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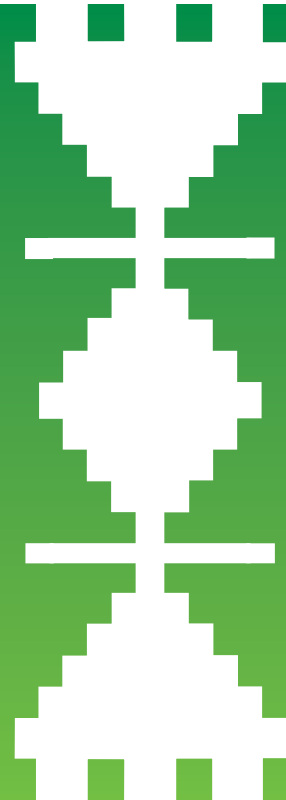
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WELCOME

Oki! In this issue of Aitsiniki Magazine, we have included stories from around the Nation including the Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment Plant Expansion Grand Opening held on May 15th, as well, as more updates in and around Siksika. Be sure to check our regular features; comic strip, word search, crossword puzzle, and horoscope, as they are updated every issue!

One event that was a big highlight was Elder Ruth Broad Scalplock's 50th Year Celebration of Sobriety. It was an event that took place on May 26th where Ruth was transferred a stand-up head-dress, one of the highest honours our leaders can receive. She was supported by many

of her family and friends who were in attendance, as well as the Mayor of Calgary, Jyoti Gondek.

This was a special event celebrating sobriety, and honouring Ruth's achievements and work in the community. This was very good for the Nation, as it brought everyone together to promote sobriety, and showed the youth and community members the importance of honouring and supporting the achievements of our Nation members. Congratulations Ruth!

We hope that you enjoy our second installment of Aitsiniki Magazine! Also, be sure to check out our weekly online updates at Aitsiniki.com, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Siksika Housing Policy Updated

Ok! Siksika,

We're thrilled to announce the approval of the updated Siksika Nation Housing Policy! This groundbreaking policy is a testament to our dedication to promoting cultural integrity, social harmony, and economic stability within our community.

Highlights of the Policy:

- Enhanced eligibility criteria ensuring fairness and transparency.
- Detailed application and allocation process for housing.
- Clear responsibilities for tenants to maintain our homes.

·A robust framework for repairs, renovations, and maintenance.

·Comprehensive guidelines for transfer, removal, and termination of housing agreements.

This policy is more than just guidelines; it's a step forward in honoring our traditions, ensuring the welfare of our community, and managing our housing needs with dignity and respect. Let's come together to build a brighter, more stable future for all Siksika'ikoan.

A public information session was held with Housing staff to answer questions and learn more about the policy.

For more details on the policy and how to apply, visit our website or contact Siksika Housing directly.

Let's make Siksika Nation a place we're all proud to call home.

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Red Dress Day Recognition

by Andrew Breaker

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (M.M.I.W) are honored on Red Dress Day.

In Canada, there are over 1,000 missing Indigenous women and girls, and the figure rises yearly. The purpose of the day is to honor the Indigenous women who did go missing and to inform people who may not be aware of these terrible occurrences in Canada. This movement started in 2010, at the University of Winnipeg, where crimson dresses were worn as a memorial to the lives lost of Indigenous women.

On this day, people are encouraged



to wear red dresses or place empty red gowns in public areas to support M.M.I.W. lives.

In other provinces, people partici-

pate in Red Dress Day on a variety of other days, such as February 14th, Vancouver women organize the Annual Women's memorial march, while October 4th is another day that recognizes the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women.

It's great to recognize this day for all the M.M.I.W.G and respecting, honoring and showing support for these Women that lost their lives throughout the years, it's great to finally recognize this as an issue in Canada and people are realizing this now.

Siksika Nation Internet Infrastructure Upgrade Project

Submitted by Siksika Engineering Services

Public Notice:

The Siksika Nation Administration, represented by Siksika Nation Engineering Services, has initiated the Internet Infrastructure Upgrade Project. The project spans over a few years and comprises four components. These components include building optical equipment and Point of Presence (POP) shelters, installing transport equipment dedicated to the wireless network, expanding the wireless network, building a fibre transport network, and a Fiber To Home (FTTH) distribution split fibre network.

The wireless network expansion will require the placement of towers, microwave and radio

equipment to connect individual customers. The project also involves activating services for both wireless and fibre-based customers, which includes items such as premise equipment, drop provisioning, and customer education. The project aims to provide wireless services and direct fibre cable connections to homes with high-speed internet of 50/10Mbps and digital phone services.

Siksika Nation Engineering Services recognizes that adjustments may be necessary based on ground conditions and technical and cultural challenges. The team endeavours to identify all cultural and historic locations to ensure protection and preservation for future generations.

Safety Awareness:

The safety of all residents is a major priority. Due to the construction, trenching, and transportation of tower equipment along our roads and highways, increased traffic awareness is needed. Traffic delays and stoppages may be experienced.

Anticipated regular work hours will be 8:00 am – 4:30 pm on those days. No service interruptions are anticipated as part of this project, although, in case of severe weather, the project may be prolonged.

Any questions or concerns don't hesitate to get in touch with engineering@services@siksikanation.com

HUNGRY HOUNDS

COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR ANIMALS

by Mase Crow Chief

In 2016, Monique Sleigh founded The Hungry Hounds Program. She and the Hungry Hounds team have helped keep dogs and other animals fed on the nation by setting up appointments for people to come pick up food, feeding strays, and sharing food with other nations, along with providing dog houses & many other resources. Hungry Hounds is a small part to a bigger objective who's plight is to help the disconnection between our species and animals.

Noticing other dogs starving in their community and helping elders' animals stay fed were just the beginning and after that they went beyond. They also noticed dogs attacking people and they believe a large part of that was due to them being hungry and people having lost their connection with dogs, a happy full pet or stray means less attacks. The Hungry Hounds team doesn't blame or shame anyone for not being able to feed their pets, it happens. The food and supplies come from sponsors that would like them to be the delivery point. They've received help from counsellors Kendall Panther Bone and Owen Crane Bear as well as other community sources to help keep animals fed on the Nation.

Monique Sleigh & Desmond Pelly Sr. explained their starting mission and goals "Our mission is to not leave any dogs out, and cats too, we're severely allergic to cats but we still help them." Said Monique Sleigh. "To help anybody that needs

assistance, has nothing to do with the human really, we really have a penchant for all animals, not just dogs", said Desmond Pelly Sr. They explained that they went over their goals and how Siksika was unique with having an animal



bylaw that states houses are allowed a maximum of 3 dogs, however some houses have 14 dogs and getting food out to feed them is most important. We are fortunate enough to have an Animal Services Department. They are very diligent but often held to standards beyond their abilities, their services are a necessity for bridging the connection to helping all animals.

The program is working on and

would like a station of accessible food in every community, they started a fund to help with medical stuff for dogs. Hungry Hounds would love to take donations but they understand it's hard to donate with everything inflating and would love volunteers to deliver food for elders animals. Future goals include operation facilities for dogs, adoption place, isolation centre, a trailer for hauling food, another c-can container, and a medical site with onsite veterinary care.

Their work on the reserve is important to keeping

dogs and animals fed by inspiring empathy between animals and nation members. "If you see a stray just feed it, it doesn't matter if it's yours, or your neighbours. We have no time to judge anybody how they take care of their animals or what they do with their animals, in the long run they have to eat." Said Monique Sleigh

They have multiple lists for giving away animal food. Siksika has approximately 400+ elders, Hungry Hounds only services a small percentage of them. As always, elders are their first priority at utilizing their services and their second list of people are next, in which they only hit about half of that list which is roughly about 900 community members and the rest they have to put on a wait list. Please be patient and understanding with their team. Dogs & animals

need the same core necessities as humans such as food, shelter, water, & empathy.

They have helped various animals such as rabbits, birds, horses, lizards, turtles and fish. Keeping the animals fed, especially the dogs will mean less attacks. "Animals are spiritual beings that are an important part of life, they deserve respect & dignity as the Creator's fur-babies. We are lucky the Creator has blessed us with their presence. When we as a species interact with animals, I believe that is our ancestors letting us know we're doing something good." said Monique Sleigh about the eagles sitting outside their house.

Monique Sleigh - Founder

Here are the Team members of the Hungry Hounds:



Tahjaun Pelly

Trinity Pelly

Kelly Sleigh

Call or text to set up an appointment to pick up pet food with Monique at 587-893-6479.

Desmond Pelly Sr.

Desmond Sleigh-Pelly Jr & Lynn Panther Bone

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CELEBRATING
THE OPENING OF
THE ARTHUR
AYOUNGMAN
WATER TREATMENT
PLANT EXPANSION



Story and photos by Kaylum Red Gun

On May 15th, the Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment Plant expansion grand opening took place. Representatives from Siksika Engineering Services, tribal administration, staff and contractors came together with the public to unveil and celebrate the new and expanded water treatment plant.

Prior to the event, members of the nation as well as students from the Chief Old Sun elementary school were all invited to participate in the exciting event. Those in attendance got to be some of

The Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment Plant and its expansions were and currently are a much-needed addition to aiding and providing Siksika Nation families and households with clean, processed water. The new additions to the plant include a greensand treatment system, reservoir expansion, a standby generator and pumping and control upgrades, which were all proudly showcased to the public. These project upgrades and improvements contributed to the treatment plant meeting the Guidelines for Canada Drinking Water Quality, and Siksika



the first to experience and learn about the new additions to the treatment plant. Members were provided with informational tours by the staff of the facility, and were informed about the benefits that the new expansion would bring, as well as the details going into the treatment plant. On top of this, participants got to enjoy a free BBQ lunch of burgers, snacks and refreshments.

Nation Engineering Standards, and addressing insufficient fire storage capacity.

In 2022, Siksika Nation contracted Slim-Flo Systems Inc. to prepare the construction tender package, conduct the detailed design, and manage the project's construction. On March 30th, 2022, CDM Mechanical Ltd. was awarded the contract as prime contractor through a public tender process. A groundbreaking ceremony was

held on April 8th, 2022 to commemorate the start of the expansion and upgrades, which cost \$9.4 million to complete. The cost of the project is funded through grants from the Alberta Community Resilience Program (ACRP) for \$508,000, the Green Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ISC) for \$6.8 million, and Siksika Nation (SN) for \$541,000. With the new expansions and additions to the Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment Plant, approximately 592 homes and 2,960 residents are currently served and provided with quality drinking water.



During the event on May 15, 2024, representatives from Siksika and contractors gathered together to celebrate and inform attendees about the plant and the expansion. Some of the speakers included Tribal Manager Richard Sparvier, acting Public Works Manager Lyle Breaker, Angeline Ayoungman and Owen Crane Bear, to name a few.

Kaah'ka'nooh'ki'toopi (Early Morning Rider) Richard Sparvier, Tribal Manager, had this to say about the Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment Plant expansion and its benefits:

“For the Siksika Nation, clean drinking water isn’t just a convenience, it’s a fundamental right that shapes our daily lives and our identity. Upgrading our current infrastructure isn’t just about fixing pipes; it’s about investing in our health, resilience and the preservation of our traditions. Clean water is a necessity for our wellbeing and the wellbeing of

generations to come. I would like to thank everyone involved in making this a reality for Siksika Nation, to our leaders at every level, and to our administrators and technicians doing the work.”

In conclusion, the Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment Plant expansion grand opening was a pivotal moment for Siksika and those who attended. The newly expanded plant is a crucial milestone for the Siksika Nation community. The expanded plant is helping ensure that the community has a stable supply of clean water, enabling them to prioritize their health, wellbeing and

economic development. Moreover, the improved water infrastructure will also support the community’s cultural and spiritual practices, allowing them to continue their traditional ways of life without the burden of worry about access to clean water ●



Aiskapimohkiiks Helping Nation Members

by Tyrone Sitting Eagle

The Aiskapimohkiiks is a program to help Nation members resolve conflicts through mediation, elder mentoring and arbitration. If a Nation member needs to attend court, they are offered these options, where they can attend mediation and develop an agreement, or attend elders mentoring.

Although the program receives the majority of referrals from the courts and lawyers, they also receive referrals from various departments in Siksika, Tribal Administration, Schools and the community. Based on what is needed for the client, what is requested from the Aiskapimohkiiks varies and, as of recently, can include healing circles.

With high requests coming from various entities on and off the Nation, the Aiskapimohkiiks members are given a lot of training to better assist Nation members. All members of the program are highly trained and recently, on May 16th and 17th, they added to their skillsets with Basic Practices of Trauma-Informed Training for the Aiskapimohkiiks elders, mediators and elders advisory, which was held at the Siksika Business Centre. Aiskapimohkiiks is within the Siksika Justice Department, and Justice Supervisor Tracy Many Heads oversees the program, along with the Siksika Court Worker program. The Aiskapimohkiiks Team Lead, JoAnne Yellowhorse, is the person who organizes the

training sessions for the members. For the Basic Practices of Trauma-Informed Training, Yellowhorse brought in Facilitator Racheal Hoof and Traditional Language Holder Philomena Melting Tallow, both of whom are from Kainai.

The program is affecting the community in a very positive way, as it offers Nation members who need mediation, elder mentoring and arbitration a better alternative that falls in line with culturally effective ways to solve disputes. The mentoring and mediation by certified Siksika mediators and elders reflects traditional practices and customs, with the focus on better, healthier outcomes ●





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Road to Reclamation:

FINDING YOUR PATH TO RECOVERY

Story and photo by Tyrone Sitting Eagle

Siksika Nation member Dustin DICK hosted the Red Road Reclamation event for the community on May 25th at the Siksika Piiksapi Memorial Arbour.

This was a one-day non-profit event put up for the community and to spread awareness so it may help others on their healing journey with addictions. This event focuses on the importance of aftercare, addictions in our community, and building strong support systems. There were talks from guest speakers Ashley Wofleg, Scott Edwards, Reuben 'Buck' Breaker, CJ Cutter, Darcy Turning Robe, Dallas 'Oscar' Black, Dale Yellowfly and Regan Running Rabbit, who all spoke about their journeys and endeavours, and gave motivational talks and words of encouragement. The event is all done by volunteers and funded by sponsors who want to help. In turn, this will also focus on the importance of community when it comes to supporting people with addictions.

Dustin has also had his own battle with addictions, and now that he has gotten into a place where he can heal and understand, he wants to not only help others in the community but as many people as he can. In an interview held in the Siksika Media studio, Dustin expanded



Group photo from the May 25th event, provided by Red Road Reclamation

about the importance of aftercare and his experiences with it. He explained that he didn't realize that one could have outlets, and used skateboarding as a means to keep himself busy. This was apparent for him, but another person may have different outlets and different interests, finding different aftercare options for themselves.

"When it comes to recovery, aftercare is so important because one could get stuck," said Dustin. He wanted to showcase this at the Red Road Reclamation event, to show others that there is more out there, that you don't have to be stuck in one place, and that there are others out there who can and are willing to help.

Dustin added that our very own Blackfoot culture is

also important, as he knows someone who used culture as an outlet for themselves and continues to this day.

"I know somebody who is going on ten years of being sober; I didn't know our culture saved his life," said Dustin.

Dustin also went on to describe

his personal healing journey, saying that he helped Dale Yellowfly, who started a support group.



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"I know somebody who is going on ten years of being sober I didn't know our culture saved his life"



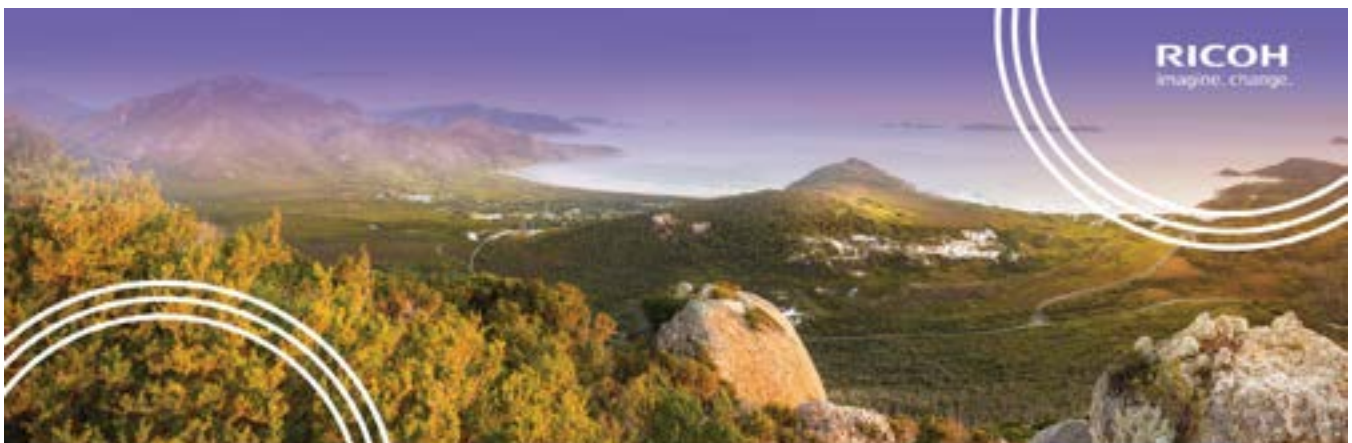
Dustin Dick photo by Tyrone Sitting Eagle

This is where Dustin found out he had a lot of support. His friend, CJ Cutter, was someone who supported him and gave him the opportunity to be part of Cousins Skateboarding Community, not knowing that he had already started using skateboarding as an outlet. With that, he thought he had to go and look for everything that had to do

with recovery, unaware that skateboarding was part of that recovery.

This is good for the community because it is helping and bringing people together. Not only that, but it is being led by our very own member, Dustin, who

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ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

by Jasmine Majoros

The National Aboriginal Hockey Championship took place from May 6-11, in Grande Prairie this year. Among the 100 talented young ladies to be selected from Alberta and from Siksika Nation were Phoenix Big Snake, Emma Labelle, and Tatum Yellowfly. All three played for Team Alberta, who took home second place against Ontario.

The semi-final game left people on the edge of their seats, with Big Snake scoring the tying goal with 55 seconds left in the third period and bringing the match to three overtimes for the gold medal final. At last, after a week of hard work and determination, the girls had made it to the finals; however, the game ended in a 3-0 loss. Nonetheless, the girls gave it their all and are very proud that they were selected to represent our community this year.

"I am very pleased with my overall experience of this tournament; the girls were great, we had lots of fun on and off the ice, and the environ-

ment was amazing," Big Snake said.

Big Snake was selected for a second year to compete, and she still remained more excited and honoured than the first time around. It was especially a big deal for Labelle, with this being her first experience participating this year. Labelle normally plays defence; she was a little taken back that she made it onto the forward's list but was otherwise ecstatic to be selected.

Both soon to be 16, Big Snake and Labelle are born and raised athletes and have been working on their careers since the day they stepped on the ice. Both girls have a passion not only for hockey but for all sports, and being active is one of their top priorities. They both explained that they see themselves continuing to pursue hockey in the future and are hoping to gain some exposure for possible future endeavours and scholarships with this opportunity.

Among their many accomplish-

ments, both were part of the gold-winning team for provincials and treaties this year, but Labelle considered this one of her moments of triumph. Big Snake explained that her moment of triumph was when she was selected for Indigenous Team Alberta as an underage player. Both have expressed that these were the moments that really helped boost their confidence and added to their continued drive to keep pushing through their careers. Both reflect back on how the experience of travelling and meeting new people has impacted their lives and say it's one of the reasons why they enjoy what they do.

They hope this opportunity will allow them to be seen as role models that will inspire other girls of all skill levels to pursue their dreams. Big Snake and Labelle came to the studio for a full "Get to Know" interview video. To hear more about their experiences, you can check them out on our YouTube channel, Siksika Media 146 ●

*Phoenix Big Snake
Emma Labelle*



Selena Maguire's Journey

Story and photos by Andrew Breaker

Leon and Keisha Maguire are the parents of 17-year-old Selena Maguire from the Siksika Nation. Selena is a 12th grader at Bassano School; she will be upgrading by attending Old Sun College or Red Deer College the following year. Upon graduating from high school, Selena intends to pursue a career in law enforcement specialization and forensic science at both a college and university. Her ultimate objective is to work as a forensic laboratory analyst or police officer. She enjoys playing hockey, basketball, volleyball, and some track & field. Selena was first inspired to play the sports she does since she grew up watching her parents play the games they liked.

She has participated in the following tournaments this year: the 1A girls' volleyball, where her team finished ninth; the Siksika March Madness basketball, where her team won the competition; the Alberta Native Hockey Provincials, where she placed third; the 3SSB Girls Circuit, where her team placed fourth; the Royal Rumble, where her team took first place; and the GoodHoops



Selena on the basketball court

Classic, where her team placed fifth. Selena traveled to many places for these tournaments but the most she enjoyed was going to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to play basketball in the North American Indigenous Games, which was the competition she most enjoyed. Along with making many acquaintances and enduring memories with people from many provinces, she saw many gifted athletes participating in every sport the festival had to offer.

“Being able to play in the North American Indigenous Games was a huge honour to me and my family,

as they helped me succeed my dreams of being able to play for team Alberta. My mom also played in the North American Indigenous Games while she was pregnant with me, so it really meant a lot to her. Every game I played in Halifax was huge to me, every point, every block and every assist meant a lot to me. The coaching staff for my team during NAIG was the best to me as I was coached by Avery Harrison and Michaela Allen who both are really great people, they love the sport of basketball as they were great players back when they played.”

Selena Maguire on which Tournament she played in that would be her personal favorite and meant a lot.

“Representing Siksika Nation means everything to me, I try and make a difference for Siksika by showing the nation if you put your mind to what you want then you can do it, and most importantly I try and make myself a role model for the younger kids of Siksika Nation. As I come from a big family of athletes who made me want to play sports, they showed me representing Siksika is.” This is what Selena Maguire said



Selena on the ice

about what representing Siksika meant to her.

Selena is proud to be from Siksika Nation as she wants to make a difference and motivate Siksika, especially the younger youth of the nation is where one of the differences she would want to make.

“Make sure whatever training you are doing has a purpose and is replicating what format you are going into, don’t be afraid to ask for help, there’s always more than one way of doing something, and whatever you set your mind to do it, don’t hold back. The motivation I would give to someone is to write down each positive thing you experience throughout the day, give yourself credit for the small things, and have some time for yourself so you can relax, and be grateful you’re here today doing what you love.” Selena on what kind of advice and motivation she would give to someone that is getting into the sports she plays.

Selena is a fantastic role model who has a big influence on the majority of the nation’s youth’s interest in sports. Siksika lacks many young role models, therefore Selena’s decision to make a difference is beneficial for both the community and Selena personally. Fantastic job, Selena! Keep up the good work! ●

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PIITAIKISOMI (FEBRUARY)

Lately you may have been feeling a bit stressed or you may not be feeling like yourself but one thing to remember is those who endure are rewarded. Bravery is something that will be on your side today, so remember to keep it with you when you take on what's ahead.

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You may find yourself in pit of work. Don't let this make you feel like you cannot get your goals finished, as courage is something you should carry with you. If you continue, you will most definitely get what you have been working towards.

IITAINSIMOPI (MAY)

Today is a day of solitude. You may find yourself wanting to distance yourself from others, this may include family, friends, and others. Don't feel bad as you may need this to gather your strength for what is to come. Remember, things happen for a reason, so don't feel like you must exhaust yourself all the time.

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IITAWAKOKATSUPI (JUNE)

Joy is something that is with you today. You may find yourself enjoying things you thought you had forgotten about; you may connect with an old friend or find old memorabilia. Today is something that you should take in and forget about what brings you stress.

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SOOTAIKOMI (JULY)

Today is a day of rest, you have been working so tiredly to get what you want for yourself. Remember that you must take care of the most important person in your life, and that is you. Keep yourself grounded, as well, courage is something that is with you so don't feel like you're failing just because you're taking time to rest.

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IITAPOHKYAKIUPI (AUGUST)

Today is a very lucky day for you, you may find yourself in very odd situations where everything works out. Take advantage of what happens, and don't worry about what is to come because things will be in your favour.

MO'KAATO'SI (SEPTEMBER)

Bravery is with you today. You may find yourself in situations where you feel lonely, or out of place. Do not fret as this is normal and the world around you is getting you ready for great things, so don't be afraid to venture or take the next step.

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IITAMIKSITSIKO (OCTOBER)

Today is a day of a lot of hard work. You may feel this is unfair or like it is too much to handle, do not worry as this is a day for you to overcome. Bravery and courage are with you today, so hold them on your shoulders as your hard work will pay off in the end.

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IISTATO'SI (NOVEMBER)

You may have been feeling quite unaccomplished lately. This is very normal to feel, so do not worry as you may find a lot of opportunities will find their way to you. At the same time, you may have to look for them as opportunities like to hide. Also, you may already be doing a lot of accomplished things, you just don't know it. This also means you need to work on rewarding yourself more.

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NISTAAIKISOMI (DECEMBER)

The world around you is constantly moving, and within it is something that awaits your discovery. You may not notice it but your luck is in your pocket, sometimes the best luck, is the type of luck we don't even notice.

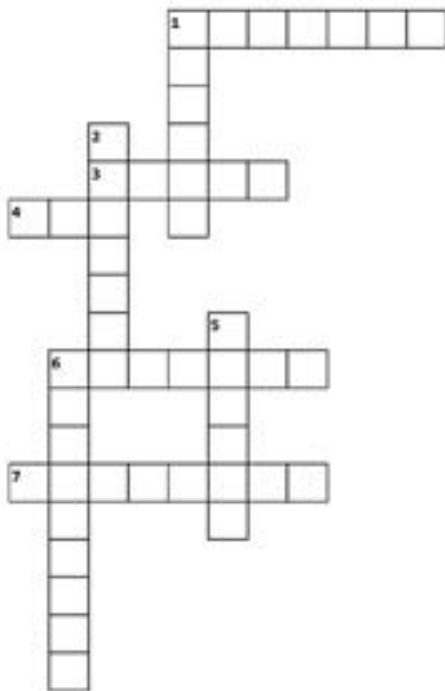
COMIC STRIP

A BLACKFOOT IS WALKING INTO AN OLD WEST SALOON AND...



WRITER: KAYLUM & ARTIST: THEOREM

Aitsiniki crossword #2



Across

- 1. The name for our reserve
- 3. a significant flying animal
- 4. A PET
- 6. Indigenous bread
- 7. iconic chief

Down

- 1. to pray with sweetgrass
- 2. powwow dance outfit
- 5. an event where people gather to dance
- 6. traditional soup

PUZZLES

Aitsiniki word search #2

O	O	G	O	R	O	S	K	O	A	R	A	A	S
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- BUFFALO
- PRAYER
- ROUND DANCE
- SWEATGRASS
- POWOW
- SIXSIKA
- SWEATLODGE
- TOBACCO
- HAND GAMES
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Contact: Jermaine Kootenay
403.503.7234 jermaine.kootenay@bmo.
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Contact: 403-734-5136
email: employment@siksikafamilyservices.com

Prairie Chicken Dance World Championship

June 27
Piiksapi Memorial Arbour
Contact: 403-734-5171

Camp Meeting Daystar Ministries

July 17 - 21
Spotted Ones residence
Contact: Raylan Spotted One
403-901-3021
Tashiro Spotted One
403-934-0521

Siksika Nation Princess Pageant

June 19, 2024 at Piiksapi Memorial
Arbour
5:30 PM
Miss Siksika 18 - 25/Teen Siksika 13 - 17/
Kookona 8 - 12/Tiny Tot 5 - 7
Applicants please contact Ashley Wright
403-805-1833 or ashley@t7edc.com



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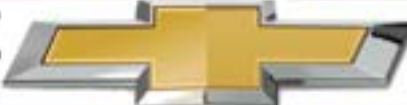
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