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# PIIKANI NATION NEWSLETTER



# PIIKANI NATION

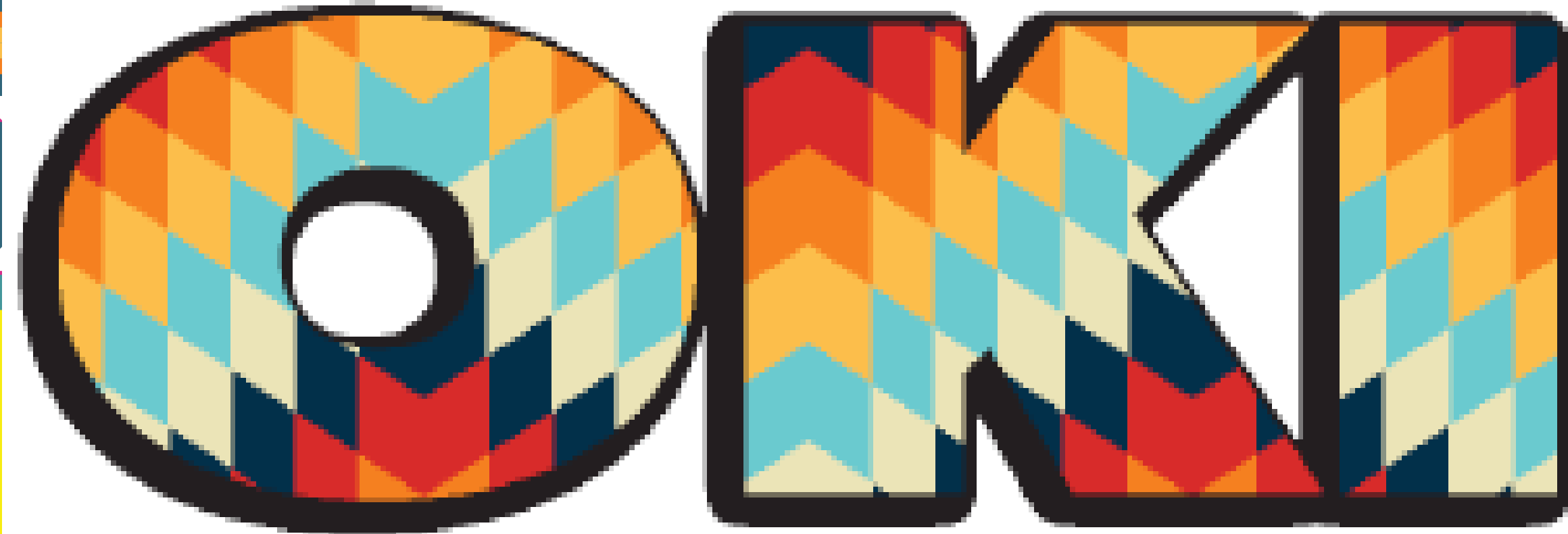
# 66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION

AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup>

CROWLODGE PARK  
BROCKET, AB



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### *From Chief Troy Bossman Knowlton*

Spring has finally arrived and with it comes change, good news and some political news for our Nation and for all First Nations people in Alberta.

First, funding for our school has been secured and we will soon be underway. Needless to say, this is a major milestone for us, for our young people and for young people generations to come. This facility will encourage learning in a setting that is modern, yet still reflects our history and culture. There were so many people responsible to making this dream a reality – I cannot name them all here. But you are all owed many thanks from our entire Nation.

Progress is being made on the opioid crisis. Let me be clear, we are nowhere near solving this problem, but we have taken real and

meaningful steps towards that goal. The curve of addiction and death is being flattened. We can all feel that I'm sure. Medical detox beds are coming, and your Council is working hard to get more resources to direct at this, our most fundamental challenge.

As you may have seen, there is a movement in Alberta to get a question on the next election ballot for the separation of Alberta from Canada. I, along with other Confederacy Chiefs and Chiefs across Alberta have been very clear with the Government of Alberta and will Albertans. The answer is "no". The Treaties mean there is no option for separation of Alberta from Canada without the consent of Treaty Nations.

Our Treaties pre-date Confederation and cannot be ignored. I will keep you posted on further political developments as they arise. Rest assured though, we will never abandon our duty to uphold our Treaty and the

obligations they impose.

As you may have seen, the Alberta Energy Regulator has approved the testing phase for the Grassy Mountain Mine. Remember, this is not approval of the mine, but only feasibility testing. We have agreed to support testing, so that we can see and reflect on the data that testing reveals. Once we have that information, we will come back to you for discussions on how Piikani should proceed to either support or oppose that project.

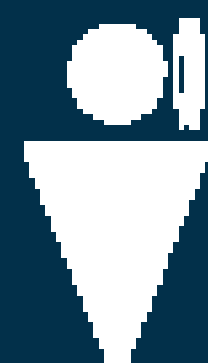
More major news is coming, including on potential land claim settlements. I will provide that information as soon as it becomes available.

Thanks to all the departments for their work, and for updating you via this newsletter. Enjoy spring, spend time with your families and in nature. I look forward to chatting with as many of you as I can through the spring and into the summer.



# NAPI'S PLAYGROUND ELEMENTARY 2025 GRADUATING CLASS

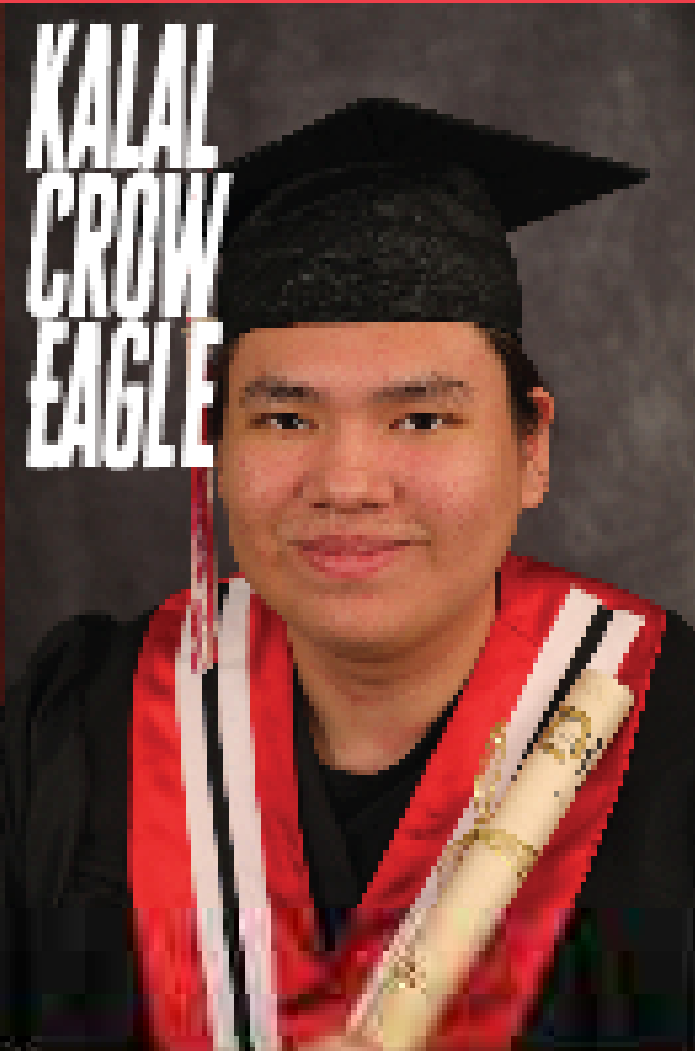
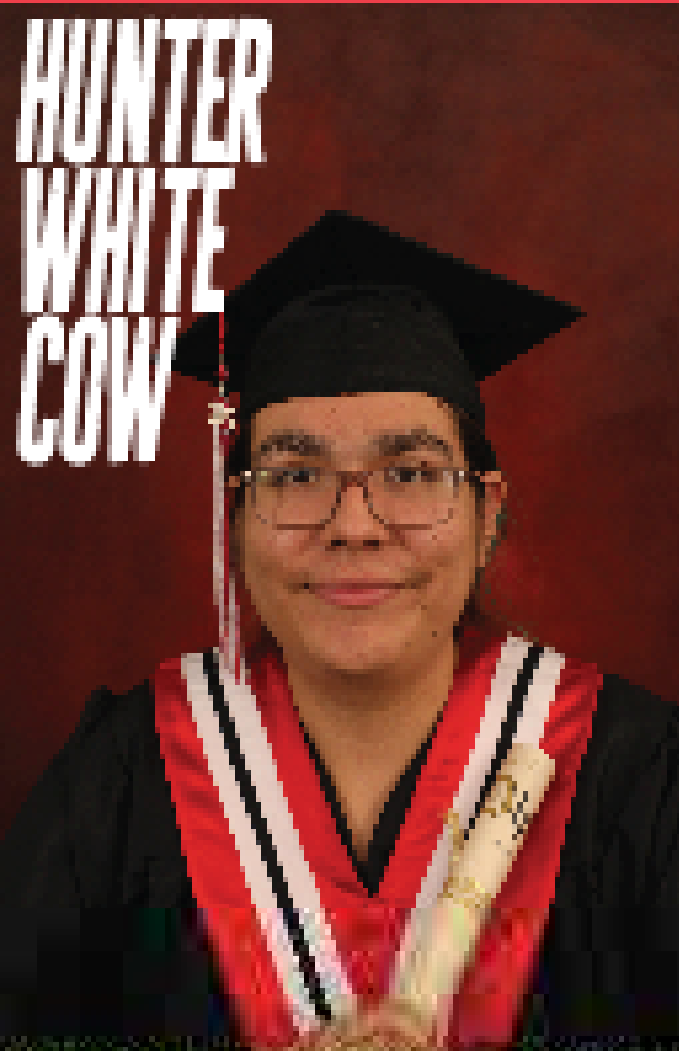
You have all worked so hard and earned the recognition from all of us!  
We take much pride in celebrating this milestone with you.  
We love you and we are very proud of you.





# PIIKANI NATION SECONDARY SCHOOL 2025 GRADUATES

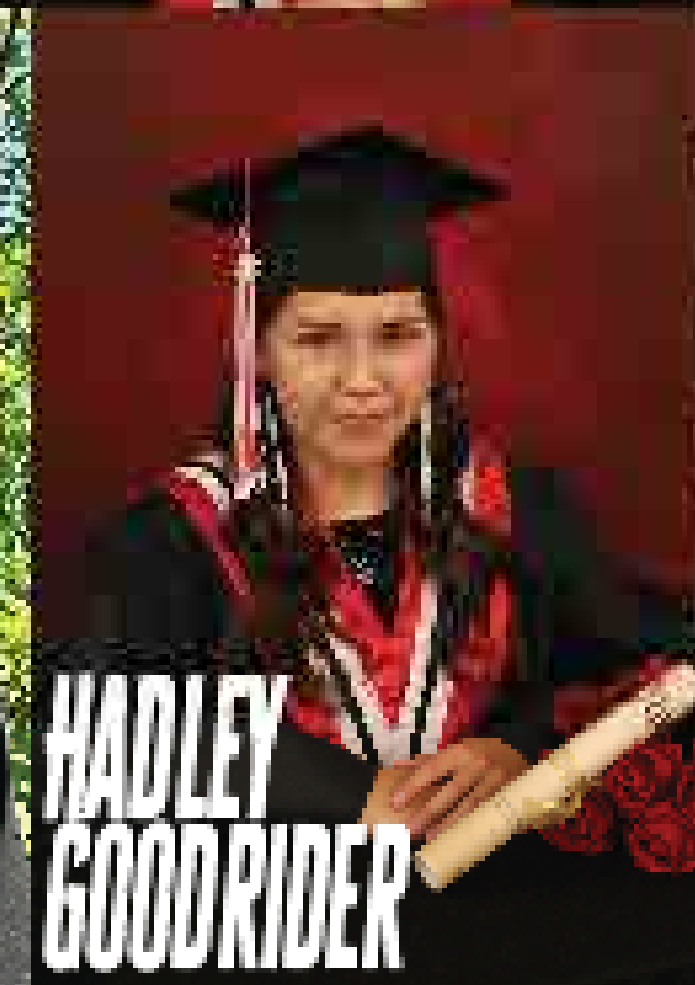
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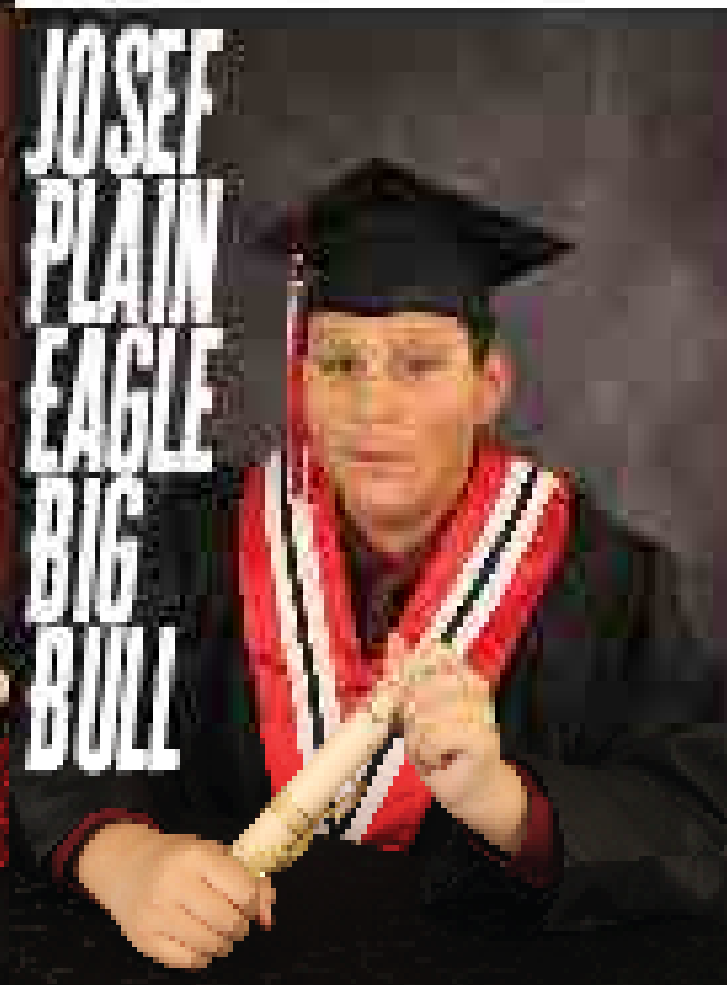
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BULL

## *From the Piikani Nation Secondary School Principal*

This year at Piikani Nation Secondary School has been one of growth, success, and cultural pride. A major highlight was our international student trip to Europe, including a powerful visit to Vimy Ridge, where students connected with history in a meaningful way. We are proud to celebrate five graduates who have successfully completed their diploma requirements to date, with more expected to follow this June.

Our athletics program thrived, with four volleyball and four basketball teams competing throughout the year. Two of these teams brought

home league medals, showcasing the talent and dedication of our student-athletes and coaches. Academically, both junior high and high school expanded their offerings with new option classes, including the launch of a culturally grounded Food Sovereignty Program.

PNSS also hosted four successful Resiliency Weeks, each with its own theme: Health and Wellness, Arts and Drama, STEM, and Outdoor Learning. These weeks provided hands-on learning and strengthened our students' sense of identity and purpose.

Cultural teachings remained at the heart of our school community. We held several Blackfoot Language and Culture ceremonies, including two buffalo harvests, a face painting ceremony,

an all-night smoke, a beaver bundle opening, and continued our award-winning, Greenhouse Sweetgrass Project.

As we prepare for the next school year, we kindly remind families that student registrations must be submitted as soon as possible to help us plan effectively. Thank you to all staff, students, families, and community members for your continued support throughout this incredible year.

**Leo West**

*Piikani Nation Secondary School Principal*



## *From Piikani Outreach Academy*

### Our Mission

At Piikani Outreach Academy, we are committed to empowering Piikani Nation members to achieve their high school diplomas through accessible and personalized education. Our adult education program is specifically tailored for individuals aged 19 and over who are working towards completing their high school diplomas. Whether you are just starting or need only a few credits to finish, we provide personalized graduation plans to help you meet your academic goals.

### Our Focus

Our focus is exclusively on high school diploma attainment. While we aim to provide comprehensive support, please note that we do not currently offer certificate programs or basic literacy and numeracy skills. Our program is designed to support both adults and high school-aged students in achieving their diplomas, ensuring they have the guidance and resources necessary to succeed within their community and beyond.

### Graduation Ceremony 2025

On Monday, June 23, 2025, the Piikani Outreach Academy will be hosting our first graduation ceremony at the Heritage Inn Hotel & Conference Centre in Pincher Creek, Alberta. This event marks a significant milestone for our graduates and our community.

### Celebrating Our Graduates

We are thrilled to present diplomas to Isabelle Bastien, Trudy Crow Eagle, and Anne McDougall. These graduates have demonstrated exceptional dedication and resilience throughout their academic journeys. Their hard work and commitment to their studies have not only prepared them for future challenges but have also inspired their peers and community.

The achievements of our graduates are a testament to the unwavering support of their families, educators, and the entire community, who have rallied around them throughout this journey. As we celebrate their accomplishments, we are excited to see the positive impacts they will make in the future.

### Important Dates

Graduation Ceremony: Monday, June 23, 2025

Last Day of Classes: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

At Piikani Outreach Academy, we are proud to be a part of our students' educational journeys and are dedicated to supporting them every step of the way. We look forward to continuing to provide support to our learners and celebrating their successes.

2025 GRADUATING CLASSES

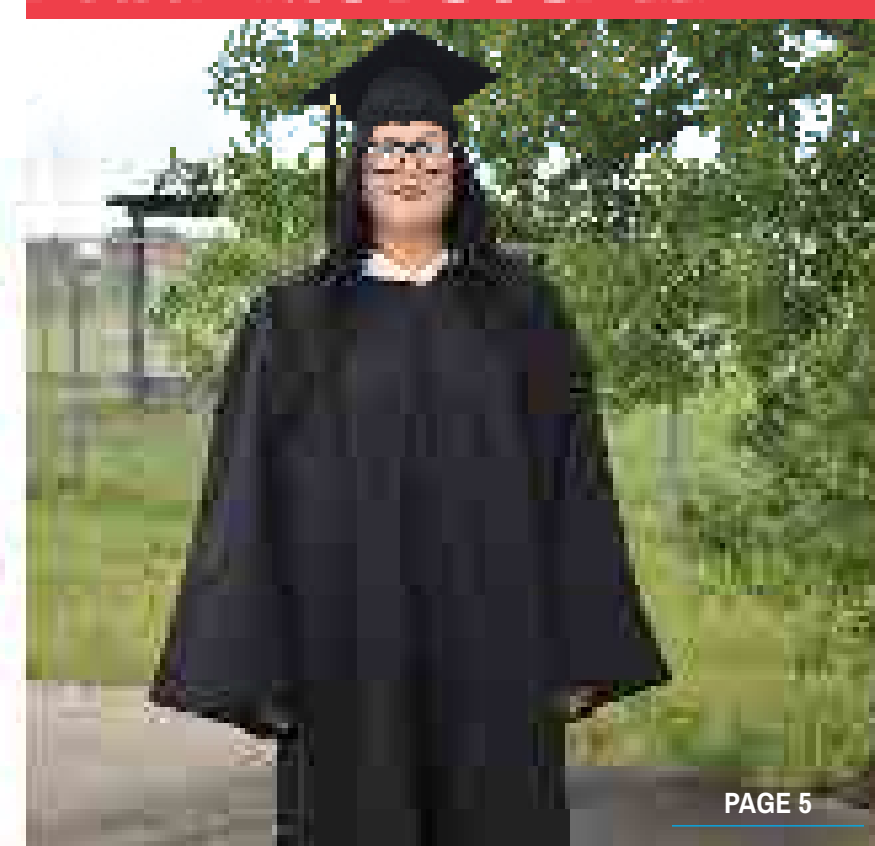
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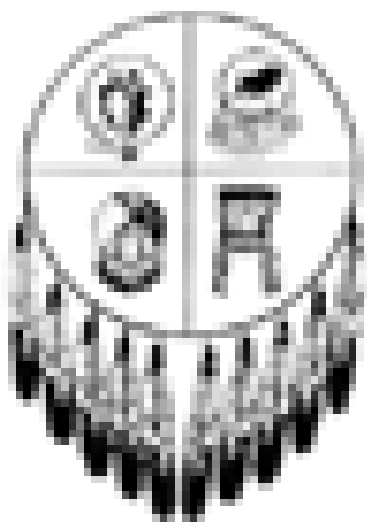


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### *From the Peigan Board of Education Society Chair*

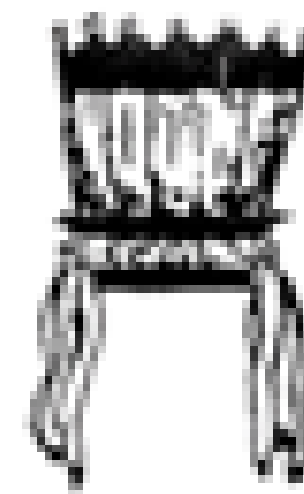
On behalf of the Peigan Board of Education Society Board of Trustees would like to thank the Piikani Nation Community for entrusting your children in Piikani Nation Schools.

Our commitment to offer a first class education system as mandated in our guiding principles continues to be our priority - most importantly by offering the best culturally - enriched educational teachings possible to preserve our way of life as Piikanipaitapiisin.

We continue to look forward to a positive rewarding experience for all and all the best in present and future endeavors.

**Roberta Yellow Horn**

# GRAD PARADE



### *From the Napi's Playground Elementary School Principals*

Oki Niiksikowaiks,

Both Charlton, principal and Irene, vice principal, would like to extend their warmest heartfelt thank you to the Piikani community for welcoming them in their 1st year as new administrators at Napi's Playground Elementary School.

At Napi's Playground Elementary School (NPES) we are heading into our last month of the 2024/2025 school year with many activities taking place from provincial achievement tests (gr.6's) to school wide literacy assessments to year end field trips and year end celebrations.

We are excited and proud to celebrate students who will be graduating and moving forward in their journey to success.

The Kinders (K4/K5) graduation ceremony will take place on June 6th beginning at 10:00am and on June 20th the grade 6 graduation ceremony will also begin promptly at 10:00am.

Please come to the NPES gymnasium for the evening Pow Wow celebration on June 20th to celebrate with us.

Lastly, the last day for K4 class is on June 20th and the last day of classes for the rest of the school (K5-grade 6) is on June 25th.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer from all of the staff and student body at Napi's Playground Elementary School!





Councilor Cynthia Provost Awarded Honorary Doctorate of Laws

Every year, Mount Royal University awards Honorary Doctor of Laws to individuals whose achievements reflect the highest ideals of leadership, service and vision. This year, Councilor Provost has earned this esteemed regard.

From Mount Royal University:

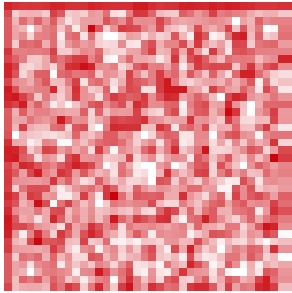
Cynthia Provost is a respected leader from Piikani First Nation who has made significant contributions to both law enforcement and Indigenous communities in Calgary and beyond.

In 1997, she became the first Blackfoot woman to join the Calgary Police Service (CPS), where she dedicated over two decades of duty and distinguished service. As the Indigenous Strategic Engagement Officer, Provost worked to build stronger relationships between the police, community and all people.

Her advocacy and volunteerism for Indigenous rights and social justice was awarded with a pinnacle career appointment to become a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, (M.O.M.), by the Chancellor’s Command in 2019.

In 2023, Provost was elected into Piikani Nation leadership. Her leadership extends beyond her professional work, with past involvement in various organizations, including the City of Calgary, the Calgary Foundation, the Centre for Newcomers, the Calgary Catholic Board of Education, the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Safety, and the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

Scan below to see Mount Royal’s full acknowledgment:



From Councilor Cynthia Provost:

Several months ago, when I learned I would be receiving this award, I was asked this question:

“Can you share a bit about your journey leading up to this point in your career or life? What experiences have been most significant?”

My answer was my journey involving my policing career was based on the foundation of hard work and personal sacrifice from my Great-Grandfather Private Napoleon “Nap” Provost, PPCLI, service to Canada in WWI. Nap enlisted with the 13th Canadian Mounted Rifles arriving in England on July 5, 1916, where they were used to feed drafts in Lord Strathcona’s Horse, Royal Canadian Dragoon, Fort Garry Horse, the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (from family records). Nap served in WWI with his older brother Charles and younger brother



Pierre “Pete” Provost.

Only Nap and Charles would return after fighting at Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, and many other battlefields now legendary in Canadian military history.

My Great Uncle Lance Corporal Pete Provost life sacrifice at twenty-three of age, ended with the 43rd Battalion battles including MOUNT SORREL, SOMME 1916, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens, Drocourt-Queant, the Hindenburg Line and Canal du Nord, and eventually killed in action around Damery during the 100 Days campaign. Pete was awarded a Plaque and Scroll (given to families of soldiers who died during service), the Victory Medal, and the British War Medal (from family records).

In recognizing my Provost history of sacrifice for our country’s ideals, to live strong and free, I felt lucky to carry this noble legacy forward as a police officer. I wanted to ensure I personally understood the meaning behind LEST WE FORGET and help to grow beyond the stories we read in school and step into a lifetime of public service to do my part in helping people.

The most profound experience I have had to date was when my Calgary Police Service partner and I were first on-scene for a 911

call. We worked together keeping the scene safe and administering CPR to save a human life. I compared this day to what my Great-Grandfather Nap and my uncles Charles and Pete and what they faced on the battlefields. That day, I felt their strength.

I was asked another question:

“What advice would you give to the next generation of students and professionals in your field?”

My answer: The advice I would give to our next generations looking to serve in policing and any first responders is that as Blackfoot and Indigenous people, We ARE Warriors. Learn from Historians such as James Dempsey, who suggests that on the plains particularly, a warrior ethic, is built from centuries of competition and conflict, and remains strong. I would say do not be afraid, our grandmothers and grandfathers have already paved the way. You need only to step into a proud legacy of service.

I am deeply honoured and humbled by this award. It is a privilege to live a life of service and I will continue to do my utmost to show up and do my part for all.



Iitai’taamaopo’p Ltd.

The opening of the newly constructed Iitai’taamaopo’p home in the Piikani Nation has been delayed. During preparations for the opening, Iitai’taamaopo’p has encountered issues that have caused the delay in opening and provision of services.

Piikani Nation Chief and Council, along with external partners and agencies have been working diligently to ensure that the intended services remain the utmost priority.

Iitai’taamaopo’p is a ten-bed home for the youth ages 13-17 years and presently in care under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act.

Employment opportunities will be arising, please continue to visit the Piikani Nation website and social media sites for updates.

Iitai’taamaopo’p Elder & Youth engagement Sessions

In partnership with Seniors New Horizons, Iitai’taamaopo’p Ltd hosted two youth and elder engagement sessions. The sessions included invited elders and students from the schools of Piikani, Fort Macleod and Pincher Creek.

Sessions were filled with stories, gifts, food, and the opportunity to have their faces painted. Students were provided the opportunity to build their own smudge boxes and learn and understand to smudge and the use of sweetgrass, sweet pine and sage.

Iitai’taamaopo’p is excited to host more programs to enrich the youth of their culture, heritage and rich Piikani history and language and preserving those teachings by the knowledge of the elders.







***Lands & Environment***

***Tree Planting in River Valley***

- In 2023 Shakit by TELUS approached Piikani with through collaboration with the Piikani Lands Department on understanding sites and plants of cultural and environmental significance present to Chief and Council a restoration plan in the river valley.
- The restoration program is aimed to rehabilitate 300 hectares of the cottonwood forest in riparian zones with the River valley watershed. In 2024, the project saw 150,000 trees planted – all native species with deep root systems to mitigate erosion ad safeguard the remaining cottonwood system, included as well will be aspen, willows and shrubs. Piikani Nation members were utilized for the planting of the trees employing over 30 members.
- In 2024 – Harvesting of cottonwoods were completed for fall planting approximately 150,000 seedlings for fall planting in 2025.
- 2025 – Spring planting completed 14,000 trees
- 2025 – June – 10,000 white spruce will be planted
- 2025 – September 700,000 Cottonwood, Silverberry, Chokecherry and Willow

***Piikani Growcer Unit – Supii po’o maaksin “In the Spirit of Planting Seeds”***

During the Covid years in partnership with Piikani School and Piikani Lands Department

a multi-year vision was created that would engage local the school and community in learning about food and energy security, traditional plants and methods, how to build and maintain a new community greenhouse and link programming to the rejuvenation of prairie grasslands that together will build biodiversity and adaptive capacity to a rapidly changing world.

By installing a community appropriate hydroponic growing unit and providing training for new positions in the community to operate it was identified through funding by the Piikani Lands Department to send a strong message of hope for the community towards food security as a Phase 1 – Test Project.

Currently we are seeking applications from Piikani Nation Members for this Project, we have contracted Amanda Mendes Fernandes from the Polytech Lethbridge Community College until August to assist with the Growcer.

The week of May 16 the Growcer was Commissioned, and training was provide to staff at the Piikani High School and Lands Department.

An Official Announcing for the Opening of the Growcer Unit to be announced to the Community in the upcoming months.

***Residential School Search Project***

- The Working Group has conducted over 30 interviews with Piikani Nation Residential School Survivors and has participate in the ground search at RS site on the north side and Sacred Heart Residential School

site upcoming will be the St Cyprian’s Residential School Site.

- The Working Group has participated in several open houses to the community on information sharing with the project.

**1. Kamloops Indian Residential School:** September 16th – 19th, 2024

- a. 29 participants attended this trip. Participants included: 16 survivors; 11 helpers & 3 staff.
- b. This trip was arranged for the survivors to become familiar with our work and how the project began (finding of 215 unmarked graves); To begin thinking and collecting ideas of how we can continue our work and commemorate the project.

**2. Truth and Reconciliation Day:** September 30, 2024

- a. This event was quite successful. We began the day gathering at the Community Hall. Elder Survivor, Louise English said some opening remarks about the significance of the day and offered prayers. Knowledge Keeper, Jaron Weasel Bear led with an honor song. Procession began to the Arbour, led by the Piikani Nation Volunteer Fire Fighters and Peigan Public Works.
- b. Followed was a traditional knowledge exchange filled with, a historical narrative was read while we honoured the IRS Survivors’, followed by a feast and dance demonstrations.

**3. Collaboration Meetings:**

- a. October 30th: The Piikani Project team hosted the last collaboration meeting between Kainai and Siksika. These meetings have been helpful in navigating and sustaining the project. All nations look forward to coming together to meet and support one another.
- b. Our meetings discuss resources available, successes and challenges.

**4. Ongoing interviews will continue** and the Ground Penetrating Radar will commence again with the next coming weeks starting at St. Cyprian’s Residential School Site.

**5. All information related to the project is welcome** and appreciated by Nation Members for the Research of the Project.

***Keepers of the Land Project***

- In 2023 the completion of Voice of Resilience was opened at the Cave n Basin in Banff National Park that included all Piikani Nation Members. These stories on were display at the University of Lethbridge for 1.5 years. Due to the success of the project, it will be at the Cave ’n Basin for the next 2 years
- 2025 will be the completion of the Youth Voices of Resilience with students from the Piikani Nation we will showcase the project once it is completed. Project was funded by Red Cross and Resilience Institute.
- Under the authority of Chief and Council; a herd of 16 Innii were transferred to the Dip

they will be part of a grassland restoration project. 15 of the original herd will be kept at the CY Ranch they will manage the remaining herd.

- 6 Beaver Analogs were installed on the east end of the hay-lease to capture water within the existing coulee, these analogs are man-made with natural material; willows, grass etc., They are a part of a water storage project for the Nation, the funding was provided by Cows and Fish organization.

- 4 Composting Units were installed at the Piikani School and Piikani Daycare composting staff were trained to manage the units and have been well received. Funding was provided by Ecotrust Calgary

***The Piikani Lands/Environment was the recipient of the Clean 50 Top Project sponsored by Delta Management Group for “Seeding our Future with Sweetgrass”***

Prior to sample collection, the Piikani Nation and their community partners at the Resilience Institute, hosted a Sweetgrass Partnership Ceremony (September 9, 2022, Piikani Reserve 147 and 147B). The trans-disciplinary team of scientists from the University of Lethbridge, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the Resilience Institute and invited guests joined Elders and other knowledge holders from the Piikani Nation in a traditional tepee where Elder Peter Strikes with a Gun gave a blessing for the collaborative work and expressed how Sweetgrass represented a symbol not just of their history, but of their future (Strikes with a Gun, September 9, 2022).. This Partnership

Ceremony was an essential part of the research method for this study and paved the way for the collection of samples.

Guided by Piikani knowledge holders and students, six grass samples were collected in various locations on the Nation. The students have since taken the initiative to grow sweetgrass for planting in various tributaries and the river valley on the Nation.

***Ongoing Projects***

1. Community Risk Assessment/Climate Change Report to be presented to various focus groups for feedback.
2. Land Use Planning document for review by community.
3. Environmental Management Plan to be reviewed for feedback by Community.
4. Rangeland Health Assessment provided to Nation Members
5. Complete review of expansion on existing cemetery in townsite
6. Continue to monitor and respond to Moratorium place on North Pasture
7. Assist in Projects related to the FEIA in the river valley
8. Funding received for Update on Community Development Plan
9. Discussions regarding Transalta Decommissioning of transmission line Monitoring of activities at the L.N.I.D is continuous with the Environmental Technicians





## Consultation & Traditional Knowledge Services

### Piikani Consultation is Gearing Up for a Busy Field Season

Throughout the year Piikani Consultation meets with various companies who are planning to develop projects that are either new start-ups or are expanding their existing services. The companies come in a variety of different fields and industries and are various stages of development proposed to take place somewhere in our Ancestral territory. In all cases, Piikani Consultation assesses each project to ensure that the companies do not adversely impact Piikani's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, irregardless if the project is near our reserve.

At the current time our office has a full time staff who work in coordination with a team of archaeologists, engineers, scientists and our own elders and knowledge keepers to conduct our studies on the land.

At the present time we are preparing for field work at two mine locations in BC. These are Elk Valley Resources who are proposing to expand their operations in the Fording River Extension Mine and NWP Resources who are proposing the development of the Crown Mountain Mine. We are also conducting an impact to Piikani Rights assessment on the Grassy Mountain Mine. We are also conducting field studies with TC Energy and smaller proponents through the summer.

Piikani Consultation is hosting a 2day community event called Piikani Days on August 11 & 12. The day will encompass Elders Stories, Traditional Games, Environmental And Cultural teachings and door prizes for all of the community to participate. More information to come. If you would like to learn about Piikani Consultation and PTKS and the work we do and/or the projects we are working on, please reach out to us.

### Piikani Nation Habitat Restoration Project

Restoring Habitat for Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Bull Trout, and Lake Sturgeon

The Piikani Nation Consultation Department in collaboration with the Lands Department is restoring the habitat for Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Bull Trout, and Lake Sturgeon in our Nations territory. By combining our Indigenous knowledge, scientific expertise, and community engagement, we have selected sites that are good candidates for restoration and have

been working on them for the past two years.

The main objectives of this project are:

1. Restore and enhance the habitat of Westslope Cutthroat Trout and Bull Trout in the Oldman River watershed.
2. Identify where in the rivers these species are found and locate migration barriers.
3. Incorporate traditional ecological knowledge and practices to guide restoration efforts, recognizing the interconnectedness of land, water, and our culture.
4. Promote community involvement, capacity-building, and employment opportunities within Piikani Nation.

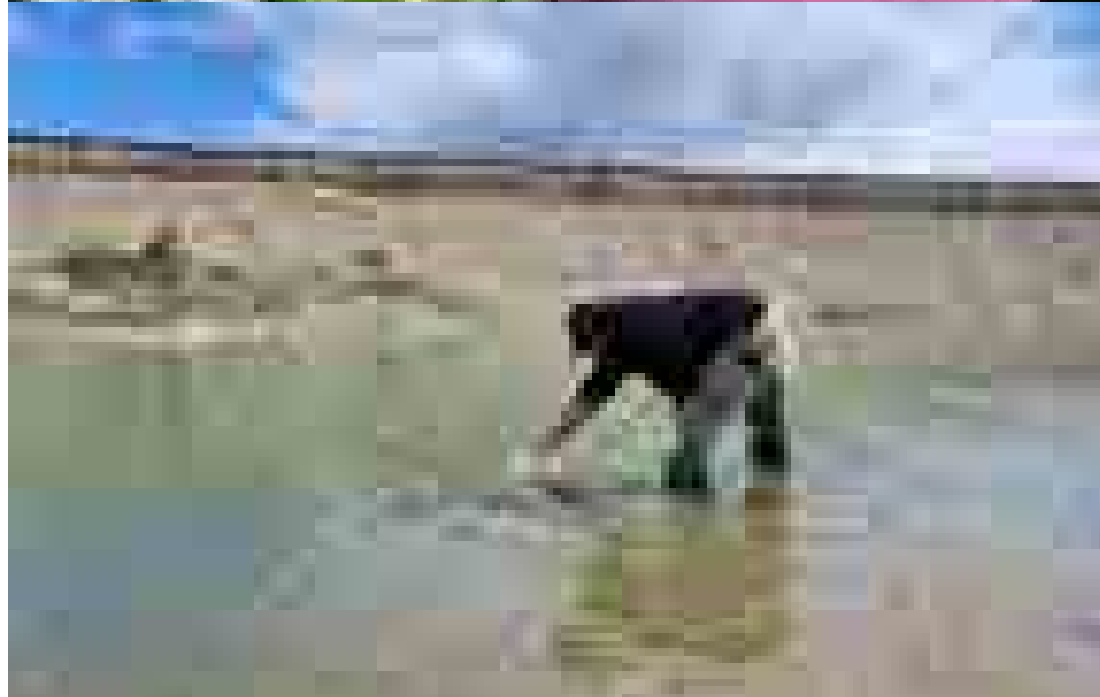
One of the ways we are protecting fish habitat is by installing electric fences to keep cattle out of river valleys and drainages. When cattle go down in the river valleys to feed and drink, they can trample the riverbanks and cause erosion. This soil can get into waters causing algae to grow and choking out spawning areas. Using fences to keep out cattle in strategic areas allows natural vegetation to regenerate which prevents erosion and protects water quality.

We are also helping this natural growth by planting native shrubs and trees such as willows, cottonwoods, and dogwood. We are also planting medicines and other native species such as mint, sage, sweetgrass, wild onions, saskatoons, chokecherries, and strawberries. These species were chosen based on guidance from Elders and land users who know the land well.

We are complimenting the restoration work by using eDNA monitoring to identify where trout and sturgeon are found in the Oldman River and it's tributaries. This cutting edge monitoring technique can be used to identify DNA in the environment so that we know where these important fish are found. By sampling the waters during spawning periods, we can where in the Oldman River watershed that sturgeon and trout are found.

In total we have an area of 225,931 m<sup>2</sup> that has been helped through the restoration efforts. We will be continuing to restore more habitat this year.

This project is funded by the DFO Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk (CNFASAR) program. This is the third and final year of the project (although we will be looking for funding to continue to build on it in the future). We will be holding a community meeting in the fall to share more information. All are welcome to come out to learn and share your knowledge!







### Child & Family Services

Piikani Child and Family Services (CFS)’s Prevention Program - Koko’nnooni “Our Home” fills an essential role in our community by providing services that promote the development and well-being of Piikani children, youth, and families.

On behalf of the Piikani CFS, we invite those who access the Prevention Program - Koko’nnooni “Our Home” to work with us on our common goals, incorporating the following values:

- Mookaahksiin (Commonsense) – We will think critically and act reasonably with our children’s and families’ best interests in mind;
- Ainnnakowa / Inna’kotsiysin / Aaini’yimma (Respect) – We are respectful of the dignity and individual nature of the people;
- Okamo’tsitatiipi (Honesty) – We are truthful in all our decisions and actions;
- Kimmapiiyipitsini (Caring) – We are compassionate and care for our children and families;
- Ninnayawa / Akaa’tsismon (Accountability) – We are responsible and accountable, in a manner that advocates for our children, family and communities.

#### Cultural Support Program Summary:

Our cultural support program is a culturally dedicated service for community members and families to meet, discuss, and learn on the Piikani way of life in scheduled meet-ups, lunches, and dinners.

This program includes services in cultural teachings, scheduled or public ceremonial events, and in-person discussions on the Piikani way of life.

#### Youth Program Summary:

To raise healthy, safe, and proud Piikani Nation Children through engaging in artistic activities, and movement that can significantly enhance physical health. As well as Blackfoot teachings, to give identity that will create belonging in our children.

We aim to nurture connections with children and families by incorporating arts, promoting physical activity, and sharing valuable insights from our elders.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Blackfoot Lunch and Learn Every Wednesday @ PCFS-Prevention Office from 12pm-1pm.
- Indigenous Peoples Day Event @ PCFS-Prevention Office on June 21 from 9am - 3pm.
- Piikani Culture Camp on Piikani Nation from June 23 - 26
- Piikani Traditional Powwow @ Piikani Culture Camp - June 25 from 5pm - 9pm
- Relay Run - Piikani Nation to Chief Mountain on June 19 - All Day Event
- Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program Every Tuesday @ Piikani High School from 3pm - 5pm
- Good Movement Fitness Challenge Every Thursday @ Aakom Kiyi Fitness Centre from 4pm - 6pm
- Good Movement Father’s Day Run & Walk Starting from Crowlodge Arbour on Piikani Nation from 10am - 3pm



### Housing Authority

#### Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Section 95 May 2025 Financial

Note phases 1 and 2 are the only phases that are in repayment.

<b>Phase 1</b>	
Loan	\$2,445,029
Units	11
Cost/Unit	\$222,275
Total Charged	\$6,050
Total Collected	\$1,392
Collection Rate	23%

<b>Phase 2</b>	
Loan	\$3,226,463
Units	14
Cost/Unit	\$222,275
Total Charged	\$9,050
Total Collected	\$2,400
Collection Rate	26.5%

<b>Phase 3</b>	
Loan	\$2,032,880
Units	10
Cost/Unit	\$203,288
Total Charged	\$1,600
Total Collected	-
Collection Rate	0%

<b>Phase 4</b>	
Loan	\$450,400
Units	2
Cost/Unit	\$225,200

<b>Phase 5</b>	
Loan	\$1,029,423
Units	4
Cost/Unit	\$257,355

#### Cost Share

- Intended to assist homeowners with needed repairs to their homes by sharing of the costs.
- The repairs are directly related to the building envelope and the health and safety of the home.
- Typically, PHA covers Labor Costs (these are usually the highest costs) and the homeowner covers the material costs.
- Intent is to have repayment allow for the continuation of repairs throughout the year for all homeowners. With nonpayment, the budget is expended and leaves no opportunities for repairs for other nation members.
- Those with nonpayment agreements will no longer be eligible for this program, this is to provide other nation member with the opportunity to have repairs to their homes.
- *Cost share Budget was set at 20K. There is \$11,897.89 amount still outstanding. Leaving only a 40.54% rate of repayments in the last 3 years. Only \$ 8,108.11 is left in the budget for emergency repairs.*

#### PHA Emergency Services

- Only NO heat, No running water, Septic Issues
- MUST call Piikani Housing Authority Office or Emergency Line for service from PHA
- Homeowners/tenants who call contractors directly are responsible for all costs to the contractors.

#### Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Project

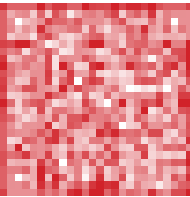
- CMHC Contribution Agreement
- 3-year project, intended to increase affordable rental housing for singles, singles with 1-2 dependents, couples, couples with 1-2 dependents and Seniors
- 15 units per year for a total of 45 units.
- First units to be available tentatively set to be open in August of 2025.

#### Mold Remediation

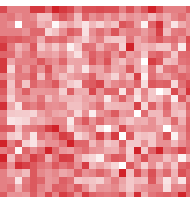
- Pilot project with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).
- Provided funding for 25-unit inspections.
- Current restoration projects intended to increase units available to Families for rent.

#### Useful YouTube Links:

- FNNBOA webinar - Tenant responsibility for maintenance and repairs for their housing unit :



- FNNBOA webinar - Housing & Finance:



**How to Access Services**

1. Call the toll-free number 1-800-368-5868
2. Provide your personal information
3. Receive your services

**Eligibility**

Resident of Alaska  
Age 18 or older  
U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident  
Financially eligible  
Not currently in custody  
Not currently in the military

**Contact Us**  
Toll-free: 1-800-368-5868  
Alaska: 907-457-1234  
Hawaii: 808-531-1234

**PRIVACY NOTICE & FAMILY SERVICES Prevention Program**

First 12 Teams

# SLO-PITCH

**AUGUST 15-17, 2025**

Alaska Slo-Pitch Association

## CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Alaska Slo-Pitch Association is seeking high school students for the 2025 Slo-Pitch tournament. The tournament will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, from August 15-17, 2025. The tournament is open to all high school students in Alaska. The tournament is a three-day event. The tournament is a team sport. The tournament is a competitive event. The tournament is a fun event. The tournament is a great event. The tournament is a great way to spend the summer. The tournament is a great way to meet new people. The tournament is a great way to learn about the sport. The tournament is a great way to have fun. The tournament is a great way to spend the summer. The tournament is a great way to meet new people. The tournament is a great way to learn about the sport. The tournament is a great way to have fun.

**LAUNCHING FOR AFFILIATION: JUNE 15, 2025**

**2025 Slo-Pitch Tournament**  
2025-2026 JULY 15-17, 2025  
Competition Date: AUGUST 15-17, 2025

**Registration Information**  
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## Self-Defense Class with Feather Light Defense

Facilitated by: Samantha Duhamel  
Supported by: Alaska's Teen Mental Wellness Staff

**Samantha Duhamel**  
From Lac La Biche

**July 4<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
Alaska's Teen Mental Wellness Staff  
Please call 800-368-5868 to register  
spots are limited!

## THRIVING At Work

**LAUNCHING SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**8 WEEKS TO THRIVE IN WORK & CAREER**

Alaska Slo-Pitch Association is launching a new program called "Thriving At Work". The program is designed to help high school students develop the skills and mindset needed to succeed in their careers. The program is a three-week course. The program is a team sport. The program is a competitive event. The program is a fun event. The program is a great event. The program is a great way to spend the summer. The program is a great way to meet new people. The program is a great way to learn about the sport. The program is a great way to have fun.

## PEIGAN CROW LODGE ELDERS WEEKLY MEETINGS

**TUESDAYS 10AM**  
**OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY ELDERS 55+ YEARS**

**Mary Anne McDougall Memorial Elder Center**

**\*\*\*lunch provided\*\*\***



