

# DÁHÍ



AT THIS POINT IN TIME



*Zāsk'ā ch'āt'āghá*

"Snow Covering Month" - December





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# **DECEMBER:**

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# DÀ-HÍ *Editor's Note*

**Dādánast'ádā (How are all of you?),**

Tiyā gújā ánīst'ā (I'm very good).

It's now Zask'a ch'at'āghá (Snow covering month)!  
Dàgúnáshōn ūwā dwàdánálin dīyī áschāsyáí dzīnīsá (Have a safe and happy holidays).

I have a lot of memories around this time of year. A lot of good ones, some crazy ones, and some somber ones. Recently, I shared one of my earliest memories about Christmas. I remember one holiday season; there was no snow! It was so weird! It didn't feel like Christmas at all. But playing outside without boots, gloves, and winter coats was pretty neat.

One year during Christmas, my cousin woke me up so early. (I want to say around 5 AM.) She said she found a note from Santa. It was so cold that morning. She said the note had instructions on where to find a present in the barn. The barn, unfortunately, was quite a distance from the house. So, in our pjs and boots, we went in the dark to find this present. When we found our gifts, we discovered they were scooters, which you know can't be used in winter! Needless to say, I was so cranky once we brought them inside, I went back to sleep lol.

I do want to mention that the holidays can be tough on some people. Not everyone has a family they can spend time with or a place they can turn to. I want to encourage that sometimes, found family are the people you should be with. But at the same time, it's okay to be alone or to be with yourself around this time. Life can be so fast, and having the extra energy to get into the spirit can be exhausting. And I also want to mention that it's okay to not celebrate this year. It can be for any reason, and it's valid.

No less, I want to remind anyone to please donate any winter clothes you may have. The winter can be really harsh on people who don't have the resources to be prepared.

Please read our issue for Zask'a ch'at'āghá. Our team has put together the last issue of 2025, and it's been amazing to see how much this newsletter has grown. I can't wait for everyone to see what 2026 is going to be like! I hope everyone has a great holiday, and I wish you all the best in 2026!

**Nānīyīstsónī (See you again)!**









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listed:

Tosguna Non Emergency Line  
403-271-3777

Tsúut'ínà Nation Fire Department  
403-251-9335

Covid-19 Testing Line Hours 8AM-4PM  
403-258-4830  
or 811 for 24 hours service

Public Works 24hr Emergency Housing Line  
587-227-8772

Outreach/Wrap-Around Helpline  
403-819-6602

Director of Emergency Management  
(Tyler Two Guns) 403-589-0083

Tsúut'ínà Nation Roads Department  
403-251-3015

Dzínísí yík'ā	Dzínísí ʔónā	
	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM - 3 PM</p> <p>Family Support Empowerment Program</p> <p>5 PM</p> <p>Youth Riding Program: Advanced Riding Class</p> <p>5 PM - 8 PM</p> <p>Youth Night: Swimming Field Trip</p> <p>5:45 PM - 6:45 PM</p> <p>Community Ballet Program</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>10 AM - 5 PM</p> <p>Under the Stars at Buffalo Run</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5 PM - 8 PM</p> <p>Youth Night: Christmas Crafts</p> <p>5 PM</p> <p>Youth Riding Program: Advanced Riding Class</p> <p>6 PM</p> <p>Classroom in the Dirt Christmas Dinner (Students Only)</p> <p>5 PM - 10 PM</p> <p>Health &amp; Wellness Youth Calgary Flames Game</p>	<p>5 PM</p> <p>Youth Riding Program: Beginner Class</p>
<p>14</p> <p>11 AM - 7 PM</p> <p>Christmas at the Nation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 AM - 3 PM</p> <p>Class 7 Learner's License Workshop</p> <p>5 PM</p> <p>Youth Riding Program: Advanced Riding Class</p> <p>5 PM - 8 PM</p> <p>Youth Night: Calgary Zoo Lights Field Trip</p> <p>5:45 PM - 6:45 PM</p> <p>Community Ballet Program</p>	<p>5 PM</p> <p>Youth Riding Program: Beginner Class</p>
21	22	Chie
28	<p>29</p> <p>12 PM</p> <p>Xàkújághá yiná Annual Christmas Feast &amp; Powwow</p>	Chie



# Zāsk'ā ch'āt'āghá

Ákiyī dzīnīsī	Tōōk'ī dzīnīsī	Dīich'ī dzīnīsī	Gúút'ā dzīnīsī	Dzīnīsī tsīt'ā
2 8 AM - 3:30 PM Tsuut'ina Elders Information Session with TAZA 4 PM - 7 PM Weekly Youth Homework Group 5 PM - 7 PM Drumming Mentorship Program 5 PM Youth Riding Program: Beginner Class	3 10 AM Chiila Zask'a Concert 5 PM Youth Riding Program: Open Riding	4 9:30 AM - 3 PM Family Support Empowerment Program 5 PM Youth Riding Program: Roping Night - Ground Work 6:30 PM Bullhead Hall Christmas Party	5 3 PM - 5 PM Weekly Outdoor Rink Drop-in	6 10 AM - 5 PM Under the Stars at Buffalo Run
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ef Joseph Big Plume Administration Building Closed for the Holidays (December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025 - January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2026)				
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## Citizenship/Kinship: Introduction

SECTION	DETAILS
Citizenship	Return to the right to determine own peoples.

### OUR WORLDVIEW

#### Prior to entering into Treaty

- ▶ Many knowledge keepers/holders stated that we discussed with Creator on where we were going and given instructions.
- ▶ **When a child was born, they were recognized as a person of their Nation.**
- ▶ Based on the Nations cultural or ceremonial protocols, the child may or may not have been given a pre-determined path. For example, trained to be a Chief, cultural/society leader, etc.
- ▶ Nations had their own Natural laws to determine who their people were based on their culture, language, ceremonies, traditions, and societies.
- ▶ Nations had laws on birth, adoption, marriage (within and outside of their Nation) and punishments like banishment.

### TIMELINE THAT AFFIRMS CONSENT

DATE / YEAR	EVENT
1871 to 1921	Entering of Treaty – Chiefs informed the Commissioners of who the Chiefs' people were.
Treaty Paylists	Determined Reserve size – Complete jurisdiction over all matters of the collective.
	Canada's land formula for on-reserve allocation.
	Program funding for Treaty benefits.
Treaty Cards	Prior to the establishment of the Government Indian Registry system (Sept 4, 1951), changes to the Indian Act membership sections, Treaty cards identified the Treaty Area, Nation, and benefits.



Onespot Family, date unknown



## ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS

- ▶ Treaty Paylists showed the families, societies, clan systems of each Nation, every year with a \$5 pay out (Gift).
  - ▶ Data on births, deaths, marriages, transfers, and banishment were recorded.
- ▶ Surveyors noted the Nation population at the time of the establishment of the size of the reserve.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT STEPS

Suggestion: Work with your Nation and determine the following:

1. Meet with your people to determine the basic principles, guidelines, customs and traditions as passed through oral history that make your Nation.
2. Determine the requirements for people to be your people.
  - a. Societies, heads of families, clans, etc., – who and what are they?
  - b. What role will your customs, traditions, and other oral stories play in your citizenship?
  - c. What role did the historical punishments play in the removal of people?
  - d. What will your process be to:
    - i. Accept – Birth, inter-Nation marriages, adoption, etc.
    - ii. Deny – Does it reflect your understanding as a collective?
    - iii. Remove – What are the grounds (legal/traditional) for removal?
    - iv. Appeal – Will applicant be allowed to appeal? What will the process be?
    - v. Dispute mechanisms – Connected with appeal process.
    - vi. Banish – Connected with denial process?
    - vii. Amendments – How? When? By whom? What will the process be?
3. Re-establishment of Treaty Cards or Tribal Enhancement Cards?



Mrs. (Nancy) Dodginghorse,  
1887



## *Nationhood: Introduction*

SECTION	DETAILS
Nationhood	First Nations Peoples derive their authority from the Creator God and their Citizens of their respective Nations/ Tribes. Since time immemorial our Peoples lived our Inherent way of life. It was about our peoples, our laws, our responsibility to uphold Natural law as promised to Creator.

## *OUR WORLDVIEW* ◀◀◀◀

Creator made law is the source of Human made laws – these are the basis and body of Indigenous laws.

- ▶ Our relationship with all forms of life is protected by our Natural law.
- ▶ Our worldview, values, and principles stem from the original instructions.
- ▶ Our laws reflect our understanding of our relationship and responsibilities we have with all our relatives (all forms of life). We have our own languages, words on how we interpret them and how we express ourselves as a collective.
- ▶ We ask permission from the animals, plants, minerals, rocks, waters, and spirits before we use places, harvest food and medicines, dig in the earth, hunt or fish for food for ceremonial purposes.
- ▶ We have a wholistic perspective on land use. For people to reconnect, everything comes back to the land.
- ▶ Nation to Nation Treaties forged and practiced for over 400 years symbolizes our Nations harmony and collective responsibility and our relationship with the lands, natural resources, (above and below) and territories to guide us based on values of respect and ceremony.
- ▶ The right to self-determination is about our right to govern our pathways with our peoples and to provide a continued way of life and responsibility to the future generations.
- ▶ **Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) and meaningful consultations are the principles linked to the right to self-determination affirmed by Creator and our way of life.**





## TIMELINE THAT AFFIRMS CONSENT

DATE / YEAR	EXPLANATION
<b>1614</b> the first Anglo Powhatan War	A Peace Treaty – considered the 1 <sup>st</sup> 2-Row Wampum Treaty – agreeing to live side by side.
<b>1763</b> – The Royal Proclamation King George III	The Crown in the Right of Great Britain and Ireland directive to all Her subjects must have permission of the Indians to access the lands for settlement to the depth of the plough. Recognized Sovereignty and Title.
<b>1764</b> Two Row Wampum	To live side by side with the Settler people – not to interfere with each other.
<b>1781/1872</b> Peace Treaty Between Cree's and Dene (Danezaa)	Peace Treaty between Cree Tribe and Danezaa People at Peace Point regarding trade and commerce. Peace Pipe agreement was ratified that year. Peace River became 'cultural boundary' with Danezaa Tribe on left bank (North and West) and Cree Tribe on right bank (South and East).
<b>1874</b> Peace Pipe Agreement between Cree and Chipewyan	Pipe Ceremony was held as peace agreement between the Cree and Chipewyan in 1784.
<b>1870</b> Battle of the Belly River or "Last Great Indian Battle" - 1871 Peace Treaty between Blackfoot's and Cree's	After the battle, the Cree and the Blackfoot entered into a Peace Treaty in January of 1871, when the Cree sent the Blackfoot a gift of tobacco. A formal Peace Treaty was established that Fall along the Red Deer River.

## NEXT STEPS

### Nation Building

Our Nation laws are our responsibility to the Creators Natural laws. They support the right to self-determination of the Inherent Laws of the peoples collectively. "We are of one Mind".



Old Sarcee, date unknown





# UNDER THE STARS AT BUFFALO RUN

## Roll into the Holidays with Taza

Roller Rink ✦ Santa Photos ✦ Festive Workshops

Receive a swag bag full of store coupons — perfect for shopping and dining at Buffalo Run!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Dec 6 & 7, 10 am- 5 pm

THE SHOPS AT BUFFALO RUN AT TAZA



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to RSVP







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## ERC PILOT PROGRAM: BUILDING SKILLS, OPENING DOORS FOR TSUUT'INA WORKERS

### Short-term placements. Real-world experience. Pathways to long-term careers

The Employment Resource Centre (ERC) pilot program is underway—linking Tsuut'ina Nation members with hands-on placements across active Taza projects. Initiated and led by Randy Dodginghorse and Herb Crowchild in collaboration with the Nation, the ERC pilot offers three-day-per-week rotations over the next month, giving participants exposure to multiple trades and the confidence that comes from learning on site. These short-term experiences are designed to build skills, expand networks, and, for many, open doors to full-time employment with our construction partners.

Early placements span underground utilities, HVAC, and fit-out work at Taza Park West and Taza Park. Participants rotate through teams to shadow, assist, and learn the full project lifecycle—in the field and at the office—so they can discover where their strengths align.

### Site Highlights



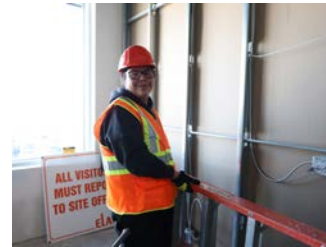
Taza Park West – Walmart Site – Underground Work with Whissel



Mathias Starlight-Onespot is rotating through underground crews, observing methods, safety, and sequencing to understand what it takes below grade before vertical construction begins.

**“This is my first week, and I've been shadowing a different person each day to gain experience and understand what underground work entails. It's been great so far, and I'm really enjoying it.”**

— Mathias Starlight-Onespot, Underground Rotations at Taza Park West



Taza Park – TDA Office Fit-Out with Elan



Johnny Starlight is shadowing the HVAC portion of the fit-out and will continue rotating through additional trades to learn how a coordinated office build comes together from start to finish.

**“This is really different than all the other work I have done, so I am really enjoying it so far.”**

— Johnny Starlight, HVAC Shadowing at Taza Park (Elan)



### WALMART CONFIRMED AS FIRST ANCHOR AT TAZA PARK WEST

#### A 100,000 sq. ft Supercentre brings everyday ease—and new opportunities—to the heart of Taza Park West

Walmart will anchor Taza Park West with a 100,000 sq. ft Supercentre—a major step as our vision becomes reality. Serving over 6,000 nearby homes, the store brings groceries, essentials, and everyday convenience closer to the community. It also means new employment opportunities for Tsuut'ina Nation members and our Calgary neighbours.

Construction is underway, with opening targeted for fall 2027. Walmart's arrival adds momentum to Taza Park West, helping turn daily needs into long-term growth for the Nation. Scan the qr code to read the article.





# WELCOME BABY

Tsuut'ina Nation Children  
(must have registered parent)

BORN AFTER APRIL 1 2024

*Can receive \$500 Purchase Order to  
Babies "R" Us*

To assist with the purchase of newborn baby essentials examples: Car seat, bathtub, towels, blankets, wash cloths, clothing, soaps/lotions, hygiene set, nursing pillow, nursing pads, diapers, wipes, bottles, formula etc.

**Contact Stephanie Manywounds**  
stephanie.manywounds@tsuutina.com  
403-437-7745





**Diyí dzínísi**  
**ts'igunón**  
*Save the Date*

*New Year's Eve Round Dance*  
**Dancing in the  
New Year**

**20  
26**

**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Bullhead Community Hall**







# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Thúw'ā Tsítli-dí úwā Ōgháts'ínitò-dà COMMUNITY & RECREATION

### 7CC Athlete Development Pathway Program

**Sept. 22<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Mondays - Wednesdays**  
**4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

### 7CC Special Olympics Thursdays

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

7 Chiefs Sportsplex

### Community Ballet Program December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM

7 Chiefs Sportsplex

### Christmas on the Nation December 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 11 AM - 7 PM

7 Chiefs Sportsplex

### Youth Night: Calgary Zoo Lights Field Trip

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**5 PM - Drop Off**

Drop Off at 7 Chiefs Sportsplex

### Rattle Making Workshop

**December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**4 PM - 6 PM**

Brown Bear Woman Building &  
7 Chiefs Sportsplex

### Weekly Outdoor Rink Drop-In

**Every Friday**  
**3 PM - 5 PM**

7 Chiefs Sportsplex

## Thúw'ā Tsítli-dí úwā Ōgháts'ínitò-dà COMMUNITY & RECREATION

### Youth Riding Program

**Monday - Thursday**  
**Ends December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**5 PM**

Harry Dodginghorse Memorial  
Agriplex

### Warzone Wednesdays Wednesdays

Grab your squad (or join as a solo player and get placed on a team) and battle it out for a \$100 gift card prize.

## Diganádàts'ídinìdàlì HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Elder Christmas Package Distribution

**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**10 AM to 5 PM**

Bullhead Community Hall

### Weekly Youth Homework Group Every Tuesday 4 PM - 7 PM

Many Horses High School

### New Year's Eve Round Dance

**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**Time TBD**

Bullhead Community Hall

## Gwághá Nihíná?ò-ná GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

### 2025 Tsuut'ina Nation Adult Citizenship Vote

**December 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**9 AM - 5 PM**

Chief Joseph Big Plume  
Administration Building

## Nisk'ā nìsk'ágínìstò-hí LAND ADMINISTRATION

### LERD Information Booth

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**9 AM - 5 PM**

Chief Joseph Big Plume  
Administration Building

## Tsúut'ínà Xàkújaghá yíná HEAD CHIEF & MINOR CHIEFS

### Xàkújaghá yíná Annual Christmas Feast & Powwow

**December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**12 PM**

Grey Eagle Resort & 7 Chiefs  
Sportsplex

## Ìts'iditlìshí úwā Mìstsiníyóní Ágúyónà EDUCATION & LIFE-LONG LEARNING

### Class 7 Learner's License Workshop

**December 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**

### Send Us Your Content for Upcoming Issues! Contact Us and Get Your Events Featured

Have an upcoming event? We want to know about it! Not finished planning yet?  
No problem, make it a save the date! All we need is a title and date!  
Want us to cover your next event? We take photos and put a feature in the next Dà-Hí.  
Send a request to Communications at [communications@tsuutina.com](mailto:communications@tsuutina.com) and we will include a feature in an upcoming newsletters!



Stories in Motion

# Gūnììzh dístī-hí

## "STORIES IN MOTION"



"Stories In Motion" is a dedicated space for all Tsúūt'ínà and community accomplishments. We at Dà-Hí support everyone who puts forth their best effort in life, work, and play. Dà-Hí will always support those who commit, persist, and strive towards a better collective Tsúūt'ínà future.

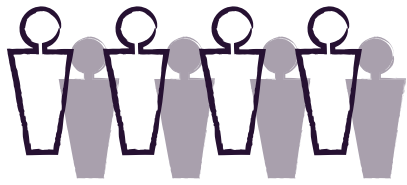
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# Xàkújághá-yiná



## Inauguration



November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Xàkíj & Xàkújáá-yiná Inauguration



The Communications department would like to extend our congratulations to the newly elected leadership, Xàkíj (Chief) Ellery Starlight and all the Xàkújáá (Minor Chiefs) LeeRoy Meguinis, Twylla Starlight, Zachary Manywounds, Hine Crowchild, Tyson Heavenfire, Kendall Jacobs, Paula Big Plume, Kelsey Big Plume, Corrine Eagletail, Jeanne Crowchild, Paul Whitney, and Waylon Big Plume.

The day was full of excitement and emotion as the new Tsuut'ina leadership was sworn in, taking their oath. We look forward to this next chapter and to the new year. Sīyísgáàs to everyone who voted and attended to support and welcome the new Xàkíj & Xàkújáá-yiná.









# THEY SAY STORIES LIVE SHOW & VINYL RELEASE

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

"They Say Stories" is a Canadian First Nation Indie Rock band from Treaty 7 territory based in Calgary, Alberta, featuring Sylvan Breaker (Blackfoot and Cree) on guitar, bass, and vocals, Dalton Dodginghorse (Tsuut'ina and Blackfoot) on drums and percussion, and Christa Clifford (Calgary) doing vocals on tracks 2 and 5 of their 2025 album, "Daydreams Will Do". On Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, they played a live show at the Loophole Coffee Bar. They were joined by Liam Gonzalez on Base for the show.

Their vinyl record for "Daydreams Will Do" was released on Bandcamp, Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase their Gold with Black Splatter vinyl online with Bandcamp at <https://theysaystories.bandcamp.com/album/daydreams-will-do>, and shipping is available. The album is available on all streaming platforms, and the digital copy is also available for purchase.

Sīyísgáàs to all those who came out and supported the band, and to those who bought, streamed, and listened to the album.









December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The Chiila Christmas Concert has been creating memories and smiles to all those who participate and attend since the early 90s. This years Chiila Christmas Concert 2025 was a packed house! Full capacity for both students and their parents/guardians. The little ones sang and danced all your favorite Christmas classics in our Gunaha. A merry beginning to all our holiday seasons and journey to a Happy New Year.









# Annual Fry Bread Contest

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Tsuut'ina Nation Recreation is proud to announce the winners of our Annual Fry Bread Contest, held on November 17<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to everyone who came out, participated, and helped make this event another amazing success.



We would also like to extend a heartfelt siyisgaas to our judges — Jolene Whitney, Wendy Two Guns, Corrine Eagletail-Frazier, and Marilee Whitney — for lending their time, expertise, and community spirit.

A special thank you goes to Corrine Eagletail-Frazier and Paul Whitney for generously donating the 6th place prize, ensuring every participant left with something in hand.

Congratulations to all of our winners and participants! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for Tsuut'ina Recreation's Annual Fry Bread Contest.



## FRY BREAD CONTEST

1 <sup>st</sup> : 500	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 300	5 <sup>th</sup> : 100
2 <sup>nd</sup> : 400	4 <sup>th</sup> : 200	

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

- Taste and Texture
- Appearance and Presentation
- Theme and Creativity
- Additions / Pairings
- Consistency



**CONTESTANT REGISTRY**

**JUDGE REGISTRY**



**NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> | 11 AM – 1 PM**  
**BULLHEAD HALL**

To Register Contact Recreation : 587-435-9290





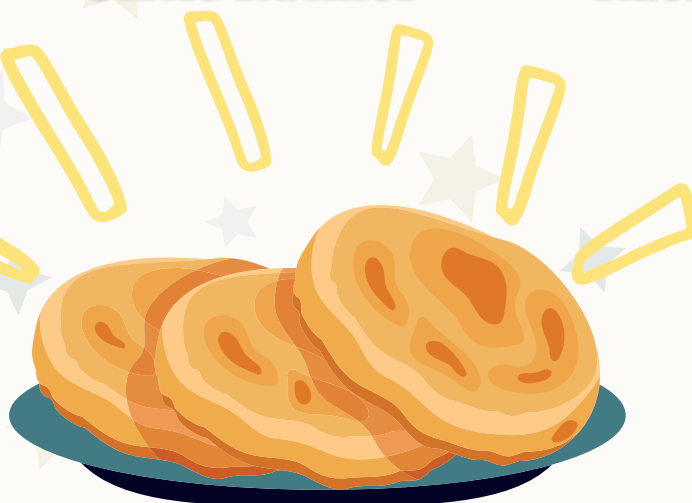
**1st Place:**  
**Claire Pipestem**



**2nd Place:**  
**Girlie Runner**



**3rd Place:**  
**Kasadi Hunter**



**4th Place:**  
**Michelle Two Guns**



**5th Place:**  
**Ashley One Spot**



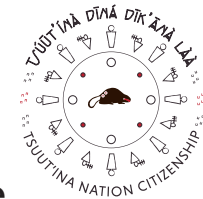
**6th Place:**  
**Yolanda Crowchild**



# ADULT CITIZENSHIP VOTE RESULTS



TSÚŪT'INÀ NATION CITIZENSHIP ADULT VOTE  
AS OF DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



## TSÚŪT'INÀ DĪNÁ DĪK'ĀNÀ LĀÀ

Score Sheet For Tsuut'ina Citizenship Adult Vote

Name		Total	Name		Total
Troy Nolan Onespot		Yes: 682 No: 144 Abstained: 4 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>	Michelle Gay Whitney		Yes: 563 No: 259 Abstained: 8 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>
Gina Rae Onespot		Yes: 692 No: 133 Abstained: 5 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>	Christine Marie Big Belly		Yes: 625 No: 201 Abstained: 4 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>
Michael Joseph Onespot		Yes: 692 No: 133 Abstained: 5 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>	Deanne Simon		Yes: 682 No: 145 Abstained: 3 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>
Micheal Trevor (Cowboy) Big Plume		Yes: 635 No: 188 Abstained: 7 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>	Everett Jason Manyhorses		Yes: 646 No: 180 Abstained: 4 <b>Total: 832</b>
Clifford Kenneth (Cliffy) Dodginghorse		Yes: 684 No: 144 Abstained: 2 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>	Robin Elise Big Belly		Yes: 619 No: 205 Abstained: 6 Spoiled: 2 <b>Total: 832</b>

Total Spoiled Ballots: **2 Ballots**

Lisa Whitney, Electoral Officer



# Skate Canada Challenge

## Skating for Everyone: Community Skates

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Skate Canada hosted a community skate and lessons for students in Tsuut'ina Nation Schools and the community. The event was at the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex in Arena 1 on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. Skate Canada donated 40 pairs of skates and helmets as part of the '25-'26 Skate Canada Challenge. Sīyísgààs to those who attended, and we hope you continue to skate this winter!



# DÀ-HÍ 2025



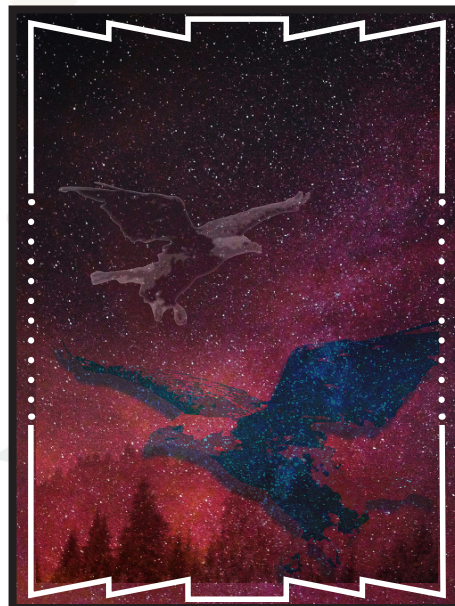
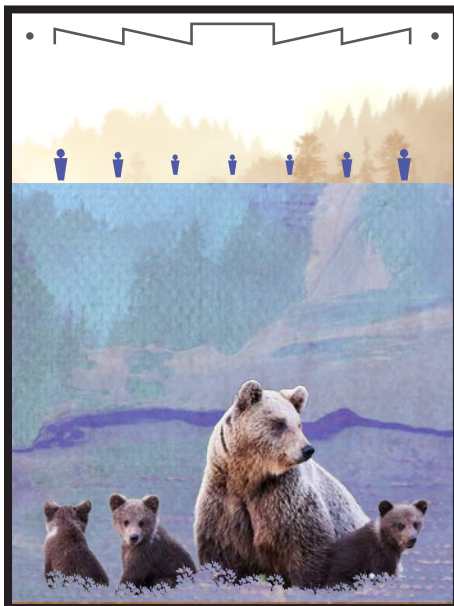
## Siyísgáàs Siyísgáàs Siyísgáàs!!!

**Hoooooleehh!!!!!!** A whole year already!!! Wow time really does fly.

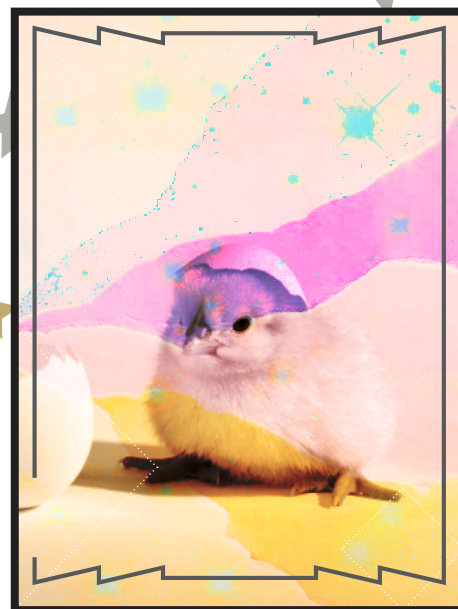
Thank you so much to everyone for contributing to, reading, and supporting the Tsuut'ina Nation Community newsletter. The 2025 Run of the Dà-Hí was filled with tons of Community laughter and love that couldn't be possible without your support! From Community events, Birthdays, Celebrations, and even global headlines, Tsuut'ina Nation really showed us that amazing things happen all around us.

Our biggest Christmas wish is for you all of you to stay involved with the Dà-Hí and don't be afraid to send us your photos, birthdays, written pieces, and feedback to [Submissions@tsuutina.com](mailto:Submissions@tsuutina.com) or [Communications@tsuutina.com](mailto:Communications@tsuutina.com)

Here are some of our favourite photos, submissions, and articles that were featured in the Dà-Hí of 2025.











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AT THIS POINT IN TIME

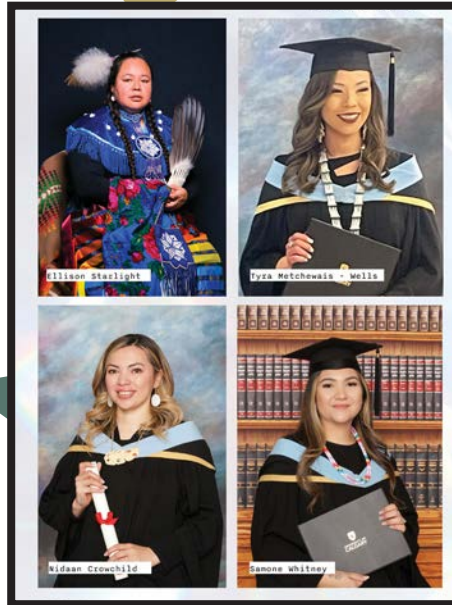
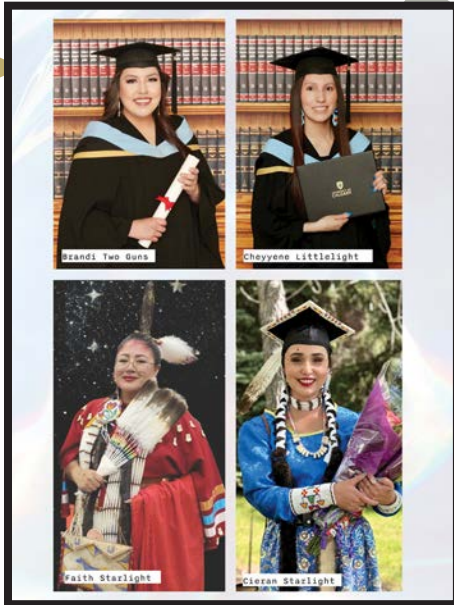
**30** Tōōdí

Zāsk'ā ch'at'āghá









Oōniizh dīstī-hi

## Akiyī Māk'ōdzà

### Celebrating Our Two-Spirit Peoples

The month of 7itsā gūtsāli ch'at'āghā(hatching month) "June" is Pride Month, this history began in Canada in 1969 following the decriminalization of "homosexual acts between consenting adults" with the passage of the Criminal Law Amendment Act. It receives royal assent on **June 27**. One day before the Stonewall Riots took place in New York.

Canada's First Gay Liberation Protest and March took place on **August 28th, 1971** in front of Parliament Hill in the pouring rain with roughly 100 people from all over Ontario and Quebec. On the opposite end of the country, in Vancouver, another small group of twenty(20) gay rights activists gathered to march in front of Robson Square.

In 1973 a Canadian national Pride Week was held in August in several Canadian cities, including Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Saskatoon and Winnipeg. This week solidified the shift towards the gay liberation movement, allowing for the emergence of the concept of gay pride.

Also in 1973, the Diagnostics and Statistics Manual of Mental Disorders removed homosexuality as a "disorder". The first Pride parade in Canada was held in Vancouver in 1978.

To celebrate pride and our Two-Spirit peoples, we've asked a few of our Two-Spirit Citizens and Community, to share a supportive message for others in the community to feel supported, safe, seen, heard, and understood.

**Prompt Question: What is a message you would like to share with our community in support of Two-Spirit People?**

\*Information Sourced From: [www.queerevents.ca/canada/pride/history](http://www.queerevents.ca/canada/pride/history)



Oōniizh dīstī-hi

## DESTINY WHITNEY: EXCEPTIONAL LEADER WINNER

**Category:** Exceptional Leader  
**Winner:** Destiny Whitney  
**Employer:** Seven Chiefs Sportsplex & Chief Jim Starlight  
**Sponsor:** Calgary Stampede

Destiny Whitney is that captain. Her powerful presence and quiet confidence helped Calgary secure the bid to host the 2027 North American Indigenous Games, shining a spotlight on our city and its connection to sports. As a member of the team at Seven Chiefs Sportsplex, she continues to bring international-level competition to both Calgary and the Tsuut'ina Nation while building a better future for Indigenous youth. Destiny, you are a true champion for our community, and we are proud to award you your White Hat Award.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

## ARIK PIPESTEM

The Da-hi loves to see Tsuut'ina go far and wide, this month Arik Pipestem was featured by "Ontario Presents" in their Indigenous Artist Spotlight! It's a short enjoyable read, please check it out when you can! To read more visit [www.ontariopresents.ca/news/indigenous-artist-spotlight-arik-pipestem](http://www.ontariopresents.ca/news/indigenous-artist-spotlight-arik-pipestem)

Arik Pipestem on season 2 of Canada's Got Talent.

"Arik is a world renowned hoop dancer who fuses traditional and modern forms to create his unique approach to the ancient craft."

- The Chimera Project Dance Theatre

These lovely photos were submitted by Dawn Mabbot

"I took these flower pictures during this morning's Nation clean-up."



We would like to announce

# GERALD İİDİTSİ-HÀ BIG PLUME-SLADE



1 Month

As the 2025  
New Years Zāās (baby)!

# HAPPY 1<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY

## NINAGHA FRANK DEAN BIG CROW



BIRTHDATE: MARCH 10, 2024

SUBMITTED BY VINCE BIG CROW

Happy Heavenly Birthday to my sissy Angela "Jolee" Jacobs who would have been 50 years old on April 5th. We're all missing you like crazy and wish you here to celebrate your big 50th with you. My crazy sister never knew how old she was, it was so funny when her birthday would come up we would always have to calculate. We all love you and miss you. Love your baby sis always, and all your babies (nephews and nieces included)

Happy Happy Birthday to my beautiful babies Josiah Jacobs-Big Crow (April 26) & Heaven-Leigh Jacobs-Big Crow (April 30) Hope you both have amazing birthdays and blessed years always. I love you both so so much. Love your mom and the babies

Submission from- Jack Jacobs

Happy Birthday to Donte Badman-Crowchild! (April 28th) Grade 10 & Happy Birthday to Darnel Hunter Jr! (April 30th) Grade 5

Submission from- Lacey Crowchild-McGillis

# BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Want something to be included in next months shoutout section??? email [submissions@tsuutina.com](mailto:submissions@tsuutina.com) to share your birthdays, anniversaries, important messages and more!

Happy Birthday to Elder Geraldine Big Plume (April 18!)

Submission from- Austin Patherbone

Diyi dzinisi guja siits'a. Nizasi chischidi mitoo (you are 17). I hope your special day is as beautiful as you are my princess. I love you to the moon and past all the stars and back again, Love always: Ninoo, Nitoo, Niiza yina uwa buus yina (your mom, your dad, all of your brothers and all of your cats).

Submission from- Karlynn Jacobs

"Happy Birthday Jewels and many blessings Love Mom and dad"

"Happy Birthday Cayda Nash Enjoy Love Papa and Granny"

# DIYI DZINISI GUJA HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Justice Big Crow!!!

Love Mom, Momma & Eli  
Birthdate: June 12<sup>th</sup>

Graduation: June 19<sup>th</sup>  
"Congratulations Dear Son (Justice), Today you have made me the proudest mom. Stay happy, stay safe, and be kind. Congratulations on your grade 12 grad." Best Birthday gift, I can ever ask for baby. Love Mom

Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Niya Itowa Big Crow!!!  
Birthdate: June 27, 2016

Submitted by: Vince Big Crow

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Happy Birthday to Elder Marvin Dodginghorse (May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Happy Birthday to Elder and Minor Chief Regina Crowchild

"Happy Birthday to Papa, may the Creator bless and keep him healthy"

- From Family"

Happy Birthday to our amazing mom and Granny, we wish you the most amazing birthday. We Love you so much and are so grateful for you!

From Faith Crowchild

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to my beautiful Babygirl Jordyn Valentini!! We love you so much!! &

Happy Birthday to my Hubby, Mr. Gary Simon!! Thank you for being so amazing and taking care of us!! We love you!

From Faith Crowchild

Happy Birthday To Penelope Crowchild May 22<sup>nd</sup> (turning 6) & Damien Crowchild May 23<sup>rd</sup> (turning 13)

From Sky Whitney

Castor Littlelight-Blackrabbit "Happy birthday Castor(May 16<sup>th</sup>) Believe in yourself, Keep chasing your dreams, And never stop moving forward! We love you!"

From Mom and dad

"Diyi dzinisi guja to our "Bull Call" Castor, we love you!"

From your Littlelight family

# DIYI DZINISI GUJA HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DIYI DZINISI GUJA MURIEL MANYWOUNDS

We at Dà-Hí would like to take the time to wish Tsùt'ina Elder Muriel Manywounds a Happy 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday! (June 26<sup>th</sup>)

Sioban Meguinis July 6<sup>th</sup>  
Diane Meguinis July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ryan Meguinis July 24<sup>th</sup>

Krista Nizhoni Dalgai July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Aleiha Heavenfire-English July 29<sup>th</sup>  
Koda (our dog) July 25<sup>th</sup>

Submission from Heather Meguinis

# DIYI DZINISI GUJA Happy Birthday!

DIYI DZINISI GUJA JOSHIE!

I would like to wish Justice Kate Lenore Montour the biggest birthday wishes!

From Husband Colton and sons Colton Jr, Colton, & Cedric

Mom would like to wish you the best day ever! HBD Justice, love you

From Mom

DIYI DZINISI GUJA TRENE!

DIYI DZINISI GUJA ADDISON!

Happy Birthday to Addy

Love Mom & Baby B

DIYI DZINISI GUJA LARIAN!

Happy Birthday to Larian

Wishing you a year filled with happiness and blessings

Love Mom & Dad

DIYI DZINISI GUJA GRAYSON!

Happy Birthday to my grandson Grayson

Love you

From Papa and Granny DH

DIYI DZINISI GUJA WANDA!

Happy Birthday Wanda, wishing you a wonderful day

Lots of Love, Auntie & Uncle DH

DIYI DZINISI GUJA MANDI!

Happy Birthday to Mandi

From Family

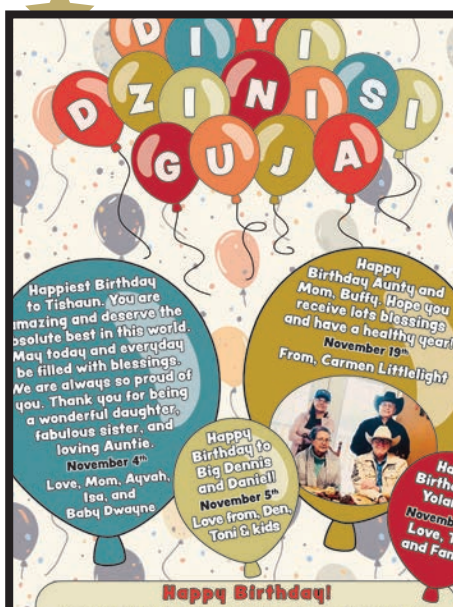
DIYI DZINISI GUJA CEE!

DIYI DZINISI GUJA CEE-Blackrabbit Littlelight! She's our oldest granddaughter and the toughest cowgirl we know. We wish you many blessings and the toughest cowgirl we know. Lots of love you a lot Cee!

From your Littlelight Family

Send us your birthday wishes at [submissions@tsuutina.com](mailto:submissions@tsuutina.com)





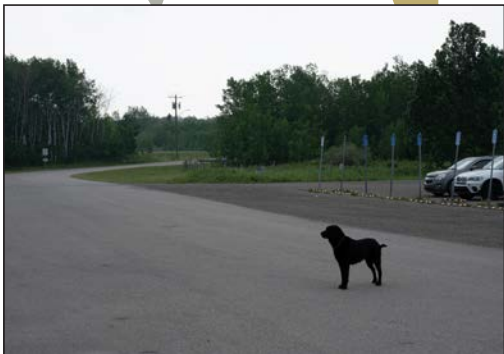








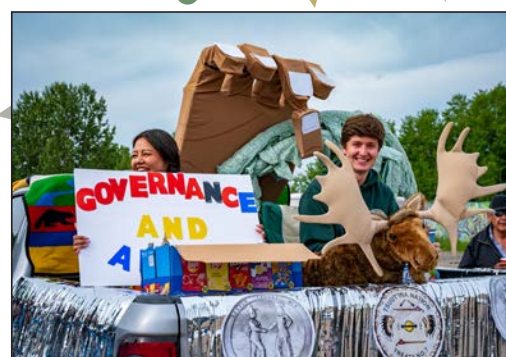


























December Submissions

# COMMUNITY PHOTO SHOWCASE



Submitted by Jackie Runner

December 2025

Dīshd'ī tōōk'í mītōō

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# Holiday Greetings

From, Ida  
Jacobs

To all my co-  
workers at  
the Health  
center, you  
make my days  
worth coming  
to work\*  
**SIYISGAAS!**

From, Ida  
Jacobs

To my Golf  
buddies, can't  
wait to hit the  
greens.

To all my  
relations &  
friends near  
and far.

From, Ida  
Jacobs

If I was SANTA  
CLAUS everyone  
will get a gift of  
Joy from ME!

**FROM MY FAMILY  
TO YOUR HOME FIRES,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A  
JOYOUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

From, Ida  
Jacobs

Betty,  
your  
kindness  
will never  
go unnoticed  
ever. There isn't  
anyone who can  
ever take your place,  
you will always be  
in my Families  
heart! <3



*Gwàdáná in āschāyá ḏṟnīsá yík'á*



*Merry Christmas*

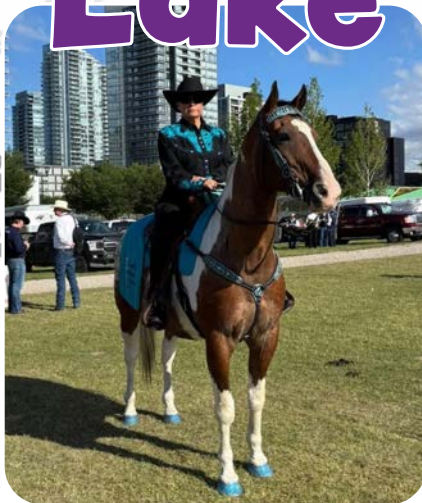
Best Wishes From Tsūūt'inà Ninàgūnìdìkì Department  
(Information Technology)



# Proud Pet Parent Page

We'd like to start featuring some furry friends in the Dà-hí, so this month we thought we'd start with ours! **Send us yours at [submissions@tsuutina.com](mailto:submissions@tsuutina.com)!**

## Lake



**Nicknames:** Princess  
**Age:** 20 Years Old  
**Zodiac Sign:** (Universal Horse Birthday) Capricorn or January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Parents:** A Paint and an Appaloosa.  
**Fun Fact:** Lake is a trail horse, averaging 1000 kms a year.  
**Parent:** Kate Kerans - LPTS: Technical Writer

## Anna



**Nicknames:** Una Banana, Meow Meow  
**Age:** 10 Years Old  
**Zodiac Sign:** Taurus  
**Fun Fact:** Una is an amazing big sister to her human brothers.  
**Parent:** Cee and Nap

## Huey, Dewey & Louie



**Nicknames:** Bois, The Frogs  
**Age:** 2 Years Old  
**Breed:** Yellow-Banded Poison Dart Frogs  
**Fun Fact:** Poison Dart Frogs are not poisonous in captivity; they become poisonous from the food they eat in the wild.  
**Parent:** Nicole Adams - Comms: Graphic Designer



Diya dzinisi guja!

Happy Birthday!

Anyone  
who has a  
birthday this  
month, wishes  
to you!  
From, Ida  
Jacobs

Happy  
Birthday my  
little warrior,  
Cedric SB  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
From, Ida  
Jacobs

Happy  
Birthday  
Greetings to  
my Son, George  
December 10<sup>th</sup>  
From, Ida  
Jacobs

Happy Birthday  
to our only son,  
Lorne James  
Nicholas. May  
your day be shared  
with the people  
you love the most!!  
December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Love, Mom  
and Dad

Happy  
Birthday to my  
Best Friend! My  
Dolly, Araiya Jean  
December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Love, Kokum  
and Papa

Happy  
Birthday  
blessings to our  
granddaughter,  
Peighton  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Love, Kokum  
and Papa

Happy  
Birthday  
Greetings to  
my Daughter,  
Hannah  
December 8<sup>th</sup>  
From, Ida  
Jacobs

Happy 14<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday blessings  
to our baby  
Denaqsha Ajei  
Meguinis, you  
will always be our  
baby girl!!  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Love, Mom  
and Dad

Sinayah Marie,  
my little Christmas  
baby - Happiest  
11<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Love, Mom

Happy  
Birthday  
Jackie Runner!  
December 4<sup>th</sup>  
From, The  
Comms  
Team

Happy  
Birthday  
Jordan Big  
Plume!  
December 20<sup>th</sup>  
From, Carmen  
Littlelight

**Happy Birthday! Diyi Dzinisi Guja!**

We want to share your birthday wishes! Send your messages and photos to us by  
email at: [submissions@tsuutina.com](mailto:submissions@tsuutina.com) or [communications@tsuutina.com](mailto:communications@tsuutina.com)



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## Casual Receptionist REF#749

**Department:** All Departments

**Designation:** Temporary, On-Call

**Internal - TTN Citizens Only. Continuously accepting applicants.**

## Educational Assistant REF#888

**Department:** Tsuut'ina Education – Many Horses High School

**Designation:** Full-Time

**Competition Closes: December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 @ 11:59 PM MST (Late submissions will not be accepted)**

## Shop Teacher REF#889

**Department:** Tsuut'ina Education – Many Horses High School

**Designation:** Full-Time

**Competition Closes: December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 11:59 PM MST (Late submissions will not be accepted)**

## Children's Oral Health Initiative Aide

**Department:** Health and Wellness Services

**Designation:** Full-Time

**Competition Closes: December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 11:59 PM MST (Late submissions will not be accepted)**

## On-Call Cashier and Chip Runner

**Department:** Dit'onik'odza Charities Limited

**Designation:** On-Call, Part-Time

**Submit application form & resume via email to: [cmetchewais@eaglesoul.com](mailto:cmetchewais@eaglesoul.com)**

**Human Resources Operations Officer**

**Phone: 403-238-6090**

**Fax: 403-238-6984**



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### Grey Eagle Resort & Casino

#### Evening Public Area Attendant/Houseperson - Job #: J1125-0833

**Department:** Grey Eagle Resort & Casino - Facilities/Housekeeping

**Designation:** Permanent Full Time

**Competition Closes:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

To apply please send your resume to: [cstarlight@greyeagle.ca](mailto:cstarlight@greyeagle.ca) or apply online at [www.greyeaglecasino.ca](http://www.greyeaglecasino.ca)

#### Line Cook (1st Cook) - Job #: J1125-0834

**Department:** Grey Eagle Resort & Casino - Food & Beverage

**Designation:** Permanent Full Time (Late Night 11:45 PM - 8:00AM)

**Competition Closes:** December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

To apply please send your resume to: [cstarlight@greyeagle.ca](mailto:cstarlight@greyeagle.ca) or apply online at [www.greyeaglecasino.ca](http://www.greyeaglecasino.ca)

#### Front Desk Supervisor - Job #: J1225-0213

**Department:** Grey Eagle Resort & Casino - Front Office

**Designation:** Permanent Full Time

**Competition Closes:** December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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#### Housekeeper Lead Hand (PM) - Job #: J1225-0289

**Department:** Grey Eagle Resort & Casino - Facilities/Housekeeping

**Designation:** Permanent Full Time

**Competition Closes:** December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Áschāsyáí  
chīnīsòíní

Gwāōānālīn Áschāsyáí DZINISÁ  
Merry Christmas

Ttikōní'tis

Gúlò'ánit'à

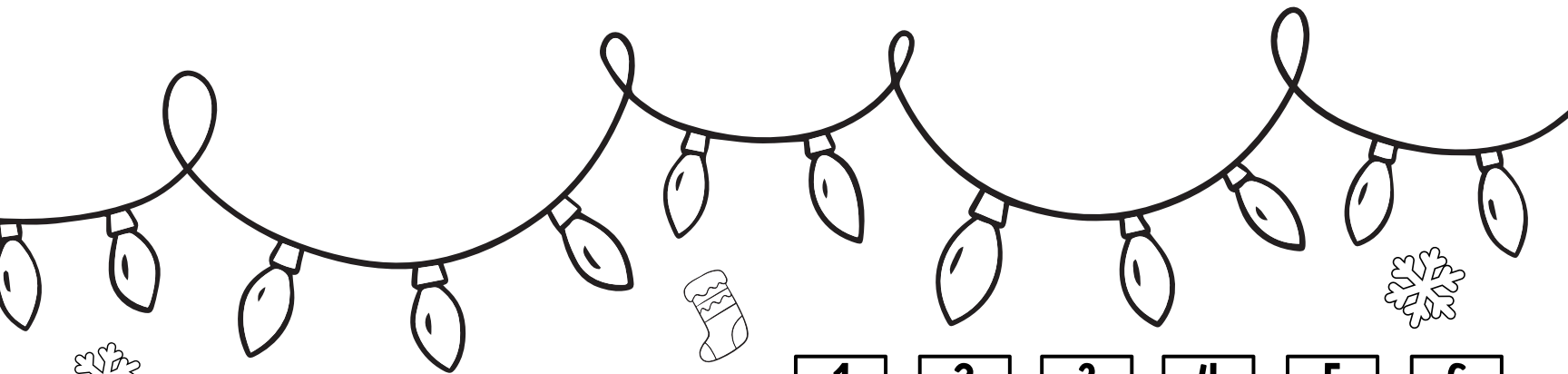
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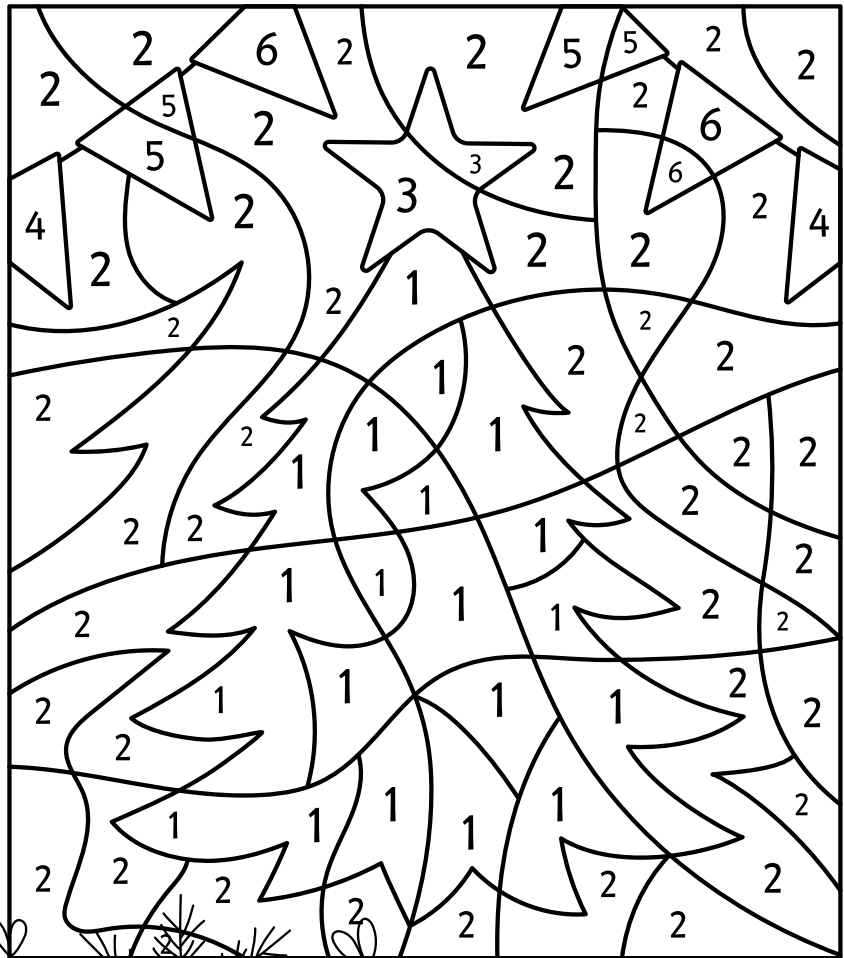
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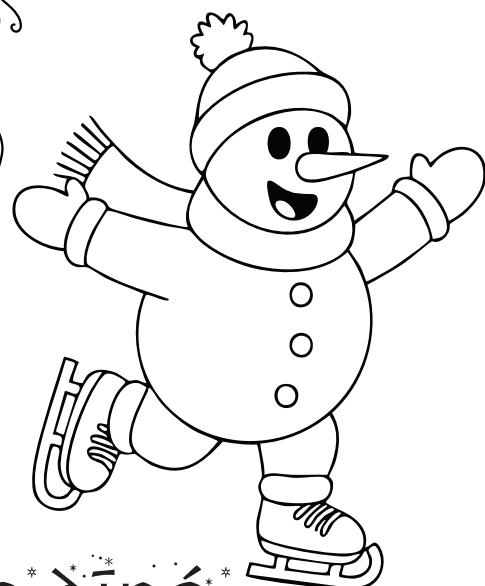
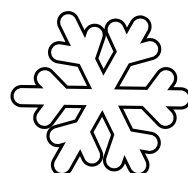
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