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HONORING DR. DAPHNE MAI'STOINA
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WELCOME

As we step into the new month, we are excited to bring you another powerful edition of Aitsiniki Magazine. This is a special one for us, it's the last issue of our first year as a magazine. This month, we celebrate the strength and dedication of our community, with a special focus on the incredible athletes of Siksika, as well as honoring the achievements of remarkable individuals who inspire and uplift us.

In this issue, we proudly highlight the success of several talented athletes who are making waves across various levels of competition. From rising stars in youth hockey to seasoned players paving the way for future generations, we are thrilled to showcase their accomplishments and dedication to their craft. These athletes not only excel in their respective sports, but they also serve as powerful role models for the next generation of Blackfoot talent.

Additionally, in celebration of Women's Day, we are honored to recognize Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina, Superintendent for the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority. Dr. Mai'Stoina's unwavering commitment to education and leadership has had a profound impact on our community, and her recognition is a testament to the strength and resilience of women in leadership roles.

At Aitsiniki, we are proud to highlight the individuals, moments, and stories that shape our culture and community. This issue is a reflection of the hard work, dedication, and pride that make Siksika a place of strength and unity.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating these accomplishments, and we look forward to bringing you more inspiring stories in the months to come.



Siksika Nation News

Trespassing Concerns Regarding Unauthorized Video Filming

PUBLIC NOTICE

Oki Siksika, The Siksika Nation Tribal Administration received several reports from concerned Nation members about a video circulating on YouTube that was filmed in Siksika by non-nation member Cory Morgan, who was not given authorization or a permit to visit Siksika for the purpose of filming. The content of this video

shows this individual filming in various locations while sharing misinformation about First Nations issues and discussing a topic without understanding the history or the nuances of various funding agreements with Indigenous Services Canada. In doing so, he is fostering division and harm.

Trespassing on a reserve or First Nations land is a summary offence

under the Indian Act. Legal action is being explored, and the video has been reported to YouTube for violating community standard guidelines for providing misleading information.

Thank you for working together to keep Siksika Nation safe!!

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY P: 403-734-3815



Cluny 25 Lots Subdivision Remediation Project

Oki Siksika Nation members,

We wanted to let you know about an upcoming project in the Cluny 25 Lots Subdivision to improve surface water drainage. This project is an important step in ensuring long-term infrastructure stability in the community.

Project Overview Dunwald and Fleming Enterprises Ltd. has been contracted to complete Earthworks and culvert remediation for this project (Job# 20250211). The goal is to enhance drainage systems to prevent water buildup and improve overall land conditions.

This project is a collaborative effort between Siksika Housing, Siksika Engineering, and Siksika Public

Works to ensure proper planning, coordination, and execution of the work.

Safety Measures Community safety is our top priority. Open excavations will be carefully monitored, and access to work areas will be restricted to prevent any risks. All work will be carried out in compliance with strict safety protocols.

Completion: Expected to continue into Summer 2025 While some disruptions may occur, we are committed to minimizing inconvenience and completing the work efficiently.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to

improve the infrastructure in your community.

Contact Information For any questions or concerns, please contact:

Siksika Housing Department Email: housing@siksikanation.com Phone: 403-734-5200

Siksika Public Works Phone: 403-734-2912

Dunwald and Fleming Enterprises Ltd. Brendan Costello, Project Manager

Email: brendan_costello@dunwaldandfleming.com

Siksika Nation Tribal Administration Home Ownership Program

PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested in buying a home from Siksika Housing and renovating it? Homeownership and Money Management sessions are available. With Scott Flamand of Flamand Management Services and Nelson Breaker, Siksika First Nation Market Housing Fund (FNMHF) Administrator.

Sessions taking place Wednesday, April 16th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Thursday, April 17th, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Siksika Band Office.

For more information, contact: Nelson Breaker, Siksika Treasury nelsonb@siksikanation.com 403-734-4368



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Siksika Nation Seeks Community Input on Cemetery Upgrade Project

Public Notice

Siksika Public Works, in collaboration with the Arcadis team, is embarking on an important initiative to enhance and beautify the eleven cemeteries within the Nation. The Cemetery Upgrade Project will begin with a pilot phase at Crowfoot Cemetery. The goal is to create welcoming, functional spaces that honor Siksika heritage and values. Community Engagement & Feedback

Arcadis, a global leader in sustainable design and engineering, is developing a Concept Plan for the Crowfoot Cemetery. This long-term

blueprint will reflect community priorities and ensure that traditions, ceremonies, and cultural values remain at the heart of the project. To gather valuable community input, Arcadis has launched a questionnaire to better understand the following:
Important cultural elements in Siksika burial ceremonies
Access and transportation needs
Plot selection and organization
Landscaping preferences
Commemoration features such as memorials or plaques

Siksika Nation members are encouraged to complete the questionnaire and share their insights.

EXTENDED DEADLINE for submissions: April 7th, 2025

Submit responses to: ernie.webster@arcadis.com
Your feedback is crucial in ensuring that this project reflects the values and traditions of the Siksika people. Thank you for your participation in shaping a meaningful, respectful space for our loved ones.



Introducing Our New Communications Coordinator

Shilo Clark is a dynamic media professional, event organizer, and cultural ambassador with a passion for storytelling and community engagement. Currently a host on 104.7 The Nation Station, Shilo brings energy, insight, and a deep connection to Siksika culture and history to the airwaves.

Raised by his Grandmother, Sally Black in Mohkinstsis, she instilled in him a love for culture, community, and hard work.

With years of experience as the Communications Coordinator at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, Shilo played a pivotal role in marketing, social media management, and event coordination. Their expertise in public relations and digital outreach contributed to the success of major

events, including GlobalFest, the Prairie Chicken Dance World Championship, and the Blackfoot Treaty Commemoration Week.



Beyond communications, Shilo has been deeply involved in cultural preservation and education, previ-

ously working as a tour guide and artifact document manager. His work helped bridge historical narratives with modern audiences, ensuring the stories of the Blackfoot people remain alive and impactful. In addition to media and cultural work, Shilo has a keen interest in IT, event planning, and public speaking, often serving as an emcee and presenter for community and national events.

His ability to connect with diverse audiences, both on-air and in person, makes him a great voice to have in media and cultural spaces.

When not behind the mic or organizing events, Shilo enjoys engaging in research, gaming, and exploring new creative projects.

Free Banff Park Pass for Siksika Nation Members

We are pleased to offer free Banff National Park Access Passes to all registered Siksika Nation members aged 18 and over. Important Information: The pass provides free access to Banff National Park but does not cover parking, camping, or other services.

Passes do not expire. However, a \$35.00 fee applies for replacements. Passes can be picked up at the Siksika Nation Tribal



Administration building from the front main receptionist.

Requirements:

A short form must be completed.

Valid identification is required at the time of pick-up.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact (403) 734-5100.

PROTECTING OUR SACRED SITES:

HONOURING OUR HISTORY

Our land holds important stories and traditions that have been passed down for generations. For Siksika, protecting sacred places is about respecting our history and honoring the spirits of our ancestors. As time moves forward, it is more important than ever to keep these special places safe.

One of these sacred sites is the Chief Crowfoot Cemetery. This cemetery is a place of great meaning for our people. Siksika Public Works, in collaboration with the Arcadis team is now working on a plan to guide its future. This plan will help make sure the cemetery remains a place of respect and tradition for years to come. In addition to Chief Crowfoot Cemetery, the plan looks to enhance and beautify the eleven cemeteries within Siksika. The Cemetery Upgrade Project will begin with a pilot phase at Crowfoot Cemetery. Planned improvements include Parking facilities, Pathways, Lighting, Fencing, and Landscaping.

These upgrades will help create a welcoming and peaceful space for families to honor their loved ones while preserving the cultural and spiritual importance of these sites.



Arcadis wants to hear from the Siksika people to understand what traditions should be included in this plan and recently sent out a questionnaire to the Nation for important feedback. This will help keep

our ways alive and ensure our ancestors are honored properly.

Siksika Nation is home to many sacred places that hold deep spiritual meaning. Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, where Treaty 7 was signed in 1877, stands as one of the most significant. Nearby, Old Sun Residential School Site remains a place of remembrance, honoring those who endured the hardships of the residential school system. Of course, Castle Mountain - Miistukskoowa, in Banff National Park, served as a site for ceremonies and vision quests for the Blackfoot Confederacy. Writing-on-Stone Áísínai'pi, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site where petroglyphs and pictographs tell the stories of Blackfoot history, spirituality, and teachings. Chief Crowfoot's Campsite marks the land where he and his people lived before and after the signing of Treaty 7.

Keeping these sites safe is about more than just protecting the land—it is about keeping our culture strong. We must work together to make sure these places are respected and passed down to future generations.

Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina

Honored with King Charles III Coronation Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Education

By Tyrone Sitting Eagle with photos from the KTCEA

Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina, Superintendent for the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority, is being recognized for her outstanding hard work through The King Charles III Coronation Medal Program. This program was established by the Government of Canada to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Dr. Mai'Stoina, along with 30,000 other outstanding individuals, is being awarded. Among the 474 individuals from Alberta receiving this honor, Dr. Mai'Stoina is one of them, having been nominated by Demetrios Nicolaidis, the Minister of Education for Alberta.

Dr. Mai'Stoina, has dedicated 36 years to the field of education, working and collaborating with numerous organizations. Currently, she sits as the Superintendent for the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority. Here, the KTCEA oversees administration of four Cree First Nations communities in north-central Alberta, from kindergarten to Grade 12. This ensures that nīhiyāwīwin (Cree) is supported by education through Cree Language and Land based learning. Additionally, she has spent numerous years working with O'Chiese First Nation and Siksika and has also

worked in British Columbia overseeing their special education. In turn,

University of Calgary. Here she Majored in education and minored in special education.



Recognition of Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina, highlighting her outstanding contributions to education and cultural preservation, celebrating her achievements

now, Dr. Mai'Stoina is celebrating her 36th year in education.

Dr. Mai'Stoina's educational journey began at Old Sun College, fostering her passion, she later then applied to the education program at the

After earning her Bachelor of Education in 1989, Mai'Stoina began working with the Siksika Nation, which had recently taken control of its education system and was in the process of establishing schools throughout the community. At Chief Old Sun, she developed specialized programs for children with exceptional needs and later becoming the Vice Principal.

Dr. Mai'Stoina then furthered her education by attaining her mas-

ter's in educational leadership and special education, and then shortly after, became the assistant superintendent for the Siksika Board of Education and eventually became the superintendent with a 23-year period of working with Siksika Nation.

does, Dr. Mai'Stoina was also a part of the Horn Society, captured to be the women for the leader bundle with Chris Mchugh, and Herman Yellow Old Women. This was an exciting time for her as the Akoka'tsin was gone for long time.



In conclusion, Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina serves as the Superintendent for the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority. She has achieved numerous accomplishments, demonstrating great dedication and hard work in both educational and cultural fields. Through her efforts, she is paving the way for young aspiring young Black-foot women.

Dr. Mai'stoina has done other work such as teaching as a professor for the Black-foot Language program at Old Sun College. During that time, she attained her doctorate in educational leadership in 2014.

Alongside the work that she



GAME NIGHT WITH THE CALGARY HITMEN

Story by Jasmine Majoros with photos by Edna Many Heads



The 5th Annual Every Child Matters game took place on March 9, 2024, at the Scotiabank Saddledome. As with every year, it was a success, with many community members showing up to cheer on the Calgary Hitmen. It was especially a big success this year, as there were a few firsts happening with this game. The Hitmen won their first game since beginning their Every Child Matters relationship with Siksika. Another first was for Siksika Media, as it was their first time broadcasting the game live on their own through the nation's radio station.

The U11 Siksika Buffalos skated in as flag carriers to kick off the opening ceremony, alongside the U11 Winterhawks and CanSkate as the benchwarmers and five tunnel. A special dance demonstration took

place during one of the intermissions, with one performer for each category: Women's & Men's Traditional: Joset Melting Tallow and Calvert Jr. Wolf Child; Women's & Men's Fancy: Sheadon Wolf and Joey Big Tobacco; Men's & Youth Chicken: Frank Sitting Eagle and Cota Big Snake (also a Jr. Boys World Champion); Women's Jingle: Jenni Rose Sitting Eagle; and Grass: Josh Cardinal.

Siksika looks forward to the Hitmen game every year, as this relationship represents the support and reconciliation not only for the people of Siksika but all Indigenous communities. It's a chance for everyone to come together to express, with great gratitude, the importance of Indigenous resilience.





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SELENA MAGUIRE SIGNS WITH THE RED DEER QUEENS

By Andrew Breaker

Selena Maguire is from Siksika and Piikani Nation, her parents are Keisha and Leon Maguire, her grandparents are Delia McMaster, Alvin Yellowfly, and Doug Yellowhorn on her mother side. Her grandparents on her father's side are Joyce Royal and Dale Yellowfly. Selena is currently upgrading at Old Sun Community College, but she will be playing basketball at the Red Deer Polytechnic College in the fall. At the age of three, Selena began participating in sports, and she has participated in track and field, basketball, volleyball, and hockey throughout her life. Her experiences with these have primarily come from both of her families, notably with her parents. While she was growing up, she had a family of athletes who attended different colleges to reach their goals, these experiences have made a difference for Selena. Selena's parents who still play the sports they love have left an impact on Selena's journey, she mentioned she wouldn't have been here without the support and love she's gotten from her parents.

This fall, Selena can't wait to play basketball at Red Deer College. Selena is appreciative of this opportunity from her coaches, Craig Many Guns and Avery Harrison, who will be mentoring her starting in the fall. Since the North American Indigenous Games, Selena and



Avery have talked about Selena coming to Red Deer last year, when Selena thought she wasn't ready for collegiate basketball. During that period, Selena's mindset was all over the place; she felt unprepared, and her mental state was poor. She hopes that everything goes according to plan this year, winning the league and traveling to Montreal like coach Avery instructed. Selena will participate in open studies at school before deciding what she wants to do the following year.

"I just want to thank coach Avery and Craig for giving me this opportunity, for believing in me when I didn't. Giving someone

motivation can either go one way or another, but it really depends on who you are as a person and how you process it. Nobody should feel ashamed getting motivation from someone. You should take in that motivation and bring it to your game. Write any positive thoughts through the day, credit yourself for the small things, have time for yourself, and be grateful you are here today. Whatever you set your mind to, do it, look at me now, I'm off to college for basketball because this is what I wanted to do."

Selena Maguire on giving motivation to someone to try to be like her.

MARCH MADNESS HOCKEY JACKPOT TOURNAMENT

By Andrew Breaker

Desmond Red Crow is from Siksika Nation, and his parents are Alice Medicine Shield and the late Darcy Red Crow. He works for himself at the moment. Since there haven't been any hockey tournaments for players aged 18 and up in Siksika for a while, Desmond had an idea

determining how much ice Desmond would require for the jackpot competition.

The vast majority of the feedback that Desmond received was positive. The primary objective that Desmond was

the finals were close, the tempo was good, and the benches were filled. After battling back door all day, Team 4 emerged victorious in the finals. Team 4 consisted of Brandon Good Eagle as the goaltender, Dryden Jerry, Andrew Breaker, Billie



that originated from the desire to revive hockey competitions on the nation. This competition, which coincided with the volleyball jackpot tournament, was held from March 7th to March 9th to kick off March Madness in Siksika.

Desmond received assistance from Mikey Water Chief and Hadley Many Heads in organizing this event, collecting fees, and ensuring that everything proceeded according to plan. The sponsors of this tournament were Sheldon Scalplock and David Wells. Desmond appreciated the poster that was made by Jayde McGilvery. Jody Labelle and Richard Running Rabbit were instrumental in



attempting to accomplish with this event was for everyone to have fun.

Particularly in the playoffs, most of the games were evenly matched in strength. Team 4, the eventual victors, emerged victorious in a high-scoring overtime match that decided the match before the finals. The game was settled by two goals,

Breaker, Coleman Daniels, Jordel Melting Tallow, Kolby Blackhorse, Merik McMaster, Maven McMaster, Deelan Doore, Phoenix Running Rabbit, Levitt Ayoungman, Brooker Pretty Young Man, Mugsy Red Crow, Dustin Daniels, Raylene Cutknife, and Dusten Gossfeld.

"I do want to make something bigger and better for the adults. It was awesome that March Madness included adults in all sports this year. I remember playing in the first annual tourney. Now it's on the thirteenth year. I look forward to many years of this event. It sure brings the community together in a healthy way."

DEERFOOT SPORTSPLEX TAKING ON EXPANDING HOSTING DUTIES

By Tyrone Sitting Eagle

In recent years, the Siksika Deerfoot Sportsplex has seen an increase in many hockey games that have been hosted at its facility. Although the Nation has many members who play for Siksika, there are also a lot who play for non-nation teams. The recent engagement with other teams requesting to use the Sportsplex comes from the focus and support they want to show for Nation members who play at high levels of hockey outside of Siksika. Although the games that are hosted provide entertainment, it also shows the testament, growth and presence of Siksika's Hockey players in provincial and national arenas.

Currently, Siksika is represented by several talented players across different age levels and teams. Players such as Kolt Calfrobe and Kenny Erminskin (Breaker), who play for the U18AA Wheatland Chiefs, while Keaton Labelle competes with the Wheatland Raiders U16AA team. Additionally, young athletes like Kessel WhiteQuills/Medicineshield are competing at the U11AA level. These players, along with many others, have earned spots on elite

teams, showcasing the bright future of hockey in Siksika. We also want to recognize recent minor hockey graduates like Anson McMaster, Ryder Many Grey Horses, Kage Wells, and Trygve Many Guns, who have paved the way for future talent. Furthermore, Emery Medicineshield, Emma LaBelle, and Pheonix Big

Siksika and show their support.

As the community continues to support youth, the Deerfoot Sportsplex is enhancing its facilities. With future plans to upgrade the ice plant with the conclusion of the current season, the maintenance team is dedicated to ensuring that the quality of the ice is exceptional.



Photo from chl.ca

As well, with teams throughout Alberta, such as the Calgary Hitmen of the Western Hockey League (WHL), and the Calgary Canucks of the Alberta Junior Hockey League (JHL), have praised the facilities when visiting or playing in

Snake will be proudly representing Siksika with Team Alberta this year in May in Kamloops.

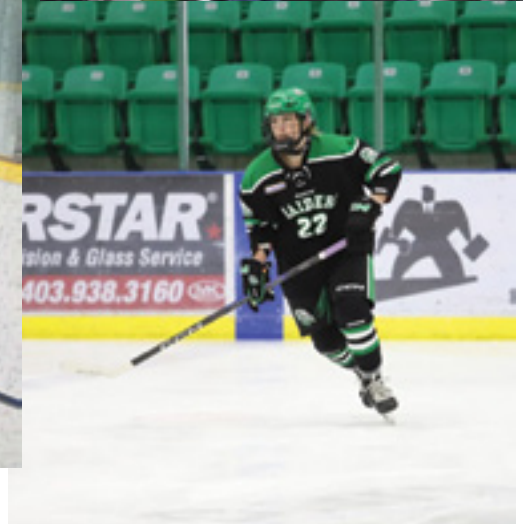
The Treaty Hockey Tournament is a significant event for Siksika, held annually. It offers an opportunity for both Nation members and those from outside the community to come together and compete while representing Siksika. Each year, it's a source of pride for members who don't live on the Nation, to play for

Siksika. With the growing reputation, the Sportsplex is becoming a preferred venue for many, adding to the growing importance of the facility.

There is also a rise in the number of players that are registered with the Siksika Minor Hockey Association (SMHA). With huge support from the SMHA board, Siksika Nation High School (SNHS), and the Siksika Parks and Recreation team, making

for a strong foundation of future growth.

As Siksika's hockey continues to flourish, it is undoubtedly more than just a sport, it's about community, culture, and the power of the sport, uniting and inspiring the next generation of Blackfoot athletes. In turn, Siksika is proving itself as a hub, a place where high level athletes have started their journeys into the hockey world and inspire future generations to lace up their skates and do what others have before them.



Ready



TO TOUCH GRASS AGAIN

Honoring Siksika Women on International Women's Day

Story and photos by Edna Many Heads

Siksika Women's Day, held on March 8th at the Siksika Piiksapi Memorial Arbour, was a deeply meaningful event dedicated to honoring the incredible achievements and contributions of Blackfoot women. This special day was not just a celebration of women but also a reaffirmation of the respect and reverence with which women are held within the Siksika Nation and Blackfoot culture.

The event featured two distinguished keynote speakers, Vivian Ayoungman and Natalie Starlight Fraser, who shared their wisdom, experience, and insights with the attendees. Their speeches were a reminder of the power, resilience, and leadership that women embody, both in the past and present.

In addition to the powerful speeches, the event highlighted and honored various Blackfoot women for their exceptional work, showcasing their contributions in a range of fields and community efforts. This acknowledgment was not only a celebration of individual achievement but also a reminder of the vital roles women play in shaping and strengthening their communities.



For the Siksika Nation, women are revered as sacred beings, and their role in cultural traditions, family, and society is deeply significant. They are seen as the backbone of the community, with their strength, wisdom, and nurturing spirit playing an essential role in preserving and passing on the teachings and traditions of the Blackfoot people. Women's leadership, resilience, and contributions are vital to the continuity and flourishing of the culture,

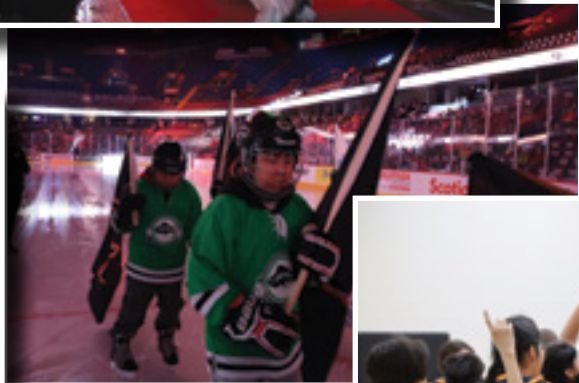
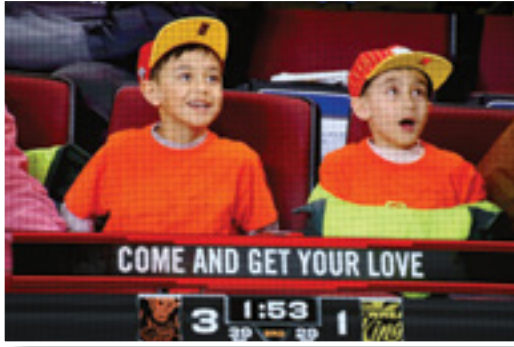
and events like Siksika Women's Day serve to honor that invaluable presence.

In Blackfoot culture, women hold a place of high regard, and this event was a celebration of their ongoing legacy, their hard work, and their leadership. It was not only a moment of recognition but also an affirmation of the continued importance of uplifting and supporting women in all walks of life.



PEOPLE, PLACES AND FACES





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WORD SEARCH

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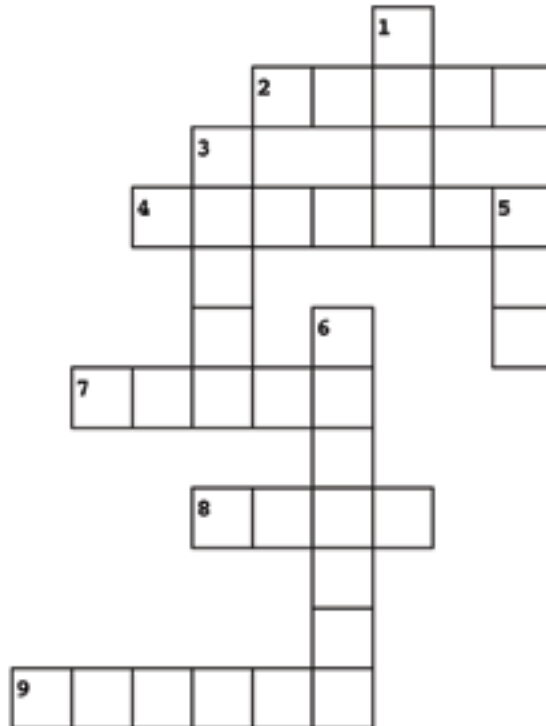
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Across

- 2. Earth is the _____ planet from the sun
- 4. The opposite of past
- 7. The longest bone in the human body
- 8. A song sung in church
- 9. The capital of Ireland

Down

- 1. A walk uphill
- 3. An object that can create
- 5. A drink made from dried l
- 6. A shade of red



SIKSIKA HOROSCOPES

MAANSTOVI (JANUARY)

REST IS ESSENTIAL. DON'T FEEL GUILTY FOR TAKING TIME TO RECHARGE—YOUR MIND AND BODY NEED IT TO STAY STRONG. USE THIS MOMENT TO SLOW DOWN AND RESTORE YOUR ENERGY. REMEMBER, REST IS NOT A PAUSE IN PROGRESS BUT A NECESSARY PART OF GROWTH.



PIITAIKISOM (FEBRUARY)

EMBRACE THE JOY IN THE PRESENT MOMENT. LIFE ISN'T JUST ABOUT THE HUSTLE—IT'S ABOUT SAVORING THE SMALL, BEAUTIFUL MOMENTS THAT MAKE EACH DAY UNIQUE. ALLOW YOURSELF TO LAUGH, EXPLORE, AND EXPERIENCE THE WORLD WITH AN OPEN HEART. ENJOY THE JOURNEY AND REMEMBER THAT HAPPINESS IS FOUND IN THE NOW, NOT THE FUTURE.



SA'AIKI'SOMM (MARCH)

LUCK IS ON YOUR SIDE. STAY OPEN TO UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITIES AND TRUST THAT THE UNIVERSE IS GUIDING YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. TAKE CHANCES AND STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE—SOMETIMES, FORTUNE FAVORS THE BOLD. EMBRACE THE GOOD ENERGY AROUND YOU AND WATCH HOW THINGS ALIGN IN YOUR FAVOR.



MATSIYIKKAPISAIKI'SOMM (APRIL)

FAMILY CONNECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT NOW. REACH OUT TO LOVED ONES AND NURTURE THOSE BONDS THAT KEEP YOU GROUNDED. WHETHER IT'S A QUICK MESSAGE OR A LONG CONVERSATION, STAYING CONNECTED WILL BRING WARMTH AND SUPPORT. REMEMBER, FAMILY IS YOUR FOUNDATION, AND THEIR LOVE STRENGTHENS YOU.

ITAINSIMOPI (MAY)

TRUST IN YOUR RESILIENCE. JUST LIKE A HERO FACING OVERWHELMING ODDS, YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH WITHIN YOU TO OVERCOME ANY CHALLENGE. KEEP PUSHING FORWARD, EVEN WHEN THE PATH SEEMS UNCLEAR—YOUR PERSEVERANCE WILL LIGHT THE WAY. REMEMBER, THE GREATEST VICTORIES OFTEN COME AFTER THE TOUGHEST BATTLES.



IITAWAKOKATSUPI (JUNE)

BELIEVE IN YOUR POWER. CONFIDENCE IS THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS NEW POSSIBILITIES. TRUST IN YOUR ABILITIES, EVEN WHEN DOUBT TRIES TO CREEP IN—YOU HAVE EVERYTHING IT TAKES TO SUCCEED. WALK BOLDLY, KNOWING THAT YOUR BELIEF IN YOURSELF IS YOUR STRONGEST ASSET.



SOOTAIKOM (JULY)

PRIORITIZE YOUR MENTAL WELL-BEING. REST IS ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR MIND, JUST AS MUCH AS IT IS FOR YOUR BODY. DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE BREAKS WHEN YOU NEED THEM—MENTAL CLARITY COMES FROM MOMENTS OF STILLNESS. ALLOW YOURSELF THE TIME TO RECHARGE AND NURTURE YOUR INNER PEACE.



IITAPOHKYAKIUPI (AUGUST)

NURTURE YOUR CONNECTIONS. RELATIONSHIPS THRIVE WHEN YOU GIVE THEM TIME, CARE, AND UNDERSTANDING. WHETHER IT'S A FRIEND, PARTNER, OR FAMILY MEMBER, TAKE A MOMENT TO SHOW APPRECIATION AND STRENGTHEN THOSE BONDS. TRUE CONNECTIONS GROW THROUGH LOVE AND EFFORT, SO INVEST IN THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER MOST.

MO'KAATO'SI (SEPTEMBER)

EMBRACE JOY EVERY DAY. LIFE IS MEANT TO BE LIVED FULLY, SO DON'T WAIT FOR THE PERFECT MOMENT—CREATE IT NOW. SEEK OUT WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY, LAUGH OFTEN, AND SAVOR THE BEAUTY IN THE SIMPLE THINGS. LIVE WITH PASSION AND REMEMBER THAT HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE YOU CAN MAKE TODAY.



IITAMIKSITSIKO (OCTOBER)

EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS. WHETHER NEAR OR FAR, TRAVEL OPENS YOUR MIND AND REFRESHES YOUR SPIRIT. STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE, DISCOVER NEW PLACES, AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN NEW EXPERIENCES. THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR YOU—EMBRACE THE ADVENTURE AND LET IT BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVE.



LISTATO'SI (NOVEMBER)

A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS NOW. LET GO OF WHAT'S BEHIND YOU AND STEP INTO THE FRESH POSSIBILITIES AHEAD. EMBRACE THE UNKNOWN WITH CONFIDENCE—THIS IS YOUR TIME TO GROW AND REINVENT YOURSELF. EVERY NEW START HOLDS THE POTENTIAL FOR GREATNESS, SO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.



NISTAAIKISOM (DECEMBER)

STAY FOCUSED AND KEEP PUSHING FORWARD. YOUR GOALS ARE WITHIN REACH, BUT SUCCESS COMES FROM CONSISTENT EFFORT. DON'T LET SETBACKS DISCOURAGE YOU—EACH STEP YOU TAKE BRINGS YOU CLOSER. BELIEVE IN YOUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS, AND KEEP MOVING WITH DETERMINATION AND PURPOSE.

CLASSIFIEDS

Fresh Routes market
 Every Tuesday 12.00 - 2.00 PM
 Fresh, healthy and affordable fruits and vegetables and other grocery items
 For more information: freshroutes.ca

Employment Opportunity
 Siksika Family Services Corporation
 Accounts Payable Clerk
 Siksika
 Permanent full-time
 Highschool graduate or GED required
 1-year previous File Clerk experience is an asset
 1-year accounts payable and general
 Resumes and cover letters should be emailed to hrm@siksikafamilyservices.com
 Please quote Job Title on your cover letter

2025 IELCC Symposium
 Indigenous Early Learning & Child Care
 May 22 - 23
 Deerfoot Inn & Casino, Mohkinstsis
 Hosted by Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council
 Open to the Early Learning Community: frontline workers, parents, managers/directors and leadership
 Contact:
 587.287.1100
info@blackfootconfederacy.ca

Kimapiiyitssini Grief & Loss Support Group
 Every second Tuesday at the Siksika Health & Wellness Centre
 Call Home Care at 403-734-5695 to register, and to request transportation in advance

Siksika Addictions Program
 NA Meeting
 Thursdays from 7.00 PM to 8.00 PM
 Siksika Health & Wellness Centre
 Contact: 403.734.5687

Career Employment Counselling
 Job search, mobility program, skill enhancement, individual funding and more!
 Book your appointment today and start your journey
 For more information:
 403-734-5136
employment@siksikafamilyservices.com

Old Sun Community College
 Post Secondary Student Support Program
 Financial assistance for registered treaty members with Post-secondary acceptance
 Includes eligible costs for tuition, books and monthly living allowance
 Deadline for applications:
 June 15 (Fall start)
 October 15 (Winter start)
 Application available at oldsuncollege.ca

EXPRESSION
 INDIGENOUS YOUTH PROGRAM

Calling Indigenous youth from ages 8 - 14!
 Join us for a day of cultural experiences that celebrate tradition and innovation.
 Lunch and snacks provided.
 Please show up with appropriate ID for registration.

APRIL 12, 2025 | 10 A.M - 3 P.M.
 SWEETGRASS LODGE, STAMPEDE PARK
 TO REGISTER, VISIT
CALGARYSTAMPEDE.COM/YYP-REGISTRATION
 REGISTER BY FRIDAY, MARCH 29

This program is made possible through a generous gift made by Mr. Bosman, who was very passionate about supporting a program for Indigenous youth to learn and celebrate their cultures in a safe space. We look forward to meeting you.
 Contact: Indigenous@stamperds.com

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 GOVERNMENT SOCIETY

BLACKFOOT SPRING COMMUNITY POST-SECONDARY FAIR

Learn more about post secondary programs that you will have access to!
 Dinner will be provided!
 Hoop Dancer - Tyrone Sitting Eagle!

Thursday
 April 17, 2025

Time
 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location
 Siksika Nation High School, Siksika AB

JOIN US

403.308.8579
goings@blackfootcommunity.ca

**HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP?
 JOB POSTING YOU'D LIKE TO ADVERTISE?
 SEND IT TO US
MEDIA@SIKSIKANATION.COM**

SIKSIKA SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

HIGH SCHOOL & ADULT EDUCATION POST-SECONDARY
DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY APRIL 11, 2025

Applications can be picked up at SETS or request copy by email.

- Must be 15 Years of Age
- Social Insurance Number Required
- Active Bank Account
- Application, Cover Letter and Resume Required
- No Incomplete or Late Applications will be accepted

Contact Us:
 Carole Ann Beckett
 Youth Employment Coordinator
carolab@siksikafamilyservices.com
 587-433-2170

Siksika Addictions Program
 AA Meeting
 Thursdays from 7.00 PM to 8.00 PM
 Siksika Health & Wellness Centre
 Contact: 403.734.5687

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