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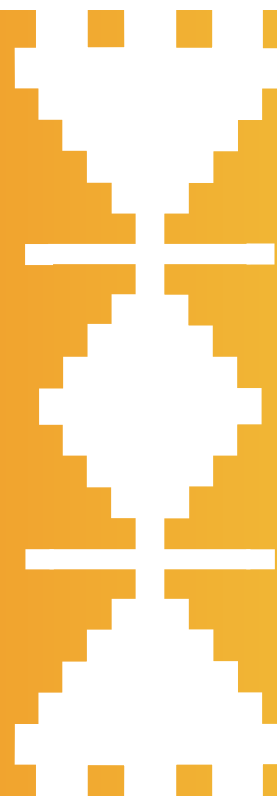
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## WELCOME

Oki,  
And thank you for picking up a copy of Aitsiniki. This month, we're sharing stories from around Siksika and beyond, with the repatriation of a long-held ceremonial headdress from the UK, and a celebration of the life of a phenomenal community member and athlete.

An initiative with the goal of protecting and caring for elders is gaining momentum and starting conversations about how best to provide hope and safety. A partnership with the University of Calgary focuses on the health of horses on the Nation, and the specialists at Siksika Engineering Services continue their ongoing projects to provide critical infrastructure.

Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park gets ready for a busy season of cultural enrichment, and a whole new generation of graduates from around the Nation reach important milestones and take the next steps in their journeys.

We hope you enjoy, and now that it's summer, we wish you a season of long days, good times with friends and family, and safe travels, wherever you may be going.

As always, you can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube @siksikamedia, on the radio at 104.7 FM and on Atisiniki.com

# Siksika Engineering Project Update

By Douglas Winnipeg, Summer Student for the Siksika Nation Engineering Services

To promote transparency and community engagement, Siksika Nation Engineering Services (SNES) is pleased to provide an update on key infrastructure projects happening on Siksika Nation. This update includes detailed information on the progress, timelines, and impact of the following important projects that are currently underway within the community:

## Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment Plant

Progress: 99%

On May 15th, Siksika Nation celebrate the grand opening of the newly expanded Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment plant. The engineering team is now checking every detail to ensure it meets the highest quality standards before giving final approval.



Pictured are the newly installed Greensand Filters at the Arthur Ayoungman Water Treatment Plant. Greensand Filters are used to remove iron, manganese, hydrogen sulfide, arsenic, and radium.

"The Project Completion Certificate (CCC) is an official document that confirms a construction project is successfully completed based on the contract terms. Issued by the Siksika Project Team, it formally recognizes the contractor's fulfillment of all obligations and signifies project completion to Siksika's satisfaction."

## Townsite Main Lift Station Bypass Upgrade

Progress 30%

This project is crucial to protect the buildings north of the Elder's Lodge from potential sewer back-ups. Currently, if the lifting station malfunctions or shuts down, there is no alternative method to transport raw sewage. The proposed bypass will serve as a protective measure for the building in that area.

"A lift station, or pumping station, is essential in a wastewater system. It transports raw sewage and stormwater from low-lying areas to higher elevations. This wastewater can then naturally flow to the next lifting station or flow into a wastewater treatment facility."

## Townsite Lagoon Improvement

Progress: Completed

The Townsite Lagoon project was recently completed. Its focus was on maintenance, clean-up, and upgrades. The Townsite lagoon, southeast of the Siksika's Administration buildings, is a vital piece of Siksika's wastewater management.



Pictured is the water lagoon

Water Tie-in 2

Progress: 50%

This project's goal is to connect Siksika residences to the main water supply pipeline, replacing their reliance on water wells. We have connected eleven homes and plan to connect an additional 14 homes in the coming weeks. Additionally,

we are starting the Water Tie-in 3 project, will connected another 45 homes to the main water supply. Our primary focus is on ensuring the quality control of the connection pipelines.

"What is the Quality Control Process? It's a step in the construction process where Siksika's engineers examine the construction work to ensure it meets the design specification before approval."

## West Water Regional Study

Progress: Just Started

As part of our research initiative, we are exploring the potential development of a modern wastewater treatment facility to centralize wastewater processing. This initiative is expected to have a significant impact on the western region of the Siksika Nation.

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# Dive into Culture An Update from Blackfoot Crossing

Submitted by Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park

On June 27th at the Piiksapi Memorial Arbour, the Prairie Chicken Dance World Championships lit up the stage with rhythmic beats and colorful regalia.

Meanwhile, in another corner of the community, craft and connection intertwine at a sewing retreat led by Stephanie Eagle Tail. Participants transform Pendleton blankets into custom jackets, forging bonds and honing their skills under Stephanie's expert guidance.

Looking ahead, GlobalFest invites you to experience the vibrancy of summer on June 23rd at Hotchkiss Park and July 11th at the Calgary Stampede. Immerse yourself in diverse cultures through music, dance, and joy, celebrating unity in



diversity.

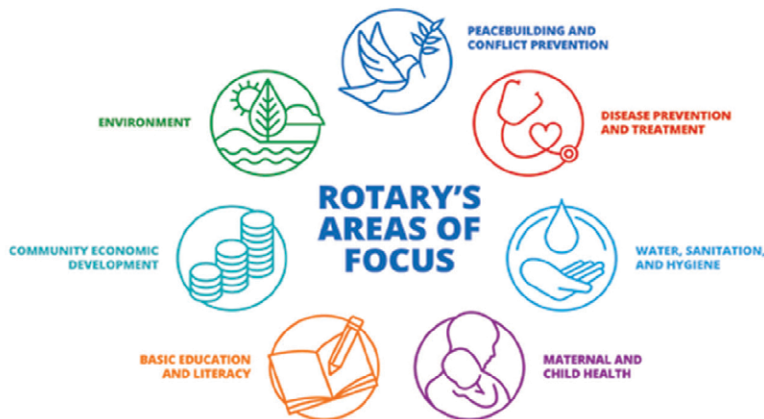
Community engagement takes center stage with Banff and Lake Louise Tourism, fostering dialogue and collaboration to enhance visitor experiences. And stay tuned for the enlightening series "Treaty Roads" on APTN, exploring Canada's numbered treaty regions and Indigenous peoples' stories.

June 21st marked Indigenous Peoples Day at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, a day of celebration, screenings, and community amidst the beauty of Siksika culture.

Finally, don't miss the chance to experience the essence of Blackfoot Crossing at the Calgary Stampede from July 10th to 14th. Explore our cultural pavilion, witness captivating dance performances, and take home handmade treasures from our gift shop.

Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or a curious newcomer, come celebrate Indigenous culture with us, build connections, and create lasting memories together. See you there!

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# MEET THE NEW SIKSIKA NATION POLICE COMMISSION

Submission by Sinakssin Communications

Today, we proudly introduce the new Siksika Nation Police Commissioners: Ohkinniinaa & Ninaaks Lou Ann Solway, Samuel Crowfoot, Reuben "Buck" Breaker, Marsha Wolf Col-lar, and Ike Solway.

In a swearing-in ceremony, these dedicated individuals were inducted to uphold the principles of law enforcement, ensure public safety, and foster positive community relations for Siksika Nation.

Formally known as the Public Safety Task Team, the Siksika Police Commission will play a pivotal role as we establish our own independent police service. This initiative, which began in 2022 with collaboration from Siksika, the Government of Canada, and the Province of Alberta, aims to enhance public safety in our communities.

The Police Commission will continue to engage with Provincial and Federal governments on policing arrangements and will establish a headquarter office on the East side of the reserve ●



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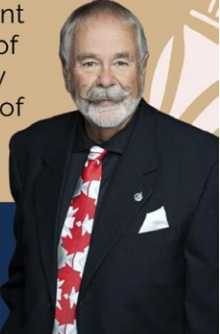


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CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR'S SIKSIKA NATION FAIR AND POWWOW

The Fair is an important event to share in the rich culture of the Blackfoot Confederacy and to showcase the talent of all dancers, singers, drummers and more!

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# Sacred Headdress Back Home

## SIKSIKA DELEGATION TRAVELED TO THE UK

### FOR THE RETURN OF THE CEREMONIAL BUNDLE

Siksika Nation release

A delegation from the Siksika Nation in Canada took possession of the ceremonial bird bundle, in the form of a headdress, in a handover event in Exeter on 5 June 2024.

Exeter, UK – A ceremonial Buffalo Woman’s Headdress, crafted with buffalo horns, sacred bird feathers, porcupine quills, and adorned with red cloth and brass bells, is finally about to be back in the safekeeping of the people from which it originated. Siksika Nation representatives, Councillor Strater Crowfoot, Councillor Marsha Wolf Collar, Kent Ayoungman, Herman Yellow Old Woman and Joset Melting Tallow have travelled to Exeter, England to repatriate a Buffalo Woman’s Headdress back to the Blackfoot tribe of Siksika Nation in a ceremony on June 5, 2024 at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM).

The ceremonial headdress has been held at RAMM in Exeter, England since 1920, when it was handed over to the Museum by Edgar Dewdney, a Lieutenant Governor of the Northwest Territories. Although the exact means of acquisition is undocumented, it was likely acquired through the enforcement of colonial assimilation policy in connection to Treaty 7 and the Indian Act (the 1889 amendment to section 114).

Through meticulous and dedicated research, delegates from Siksika Nation, in collaboration with Kainai and Blackfeet Nations identified the headdress as a sacred ceremonial item, once traditionally worn by a holy woman of the Blackfoot Holy

Buffalo Woman Society known as the Motokiks. The cultivation of a meaningful partnership with Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery has previously allowed for the repatriation of Chief Crowfoot’s



Joset Melting Tallow with the sacred bundle at RAMM. With Siksika delegation & RAMM staff. Photo by Jim Wileman

regalia in 2022, and now the Buffalo Woman’s Headdress.

In September 2022, RAMM received a formal letter from the Blackfoot (Siksika) requesting an act of repatriation.

Joset Melting Tallow, of the Siksika Nation said: ‘The ceremonial Buffalo Woman’s Headdress holds immense



Joset Melting Tallow prepares the bundle during the ceremony. Photo Jim Wileman

sacred significance to the Blackfoot people. Its return to Siksika Nation symbolizes not only the preservation of our cultural heritage, but also the recognition of our history and traditions, and is a profound testament to our ancestors’ spiritual and cultural practices. We are grateful to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum for their commitment to honouring and respecting the sacredness of this headdress by facilitating its repatriation.’

Julien Parsons, RAMM’s Collections & Content Manager said: ‘The return of the ceremonial bird bundle represents a significant moment in the museum’s history and our relationship with the Siksika. Over a century after the headdress came to RAMM, we are pleased that it will be used once more for its original purpose.’

The sacred bundle is being returned to the Motokiks so that it is returned to use by the holy women who fought to protect the continuity of their culture ●

# Siksika Member to Attend Top-Ranked Engineering School in the Fall

by Brian Prairie Chicken

Siksika member, Brandon Li-gori-Many Fires, has accepted an offer to attend the University of Waterloo for Computer Engineering (Co-op) Honours program in September. In 2023, the University of Waterloo, located in Waterloo, Ontario was ranked #1 in Canada for Engineering and Technology and #38 in the world, beating out prestigious schools such as Yale University (#43), Columbia University (#47) and following closely behind Cornell University (#36) in the United States.

Brandon has had a lifelong interest in computer programming and gaming which he hopes can flourish even more by taking the university-level courses in Engineering and joining in extra curricular engineering and gaming clubs. While attending the University of Waterloo, he hopes to be an active part of the Indigenous Student Center and community. He also plans to join the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) where he will be able to develop other skills and interests such as participating in the annual North American AESIS rocket launching competition.

Brandon will be graduating from



Photo provided by Brian Prairie Chicken

Lisgar Collegiate Institute in Ottawa, Ontario for high school. He excelled in their computer programming courses, where he was encouraged to work independently, disassembling and reassembling computers, writing computer programs and even develop computer games on his own. Brandon was on the honour roll throughout high school. In addition to computer programming, he also did well in mathematics and physics.

Brandon received other offers as well from University of Toronto, McGill University in Montreal, University of Ottawa and Carleton University in Ottawa and Toronto Metropolitan University. He chose the University of Waterloo for its unique cooperative education program which is the largest of its kind in the world

and provides opportunities to work with companies from around the world with many in the California tech sector. Many top companies seek out students for co-op and employment opportunities after graduating from Waterloo Engineering, including Google, Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Shopify, Facebook, and Tesla.

Brandon is the son of Brian Prairie Chicken and Lorena Ligori and lives with them in Ottawa along with his younger brother. While he did not grow up on

reserve, he has many relatives in Siksika, including other siblings, aunts and uncles, many cousins as well as his grandfather Charles Many Fires (Marlene). Brandon's great grandparents are Steve and Josephine Many Fires who resided in little Washington. Brandon speaks English and French and continues to learn Blackfoot and Italian.

Brandon hopes to inspire other Siksika members to pursue a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) field. He realizes how rare it is to be able attend a great university in a field you have been passionate about your entire life and he knows how fortunate he is to have this opportunity ●

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## Siksika Nation Junior High Graduation

Story and photo by Kaylum Red Gun

On June 9th, 2024, the Siksika Nation High School and families from the community came together to celebrate the graduating students of grade 9. This celebration was in honour of the students' hard work and dedication towards their time in school and to push them onwards towards the final 3 years left of high school they are about to embark on.

Students from the newly graduated 9th grade classes were individually called upon stage to take photos, shake hands with teachers and representatives of the school, and be given congratulatory gifts. Many proud parents and family members of the students could be happily seen at the ceremony, all in support of the students' momentous



accomplishments. Speakers were present during the ceremony, all of whom shared words of appreciation and encouragement for the students and their respective futures. Some of these speakers include Caitlyn Godber, an active teacher at the Siksika Nation High School, a speech from the valedictorian elect Trinity Sitting Eagle, and an inspiring story from

Jimmy Weasel Child.

During her speech, Trinity had this to say to her fellow students as they continue forward in their education journey. "What you do after grade 12 is a new journey for you to make a new path in life. So keep going; you only have three more years left." After the graduation ceremony was completed, parents and families were invited outside to take photos to capture some memories of the grand occasion. On top of this, students as well as family members were given a free bag lunch to take home after the event's fulfillment. In conclusion, the event was a very inspirational and memorable experience for parents, community members, and the students in attendance ●

## Walking the Walk Courtney Running Rabbit's Modeling Career

by Jasmine Majoros

Courtney Running Rabbit closed the show for Dene Couture by Tishna Marlowe at Indigenous Fashion Arts in Toronto from May 30th to June 2nd, 2024. Originally from Kainai Nation, she has been residing in Siksika since she first moved here with her family in 2007 when she was just 15 years old, then eventually married her husband, Nevin Running Rabbit, whom she met during their high school years.

Running Rabbit got her first modeling break in 2010 at the age of 18, where she participated in a fashion show with Ashley Callingbull, Adam Beach, and the Baker Twins. However, she stopped sometime after having her first child, and it wasn't until recently, in May of last year (2023), that she stumbled back into her modelling career.

Among her many other talents and accomplishments in the industry,



Running Rabbit currently works for Relentless Indigenous Woman Co. as the main graphic designer and Sacred Thndr as a model and jewellery assembly. Other projects

include being an artist for a company in Vancouver that pertains to truth and reconciliation. She's modelled for many brands and names, including Leslie Hampton, Kayla Looking Horse, and Julian Watermen. Although she and her family have been on and off the reserve throughout her 20s, she feels that Siksika is more her home than anywhere else. After moving back to Siksika in 2020, she feels that she and her family would benefit more by residing on the reserve, especially her children, who are able to be connected to their roots and land.

"Being able to walk into the world showing how beautiful our people are, how sacred we are, and how much we honor where we are from, showcasing that to the world, I think, is the most fulfilling and rewarding thing," Courtney Running Rabbit ●

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# Honouring Our Elders

## DAY OF AWARENESS HELD

Story and photo by Mase Crow Chief

Elders Abuse Awareness Day took place during Seniors' Week on June 5th at the Piiksapi Memorial Arbour. Community members and elders had the opportunity to listen and learn what elder abuse is and what the different forms can take, such as financial, emotional, physical, sexual, neglect, and medication abuse. A bylaw was introduced with the focus of protecting seniors and vulnerable people in Siksika from these types of abuse. Kory Duckchief, Larry Waterchief, and April Tucker were some of the focal points for raising awareness. Elders and vulnerable people deserve empathy, patience, and, above all, respect.

Kory works as the head team leader for Siksika Elders Lodge and is a Quality Assurance Officer for Health Services. She explained that they wanted to have a seniors week when everything was safe to do so but couldn't due to COVID; the last one was in 2019. They have the funding to create a position to address any types of elder abuse and are in the process of hiring a new one.

"The ones that have been reported are ones of a financial nature; there are some that are physical and mental. It was such a powerful day yesterday," said Kory Duckchief about elder abuse awareness day.

Elder Services and Kory saw the need to address and assist with any type of elder abuse. "Traditional-

ly, our elders are our knowledge keepers; they've contributed to the community in their younger years, and we need to honour them. No matter what title or position they



were in, they still contributed.

Community members can become knowledgeable in what is wrong and right, especially when it comes to abuse of older adults." Elders can reach out to elder's services or Siksika elders lodge to find assistance if they are being abused. They have a number of measures to protect the confidentiality of cases. Elders can also reach out to peace officers for wellness checks. "We had a number of individuals selected for a national program where they were certified as supportive care assistants to assist health care aids and nurses to help care for residents. Going into the phase of getting ready for that new Siksika continuing care centre, which is a 34-bed facility, we have yet to name it, but we're going to go to the community for that." Said Kory Duckchief

April Tucker, from the Six Nations reservation of the Grand River, works as the indigenous resource liaison for the Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council, and she delivered a presentation on elder abuse for the community and elders.

"Elder abuse is anything elders are experiencing from people that are coming into close contact with them. Oftentimes, it is not recognized because it could be from family members. Elder abuse has been happening for decades; inter-generational, there's a history

there from residential schools, and we have to keep in mind what our elders have already gone through. It is up to us as Nation members to make sure our young people are aware of what elder abuse is." Said April Tucker.

Larry Waterchief, another team lead for Siksika Elders Lodge, was one of the people organizing and helping out with events.

"I think it's very important to have this bylaw in place to protect the elders here in the nation. Sometimes they tend to lock themselves in their homes; we always cherish our elders and our grandparents, and they shouldn't have to go through this in the nation." Said Larry Waterchief

Councillor Ike Solway shared what he thought about the introduction

of this bylaw and elder abuse awareness day.

“I’m a strong believer that we can move forward as a Nation, the government, Chief & Council, as well as public safety, justice, and the community, so we can all protect our elders and vulnerable people in ways of educating and giving them a voice. The abuse part is something we need to look at with concern and understanding. Having this

engagement with elders gives them the opportunity to be a part of something and find out how they can utilize this bylaw that they can use for the betterment of themselves and where they reside in the nation.” said Solway ●

“Traditionally, our elders are our knowledge keepers; they’ve contributed to the community in their younger years, and we need to honour them. No matter what title or position they were in, they still contributed”

## University of Calgary Assists Siksika with Veterinary Services

by Tyrone Sitting Eagle

On Monday, June 5th, the Siksika Agricultural Society and the University of Calgary offered veterinary services to horse owners in Siksika. Every year since 2019, the University of Calgary has come out to provide these services all for free. The rotation services total about \$50,000 annually at Siksika and Tsuut’ina (which services are also provided to). All together over the years equate to \$200,000, which is surely something that helps the community of Siksika. This was organized by Siksika Agri Center Manager Kyle Running Rabbit and staff, who aided in getting the information to the community and organizing for the University of Calgary to come out and provide services.



*University of Calgary Veterinary team and Siksika Agri-Center Staff*

The veterinary team was led by Associate Professor at the University of Calgary, Dr. Jean-Yin Tan. Dr. Tan exclaimed how both her students and the community are benefiting from this partnership. This opportunity gives students who are in their fourth year a chance to get hands-on experience in their practice and in the community with all veterinary services for their horses. The services provided are expensive,

and the specific services provided to Siksika equate to about \$25,000 which were all done for free. This greatly helps the community because getting veterinary work done can be costly, and it certainly makes sure horses are in proper health.

“The students need hands on experience in their fourth year and the community mem-

bers have been really wonderful for allowing them to do all hands on learning”. Said Dr. Tan in an interview.

Siksika and the community are certainly grateful for the services and the time that Dr. Jean-Yin Tan and her students are giving to make sure horses in the community are looked after ●

# Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation hosts

## Powwow and Cultural Day

Story and photos by Tyrone Sitting Eagle

Oki, on June 6th the Lead By Example Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation hosted a Cultural Day at the Strathmore & District AG grounds. There were cultural booths that were done by Teachers of Chief Old Sun School Ms. Natoyiipotaki, Mr. Drake, Mrs. Kapoor, Elders Vivian Ayoungman and Angeline Ayoungman where Blackfoot Culture was taught and as well as dance performances dance performances. As well, there were activities such as tipi raising that was hosted by the Siksika Prevention Early Intervention. It was so good to see community members and surrounding schools from Strathmore and Siksika attend and learn about Blackfoot Culture.

This event was held to bridge the relationship of Siksika and Strathmore, as well, to teach non-native people about the history of residential schools, racism, and other challenges Natives across North America face, more specifically, Siksika.

Melody Ayoungman, the head Chair of the Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation exclaimed her concerns of racism and told the story of her son Kristian Ayoungman, who had his life taken in an act of racism.



“My son had his life taken away in an act of racism, but we are not here to spread hate, we are here to create understanding between the town of Strathmore and Siksika, and to teach about the history of our people,”



said Ayoungman.

Along with the Cultural day that was held, the Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation also hosts the Lead by Example Powwow, which was held from June 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in honour of Kristian Ayoungman.

This was very good for the community of Strathmore and for Siksika, as it creates understanding and aids in the understanding of Siksika. Not only that, to spread kindness and happiness ●

# Lead by Example Concert

Story and photo by Kaylum Red Gun

On June 7-9, 2024, during the Lead by Example powwow, many people came together to take part in dancing, Indian relay racing, a princess pageant, and even a live performance from none other than Armond Duckchief and his band.

The entire powwow took place in Strathmore at the Strathmore and district AG grounds, which provided attendees with a variety of entertainment and sights to see. One of the pieces of entertainment was award-winning singer-songwriter Armond Duckchief and his band, who proudly represent the Siksika Nation and its



people.

On the second day of the Lead by Example event/powwow, during the evening, people came out to support and listen to Armond and his

band perform some country hits all under the outdoor entertainment stage. The event hosted picnic tables and food vendors for those who attended the evening concert. Despite the fairly rainy and cloudy weather conditions, the band played through and provided a stellar live concert experience. His set lasted over an hour, and many locals could be seen enjoying and dancing with their loved ones during his play time. His performance as well as the other

additions to the Lead by Example event proved to all come together to make it an unforgettable experience for the attendees and participants involved ●

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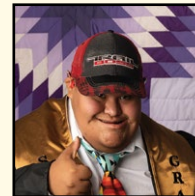
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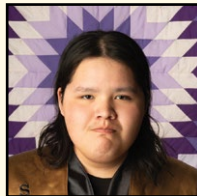
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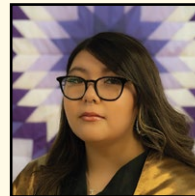
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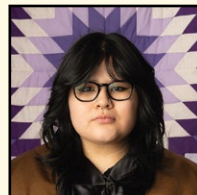
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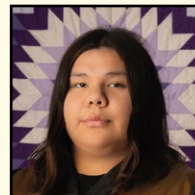
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Ria Scalplock



Nikki Scout



Jadon Turning  
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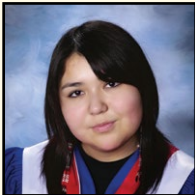


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November Sage Woods

Strathmore High School



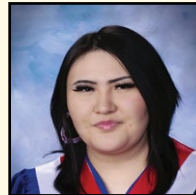
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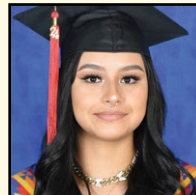


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Siksika Outreach School



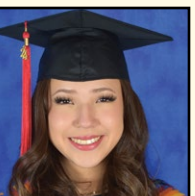
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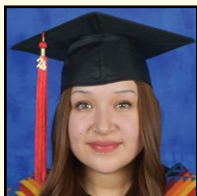
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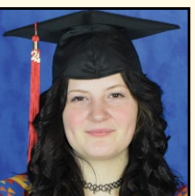
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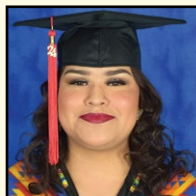
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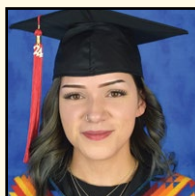
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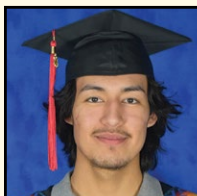
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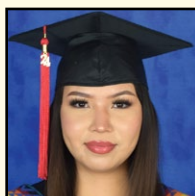
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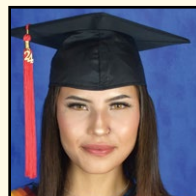
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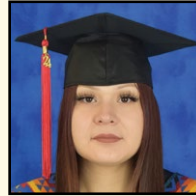
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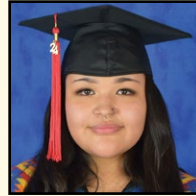
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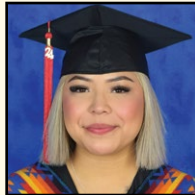
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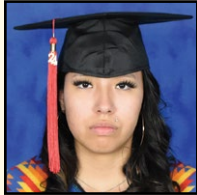
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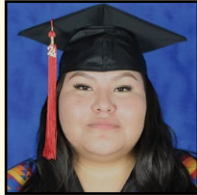
Randi  
White Eagle



Tianna Wolf Child



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Breanne  
Yellowface

*"Go confidently in the direction  
of your dreams.  
Live the life you have imagined."  
Henry David Thoreau*

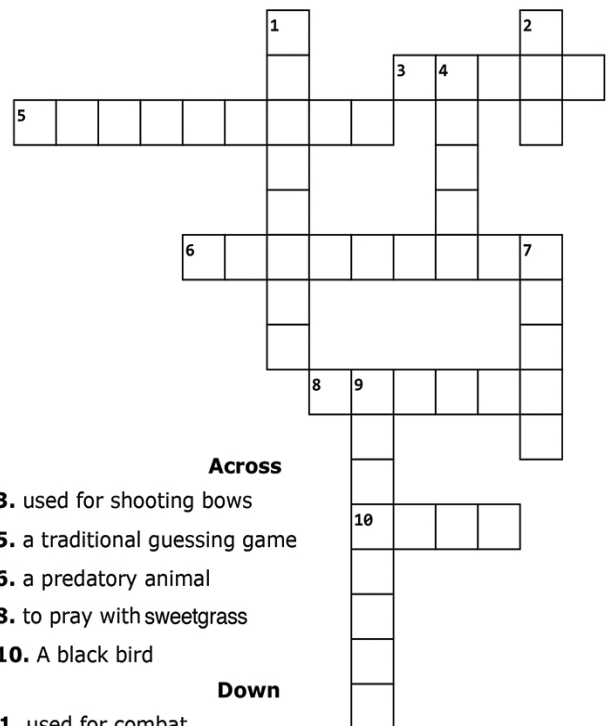
# PUZZLES

## Aitsiniki word search#3

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- OWL
- DEER
- PRAIRIE
- POWOW
- HAND GAMES
- HUNTING
- DRUM
- BLACK BEAR
- MOOSE
- WARRIOR

## Aitsiniki Crossword #3



**Across**

- 3. used for shooting bows
- 5. a traditional guessing game
- 6. a predatory animal
- 8. to pray with sweetgrass
- 10. A black bird

**Down**

- 1. used for combat
- 2. a small canine animal
- 4. used for hunting wild game
- 7. a body of flowing water
- 9. a piece of footwear

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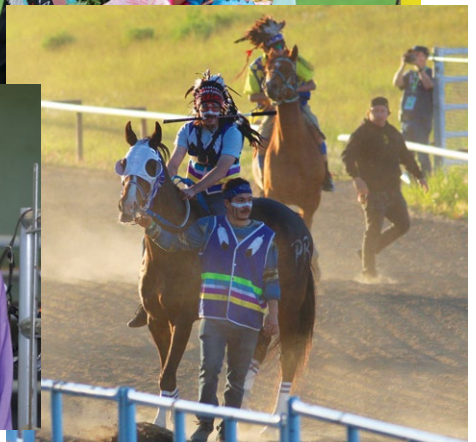
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## MAANSTOYI (JANUARY)

Lately, you may have been feeling some sort of excited feeling. You may recognize this feeling, as it's something you haven't felt in a long time! Enjoy it! Don't forget that courage and bravery are with you as well.

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## PIITAIKISOM (FEBRUARY)

The past few weeks have been quite hard for you; you may be feeling relieved, and the weight of the world is finally lifting off your shoulders. Remember, it's okay to put the things that worry you down for a moment. Enjoy the time that is given to you, and always keep happiness in mind, because that is something that will be with you today!

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## SA'AIKI'SOMM (MARCH)

You may be feeling a bit lost today; do not fret, as this is perfectly normal. Keep bravery in your heart, as it will help you get through your day. Be ready because it looks like you have a lot of good luck in the future!

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## MATSIYIKKAPISAIKI'SOMM (APRIL)

All of your hard work is going to pay off. It may seem like it is for nothing, but you must remember that those who keep pushing are always rewarded. You do not have to worry or be afraid, as courage is with you.

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## IITAINSIMOPi (MAY)

Today is a day of adventure for you. You may have been feeling down for a few months or for a while, but this month grants you a lot of luck and happiness. Get ready because you may also be expecting a special someone to brighten up your already rising happiness.

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## IITAWAKOKATSUPI (JUNE)

Hard work is in your near future; it doesn't really mean anything bad, but you may be feeling worried about something or nervous. Remember, don't think about tomorrow; just get today done and worry about tomorrow when it comes. You will be rewarded for your efforts.

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## SOOTAIKOM (JULY)

You may have been feeling quite bored with your daily life. Use this time to work on what you have put on the back burner; it looks like luck is with you, and you may just get exactly what you want. Taking chances is what life is about, so don't waste any time.

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## IITAPOHKYAKIUPI (AUGUST)

You may get an unexpected visitor. This person could ground you and keep you on your feet. It may be something you're not used to, but don't fret; it is okay to be vulnerable and trust. Do not worry about the next step, as it will happen without your knowledge. As well, love and luck are with you.

## MO'KAATO'SI (SEPTEMBER)

You may be dealing with something or a challenge in your life, but you do not have to worry, as you have courage in your back pocket. You will find that the challenges you face are something that you did not have to be afraid of in the first place.

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## IITAMIKSITSIKO (OCTOBER)

Clarity is something that is with you today. You are finally able to breathe and take a little time for yourself. You must remember to enjoy life and relax, as it is more important than conquering the challenges in front of you. Enjoy your time, because you don't know it, but your clarity will actually help you find the solution you have been looking for.

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## IISTATO'SI (NOVEMBER)

You may feel tired or sluggish. When you wake from your sleep, you do not want to do anything, or you may find it hard to find your motivation. Do not worry, this just means your body is tired. If you take a step back, you may notice that you have done more work than you originally thought. Give yourself a pat on the back, because your hard work is getting ready to give you a big reward.

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## NISTAAIKISOM (DECEMBER)

Bravery and happiness are with you! You do not have to worry about the challenges you face, as your happiness is so high that nothing can take it away. Your bravery will also help you conquer anything in your way.

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 Tashiro Spotted One  
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**Free tax clinic**  
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 Jenna Yellow Old Woman  
 jenna.yellowoldwoman@risecalgary.ca

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