stoney and Rosey Roan speaking to the people about a documentary that they participated in with regards to the Pigeon Lake Reclamation project.
Samson Councilor Laurie Buffalo was also present. Left to right: Kris Zurkan, BHI President/Chair and Iterim GM, Councilor Laurie Buffalo and Corey Potts, BHI Field Supervisor.
BHI is seeking Experienced Class 1 Drivers. Email resumes to: Corey@BearHillsIndLtd.com

Samson Cree Nation 2023 Chief and Council Elections
Request for Proposals
For the Assistant to the Electoral Officer

Timeline: 2 Weeks
Bid opens: March 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.
Bid closes: March 28, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Samson Cree Nation requires the services of an Assistant to the Electoral Officer for the upcoming 2023 Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council Elections.

Scope of Work:

The Assistant to the Electoral Officer will be responsible to assist the Electoral Officer in all of the Electoral Officer's duties. Please refer to the posting for the Electoral Officer for information regarding the duties of the Electoral Officer. In the event that the Electoral Officer refuses or is unable to fulfill or complete the Electoral Officer's duties, the Assistant shall assume those responsibilities.

In the event that either the Electoral Officer or Assistant to the Electoral Officer refuses or is unable to fulfill or complete their duties, a new Electoral officer and a new Assistant to the Electoral Officer shall be appointed.

Qualifications:

The Assistant to the Electoral Officer shall be recognized as:

- A person of good character and reputation;
- A fluent Cree speaker with good comprehension Cree; and
- A person who is not a member of the Samson Cree Nation.

Deadline: March 28, 2023

Submission Requirements:

- Letter of Intent
- Resume
- Proposed Cost
- Two References
- Criminal Record Check
- Driver's Licence

Samson Cree Nation 2023 Chief and Council Elections
Request for Proposals
For Election Appeal Board Members

Timeline: 2 Weeks
Bid opens: March 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.
Bid closes: March 28, 2023 at 4 p.m.

The Samson Cree Nation seeks qualified applicants to serve as the Election Appeal Board for the Samson Cree Nation 2023 Chief and Council Elections. The Election Appeal Board consists of three (3) persons who shall designate one of its members as Chairman. Where it appears that any member of the Election Appeal Board refuses or is unable to fulfill or complete his duties, the Chief and Council shall, by resolution, appoint a replacement.

Scope of Work:

The Election Appeal Board shall, in accordance with the Samson Cree Nation Election Law, hear appeals from any candidate in the election who has reasonable grounds to believe:

- there was a corrupt practice with respect to the election,
- that a person nominated to be a candidate in the election was ineligible to be a candidate; or
- that there was any other violation of the Samson Cree Nation Election Law, which may have affected the result of the election.

Should the appellant request a recount, the recount shall be conducted immediately following tabulation.

The Election Appeal Board may:

- declare that the complaint is an invalid complaint and dismiss the appeal;
- declare that the complaint is a valid complaint but dismiss the appeal because the violation of the Samson Cree Nation Election Law was not one which would have affected the result of the election; or
- declare the complaint to be a valid complaint and order that a new election be held in accordance with the Samson Cree Nation Election Law.

The decision of the Election Appeal Board is final and binding.

Qualifications:

The members of the Election Appeal Board shall be recognized as:

- Persons of good character and reputation;
- 25 years of age or older; and
- A person who is not a member of the Samson Cree Nation.

Deadline: March 28, 2023

Submission Requirements:

- Letter of Intent
- Resume
- Proposed Cost
- Two References
- Criminal Record Check
- Driver's Licence

Submit Proposal to:

Samson Cree Nation Telephone: 780-585-3793
Personnel Dept. Extension: 107
Box 159 Fax: 780-585-2088
Maskwacis AB
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Or email address joyce.r@samsoncree.com
or allison.scnba@gmail.com

Particulars:

- This is a contracted position.
- Selection will be based on best value. Best value refers to the optimal combination of experience, knowledge, expertise, geographic location, performance, quality, time and cost.
- The successful applicants must be available to serve on the nomination date being May 2, 2023 (and possibly May 16, 2023) and to serve on the election date being May 9, 2023 (and possibly May 23, 2023). In addition, they may be required to sit to hear elections appeals on or after the election dates.
- The Nation will pay the contractor based on invoices to be processed on a bi-monthly basis unless otherwise agreed.
- Samson Cree Nation reserves the following rights:
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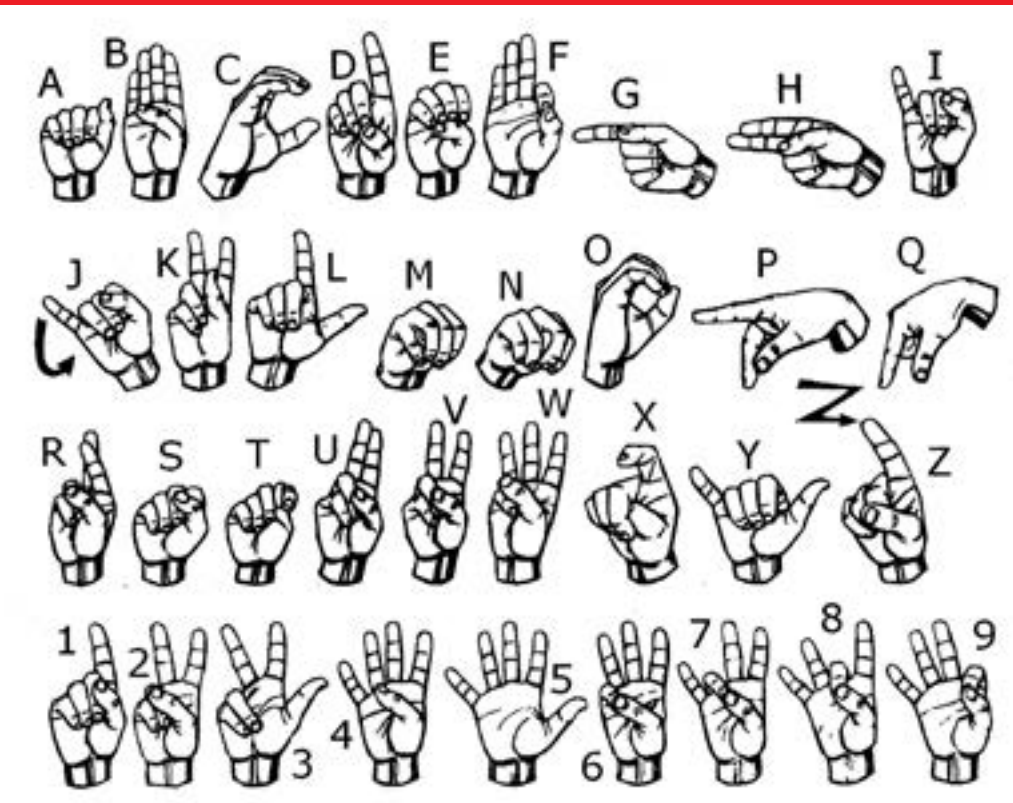
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Winter Issue



March 2023

*March 1: **Men's Group** Every Wednesday. Lunch provided. No Registration needed. Call 780-585-2254 and speak to AJ.

*March 3: **We Invite New & Expecting Moms To Join Us For Tea With Our Elders.** Time: 5 PM to 7 PM. Location: NOK Building in Ermineskin. Call 780-913-5341. Email: elders@ualberta.ca University of Alberta. Facebook: Maskwacis Elders Mentoring Program.

*March 10: **Fire Fighting Training** at Bear Park. 10 AM to 4 PM.

*March 24: **Round Dance** at the HBMC 6 PM start time. 2 PM Feast. Door prizes, 50/50 Raffle. Contact: Armond Swampy 780-312-3476.

*March 21: **Election Law General Meeting.** Location: Samson Bingo Hall. Time: 1 PM. See poster at the end of the news.

*March 28: **Men Empowering Men.** 9 AM to 4 PM.
Register: iskweppeyak@gmail.com
Call 780-312-5084. Music. Open to Ages 15 years and UP. Rotating Workshops.

April

*April 6-9: **Native Provincials Hockey.** Edmonton.

*April 13-16: **Native Provincials Hockey.** Calgary.

*April 11: **Kehtehayak Miyo Macihowin Kisikaw** (Elder Wellness Day). Self care and socializing. Presented by Elders & Assisted Living department & Community Wellness. Call the Elders & Assisted Living Department at 780-585-3793 ext 105.

*April 22: **Guitarfest** at the Jonas Applegarth theatre 6 PM. Food bank donation to get in. Call Vinnie Saddleback at 780-360-3384 for more information.

August

August 11-13, 2023: **Samson Cree Nation Pow Wow.** Host Drum: Sharp Shooter. For more information please call the Pow Wow Chairperson at 780-585-3793.

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Cultural Teaching with Jerry SB. Ambulance boardrm. 9 AM.	2	3	4
5	6 Enoch River Cree We Are Still Here youth conference.	7 Enoch River Cree We Are Still Here youth conference. Buffalo Delivery Bittern LK.	8	9	10 Acimowin Cultural Teaching with Jerry SB. Ambulance boardrm. 9 AM.	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Ends.	13 Cultural Teaching with Jerry SB. Ambulance boardrm. 9 AM.	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day.	18 Gaming Tournament with HBMC 11 AM to 8 PM. Strathmore Pow Wow.
19 Town of Strathmore Pow Wow. Rec Centre.	20 Spring Begins.	21 Election Law General Meeting Bingo Hall 1 PM.	22	23 MEC Job Fair HBMC.	24 Acimowin Round Dance HBMC 6 pm.	25
26	27	28 Men Empowering Men	29 Community Kitchen HBMC 11 AM.	30 Volleyball Camp HBMC 11 AM	31 Volleyball Camp HBMC 11 AM. Atoskewin Feast HBMC 1 PM.	

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Communications Meeting 10 AM. All staff departments invited Zoom.	4	5	6	7 Acimowin	8
9	10 Easter Monday	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Acimowin	22 Guitarfest Jonas Applegarth Theatre 6 PM
23	24	25	26 Administrative Professionals Day	27	28	29
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- arrange plans and preparations for conducting the election, including confirming the dates and times for the nomination meetings and elections and related deadlines;
- provide duties, assignments and directives to the Assistant to the Electoral Officer and Electoral Staff;
- monitor and report on progress;
- obtain any required information and materials from the Samson Cree Tribal Administration;
- prepare and post the Samson Voter's List and other lists as required by the Election Law;
- ensure that the electronic tabulator has been calibrated and is in good working order and that electronic ballots are available for voting;
- review and be knowledgeable of the Election Law and related regulations; and
- ensure compliance with the Samson Cree Nation Election Law.

Unless extenuating circumstances exist, the Electoral Officer shall attend the nomination meeting for Chief and the nomination meeting for Councillors at the times and the places set out in the respective notices, and shall open and chair the meetings.

Qualifications:

The Electoral Officer shall be recognized as:

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March 4, 2023
The Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Francisco Cali Tzay, was in Samson at the Jonas Applegarth theatre where leadership welcomed him and Dr. Wilton Littlechild. Francisco works for the International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development, a branch of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Special Procedures Special Rapporteurs, Independent Experts & Working Groups (website: www.ohcr.org).



Ron Lameman, Francisco Cali Tzay and his staff.



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Presentations were done by Samson Councilors Laurie Buffalo, Holly Johnson, Shannon Buffalo and Katherine Swampy. Also present was AFN Alberta Regional Chief Leonard Standing On The Road, Ron Lameman and Samson Councilors Kurt Buffalo, Louise Omeasoo, Elesha Buffalo and Ryan Lightning. There was a pipe ceremony prior to the event and a Grand Entry with local Maskwacis dancers and singers starting the morning off.

First Nations Drinking Water SETTLEMENT

The First Nations Drinking Water Settlement Claims Process is Open

The claims process for individuals and impacted First Nations in the First Nations Drinking Water Settlement is open. Impacted First Nations have until December 2, 2022 to accept the Settlement Agreement by submitting a Band Council Acceptance Resolution. The deadline for individuals to submit a claim is March 7, 2023.

This is the first drop in recognizing the communities impacted. See what claims process is right for you and access the online Claim Form at www.firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca

How do you know if you are eligible? You might be included in the settlement if you:

- are a member of a First Nation; and
- were born before November 20, 1995 and lived on an Impacted First Nation that was under a drinking water advisory that lasted for a year or longer, between November 20, 2013, and June 20, 2021; or
- were born on or after November 20, 1995 and lived on an Impacted First Nation that was under a drinking water advisory that lasted for a year or longer, between November 20, 1995, and June 20, 2021.

The settlement also includes children, those under disabilities (someone who is unable to manage their affairs due to mental incapacity) and loved ones who passed away on or after November 20, 2017 if they also meet the criteria above. Additional compensation may be available for those who followed long-term drinking water advisories but still suffered Specified Injuries.

To learn more, visit www.firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Claim Form or have questions about making a claim, call the Administrator toll-free at 1-822-252-4220.

Scan here to sign up for settlement updates

Website: <https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/claims-forms/>

February 16, 2023

Samson Cree Nation is a Nation that is on the List for the First Nations Drinking Water Settlement. For assistance in applying make your appointment with the Samson Legal Department at 780-585-3793 ext 106.

The settlement includes compensation for Impacted First Nations and eligible individuals as well as commitments to fund the construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure needed to provide regular access to safe drinking water in their homes.

Compensation is available for Impacted First Nations and eligible individuals subject to drinking water advisory that lasted at least one year between November 20, 1995 and June 20, 2023.

As an individual you can submit a Claim Form even if your First Nation does not submit a Band Council Acceptance Resolution. Individuals can also apply for additional compensation for Specified Injuries. For More information contact Pamihowin (Samson Legal) Department at 780-585-3793 Ext 106 They will assist in filling out forms.



Pigeon Lake & Samson Cree Nation Family Day 2023 pictures.



March 7, 2023
Bittern Lake: The Samson Cree Nation and Elk Island National Park had a Paskwa Mostos (Bison) Repatriation ceremony with people showing up to see the new additions to the herd. There were about 17 Paskwa Mostos released, more females than males. Before the release, a TP was set up by Pesakastew workers and a fire started before everyone arrived. The TP was for the ceremony before the arrival. The weather was about -25C with a wind chill and Samson Chief Vernon Saddleback was present to say a few brief words before the release took place. Samson Farm & Ranch Manager Vinnie

Saddleback was also present as his crew takes care of the bison. Elk Island National Park had this to say:

“Elk Island National Park is pleased to support the Samson Cree Nation as they welcome bison back to their traditional territories. We are honoured to play a role in this special moment for the Samson Cree Nation. Bison conservation is an important part of the work we do at Elk Island. Reconnecting communities with bison and the land is vital to the continued recovery of bison.”

Elk Island National Park.

Cree Culture

Drum group & Vinnie Saddleback.



The people who came to watch.



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Samson Gas Utility received an Energy System Funding to Upgrade Samson Cree Nation Natural Gas Wells. Acidization Project is to clean out/remove contaminants in wells to optimize production of natural gas to heat Nations homes and to help off set costs to the Samson Cree Nation Gas Alberta Billing.

March 1, 2023, the 11-02-44-24 W4M wellsite and 10-04-44-24 W4M wellsite were put back on stream and pushed back the ATCO Pipeline Gas Pressure.

Samson Gas Utility would like to thank Former Band Administrator Bonita Saddleback for her initiative in obtaining the \$250,000.00 funding for Samson Cree Nation Wells, Lead Operator Terry Rain and Field Operator Todd Omeasoo for their Commitment and Dedication of Completion of the Project.

*Holly Crier Buffalo
 Manager, Samson Gas Utility
 Samson Cree Nation.*



March 6, 2023.
Ponoka Mayor Tom Ferguson visits local family and leadership.



March 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm (780) 585-2254		Mens Group 12 - 2pm	1	2
6 COUPON DAY A.S.L. Class 5pm	7 COUPON DAY Mens Group Dinner 12 - 2pm Elders Wellness 10am	8	9	10
15 Cultural Baskets 10am - 3pm A.S.L. Class 5pm	14 Cultural Baskets 10am - 3pm	15	16	17 Happy Paskwa Days
20 A.S.L. Class 5pm	21	22 COUPON DAY	23 COUPON DAY	24
27 A.S.L. Class 5pm	28	29 Community Kitchen 11am	30	31 Atoskewin Feast 1pm HBMC Gym

Mens Group

February 22, 2023

The Men's Group went to a sweat on Wednesday. Aaron Buffalo (pictured right) is the coordinator for the mens group.



Maskwacis

The SHRed Mobile

February 17, 2023

The SHRed Mobile was at the Four Nations arena and the Maskwacis Youth Gathering in Samson.

Colleen Buffalo invited Mark Agius from the University of Calgary and the SHRed mobile to our territory. This is the first time the SHRed mobile has ever visited a First Nation community and they plan to do more in the future. Mark wanted people to know that "...SHRed Concussions is about concussion prevention at its core. Our research program firmly believes that the best concussion is the one you never have. So, through prevention measures like properly fitting equipment, use of safety equipment like mouthguards, utilizing prevention strategies like good warm ups (neuromuscular training) and ultimately effective policy changes, concussions in sports can be reduced.



prevention with people like coaches, athletes, educators, clinicians, and others, can also have a big impact so we are excited at the opportunity to come to communities like yours!

I look forward to coming back."

Sharing knowledge and education about



March 2, 2023

Bernice Stoney and Rosey Roan discuss their participation in the video documentary that was made about the Pigeon Lake Reclamation Project. This was at the end of the AECOM job fair.





Maskwacis Maternal, Child & Family Wellbeing Research Group

The Maskwacis Maternal, Child, & Family Wellbeing Research Group hosted a celebration for the Maskwacis Elders Mentoring Program (EMP). The event was to celebrate their work with the Wetaskiwin Primary Care Network with two Elders Tea Events in Maskwacis. It offered an opportunity for past participants of the program to reconnect with the Elders of EMP. Past participants, expecting and new mothers, and any Four Nation community members were also invited to learn more. The events were held February 25th and March 3rd, 2023 at the Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik Building. There is also a community report of the progress of the research that was shared at the event. This report offers more context about the work and research that the

Maskwacis Maternal, Child, & Family Wellbeing Research Group does within the community. The goal of the group is to improve maternal and child outcomes in Maskwacis through community led projects that connect to culture, language and ceremony. If you are interested in learning more or would like to attend or offer your thoughts on one of future workshops/community activities please send us an email at

ihelti@ualberta.ca or

elders@ualberta.ca

-Denise Young



Submission

Samson Cree Nation is Inviting You To A Scheduled Meeting:

Election Law General Meeting

Emergency General Meeting with the Samson Band Members for the purpose of the Election Law to be held Tuesday March 21, 2023, at the Samson Bingo Hall.

Zoom will be provided to those band members who cannot make it in person.

Date: Tuesday March 21, 2023.

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Samson Bingo Hall.

Meeting ID: 822 1141 1591

Passcode: 377908

Further, we will be using an App for the engagement, below is the information. We will be using cell phones to do the online polling and responding to survey questions for the upcoming Emergency Election Law meeting.

Online Polling will Open Up on Tuesday March 21, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Instructions: On Tuesday March 21, Scan the Image, Accept All Cookies and you will receive a prompt to answer questions.

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Samson Cree Nation 2023 Chief and Council Elections Request for Proposals For the Election Technician

Timeline: 2 Weeks
Bid opens: March 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.
Bid closes: March 28, 2023 at 4 p.m.

The Samson Cree Nation is seeking a Samson Cree Nation member to serve as the Technician for the upcoming 2023 Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council Elections.

Scope of Work:
The duties of the Election Technician include, but are not limited to the following:

- Communicate the Samson Election Law to the Department personnel appointed to assist the Electoral Officer;
- Communicate the Samson Election Law to candidates and eligible voters;
- Oversee the conduct of election personnel to ensure their duties are carried out in accordance to the Samson Election Law;
- Attend and oversee electoral staff meetings, nomination meetings, and the election; and
- Perform any duties and responsibilities incidental to overseeing the administration, nomination and election process on behalf of the eligible voters of Samson Cree Nation.

Qualifications:

- The Technician must possess the following qualifications:
- Knowledgeable of the Samson Cree Nation Election Law.
 - Possess the background and willingness to fulfil the requirements associated with a Technician as outlined in the Samson Cree Nation Election Law Schedule "A" - Roles and Responsibilities of the Technician.
 - Political acumen - ability to recognize the political climate of the Samson Cree Nation and demonstrate neutrality and impartiality between the elected and the electors in the election process.
 - Must not be seeking candidacy for the upcoming election(s).
 - Must not be an employee of any program and service of the Samson Cree Nation.
 - Able to devote sufficient time to the performance of duties as a Technician.
 - Be a person of good character and reputation.

Deadline: March 28, 2023

Submission Requirements:

- Letter of Intent

- Resume
- Proposed Cost
- Two References
- Criminal Record Check
- Driver's Licence

Submit Proposal to:

Samson Cree Nation Telephone: 780-585-3793
Personnel Dept. Extension: 107
Box 159 Fax: 780-585-2088
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Or email address jyice.r@samsoncree.com
Or allison.scuba@gmail.com

Particulars:

- This is a contracted position.
- Selection will be based on best value. Best value refers to the optimal combination of experience, knowledge, expertise, geographic location, performance, quality, time and cost.
- The successful applicant must be available to begin March 31, 2023 to June 30, 2023.
- The Nation will pay the contractor based on invoices to be processed on a bi-monthly basis unless otherwise agreed.
- Samson Cree Nation reserves the following rights:
 - to delete, revise or modify or amend any part of the RFP;
 - to cancel, terminate or suspend this RFP at any time and for any reason;
 - to re-issue this RFP at any time and for any reason;
 - to seek clarification of the contents of any response;
 - to choose any or none of the proposals submitted.

Next Acimowin Release Dates:

Friday April 7, 2023.

Friday April 21.

Friday May 12.

Friday May 26.

Pigeon Lake Family Day 2023



Samson Councilor Marvin Yellowbird.

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