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# Letter to THE NATION

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## **Gwanist4in diyi idist4'ish-gu asists'idiyini?i**

When the horse was introduced to the Tsuut'ina we became a part of the plains horse culture and very excellent horsemen. The horse changed the economy and lifestyle of the Tsuut'ina. The packing capacity of the horse was far greater than that of the dog. We were able to travel farther and faster than we could on foot. The shape of the teepees changed. Rather than the short wide teepees they became taller and wider. There was more room in the teepees. The harsh nomadic existence changed to a semi-stationary way of life. There was more time for other pursuits like those tribes that had lived in one place for long periods of time.

When the nomadic way came to an end with the reservation system, the Tsuut'ina were introduced to rodeo. They quickly adapted and began to participate. The Tsuut'ina had many great cowboys from each family winning prizes off and on. Most of the elders today competed in the Calgary Stampede at one time or another.

The horse was our only recreation, there were no sport facilities of any kind. We rode horses all the time as we grew up.

I always credit the Calgary Stampede for saving the Tsuut'ina culture. Many of our spiritual leaders died in the Spanish Flu of 1918. There were a lot of traditional activity before the flu. Our culture always required a number of people to conduct any ceremony to help or bear witness to the ceremony.

Unlike other tribes in Treaty 7, we tried to maintain what we had left. There were a few of the 120 people left to continue the culture. The Calgary Stampede encouraged the production of beadwork that you see today. You can compare the teepee displays that are exhibited on a daily basis at the Stampede and compare them to any museum display. The teepee displays are a legacy to all the teepee owners since 1912.

Right after the Calgary Stampede was the Banff Indian Days. Banff Indian Days, like the Calgary Stampede, encouraged cultural activity. It was one of the First Nation venues that gave rise to other First Nations to start their own Indian Days and Pow-Wow. At the beginning the powwow was to visit and make new friends. Competition was a very small part of the celebrations. Now it has been commercialized and used as a business and it brought an end the traditional powwow.

*Bruce Starlight*

Tsuut'ina Language Commissioner



# ECHOES OF YESTERDAY

*For over 100 years, Tsuut'ina has been a part of the Calgary Stampede and Indian Village. Although the Village has been moved three times and suffered a devastating flood back in 2013, it has never stopped these tipis from making a home on the grounds.*



## MIKE MEGUINIS SR.

This tipi design was originally owned by Bessie Meguinis's father Gagagee, who passed it on to her, then to Mike's father. Mike received the tipi in a traditional transfer ceremony from his father. In the 1930s, Mike can remember helping his grandparents move into the Village.

## STEVE & GLORIA RUNNER

Chief and Maggie Big Belly first brought this tipi to the Stampede and has been in the Village since 1912. This tipi was transferred to Steve's father, George Runner, then to Steve and his wife Gloria in 1994. Steve transferred the design to his son, Shawn Runner.



## ELLERY STARLIGHT

This tipi was transferred to Ellery in 2012 from his father Bruce Starlight. Bruce and his wife Deanna, Ellery's parents, have been involved in many projects and cultural events during Stampede. This family has had a tipi in the Village since 1972 and they bring six to seven horses to the parade every year.



## THERESA BIG PLUME

Since 1912, this tipi has made been at the Stampede when it was owned by Mary Bull Collar. The tipi was passed on to her daughter, Louise Big Plume, then onto her daughter, Theresa. Louise's craft consisted of many beaded outfits for men, women, horses and vests. Mary Bull Collar's dress is over 100 years old and is still worn today.



## TONY & FRANCIS STARLIGHT

This couple have been camped in the village since 1999. This tipi design is the skunk design, it is believed that skunk smell will keep sickness and disease away, so the tipi is placed on the west side of the village. To some, the tipi poles are considered as a healing circle. Tony feels the poles meeting at the top indicates the way to the Creator.



## CURRENT TIPI HOLDERS



## CLIFFORD & VANORA BIG PLUME

Clifford first brought his tipi to the Village in 1977, this year marking a 100th anniversary of the Treaty 7 signings. This tipi is an otter design, transferred from a Siksika man named Joe Cat Face. The colors represent day and night, yellow as day and black for night. Red stripes represent the rainbow, the circles at the top as stars, the circles at the bottom as mountains.



## A REFRESHER COURSE

\*information sourced from Calgary Stampede



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# NEWS FROM THE NATIONS

*Stories about First Nations from around the World*

## WINDOW ART DISPLAYS MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

Across the city of Montreal throughout the summer, artists will display work in window fronts. This is in part of the annual *Les Fenêtres Qui Parlent* summer art project, which translates to "The Windows That Talk." Typically set up along a single street in Montreal, this year's project will be displayed in windows across the city in all 19 neighborhoods, to commemorate Montreal's 375th birthday. Hannah Claus, an artist of Mohawk and English

heritage, is one of the artists participating this year. She has been asked to contribute 19 different window displays — one for each neighborhood. "I decided that if I was going to do this, I wanted my windows to really speak about something that was important, and have them really talk," said Claus. She decided to take on the topic of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, in part because she feels it is an issue often not discussed in Quebec.

## ALBERTA ARCHER SHOTS TO WIN AT NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

Warren Collins, a Nakota archer from Cochrane, Alberta, first took up archery because he felt it would be a good skill for hunting. He's been a quick learner ever since. At 15 years old, he is making a name for himself in the world of competitive archery and will be competing at his first North American Indigenous Games in Toronto in July. CBC/Radio-Canada premier media partner of 2017

North American Indigenous Games Collins first got into the sport at the age of 12, when his mother, Jayena Collins, bought him his first bow for his birthday. His mom says he's a natural at the sport, but Collins is a bit hesitant to call himself that. "I knew with time, practice and commitment, it would put me where I am today," said Collins, who practices three or four times a week

## BLOOD TRIBE ACTOR IN WONDER WOMAN MOVIE

It all began when Eugene Brave Rock was a 17 year old "kid from the Blood reserve," chasing his dream of making it big in Hollywood. Now, at the age 39, with a role in the box office smash movie 'Wonder Woman' he's become a hometown hero. Born and raised on the Kainai First Nation, Brave Rock has said, "It's overwhelming, but it's great... I'm soaking it in. It's wonderful. I'm so grateful to represent my people, my culture and my language to the rest of the world." Brave Rock is breaking new ground in

his career. Playing the character "Chief" in the movie, he wanted his character to pay tribute to his own tribe's contributions to the First World War. So he studied the experiences of Mike Mountain Horse, a war hero and writer born on the Blood reserve near Fort Macleod who joined the war effort to avenge his brother's death. In the movie, he introduces himself to Wonder Woman in his native Blackfoot language. Hopefully the "trend" of seeing First Nation actors on the big screen doesn't stop.

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# AN AFTERNOON WITH ELDER GLORIA LITTLELIGHT



**NAME: GLORIA LITTLELIGHT**

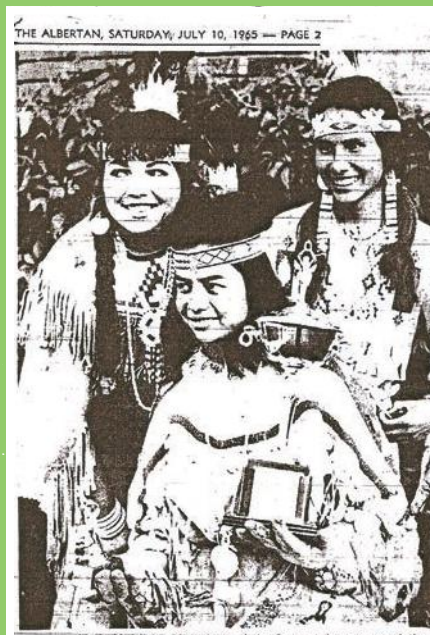
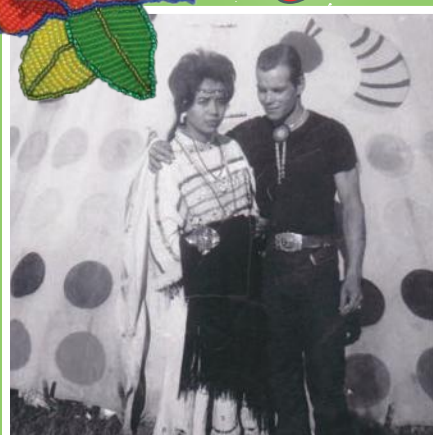
**PARENTS: FRANCIS LITTLELIGHT, DORA BIG PLUME**



The Communicationsteam had the incredible opportunity to sit down with Elder Gloria Littlelight, who is the First Stampede Indian Princess back in 1965. We greatly appreciate the time Gloria took to sit down with all of us to share part of her life story and the hardships she overcame with the help of her Family. It is an honor to sit down and share the wisdom of all of our elders. Siyisgaas Gloria for being an amazing role model in the community!



# Gloria Littlelight



Gloria Littlelight, 18, center of the Sarcee tribe, was named the Calgary Stampede's first Indian princess Friday. The Grade 12 graduate of Henry Wise Wood School will receive a cash award of \$40 and silver trophy. Runners-up in the contest were Shirley Starlight, 20, (left) also of the Sarcees and Donna Joy Weaselchild, 13, of the Blackfoot tribe. — Photo by Randy Hill

## Shy Sarcee Girl Is First Stampede Indian Princess

With the Calgary Stampede upon us, the Communications team was especially delighted to sit down with the very First Calgary Stampede Indian Princess Gloria Littlelight who represented Sarcee (Tsuut'ina) back in 1965. Gloria warmly welcomed us into her home, and we listened as she shared her journey through life; How she overcame tragedy and dedicates her life to spreading the message of kindness, and strength and power through education.

Gloria was born on July 17th 1947, to her father Francis Littlelight and mother Dora Big Plume (Bull). Gloria remembers growing up with her mother and father in Siksika, where her father Francis was from, and coming to Tsuut'ina with her mother, Dora, to visit her grandfather, Alex Bull.

As a young teenager Gloria completed her High School diploma at Henry Wise Wood and went on to Mount Royal

Collage for Post Secondary, eventually taking Nursing Aid Courses .

Gloria's journey to becoming a Stampede Princess started with George and Rose Runner. George Runner was a teepee holder in the Indian Village when it used to be located where the current 'Weadickville' is today.

Back in the 1960's, the Village had a huge tree in the center that unofficially marked the central point for celebrations and Powwow. Gloria remembers dancing around the tree as Stampede judges watched. Gloria danced her heart out in the competition for Stampede Indian Princess, which included other Treaty 7 Nations Members, such as Linda Frazer and Shirley Starlight. Gloria was chosen by the judges while she riding in the parade. Gloria has stayed an honorary Stampede Indian Princess alumni, and has taken a part in different events including the anniversary



## Shy Sarcee Girl Is First Stampede Indian Princess

Calgary's first Stampede Indian princess is a shy, 18-year-old member of the Sarcee tribe Gloria Littlelight. She was chosen Friday to the beat of the tom-toms and war whoops of contestants in the Indian dance competition in front of the Corral.

Miss Littlelight was picked for her appearance, costume, participation in Indian events during Stampede week and general interest.

The Grade 12 graduate of Henry Wise Wood High School will enter nurses training at the Calgary General

Hospital this fall. She is an accomplished horsewoman and last year picked up the most outstanding girl award in the girls barrel racing competition.

Visitors can see Gloria in the Big Four Building. She is working there during Stampede week at the Indian crafts display.

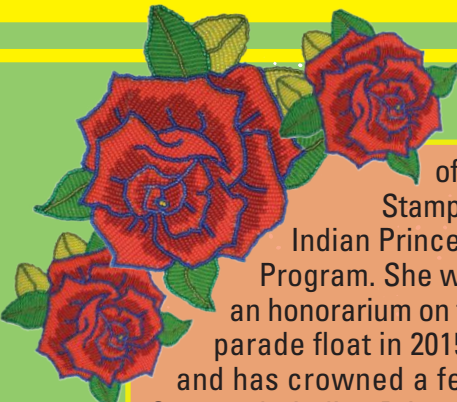
The Sarcee princess thinks the future for Indian youth is in education. She said mixing with white people would be a good influence in getting this education.

Runners-up in the contest were Shirley Starlight, 20, of

the Sarcee tribe and Donna Joy Weaselchild, 13, of the Blackfoot.

Best dancer in the Indian dance competition was also chosen Friday. He is Raymond Ear of the Stoney tribe. Runners-up were Adolphus Weaselchild and Alec Scalplock of the Blackfoot.

The competition was more an endurance test than anything. Entrants were required to dance according to the strength of the tom-tom beat. The chicken dance imitates the Prairie chicken during courtship.



of the Stampede Indian Princess Program. She was also an honorarium on the parade float in 2015, and has crowned a few Stampede Indian Princesses in her day.

Gloria would grow up to have four children Sonny, Kim, Clay and Carrie Littlelight. After she finished her Nursing Aid courses, she worked numerous jobs in the city to support her children, including working at Chinook Elders Home. She eventually came to realize this was not the career for her, so she started a new chapter and moved home to Tsuut'ina. When Bill-C31 passed, Gloria lost her Treaty Rights when she married her children's father. In 2016 she was humbled to be welcomed back on the Nation through the citizenship vote. After applying for citizenship for the third time with no success, she told herself this was the last time she would endure the hardship of the membership process. All she wanted was to come home to the place she grew up and was raised. She said when she got the news that the vote went through she jumped for joy. She said she had, "Never been so proud to be Tsuut'ina," and she encourages everyone to stay true to themselves

and their culture because that's the power to accomplish your dreams, when you share the stories of your ancestors, because they are there to guide and protect you.

Back on the Nation, Gloria worked for Chief and Council as Secretary for Chief Clifford Big Plume which lead her to working at the Redwood Meadows Golf Course.

Gloria's careers also included working for Petro Canada which she did for over ten years but had to resign when tragedy struck. While on a road trip to the United States with her daughter and son in-law, the vehicle they were driving suffered a head on collision with a semi truck. Gloria's son-in-law passed away on contact. She and her daughter, Kim, survived but were both seriously injured. Gloria was in a coma for three months. She was so close to losing her life. Through the support and prayers of her family, Gloria and her daughter recovered but Gloria would live with hardships of re-constructive surgery's and losing much of her long term memory. Gloria won the fight of her life with the help of her family and friends, but even after thirty years she continues to rely on her children to remind her of some of good times they shared together.



While Gloria might not retain all the memories of holding the Calgary Stampede Indian Princess title in 1965, she is happy with being recognized and honored for her involvement and continues to be a positive role model not only for her community but for all young Indigenous women.

*Siyisgaas Gloria Littlelight for all you have done and all that you do!*



# DEPT. POSTINGS

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From left to right: Chief Sanford Big Plume, her husband Scott Kagnapace, Council Member Kelsey Big Plume, and her mother Brenda Big Plume.

## COUNCIL WOMAN GIFTED WITH FEATHER HAT

On a beautiful Thursday afternoon, Tsuut'ina Nation Council Member Kelsey Big Plume received her Feather Hat in a traditional ceremony. The ceremony took place at her father's home, Chief Sanford Big Plume. Honoured family and guests witnessed Kelsey receive her Tsuut'ina Indian Name "Tiny," a name passed down from her grandmother. The ceremony finished with Kelsey's gratitude to the attendees, including our current Xakiji, Lee Crowchild who gave her a special message. In celebration, guests were invited in a welcome rounddance, followed by traditional cuisine of bannock, stew, and dry meat. A huge siyisgaas from Communications for the invitation, it was a beautiful ceremony to witness, *hiy hiy*.



# 2017 STAMPEDE PARADE TREATY 7 MARSHALS



From left to right: Chief Ernest Wesley – Wesley First Nation; Councillor Floyd Big Head Representative of Chief Roy Fox Kainai/Blood Tribe; Xakiji Lee Crowchild; David Sibbald, president & chairman, Calgary Stampede board of directors; Iowa Beebe, Representative of Chief Stanley Grier – Piikani Nation; Bradford Little Chief, Representative of Chief Joseph Weasel Child; Chief Darcy Dixon – Bears paw First Nation; Chief Aaron Young – Chiniki First Nation  
 story and photo sourced from [calgarystampede.com](http://calgarystampede.com) and [calgarysun.com](http://calgarysun.com)

In 1912, 1,800 First Nations people participated in the Calgary Stampede, leading the parade, competing in the rodeo and camping in the first informal Indian Village. 105 years later, the relationship

continues with the invitation to the seven Chiefs of Treaty 7 Territory as Parade Marshals for the 2017 Calgary Stampede Parade. The parade takes place Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and includes 150 western-

themed entries, including 30 marching bands, 40 floats, 750 horses and 4,000 people. It will be a great day to see our Xakiji helping to lead in what will be a day of honour, culture, and tradition.

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS WITH DIT'ONIK'ODZA



**Written by Tammy Whitney**

The Charity is celebrating its 10 year anniversary on September 12, 2017 and can not wait to honour this important milestone with the Tsuut'ina Nation community. To commemorate the accomplishments of the Nation, the Charity is making three hundred personalized dream catchers as gifts to celebrate.

During the past 10 years the Charity has funded \$550 Million to hundreds of programs within Tsuut'ina with every aspect of the Nation having

been impacted by the benefits of Charity funding including education, health, housing, language, recreation, and emergency services. Try to envision what the community looked like 10 years ago in an underdeveloped community with almost no services, and compare that to what we can see today. We can credit those improvements to the funding of the Charity.

The dream catcher circles are braided with sweetgrass to demonstrate the unity which we are embracing along with the community. Tradition notes



that when the dream catcher catches the morning rays, it releases the bad dream from the night before through its dangling feathers. Colourful beads can beautifully enhance weaves helping share the stories of the past. Each dreamcatcher is individually woven by each one of us at the Charity. Not one dreamcatcher is identical to another with each one being unique to its maker. From the Charity staff to the Tsuut'ina community we thank you for helping us celebrate and we look forward to seeing you there.

**IN ORDER FOR A MINOR TO RECEIVE THEIR PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION (PCD) UPON TURNING EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE – ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN A BMO FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP IS MANDATORY.**

# NOTICE TO MINORS

**Tsuut'ina Nation Minors who will be turning eighteen (18) years of age this year be advised:**

As a requirement of the Tsuut'ina Nation Capital Trust Agreement each minor must satisfactorily complete an educational program approved by the Nation with respect to personal financial planning and money management.

Bank of Montreal (BMO) Financial Literacy Workshops is scheduled for the following date in order to accommodate this requirement for the minors:

**TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017 – 5:00 P.M. SHARP**  
**LOCATION: GREY EAGLE RESORT AND CASINO**

**Additional workshops will be scheduled in the new year.  
Contact 403-238-6412 if further information is required.**



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1. Original Birth Certificate
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3. Provincial Health Care Card (not needed if passport is used or client has 2 current Government issued pictures ID's)
4. Marriage Certificate/Name Linking Documents (if applicable)

##### CHILD APPLICATION (AGES 15 AND YOUNGER)

1. Original Birth Certificate that has Parental information
2. Only one parent's signature is needed and parent must have Gov't issued picture ID  
(a) If court documents giving one parent sole custody are present than only that parent's signature and Gov't issued picture ID is needed
3. Marriage Certificate (if applicable)

**Photo copies of Birth Certificates, ID's or Court Documents WILL NOT be accepted and Original Birth Certificates will be kept until certified and returned by the department staff.**

**Call to book an appointment, walk-ins available for Elders on non-appointment days**

**NON-TSUUT'INA APPLICANTS MUST PAY A \$20 CASH FEE**

# EDUCATION IN THE CITY

Not only is Tsuut'ina proud of all of you, you're all great role models for your peers, older generations and generations to come. You're all doing such a good job, each step you take forward is a huge success.

## JUNE STUDENT AWARDS

### TOP MOTIVATED STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

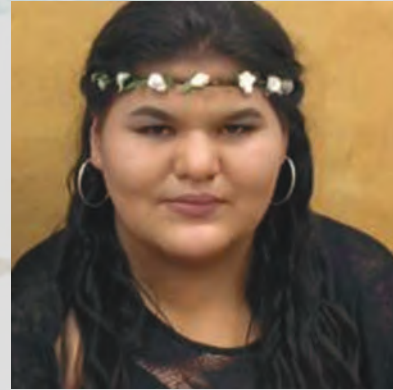
**KERRA BIG PLUME SIMON**



**TRAEJAN BIG PLUME**



**JAYA JACOBS RIDER**



## SCHOOL AWARD RECIPIENTS



**DENAE CRANE**  
*Student of the Year*

Is a student at Dr. E.P Scarlett High School Denae is receiving Tsuut'ina education 'top honor' student of the year award for the 2016-2017 school year. Despite having to deal with some challenging circumstances this school year; Denae has persevered with her academics and achieved great success.



**LONDON MCHUGH**  
*RAP / Sponsorship*

Is a student at Dr. E.P Scarlett High School. Landon has recently applied as a candidate in the Registered Apprenticeship Placement (RAP) and has already been sponsored by a mechanics shop in Okotoks



**CHAZZ CROWCHILD**  
*Food Studies*

Is a student from Dr. E.P Scarlett High School. Chazz received an award from his school as the Top Grade 10 Food Studies Student. This award is given to the grade 10 student who received the highest academic grade for Foods 10 class.



**NORMAN BUNN**  
*Art Advanced Placement*

Is a student at Dr. E.P Scarlett High School He received an award from his school as the Top Grade 10 Art AP Student. This award is given to the student with the highest academic grade in grade 10 Art AP art this year.

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## AWARD RECIPIENT (cont.)

### JADE EAGLETAIL *Student of the Year*

"Jade is a very outgoing person and a young lady that has drive and commitment. She has excelled academically and is one of the top students at St. Cyril. She is also an amazing athlete and displays fantastic leadership skills at all times. She will always be an asset to any community or organization that she chooses to be a part of. St Cyril was a better school with Jade. We will miss her. She deserves every success in her future endeavors."

– Mrs. Bereznicki,  
Mrs. Layzel, Mr. Mc Ewen.

"I had no hesitation to choose Jade for the TsuuT'ina Education Top honors student of the 2016/2017 school year. Jade is a respectable young lady that excels in everything she does. Jade participated in our first ever TsuuT'ina Education princess pageant, she was amazing in her TsuuT'ina speech, she played the Star Wars theme song for her talent and was the Runner up. Jade signed up for the Ogha Gunaha TsuuT'ina Nation Youth Committee, and she became the president. Jade is one of the top athletes at St Cyril and in our community, she is invited to the 2017 Indigenous games in Toronto for volleyball. I know Jade will succeed in whatever she puts her mind to and I wish her the best in her future accomplishments."

– Cara Big Plume

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# Tsuut'ina Education Department Calendar 2017/2018

- Holiday (No School)
- Professional Development Day (No School)
- Early Dismissal (Out at Noon)
- Parent Teacher Conferences (P/T Conf.)
- No School for K4 & K5

**Aug-17**

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**August 2017**  
**30** Wed Teachers Return/Organizational Day  
**31** Thurs Professional Development Day

**18-Feb**

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**February 2018**  
**15** Thurs Professional Development Day  
**16** Fri Professional Development Day  
**19** Mon Family Day Holiday

**Sep-17**

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**September 2017**  
**1** Fri Professional Development Day  
**4** Mon Labour Day Holiday  
**5** Mon First Day of Classes for Gr.1-12  
**11** Mon First Day of Classes for K4 & K5  
**14** Thurs P/T Conferences (K4-Gr.12) 4-7pm

**18-Mar**

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**March 2018**  
**22** Thurs P/T Conferences (K4-Gr.8) 9am-3pm  
**23** Fri Professional Development Day  
**29** Thurs Last Day of Classes Before Break  
**30** Fri Good Friday Holiday

**17-Oct**

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**October 2017**  
**6** Fri Professional Development Day  
**9** Mon Thanksgiving Holiday  
**17** Tues Picture Day (All Schools)

**18-Apr**

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**April 2018**  
**9** Mon First Day Back After Break  
**19** Thurs P/T Conferences (Gr.9-12) 9am-3pm  
**20** Fri Professional Development Day

**17-Nov**

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**November 2017**  
**1** Wed Professional Development Day  
**6** Mon Chiila Report Card Day  
**9** Thurs P/T Conferences (K4-Gr.4) 9am-3pm  
**10** Fri Remembrance Day Holiday  
**21** Tues Report Card Day (Gr.5-12)  
**24** Fri P/T Conferences (Gr. 5-12) 9am-3pm

**18-May**

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**May 2018**  
**1** Tues Tsuut'ina Day  
**18** Fri Professional Development Day  
**21** Mon Victoria Day Holiday

**17-Dec**

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**December 2017**  
**4** Mon Professional Development Day  
**14** Thurs Last Day for K4 & K5 Before Break  
**21** Thurs Last Day Before Break

**18-Jun**

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**June 2018**  
**8** Fri Grade 12 Graduation (No School for Gr.5-8)  
**14** Thurs Last Day for K4 & K5  
**27** Wed Last day for Gr.1-12  
**28** Thurs Professional Development Day  
**29** Fri Organizational Day

**18-Jan**

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**January 2018**  
**8** Mon First Day of Classes after Break  
**26** Fri Professional Development Day

**18-Jul**

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**July 2018**

## Bell Times

| Chiila Elementary (Mon-Thurs) |               | Middle School (Mon-Thurs) |               | High School (Mon-Thurs) |               |
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| 8:25 am                       | School Starts | 8:30 am                   | School Starts | 8:30 am                 | School Starts |
| 10:35-10:50 am                | Break         | 10:10-10:20 am            | Break         | 10:34-10:44 am          | Break         |
| 12:00-12:40 pm                | Lunch         | 12:35-1:05 pm             | Lunch         | 12:04-12:34 pm          | Lunch         |
| 2:25-2:40 pm                  | Break         | 2:35-2:45 pm              | Break         | 1:54-2:04 pm            | Break         |
| 3:20 pm                       | School Ends   | 3:30 pm                   | School Ends   | 3:24 pm                 | School Ends   |
| Chiila Elementary (Fri)       |               | Middle School (Fri)       |               | High School (Fri)       |               |
| 8:25 am                       | School Starts | 8:30 am                   | School Starts | 8:30 am                 | School Starts |
| 10:15-10:25 am                | Body Break    | 10:00-10:15 am            | Break         | 10:11-10:20 am          | Break         |
| 11:40 am                      | School Ends   | 11:45 am                  | School Ends   | 11:46 am                | School Ends   |

# HONORABLE MADAM JUSTICE ERB RETIRES

*Submitted by Loni Big Crow-  
Peacemaker Coordinator*

A farewell was held on Monday June 19th 2017 at The Office of the Peacemaker for the Honourable Madam Justice Erb.

Members of Tsuut'ina Nation, including Chief and Council, Office of the Peacemaker and Tsuut'ina Peacemaker Court, bid farewell to Madam Justice Erb. She has worked with the Tsuut'ina Nation for over 17 years.

She has retired from the Advisory Chairperson role within the Tsuut'ina Peacemaker Provincial Court Advisory Committee.

We now welcome Justice Bryan Mahoney as our new Advisory Chairperson.



**Honourable Madam Justice Erb**



Pictured Top: Chief Lee Crowchild. Bottom: Council Member Ellery Starlight



# TSUUT'INA SPEECHES

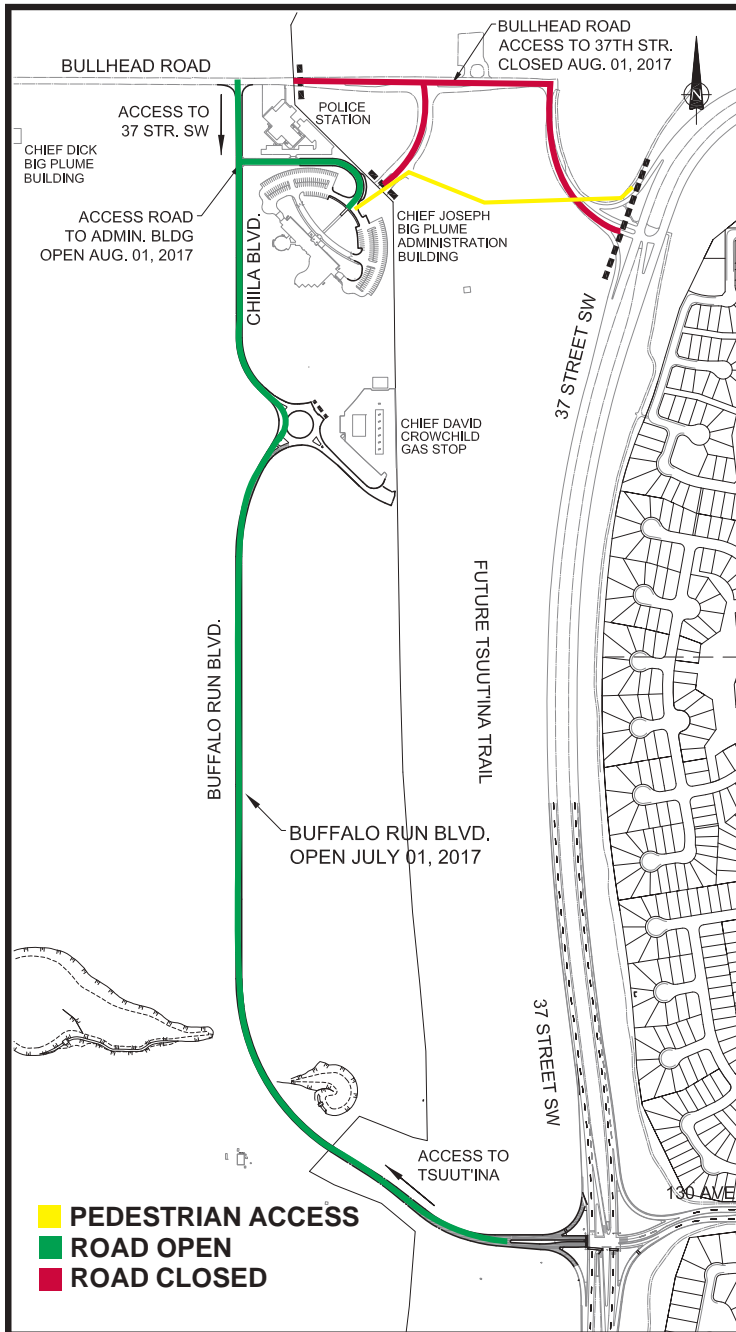
Tsuut'ina Gunaha promotes and focuses on the Oral tradition of speaking Tsuut'ina Gunaha by encouraging learners to utilize public speaking to promote the Tsuut'ina language and become role models within the community. The initiative looks to foster confidence and courage in our students to orally engage in speaking Tsuut'ina in everyday life and in the community beyond the classroom. These speeches were held at Chiila Elementary. We're very proud to see a new generation of Tsuut'ina speakers.



Photos submitted by Tyanne Meguinis

# NATION CITIZEN NOTICE

## CHANGE OF ACCESS TO TSUUT'INA NATION



### JULY 1, 2017

- Buffalo Run Boulevard **OPENS** to 37th Street SW
- Access to Chief Joseph Big Plume Administration Building via Bullhead Rd. will remain **OPEN** during month of July

### AUGUST 1, 2017

- Access to Anderson Road via Bullhead Road will be **CLOSED**
- Access to Tsuut'ina Nation will be via "Buffalo Run Boulevard"
- Access to Chief Joseph Big Plume Administration Building will be via "Chila Boulevard"

~Thank you for your cooperation~



Please forward any questions regarding the above to Highway Corp. 403-281-4455

**MAILBOX REMINDER:** Mailboxes (located in front of Administration building) were relocated on Thursday June 15 to the Tsuut'ina Gas Stop. All Incoming Mail will remain distributed with the current process. There will be no disruption in Mail services, as Canada Post will continue deliveries.

# SPOTTED ELK DRIVING RANGE OPENS

## A FULL SWING WITH BRUCE & DEANNA STARLIGHT



*Thank you to Bruce and Deanna Starlight for inviting the communications team into their home to talk about their newly opened spotted elk driving range*

### **What was the reason or inspiration behind building your driving range?**

BSL- You have to diversify. We do not have the land to run three or four hundred head of cattle. We don't have the land to have 1000 acre farms to make ranching and farming viable. The other thing is employment for my children and employment for the Tsuut'ina people. [We want to] turn the Tsuut'ina dollar over one or two times. See by that I mean, we get the driving range proceeds, we hire somebody, that person purchases gasoline from the Nation, so we turn the Tsuut'ina dollar over three times. I'm hoping that over the years, [the Nation] will see the benefit of small business development. Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day- teach him how to fish and he'll eat forever. It's better to teach than to give. We need to wake up the community to see the possibilities.

### **What would you say is the reason or inspiration behind the building of the driving range?**

DSL- One of the main things is we always try to create things that's going to benefit. My grandchildren especially, I'm hoping that my children will make that happen. It may or not be a success but those are the chances that you have to take. That's what they're there for- chances, to take. We don't know how it's going to be but it's there. It's there for the community. Us Indians hey, we always want to be at home, so it's home-based, it's comfortable for the community to come out to their own lands; To have some kind of a creation rather than going into town all the time.

### **Who do you credit for helping get this project off the ground?**

BSL- What it is, is things that we know. We know how to work with wire, we know to work with work posts, we know to work with tipi poles, we know how to dig. Those things we know about. That's what we developed, the things that we know. We built it with our own income. When we get a burst of income, we reinvest it right away... That way it's something positive left for your children, for your grandchildren. It's creating that pot you want to create and sharing it so other people can enjoy the money that you make. Make sure that you have enough and always share. If you're stingy of the money, it's very hard to come by- that's my granny's teachings.

DSL- I'm going to have to say my kids... Like I've always said, my kids are the experts to us. They are. I've got a carpenter, I've got an electrician, you name it, I've got it. Just goes to show, I'm proud of my kids and what they do. It was my kids and my grandchildren.

BSL- It's not just our kids we call, there's a lot of young people that call us grandma and grandpa, mom and dad. Them too, they come here, and we put them to work. If it was just me and her, the driving range would never be where it is... Also, the Chief, we're traditional. We wait for what his vision is. He said, 'small business and the social well being of the people.' So we just support him. Doesn't matter which leader it is, we've always supported them... When you get old, our age hey, we don't have to look back to see who we ran over. We might have but it was unintentional. We always try to move with the Chief because we're traditional. That's how it is. You just got to support them, if it doesn't work well, he might shift- you shift with him. That way you have strong people. We all know what we're going to do.

### **How long did it take you to build the range?**

BSL- We started two years ago, in the fall time. It wasn't overnight, we'd get our work cheques and then we say, we can do this part today and then we can do that part and then we can do this part.

### **Is the driving range meant for Nation Citizens or is it open to all people?**

BSL & DSL- Open to all.

BSL- We've already had some white people in here (laughs).

### **What would you like the Nation to know about your Driving Range?**

BSL- Well I would like to get the golfers interested and we would like for them to tell us what's wrong with it so we can satisfy the clientele. Criticize us, we need the critique in order to make it better. Hopefully when it's set up one of my grandkids will say 'let me take it over'.

DSL- Like I said, we don't know nothing about it [golfing] and hopefully someday, we'll be in that same position of supporting someone else if they set something up. We did it all on our own. Everything that we do, that we try to show our kids- don't give up. Like this grand opening that we had, one of my boys said 'nobody's here, nobody's here' and I told him, you know it only takes one to be a success. My dad used to say that. Don't get downhearted about it. It only takes one

BSL- It's also in the bible, *when one or two are gathered in my name, I shall be there.*

DSL- So to us, the grand opening was a success.

*Spotted Elk Driving Range is located at 100 Weaslehead Road, please call for further information or if you would like to try out this brand new facility 403.993.7534*

# BUILDING ON UP

Submitted by BAEC

The Bullhead Adult Education Industrial Arts Program is working alongside with the Tsuut'ina High school students in building a garage. Both Mr. Csizmadia (BAEC) and Mr. Fedrizzi (TT High School) are working with their students to build a garage on Bullhead School grounds. The success and completion of this project could not happen without the joint effort from the Principal, staff and students.



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**On Call Child Care Workers**  
Tsuut'ina Daycare Centre  
Temporary

**Portfolio Liaison Officer**  
Tsuut'ina Nation  
Community Programs  
Full Time | Closes Jul 15

**Portfolio Liaison Officer**  
Tsuut'ina Nation Lands  
Administration  
Full Time | Closes Jul 15

**Portfolio Liaison Officer**  
Tsuut'ina Nation Social  
Well Being  
Full Time | Closes Jul 15

**Daycare Custodian/ Maintenance**  
Tsuut'ina Daycare Centre  
Full Time | Closes Jul 15

**Maintenance Worker**  
Tsuut'ina Healthy Living  
Program  
Full Time | Closes Jul 12

**Childcare Worker**  
Tsuut'ina Daycare Centre  
Full Time | Closes Jul 11

**Executive Assistant**  
Tsuut'ina Technical  
Services  
Full Time | Closes Jul 8

**Professional Rider/ Trainer (Horse) & Assistant to the Lead Spruce Meadows Rider**  
Spruce Meadows  
Full Time | Closes Aug 31

**Tilesetters**  
D&J Construction Inc  
Full Time  
**Long Haul Truck Drivers**  
Kencor Heavy Haul Ltd.  
Full Time



FOR FULL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT TSUUT'INA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
[jobs@tsuutina.com](mailto:jobs@tsuutina.com)



## SPRUCE MEADOWS FIREFIT 2017 COMPETITION

We are very proud to announce that Tsuut'ina Fire & Rescue Service participated in this year's 2017 Firefit Challenge held at Spruce Meadows June 9-11<sup>th</sup>. This is the very first time since its conception in 1994 that a First Nations Emergency services department entered into the ring.

The Scott FireFit Championships is a competition based on fire fighting tasks commonly performed in emergency situations. There are many different levels of Competitors, from the seasoned 20 year veteran to the first time rookies. The FireFit Event is very demanding.

Tsuut'ina came in at 1:27:15 on their final run. We are so very proud of our members who Represented Tsuut'ina on a global scale and performed epically.

Everyday, Tsuut'ina firefighters ensure that their community and environment is as safe as possible. Their hard work, dedication, community engagement and leadership is appreciated. Tsuut'ina Firefighters are essential to the safety and security of our community.

Thank you Deputy Chief Gregg Schaalje, Lieutenant Jim Paul, Firefighter John Pace for your outstanding performance in representing Tsuut'ina. *Siyisgass*



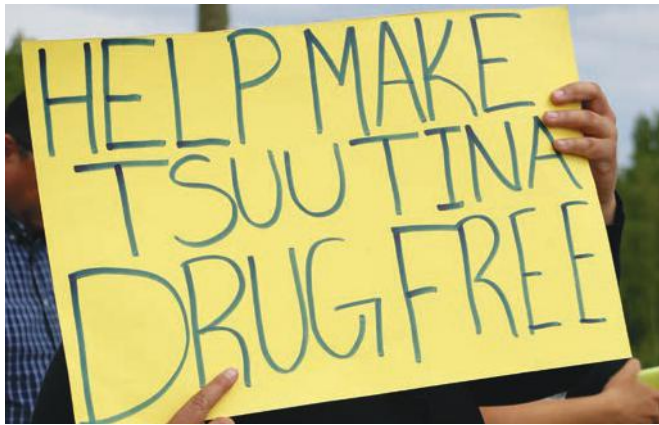
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# STANDING TOGETHER FOR A DRUG FREE TSUUT'INA NATION

A community walk was organized by Tosguna Police Service on the 26th of June, to stand together against illicit drugs and drug trafficking. Thank you to all who came and participated.

Together we can do anything!



# YEAR END BBQ

Hope everyone had a chance to check out the Year end BBQ at Bullhead Hall on June 28th. It was an excellent day full of entertainment and delicious food. One of the highlights was to see select Council members flex some muscle and participate in a tug of war. It might not have been the outcome they wanted but at least they're always trying! Never underestimate the strength of Legislative Procedures as they had many departments 'on the ropes.' Great fun on a great day.





# TSUUT'INA NATION ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

# HAND GAMES

## JULY 28,29,30 2017

**EVENT SCHEDULE:**

FRIDAY JULY 28 OPEN GAMES

**MAIN TOURNAMENT:**

SATURDAY JULY 29

\$15,000 PLUS ENTRY FEE

\$150 PER TEAM

2-5 PLAYERS

**REGISTRATIONS:**

SATURDAY JULY 29 2 PM - 5PM

NO EXCEPTIONS

NO RE-ENTRIES

**TOURNAMENT:**

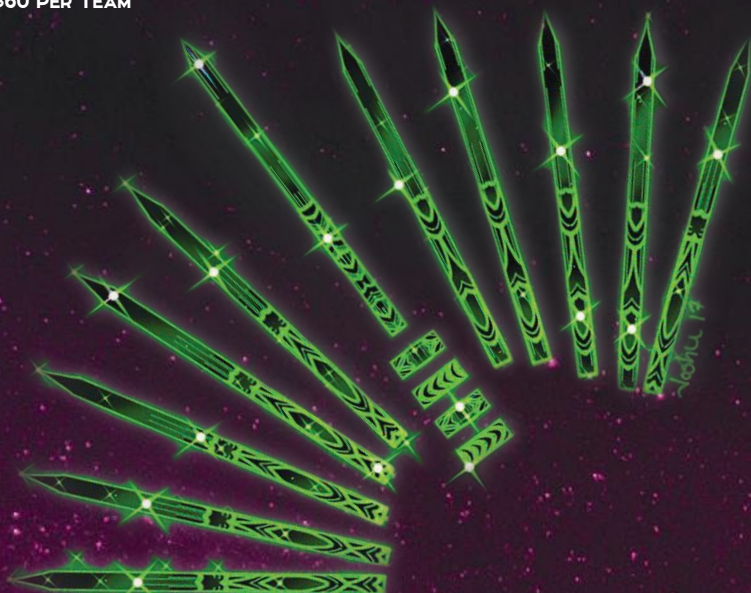
MAIN TOURNAMENT CONTINUES 1PM

**JACKPOT SUNDAY JULY 30**

3MAN

\$2,000 PLUS ENTRIES

\$60 PER TEAM



**TSUUT'INA NATION HAND GAME TOURNAMENT \$15,000 PLUS ENTRY FEES. LOCATED IN REDWOOD MEADOWS FAIRGROUNDS 5 KM NORTHEAST OF BRAGG CREEK, AB- HWY 22**

## FOLLOWING THE DREAMS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Handgames Coordinator: Tonya Crowchild | Email [tcrowchild@gmail.com](mailto:tcrowchild@gmail.com) | Phone 403.281.4455 | [www.ttn.events](http://www.ttn.events)

Annual Celebrations Coordinator: Dayna Big Plume - Special Events Coordinator 403-281-4455 | [daynabigplume@tsuutina.com](mailto:daynabigplume@tsuutina.com)

The Tsuut'ina Nation Pow-wow Committee, Tsuut'ina Chief & Council or any affiliated entities are not responsible for short funded travelers, vandalism, lost or stolen property, theft/damages, accidents/injuries or accidental death before, during & after this event, this includes Tsuut'ina land/property. All Parents/Guardians are solely responsible for the supervision of their child/children. No minors allowed to camp unsupervised- curfew in effect. Pow-wow Security, Tsuut'ina Police & Fire Department on-site. No littering or dumping. Please recycle & respect facilities. No drugs or alcohol- this is a family event!

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@TSUUTINASPECIALEVENTS

### LET TSUUT'INA NATION BE YOUR NEXT DESTINATION



# TSUUT'INA CULTURE MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN!

On June 28th the Tsuut'ina Culture Museum held a soft opening and opened its doors. This building would not have come together without the strong devotion and collaboration of many community members. From a small section in the old Sportsplex to its own building, Tsuut'ina has much to be proud of. For additional information please visit [tsuutinamuseum.com](http://tsuutinamuseum.com)



Left to Right: Jeanette Starlight, Harley Crowchild, Cheyalla Whitney & Kathleen Dodginghorse

## HAND GAMES – A GAME ROOTED IN TRADITION, PLAYED TODAY WITH PASSION

This favorite past time game of simple guessing, has grown into full weekend tournaments of non-stop playing across North America. Some games see players running on little to no sleep in back and forth competition but with the potential for grand prize payouts in the range of \$15,000, people find the motivation to stay awake.

When you find yourself at Annual Celebrations this year don't forget to watch all the action of this timeless game. And if you're unaware of how Hand Games operate here's a refresher:

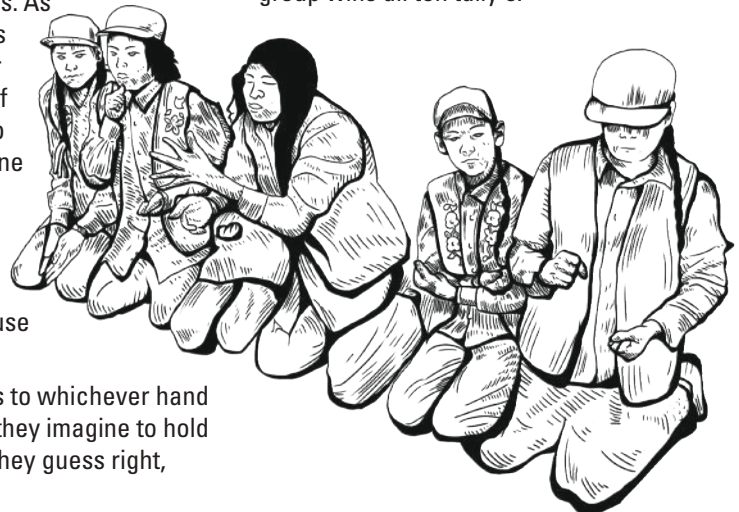
In the competition of Hand Games, players are divided into two groups. Power of judging falls with Chief as arbiter and tallies (scores) are kept with ten painted sticks. There are two pairs of wood or bone pencils that are distinguished only by their marking or cording. These pencils are about four

or five inches long with one pair being slightly longer than the other. These pairs of sticks are given to one group who, in turn, hand them to their two most skillful players who sit or kneel side by side. Opposite them sit the guesser of the other group.

Now the play begins. As one person pounds a drum, each hider juggles their pair of sticks from hand to hand while everyone else sings, shouts, imitates birds or animals cries- whatever it takes to distract or confuse the other players.

The guesser points to whichever hand of each opponent they imagine to hold a pair of sticks. If they guess right,

their group received two tallies. If they guess wrong, the hidiers received the tallies. After discovering which hands concealed the sticks, the guesser has to find out which held the long pair and which the short, the prize for this being one tally. The game ends when one group wins all ten tally's.



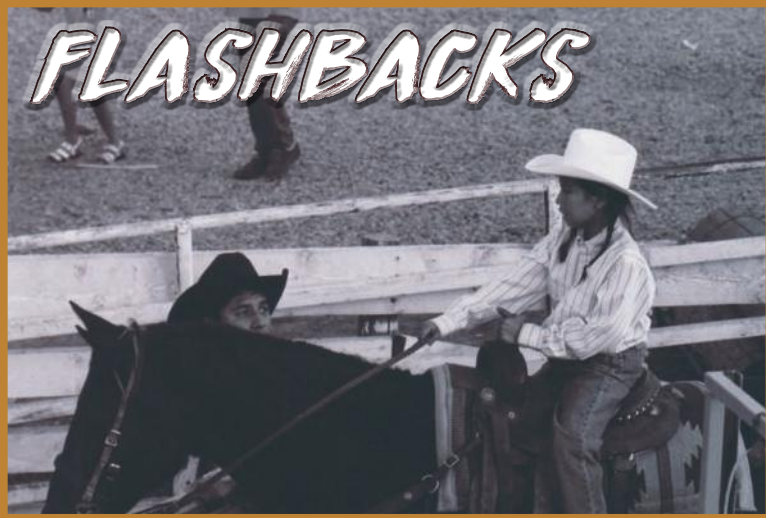
# SADDLE UP TSUUT'INA

The month of July has always been an exciting time for Tsuut'ina and surrounding Nations. It begins with the Calgary Stampede, and leads into our Annual Celebrations. Last month we looked at our Nation's powwow, this edition, we take a closer look at Stampede and Rodeo....



 WELCOME! TSUUT'INA ANNUAL RODEO 

# FLASHBACKS



Leon and Cee Littlelight 1998



Keenan Crane 2016



Riley Dodginghorse 2016



Calgary Stampede Parade 1912



Steer Wrestling 1983

# TSUUT'INA NATION RODEO

**"Being an Indian of the Sarcee Nation, we have always had natural ability when it came to horsemanship" – as told by Roselyn Manywounds**

When the initial start of the Calgary Stampede began, the people had a natural shift into being cowboys and cowgirls. When First Nations people across North America were banned of practicing their cultures, due to government restrictions, rodeo had become another practice and something that is a great event today.

Earlier cowboys such as James Starlight, excelled in the Saddle Bronc category, an outstanding participant. Eventually James retired from rodeo to become one of our great leaders, Chief James Starlight. Those who aspired after him later competed in the Calgary Stampede.

Also brave athletes to mention, common

names in the earlier arenas such as Dick Big Plume, Stanley Big Plume, George Runner, Willie Little Bear, Jim Simeon, Edward Onespot (Gingold), Henry Dodginghorse, Phillip Meguinis, Tom Big Plume, Leonard Crane, Pete Manywounds Sr., Edwin Crane, Robert Dodginghorse, and Richard Dodginghorse.

Like most past cowboys, they encouraged their families to participate in rodeo events, George Runner included. George was one of few selected for a tour overseas all the way to New Zealand to promote Indigenous rodeo life. With that being said, follow your dreams because you'll never know where it's going to take you.



**Team Roping 1998**



**Left to Right: Ben Big Plume, Stephen Runner, and Ronald Dodginghorse 1998**

# TSUUT'INA RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATES

A flash back to when these pretty ladies were competing for the Rodeo Queen title in 1983. We don't actually know what the final results were but without a doubt it would be an amazing idea to bring back... What do you think Tsuut'ina?



SHARON MANYWOUNDS



WANDA SIMON



ELEANOR CRANE



GLENNA CARDINAL



LEANNA CROWCHILD



Bruce Starlight as shown above, was the first Indian Chairman and later, the first elected Indian Board of Director for the Calgary Stampede



\*Information was sourced from Sarcee Re-establishment Centennial 1883-1983

# TSUUT'INA NATION STAMPEDE INDIAN PRINCESSES

**Name:** Marcie Two Guns Meguinis  
**Indian Name:** Ninagha Ts'ika  
**Parents:** Jim Two Guns  
 and Darlene Meguinis  
**Your Reign:** 2004 CSP

**Life changing experience:**  
 Narrating the Alberta centennial celebration in 2005 before Queen Elizabeth and millions of viewers world wide. this was a direct result of being CSP. This taught me how to be open to grand opportunities, and to take healthy risks.

**What Tepee did you represent from the Indian Village?**  
 Prior to granny Katie's tipi was once Bull Collar's Tipi, which was Two Gun's Tipi, therefor we always felt most at home in Granny Katie's Tipi.

**What inspired you to compete?**  
 I don't remember exactly what led me to run for CSP but I remember the night before I was out with friends and woke up feeling like I needed a change.

**What makes you proud to be TTN and how did it influence your reign?**  
 What makes me proud is what our people have endured. The resilience and strength we've had through obstacles and turmoil. The effort and passion that people are showing towards maintaining our language and culture, while also participating in partnerships and creating eco-nomic opportunities. Being able to communicate our mission and create meaningful relationships was a big part of why I enjoyed the role of CSP.

**The most influential person you met?**  
 I've been lucky to have many people in

my life that survive through a lot of chaos and manage to achieve good things for themselves and their family. The people that influence me the most are those who have been to hell and back and still find strength to move forward in a good way.

**Where's the farthest place you Traveled?**  
 I didn't get to travel as a direct result of CS, but I like to think that maybe my advocacy had a small influence in why CSP after my reign got to travel to Europe and other parts of North America.

**What style of dance do you do?**  
 I dance jingle, all the way.

**Your words or quote to live by?**  
 gumanistay- Do your best.



**Name:** Livia Manywounds  
**Indian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Blackfoot Woman"  
**Your Reign:** 2007  
 Calgary Stampede Indian Princess  
**What style of dance do you do?**  
 Women Traditional  
 Northern & Southern  
**Where's the farthest place you Traveled?**  
 Disneyland in Orlando  
 Florida & Quebec

**What Tepee did you represent from the Indian Village?**

It was a open Competition, didn't matter, Represented everyone.

**Life changing experience:**

Riding in Calgary Stampede Rodeo and growing from the "IP" program. Representing on an international level.

**What inspired you to compete?**

Past Tsuut'ina Women who held the title before me and the desire to be a rolemodel.

**What makes you proud to be TTN and how did it influence your reign?**

The culture and history of our relationship with the "CS" especially My late dad being a "CS" Champion in Rodeo

**Your words or quote to live by?**

Life is a blessing, you learn, you love and you grow ♡

**The most influential person you met?**

George Brothman CS past president '07"



The Calgary Stampede has been a historic event that goes back over 100 years; the Treaty 7 Nations have had a big influence on the celebrations and attractions over the years. The Indian Village is a gathering place of all Treaty 7 Nations teepee's that showcase each tribes traditions and way of life. Each year, young women compete from each nation to represent the Calgary Stampede Indian Village for the prestigious title of "Calgary Stampede Indian Princess". The Indian Princess program began in 1965, when Gloria Littlelight was chosen as the Indian Village Princess for the year. The title changed from Indian Village Princess to the Calgary Stampede Indian Princess in 2003. Part of the Official Stampede Royalty program since 2009, the Indian Princess will make over 350 appearances during her reign; educating those she meets about the rich, colorful First Nations culture. She embraces the historic legacy of the Stampede Indian Princess title and will wear the crown with honor as she represents the five tribes of Treaty 7, the Indian Village and the

Calgary Stampede. Every year, the Calgary Stampede Indian Events committee selects a young woman from one of the five tribes of Treaty 7 (Tsuut'ina, Piikani, Stoney, Kainai and Siksika Nations) to act as the official representative of the Calgary Stampede. This annual pageant includes judging on public speaking, knowledge of culture, and knowledge of native language, a dance presentation and Horsemanship. Tsuut'ina Nation members that

have held the title are Gloria Littlelight, Late Lisa Starlight, Heather Meguinis, Camile Whitney, Marcie Meguinis, Livia Manywounds, Eva Meguinis and Amber Big Plume. We wanted to share first hand experiences of our Nations Princesses. The Communications team approached a few of the Alumni and asked them to take our Q&A Cosmo Style! Please enjoy.

-The Communications Team

**Name:** Eva Meguinis

**Indian Name:** Mountain Snow Woman

**Your Reign:** 2011 CSIP

**What style of dance do you do?** Old Style Jingle

**Parents:** Jackie and Daniel Meguinis

**What makes you proud to be TTN and how did it influence your reign?**  
I'm proud to be Tsuut'ina because we are unique with a distinct culture and are known for our resilience and ability to work together.


**The most influential person you met?** My late Korum Emily Meguinis

**What Teepee did you represent from the Indian Village?** My Grandpa Mike Meguinis Sr. Tipi #4

**Life changing experience:** when I welcomed Prince William and Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton to Canada on behalf of Treaty 7.

**Where's the farthest place you traveled?** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Your words or quote to live by?**  
"Life is short"  
"Be committed, to do what it takes, to HAVE what you want"  
"Always be proud of who you are and where you came from"



**Name:** Amber Big Plume

**Parents:** Lilly Big Plume, Steve Mistakenchief

**Your Reign:** 2013

**What style of dance do you do?** Fancy Shawl

**What Teepee did you represent from the Indian Village?** my Grandparents, Clifford & Vanora Big Plume

**The most influential person you met?** CSIP chaperones, Sponsors, & Stampede Volunteers!


**Life changing experience:** Speaking at the Grandstand in front of 20,000 people was very surreal.

**Where's the farthest place you traveled?** Berlin, Germany. I attended ITB Berlin, the worlds leading travel trade show.

**What inspired you to compete?** my Family. They have been involved with the CS since before I was born and it was instilled in me at a young age to be a voice for the future generations

**What makes you proud to be TTN and how did it influence your reign?** There is so much that makes me proud to be Tsuut'ina, it is my home. It was an honor to represent Tsuut'ina during my reign as Calgary Stampede Indian Princess.

**Your words or quote to live by?** "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." - Neale Donald Walsch. If someone told me that I would experience & accomplish everything I did in 2013 as CSIP, I would have never believed them. The role pushed me past any limit I thought I had.



# CONGRATULATIONS 2017!

*You made the Nation proud! Let's take a look at our graduates of 2017, as they carry forward from Headstart to University and beyond. Siyisgaas to all the coordinators and volunteers for making these ceremonies possible for our Nation's graduates.*





# HONOURING GRADUATES 2017

A ceremony was held to honor the Nations Graduates at Bullhead Community Hall. Guests and families gathered in celebration of the cap and gown these students earned and honor the hard work they put into their education. Due a storm, the hall faced an unexpected blackout mid celebration but that didn't stop the honoring.

As a community does, Tsuut'ina came together and continued handing out handmade plaques to students' using cellphones as lights! Siyisgaasdzi-tii to everyone who came together and made the event a great success, students you should be proud of your-selves! Graduation is something you earn that can never be taken away.



## LIST OF GRADUATES WITHOUT PHOTOS

### TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

BRENDA BIG PLUME  
TAIDE CRANE  
CARMELITA JACOBS  
CYNTHIA JACOBS  
JOLAINE LITTLELIGHT  
DARLENE MEGUINIS  
KAREN MEGUINIS  
CLAIRE PIPESTEM  
JOHN PIPESTEM  
BERNARD STARLIGHT

### POST SECONDARY PROGRAM

BENJAMIN CRANE  
LARISSA CROWCHILD  
MARSHAL CROWCHILD  
JORDAN CROWCHILD  
DALTON DODGINGHORSE  
ANTONIO MEGUINIS  
STEPHANIE ONESPOT  
EYVETTE RUNNER  
CORALEE STARLIGHT  
TWYLLA STARLIGHT  
MORIAH WHITNEY

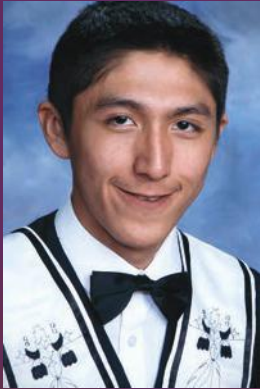
### BAEC TRAINING CERTIFICATES

JOSHUA BIG PLUME  
KYLE BIG PLUME  
LYSA BIG PLUME  
CORBIN CROWCHILD  
JERICO CROWCHILD  
KARLEY CROWCHILD  
KAYLEN CROWCHILD  
TY DAY CHIEF  
JORI LYNN MANYWOUNDS  
SHIRLEY MEGUINIS  
AUGUST NOEL  
DAWN ONESPOT  
AILEEN RUNNER  
DYLAN SIMON  
NIKKI TALLMAN  
TANISHA WHITNEY

### HEALTHY LIVING TRAINING CERTIFICATES

CORRINE EAGLETAIL  
RICHARD LEBLANC  
HEATHER MEGUINIS  
SANDRA ONESPOT

# TSUUT'INA NATION HIGH SCHOOL



LEWIS BLACKFACE



CORISSA CROWCHIEF



RYLEN HEAVENFIRE



MARY PIPESTEM



TREASA STARLIGHT

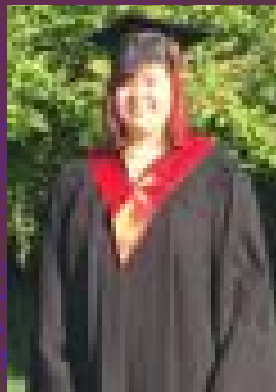
# INNER CITY GRADUATES



DAYME BIG CROW



SEBASTIAN BIG CROW



DANTE BIG PLUME



SIERRA BIG PLUME



SIMON CALVERT



GINA CROWCHIEF



WILLIAM MCDONALD



SHANIA LITTLELIGHT

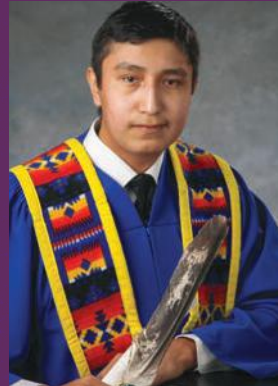


SONNY SCOUT-ONESPOT

# ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS



ELLISA BIG CROW



RYAN WADSWORTH



JOHAN  
YOUNGPINE-CROWCHILD



TASHEENA  
YOUNGPINE-CROWCHILD

# BULLHEAD ADULT EDUCATION



NATHANIAL CROWCHILD



ROBIN CROWCHILD



JAYDEN HEAVENFIRE



BRANDY LITTLEBEAR



ERIN MANYWOUNDS



ANDRIA ONESPOT



BRANDI ONESPOT



HOLLY ONESPOT



JESSE SMITH



HOYCE WHITNEY

## NOT PHOTOGRAPHED

DECLAN BIG CROW  
ISSAC CRANE

ANGELICA LITTLELIGHT  
LUCIUS MCDONALD

DECLAN STARLIGHT  
TEESHA STIMSON

# JULY 2017 YOUTH PROGRAM CALENDAR

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                            | THURSDAY                                          | FRIDAY                                                 | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|        |                                      |                                                      |                                                                                      |                                                   |                                                        | 1        |
| 2      | 3<br>Golf Camp Starts                | 4<br>Golf Camp                                       | 5<br>Summer Prenatal Class<br>1:30PM-3:30 PM<br>Golf Camp                            | 6<br>Golf Camp                                    | 7                                                      | 8        |
| 9      | 10<br>Golf Camp                      | 11<br>Golf Camp                                      | 12<br>Golf Camp                                                                      | 13<br>Golf Camp                                   | 14<br>Swimming Field trip to Village Square 9AM-2:30PM | 15       |
| 16     | 17<br>Ranch Camp Starts<br>Golf Camp | 18<br>Culture Camp Starts<br>Ranch Camp<br>Golf Camp | 19<br>Culture Camp<br>Ranch Camp<br>Summer Prenatal Class 1:30PM-3:30PM<br>Golf Camp | 20<br>Culture Camp<br>Ranch Camp<br>Golf Camp     | 21<br>Bragg Creek Paint ball Field trip 9AM-2PM        | 22       |
| 23     | 24<br>Golf Camp                      | 25<br>Culture Camp<br>Golf Camp                      | 26<br>Culture Camp<br>Golf Camp<br>JR Rodeo                                          | 27<br>Culture Camp<br>Golf Camp Ends<br>JR Powwow | 28                                                     | 29       |
| 30     | 31                                   |                                                      |                                                                                      |                                                   |                                                        |          |

## YOUTH PROGRAM JULY 2017 SCHEDULE

- Culture Camp is located at the Brown bear memorial building
- Ranch camp is located at the Agriplex
- Golf camp is located at the Spotted Elk driving range
- Summer Prenatal Class is located the Health Centre

For further information on summer camps/fieldtrips please contact the youth program at 403-258-4631

# TSUUT'INA NATION ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS YOUTH INITIATION POWWOW



## THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017

### CEREMONY AT NOON POWWOW TO FOLLOW

#### HOST DRUM

BUFFALO TRACK SINGERS

FIRST 4 REGISTERED DRUMS WILL BE PAID

HANDDRUM CONTEST FOR 18 AND UNDER

#### ARENA DIRECTOR

JESSE PELLETIER

#### MC

CAYLEM SIMEON

PRIZE MONEY FOR ALL CATEGORIES

TEENS (13-17) FANCY, GRASS, TRAD., CHICKEN, JINGLE

1ST-\$300 2ND-\$200 3RD-\$100

JUNIORS (6-12) FANCY, GRASS, TRAD., CHICKEN, JINGLE

1ST-\$300 2ND-\$200 3RD-\$100

TINY TOTS FULL REGALIA (5 & UNDER)

PAID DAILY



TEEN  
CATEGORY

JUNIOR  
CATEGORY

TINY TOTS  
CATEGORY

REDWOOD MEADOWS FAIRGROUNDS 5 KM NORTHEAST OF BRAGG CREEK, AB- HWY 22

## FOLLOWING THE DREAMS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Youth Powwow Contact: Kevin Starlight | Email [kstarlight@tsuutina.com](mailto:kstarlight@tsuutina.com) | Phone 403.281.4455 | [www.ttn.events](http://www.ttn.events)  
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# TTN WARRIORS WIN GOLD



Team manager: Waylon Big Plume, Players: Joejoe Big Plume, Kayden Big Plume, Trey Big Plume, Tyrese Eagletail, Anson Eagletail, Farley Rowan, Cyrus Rowan, Graham Rowan, Tason Meguins, Thane Meguinis, Kovey St Dennis, Carsen M and Selena M

The warriors basketball team started out in March as a quick put together team for the big March madness basketball tournament held in Siksika, we put together about 7 kids it was all their first time playing in an organized basketball game and they did an awesome job placing 2nd and only losing by 1 basket in the final. So from then on all the kids were hyped to keep playing so we got them into the CMBA minis spring league they went 8-0 beating each team by 20 points not bad for a bunch of hockey players. Good job to the coaches Rob St Dennis and Bruce Dunham a couple of guys that wanted to give back to the youth as they both played University basketball.

- Waylon Big Plume

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Charity Golf Tournament**




**July 4, 2017**

**Fees: \$1,000 Per Team**

**Registration: 10:00 a.m.**

**Shot Gun: 1:30 p.m.**

**ALL SPOTS FULL**

Proceeds going to providing a Sports year end acknowledgment youth for the 2017 year.

**Registration:**  
Crystal Whitney  
(c) (403) 826-965  
Email: cc.bigplume@gmail.com  
Patsy Simon  
(c) (403) 998-4721  
Email: psimon@tsuutina.com

## ANOTHER GREAT YEAR IN THE WORKS

Congratulations to all the teams who registered in this years Annual Youth Charity Golf Tournament taking place July 4th, 2017. Patricia Simon founded this Charity some 16 years ago with all proceeds going directly back to the Nation. Last years proceeds went to the Youth Program who were able to put the funds towards a new van. This years proceeds will be going towards assisting in providing a sports/educational/art/music year end acknowledgment for the youth for the 2017 year.

Patricia would like to thank the people who work to make an event like this happen including Crystal Whitney (Coordinator) Brendon Crane (Marketing/Publisher) Kevin Starlight (Committee) and countless others.

As a friendly reminder, while the Charity Tournament is very proud and humbled that all spots have been filled for the upcoming Golf Tournament- there are absolutely NO WALK ON's. All teams have paid and registered their players so please respect the game and charity.

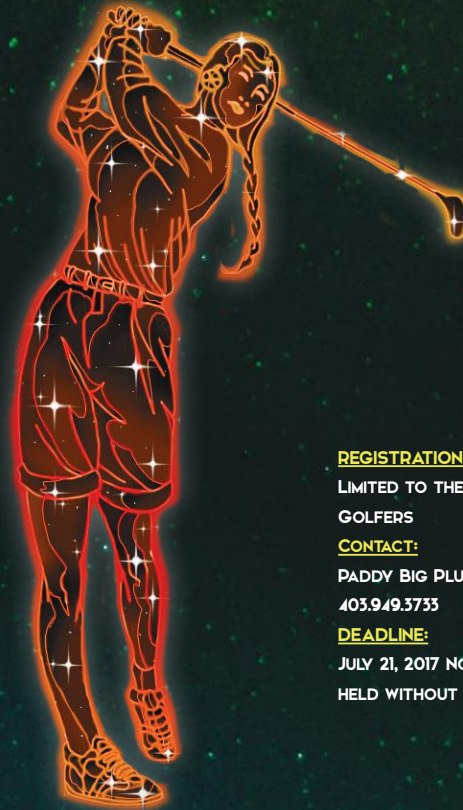
# TSUUT'INA NATION ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

# GOLF

## JULY 28 & 29 2017



REDWOOD MEADOWS  
GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



**TWO DAYS OF GOLF FOR ALL CATEGORIES**

**MEN'S ENTRY FEE:**

\$350

INCLUDES SHARED CART, THREE ROUNDS OF GOLF, GIVEAWAY ITEM AND A MEAL EACH DAY

**SENIOR MEN'S ENTRY FEE:**

\$350

INCLUDES SHARED CART, THREE ROUNDS OF GOLF, GIVEAWAY ITEM AND A MEAL EACH DAY

**SUPER SENIORS ENTRY FEE: \$350**

INCLUDES SHARED CART, THREE ROUNDS OF GOLF, GIVEAWAY ITEM

AND A MEAL EACH DAY

**SENIOR LADIES ENTRY FEE:**

\$350

INCLUDES SHARED CART, THREE ROUNDS OF GOLF, GIVEAWAY ITEM AND A MEAL EACH DAY

**LADIES CATEGORY ENTRY FEE:**

\$350

INCLUDES SHARED CART, THREE ROUNDS OF GOLF, GIVEAWAY ITEM AND A MEAL EACH DAY

**REGISTRATION:**

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 200 PAID GOLFERS

**CONTACT:**

PADDY BIG PLUME  
403.949.3733

**DEADLINE:**

JULY 21, 2017 NO SPOTS HELD WITHOUT PAYMENT

## 38TH ANNUAL ALL NATIVE GOLF CLASSIC

### LOCATED AT REDWOOD MEADOWS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

## FOLLOWING THE DREAMS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Golf Coordinator: Paddy Big Plume | Email [paddy@redwoodsmeadows.com](mailto:paddy@redwoodsmeadows.com) | Phone 403.949.3733 | [www.ttn.events](http://www.ttn.events)

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# LIFE TIME ATHLETE



## MARVIN DODGINGHORSE

Sitting on his porch overlooking the Rocky Mountains and the amazing Tsuut'ina landscape, life time athlete, Marvin Dodginghorse warmly welcomed the Communications team to his home. Marvin was born here on the Nation on May 1st 1956. His parents are the Late Harry Dodginghorse and Jean Dodginghorse.

Marvin recalls his upbringing and remembers how resourceful the old people were and how many people ranched and lived off the land. Marvin started his rodeo way of life in the 60's. He rode in the Steer Riding event when they used to have an annual Rodeo in June at the old Rodeo grounds at the old Cow Camp. It would draw a lot of people back in the day- "this was the rodeo that started it all."

Marvin credits his late father and uncles Robert, Ronald and Richard, for influencing him during his young life. They took the time to teach him how to ride and rope along with Bulldogging. His favorite event is Steer wrestling.

He says,

"It's man against beast,



the adrenaline rush you get, there is nothing like it." Marvin also credits Stephen Runner, Sydney Starlight and the Late Chief Gordon Crowchild for improving his rodeo career.

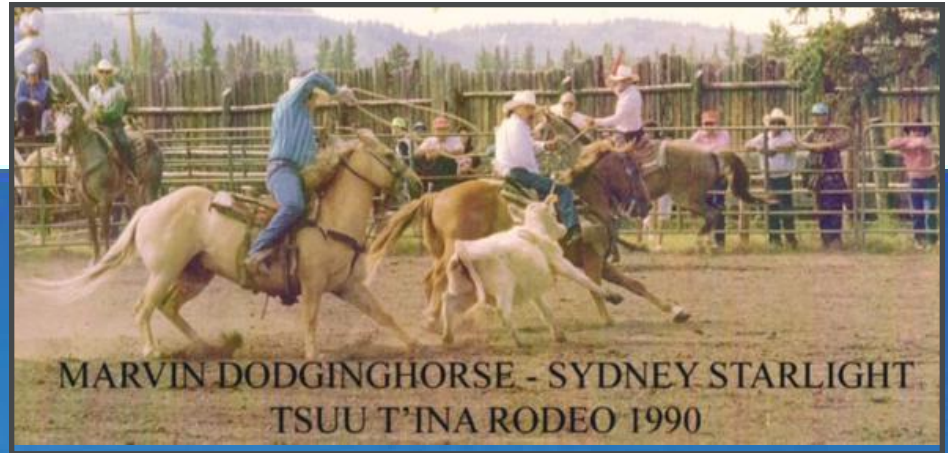
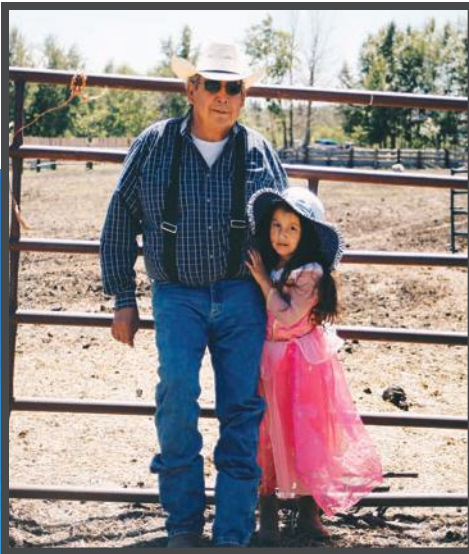
Raising horses has always been a way of life for Marvin. Marvin's Mother played a huge part in this. Jean raised Marvin and his eight other siblings after they lost their father at a young age. Marvin told us about a time when he was really young and he and his brothers were riding from up west from his grandfathers house and none of the boys could get on 'this one horse.' There was one horse that none of them could tame. Sure enough his mother, Jean, grabbed the horn on the saddle, jumped on like nothing and rode the wild horse home. Marvin swore, "From this day on, that's never gonna happen again, if I am gonna



be a cowboy I have learn to handle my horse." Marvin says, there is a lot of self satisfaction in raising and training and bringing [horses] to their full potential." The rodeo way of life for Marvin is a lot of fun but at the same time it's a lot of work. "It's more fun when you're involved with your family, it feels really good when they qualify for INFR and any other circuits they make it to... Not only my family but I love seeing the community being engaged and going far in their own journeys. I will always go down to support the family and the community, it gets expensive these days to rodeo but it's good when the Nation comes together and fundraises and







supports the Riders together."

The Agriplex has been a passion for Marvin and his family for over ten years. There were a few years that people volunteered to run the program but after the Casino opened, he applied for a program with the Nation and it was approved. The initiative has been going ever since.

There are about thirty youth a week that utilize the program. They're mentored in everything from basic riding to roping, barrels, team roping and many other disciplines.

With Annual Celebrations just around the corner, Marvin would love to see a new rodeo arena for the celebrations. "Somewhere on the reserve so they can expand and

grow for the future generations, somewhere we can eventually have chuck wagons and wild horse races. It would be something so beneficial for the community."

Marvin and Sydney Starlight won the Team Roping event in Tsuut'ina. They were one of the last Canadian teams to win it. Marvin recalls, "I came close to winning it with Brent about five years ago, but he missed on the Finals Sunday... I am still mad at him. *More practice Brent* is what i told him!" As Marvin lets out a joyous laugh, he continues to say, "There is nothing like roping with your son or daughters. It brings out so much pride for my children and their accomplishments."

Marvin is still an avid rodeo man, but has lost some passion for riding since he has lost his friends, the now late Tom Dixon, Gordon Crowchild, and Jim Gladstone. His rodeo heroes. Marvin told us, "I've taken the passing of a young man named Frank Big Plume really hard. He was like a son to me. He was always around the house and was just a genuine talent. We all really miss him and his contagious smile."

Through the hard times, Marvin continues to be an avid Rodeo supporter and makes it out to all rodeos he can, he explains, "The heart wants to ride but the body tells a different story of aches and pains of my younger years."

Harry won the Steer Riding championship in 1948 at the Calgary Stampede. Marvin comes from a bloodline of Rodeo Champions, from his father, uncles, himself and now his children. He has definitely built a living legacy. Rodeo isn't just a sport in this family, it's a way of life. It's spending time and sharing love. Congrats to this all around Rodeo Man and inspiration we know as Marvin Dodginghorse.



# TSUUT'INA NATION ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS



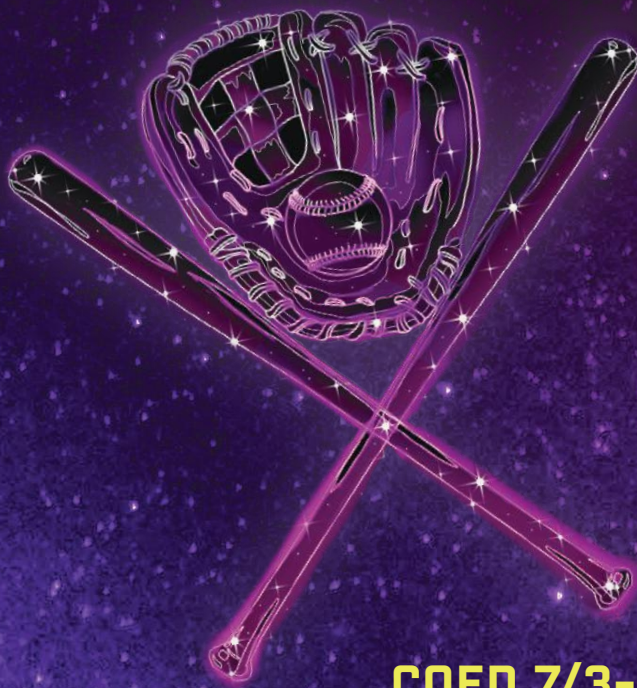
# BASEBALL

## JULY 28, 29, 30 2017

### SLO-PITCH

### SOFT BALL TOURNAMENT AND CELEBRATION

### \$30,000 FULL CASH PAY OUT



#### EVENT SCHEDULE

GAME STARTS

FRIDAY JULY 28

10 AM

#### ENTRY FEE

\$600

#### REGISTRATION:

GLEN EAGLETAIL 403.238.5558

WAYLON BIG PLUME 403.281.9556

#### BASEBALL FEES

MONEY ORDERS OR EMAIL MONEY TRANSFERS TO

VINCENT.ANDREW@TSUUTINA.COM

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

JULY 21, 2017 NO SPOTS

### HELD WITHOUT PAYMENT

## COED 7/3-3 DIVISIONS

## JAYCEE PARK, 1899 39 AVE NE CALGARY AB

## FOLLOWING THE DREAMS OF OUR ANCESTORS

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# A FAST THROW BACK TO 1989

RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE SARCEE WARRIORS OUT IN PEPRIDGE FARM?



*Huge thanks to Jr. Onespot for the photo and info!*

## THE THIS WINNING TEAM MADE IT TO PROVINCIALS AND WON!

**From top left to right:** Kaylan Crowchild, Gilbert Crowchild, Alan Bruisedhead, Jody Labelle, Darcy Fox, Brent Dodginghorse, Marvin Dodginhorse. **Middle let to right:** John Onespot, Kirby Onespot, Larson Starlight, Langdon Crowchild, Karen Dodginghorse, Rick Starlight. **Bottom left to right:** Bryce Starlight, Lyle Labelle, Eugene Poucette, Wayne Meguinis, Jr Onespot, Mason Dodginghorse

## NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

SHOUT OUT TO THESE TSUUT'INA ATHLETES FOR COMPETING IN THE NAIG THIS YEAR:

• TATIYANA EAGLETAIL • • JADE EAGLETAIL • • CASSIDY BRUISED HEAD •

GOOD LUCK GIRLS, YOU'RE DOING THE NATION PROUD!



Sizi Buffalo boy, Traveling rock, Nathan Patrick Meguinis, Kind hearted man a'ta. I am a father, a husband, Yellowhands helper, Tosguna protector, arena director, Field archaeologist. I am a full-time artist for the Gunaha Institute, Powwow grass and fancy dancer, Animator, Graphic artist, Illustrator, traditional crafts, visionary thinker and doer.

When working on a new project I tend to close myself from the world and focus on the task at hand but some projects require different approaches a collaboration of creative input so if I'm animating, it

helps to be in a core group where we can flush out a story through storyboarding then work from there. I also do this approach when designing logos, illustrations, or custom artwork like paintings or portrait painting. When it comes to studio space I work from two humble studios. One is at my office in the Gunaha building and the other is my personal studio at home where I have an organized mess.

My traditional moral upbringing from my parents and grandparents provided me with the strong cultural foundation which provided a unique cultural perspective in any creative project which I use symbolism, traditional colors and the ability to create what I envisioned. Old warrior stories or old stories about giant bears, great

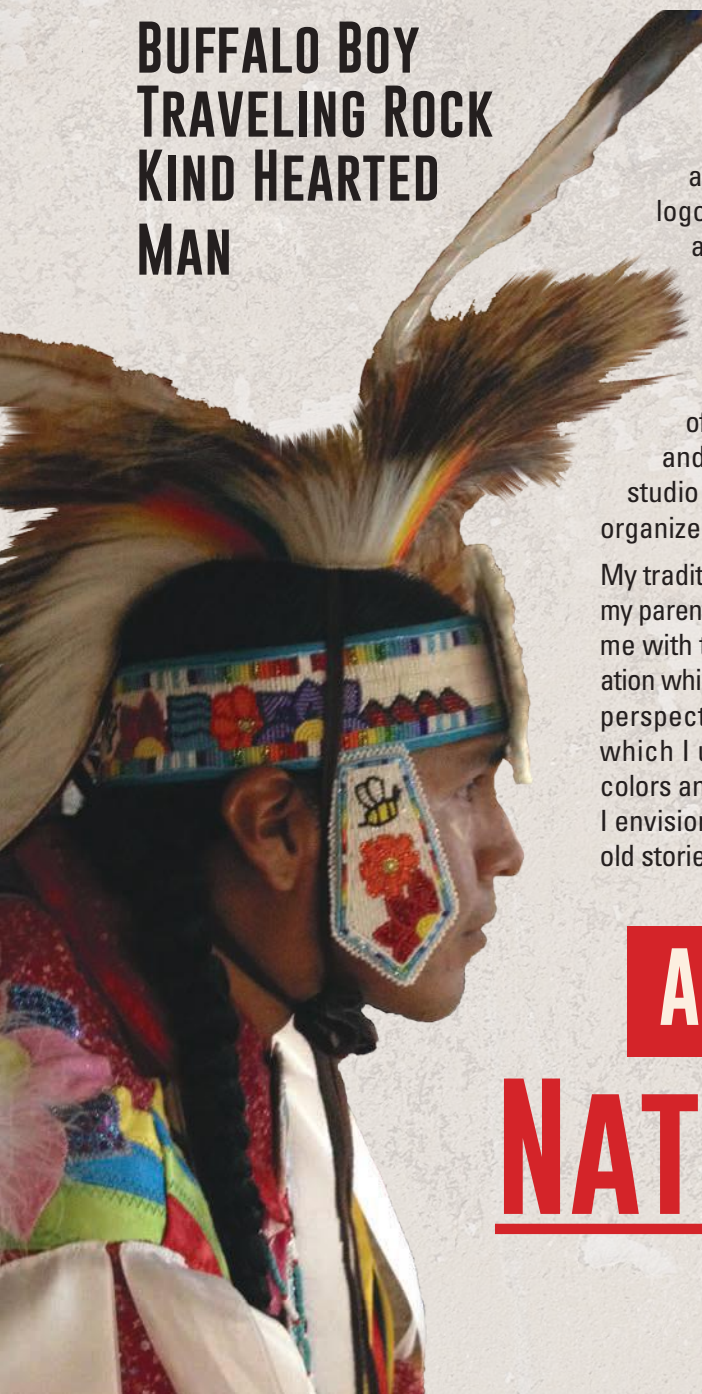
thunder birds, shape shifting warriors, or warriors that rise from the dead has provided me endless ideas on possible projects and finished projects.

When I first started drawing, my parents gave me a pencil and paper and told me to draw what I feel or how I am feeling. This lesson helped me put my emotions into what I am doing and draw what I envision. My grandparents always liked drawings of animals and always stress for realism. They also heavily influenced my style and provided me stories of the old ways.

Grannie Keitha, was the first one to put my work into a logo contest, she liked my drawings and because of that I won my very first logo contest at the high school which I submitted a drawing of a shield with a Buffalo skull and Golden Eagle feathers. This provided me moral boost and help me realize that I have some skills in creating artwork. Soon after I won the gas bar logo contest then another and another and another. Animation is another field I got into and I'm still learning the art but it has provided me a new way to story tell and help teach our language and culture.

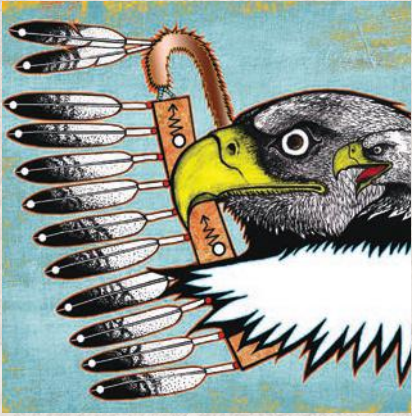
Painting is something I do because it's a fun challenge to create portraits or a concept piece which I articulate what I wanted to share by talking about my artworks. I also dance men's grass and men's fancy dance which provided me the ability to express my physical body in movement moves well keeping in beat with the drum and also keep me physically

## BUFFALO BOY TRAVELING ROCK KIND HEARTED MAN



**ARTIST OF THE MONTH**

**NATHAN MEGUINIS**



fit. I'm also a three time Calgary Stampede grass dance champion.

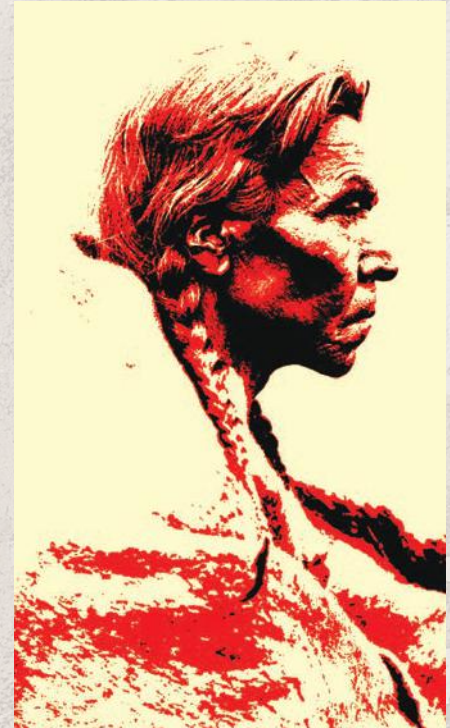
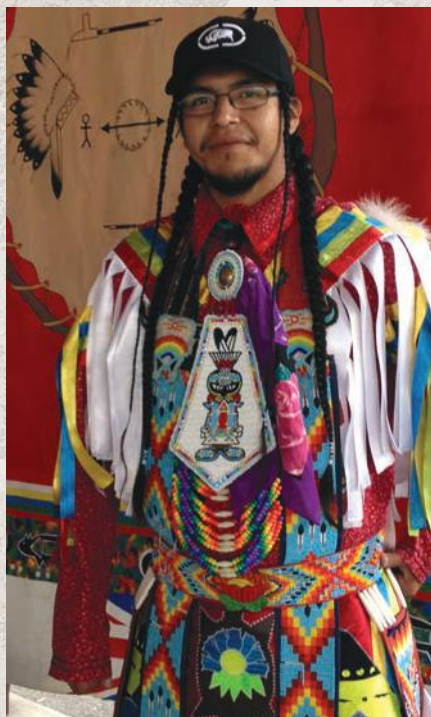
***My style has evolved over the years from realism to abstract to the mixture of both styles, the art of storytelling can be conveyed on artwork. In recent years animation has help me become a better story teller but it's more demanding and so rewarding. As for powwow I will keep dancing grass and fancy but change it up to old style and the crafts, I'm always learning new crafts.***

When it comes down to creating artwork, I can't choose one style I like over the other because each style has a different way to express what I'm feeling. Re-styling and what I envision, each has its own strengths and weaknesses so I can't say one is better suited for me because the only limitation an artist has, is his own creative imagination.

Throughout my life I had a lot of memorable responses from my parents and grandparents. They encouraged me because I had a skill in creating art and pushed me to develop my strength and ability to finish my projects. From winning my very first logo contest to having my logos and artwork be known regionally coast-to-coast or to be asked to be a part of art galleries. Having my artwork illustrations being sold in Chapters. Winning first place



at Calgary stampede for men's grass dancing three times was wicked. Now creating artwork for Gunaha is very rewarding because I know I'm helping to save our language and culture through the arts. Everyone has the ability to be creative it's just like any other muscle the more you work at it the better you get at it so



I always encourage people to keep creating and everybody's an artist we just do things differently.

"An artists limitation is his own creative imagination" I said that. I would actually like to keep creating meaningful artwork and also working towards a full-time animation studio for our Nation. I would like to be internationally known and break free of these reservation limitations and eventually, I hope to become an art teacher. I love creating art and helping to create art through collaborative efforts like animation.

*Siyisgaas Artist of the Month Nathan Meguinis for compiling and allowing us to share a portion of your amazing work. You can see Nathans work in and around the Nation, we have no doubt that you will continue to lead with strength and bring further pride to your Nation.*

# TSUUT'INA NATION ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS POWWOW JULY 28,29,30 2017



**TSUUT'INA MC'S**

HAL EAGLETAIL | MICHAEL MEGUINIS | DAVE MEGUINIS

**ARENA DIRECTOR**

LOUIE HEAVENFIRE

**HOST DRUM**

YOUNG BEAR

**DRUM BOSS**

DJ JACOBS

**POW-WOW SPECIALS**

CHIEF & COUNCIL GIVEAWAY

CHILLA PRINCESS ASAYDA EAGLETAIL SPECIAL

SCARLETT MEGUINIS TINY TOT DANCE SPECIAL & GIVEAWAY

SKYDOVE BIG PLUME PINK DRESS JINGLE/FANCY SPECIAL AGES 18 - 26

**SINGING CONTESTS:**

**DRUM CONTESTS**

1ST-\$12,000 2ND-\$10,000 3RD-\$8,000 4TH-\$6,000 5TH-\$4,000

6TH-10TH \$2,000 PER

NON PLACING DRUM SPLIT \$10,000

**HAND DRUM CONTESTS**

1ST-\$3,000 2ND-\$2,000 3RD-\$1,000

**LADIES BACKUP SINGING CONTESTS**

1ST-\$3,000 2ND-\$2,000 3RD-\$1,000

**DANCE CATEGORIES**

**MEN'S BUCKSKIN (18+)**

1ST-\$1,000 2ND-\$800 3RD-\$600 4TH-\$400 5TH-\$200

**MEN'S GOLDEN (60+) FANCY, GRASS, TRAD, CHICKEN, COMBINED**

1ST-\$1000 2ND-\$800 3RD-\$600 4TH-\$400 5TH-\$200

**WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE (60+) FANCY, JINGLE, TRAD, COMBINED**

1ST-\$1000 2ND-\$800 3RD-\$600 4TH-\$400 5TH-\$200

**SR MEN'S AND LADIES' (35-59) FANCY, GRASS, TRAD., CHICKEN, JINGLE**

1ST-\$1000 2ND-\$800 3RD-\$600 4TH-\$400 5TH-\$200

**JR. MEN'S AND LADIES' (18-34) FANCY, GRASS, TRAD., CHICKEN, JINGLE**

1ST-\$1000 2ND-\$800 3RD-\$600 4TH-\$400 5TH-\$200

**TEENS (13-17) FANCY, GRASS, TRAD., CHICKEN, JINGLE**

1ST-\$600 2ND-\$400 3RD-\$300 4TH-\$200 5TH-\$100

**JUNIORS (6-12) FANCY, GRASS, TRAD., CHICKEN, JINGLE**

1ST-\$400 2ND-\$300 3RD-\$200 4TH-\$100 5TH-\$50

**TINY TOTS FULL REGALIA (5 & UNDER)**

PAID DAILY

**DANCER REGISTRATION AT REDWOOD MEADOWS FAIRGROUNDS:  
FRIDAY 10AM - 8PM | SATURDAY 12PM - 2PM**

**DRUM REGISTRATION: FRIDAY JULY 28 10AM - 8PM**



**GRAND ENTRIES: FRIDAY @ 7PM, SATURDAY @ 1 & 7PM, SUNDAY @ 1PM. LOCATED IN REDWOOD MEADOWS FAIRGROUNDS 5 KM NORTHEAST OF BRAGG CREEK, AB- HWY 22**

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# TSUUT'INA BANNOCK- A HIT IN LAKEVIEW

*By: Jesse Salus, Chairman of Lakeview's Tsuut'ina Nation Relations Committee.*

In late May, Lakeview held its annual Fun Day; a day of bouncy-houses, face-painting, cotton candy and all kinds of family fun and games. This year we wanted to bring a small taste of the Tsuut'ina Nation to Lakeview, and Tanya Eagletail's bannock was recommended to sell at the event. We got the order fresh on the morning of Fun Day, and the entire batch was sold out in under two hours!

We had Mayor Nenshi, City Councillor Brian Pincott and our MLA Anam Kazim stop by the bannock table, and the Lakeview Community Association will be making an even bigger order next year.

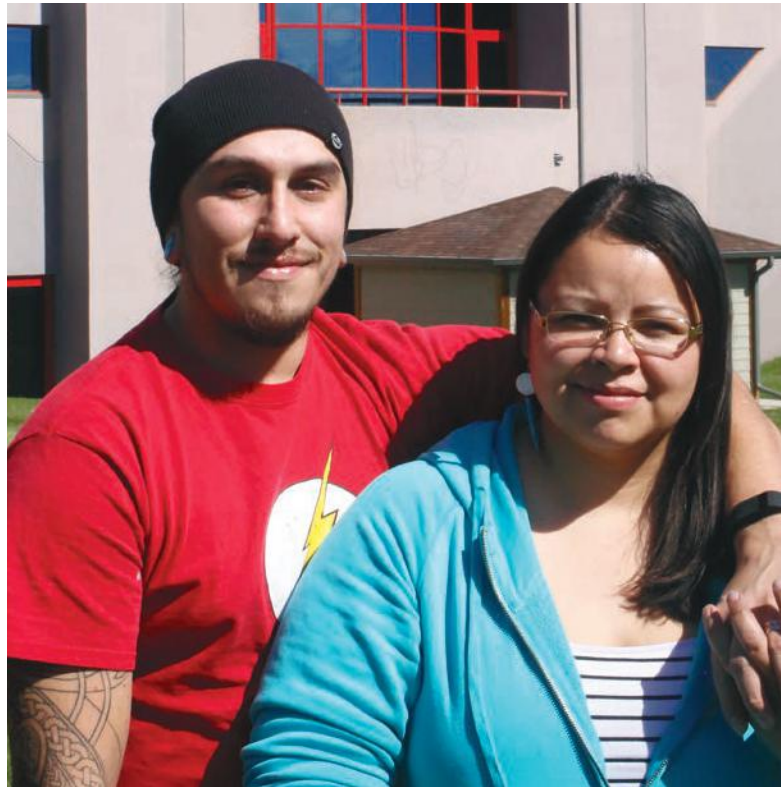
There was an unexpected benefit too; after posting the sign (pictured below) on Facebook, Tanya received several job offers to make bannock for other events, including the Aboriginal Awareness Week Festival down at Olympic Plaza in June.

A huge thank you to Tanya for the amazing fry bread! We look forward to next year, and to inviting all of our Tsuut'ina neighbours to come join us for Fun Day 2018.



# NATION ARTIST REPRESENTING AT CALGARY STAMPEDE

Art has been a featured component of the Calgary Stampede from the very beginning. Since the early 1980s, the Stampede has included a live auction of the best contemporary, modern and western art. New this year is a collective of Native artists called Northern Plains Artists, which showcases Tsuut'ina Nations own, Keegan Starlight. The Western Showcase is recognized as one of the major destination areas of the Stampede. Keegan along with this wife, Amanda Fox will be creating and selling artwork at the Western Oasis in the BMO Centre for the entire duration of the event. If you make it down to the grounds this year, be sure to check out the very talented artists. Yeehaw!



# ROCKIN OUT AT CKLL FM THE UNIKORN 98.1

Members of the Communications team had the pleasure of undergoing radio host training with Jim King, Kevin Littlelight, and Livia Manywounds at the Littlelight Ranches on Grasshopper Road.

The Unicorn 98.1 was unveiled on May 1st- Tsuut'ina Day, most certainly for Tsuut'ina Nation.

This project has been a long time in the making and brings with it limitless opportunities. Behind the helm is creative, Kevin Littlelight.

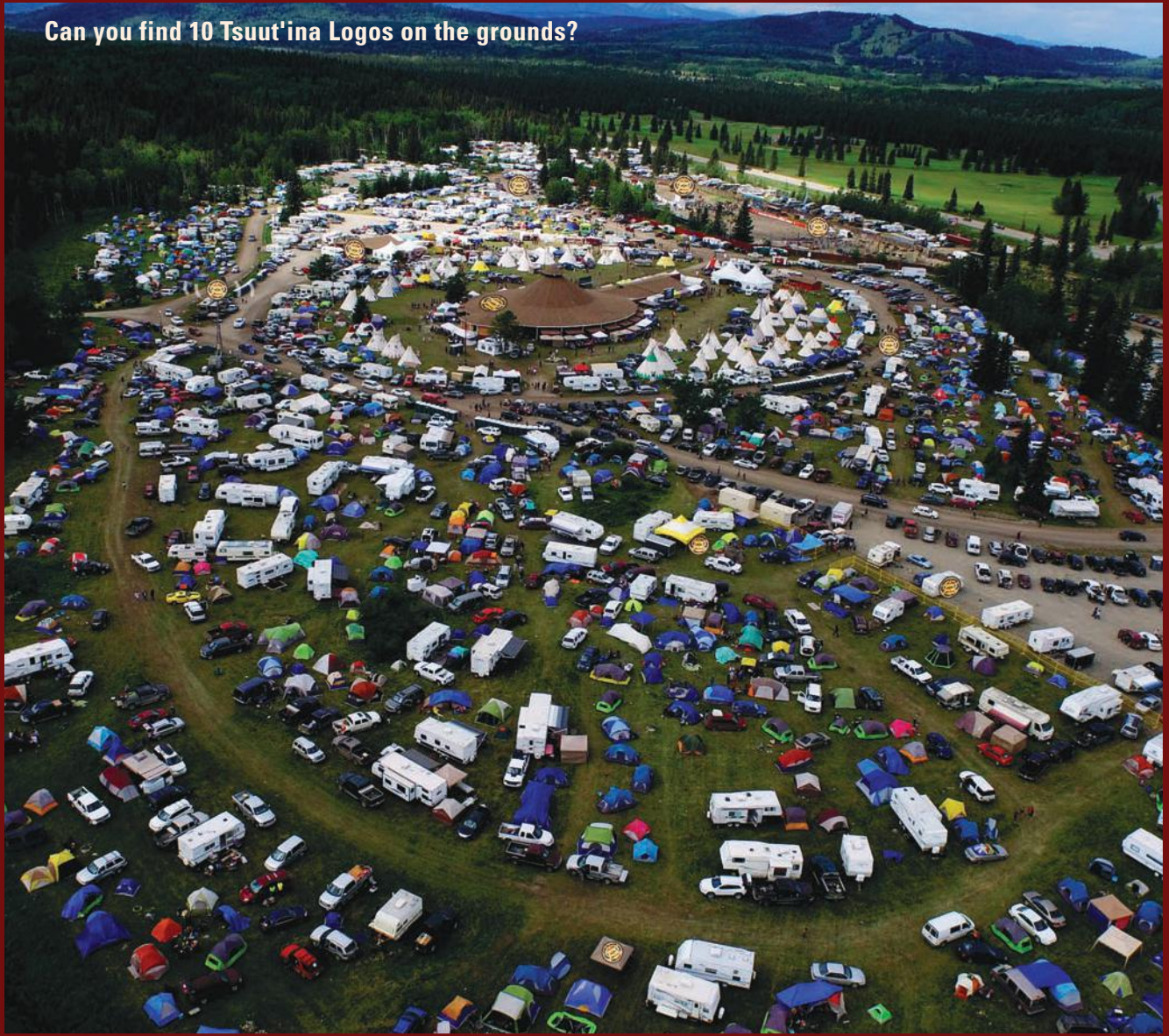
Kevin hopes to for more volunteers to train as radio hosts, "The radio station had brought a lot of joy to the Nation and made us a community again." In the meantime, Rock On Unicorn!





# FIND THE TTN LOGO!

Can you find 10 Tsuut'ina Logos on the grounds?



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Iliana Naomi (aka Turtle) Onespot's Birthday, she will be turning 9 on July 2th**



**Happy Birthday to our son (Grandson) Riley Simon - July 13**

**Karen Dodginghorse Happy Birthday on July 10th - from Mandi & Boys**

**Carvor Crowchild, Happy Birthday July 11th Love Mom and Dad, Mihko, and Grandma July 8th, Dradon Dodginghorse from Mom, Brendan, & Grandma**

**Happy Birthday Day Little Brother Desmond Meguinis, Love you lots from Eva Meguinis**

**Happy Birthday 39th Leon Littlelight July 13th from Angie, Kenzie, and the fam jam**

**Happy First Birthday Tallica Jacobs Thanks for the best year ever love you from mommy and daddy**

**July 7th, Happy Birthday Bertha Big Plume (Grandma) Love You-Trish Big Crow**



# July HOROSCOPE

Find your sign below to see what the month of July 2017 has in store for you



## Mìlò Gūlīnī

"CANCER" Jun 21 - Jul 22

July is your month to shine! As if you don't already, but your role is significant in decisions being made this month, no matter how small or irrelevant they seem. Pick your battles, pick some berries; lay down the law, lay down some sweetgrass.

## Mìzìts'ìgúdìsúlí

"LEO" Jul 23 - Aug 22



Step out of your comfort zone and that's where the adventure begins. Take the lead on your next journey. Take a chance at Ranchman's, you CAN do the bull. Get your Yee-Haw on.

## Nìchìdìnìt'òdì Ts'ìkà

"VIRGO" Aug 23 - Sept 22



Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once and awhile, you could miss it. Sip that sacred tea lightly. Think about it.

## Ádágù-hí

"LIBRA" Sept 23 - Oct 22



Don't let this month stress you out. Don't overthink the small stuff, it will get done. Carmen that means you!

## Nātt'ūwí

"SCORPIO" Oct 23 - Nov 21



This is the month to listen to your loved ones. They may be trying to tell you something important. Sometimes you need to put the gloves down.

## Ístíí K'at'ini

"SAGITTARIUS" Nov 22 - Dec 21



Awkward moments are only passing, therefore laugh them off. The world is only as fun as you make it. Also give that bank card a rest.

## Dōmā Dā

"CAPRICORN" Dec 22 - Jan 19



Turn to the future and focus on the tasks ahead. Smudge and have some of that dry meat. The past is in the past.

## Tú Yìkōtí

"AQUARIUS" Jan 20 - Feb 18



Don't let this month get you down, there's lot of things to do this summer. Help your community, they need your special insight.

## Tlúk'á Cha Átládīt'iyí

"PISCES" Feb 19 - Mar 20

This month is your time to explore your creative self. Find your passion and create something that will last. Take a trip to the new musuem if you wish to feel inspired.

## Dōmā Ìk'ōyí

"ARIES" Mar 21 - Apr 19



The challenges will soon be over, enjoy the beauty around you, even in the mirror! Kick your feet back and tune into the Unikorn 98.1

## Ìk'ōyí

"TAURUS" Apr 20 - May 20



Socializing is important this month, your opinion is the cherry on top of discussions you may have. Debate why dreamcatchers wouldn't work in the car.

## Ìk'āst'ónághá

"GEMINI" May 21 - Jun 20



You've made bannock plenty of times, don't let one burn on your finger hold you back! People will always look for your bannock, your efforts are worth the trouble!

# TSUUT'INA NATION ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

# YOUTH RODEO

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017



**ENTRIES:**

JULY 18-20 5PM - 8PM

**PHONE ENTRIES:**

OFFICE- 403.238.6213

OFFICE- 403.238.6322

**ENTRY FEES:**

\$5 AGE 7 & UNDER

\$10 PER EVENT AGE 8-17

**AGE CATEGORIES:**

AGE 7 YEARS & UNDER: \$25 ADDED

AGE 8-11 YEARS: \$75 ADDED

AGE 12-14 YEARS: \$100 ADDED

AGE 15-17 YEARS: \$150 ADDED

**'NO WALK IN ENTRIES'**



**AGES 7 & UNDER:**

- CALF SCRAMBLE
- DUMMY ROPING
- BOOT SCRAMBLE
- LEAD LINE BARRELS
- SHEEP RIDING

**AGES 8-11:**

- BARREL RACING
- STEER DAUBING
- STEER RIDING
- POLE BENDING
- BREAKAWAY

**AGES 12-14:**

- BARREL RACING
- CHUTE DOGGING
- STEER DAUBING
- STEER RIDING
- POLE BENDING
- BREAKAWAY ROPING

**AGES 15-17:**

- BARREL RACING
- POLE BENDING
- CHUTE DOGGING
- JUNIOR BULL RIDING
- TEAM ROPING
- BREAKAWAY ROPING

**AGES 8-17:**

- TEAM ROPING

**START TIME 10:00 AM AT THE REDWOOD MEADOWS FAIRGROUNDS 5 KM**

**NORTHEAST OF BRAGG CREEK, AB- HWY 22**

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# RODEO

JULY 27, 28, 29, 30 2017



## ENTRIES

WEB: MIDWESTRODEOENTRIES.COM  
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017 12AM (MST)  
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017 6PM (MST)

PHONE: 605.374.7754  
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017 10AM-6PM  
ENTRIES CLOSE AT 5PM (MST) ON  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

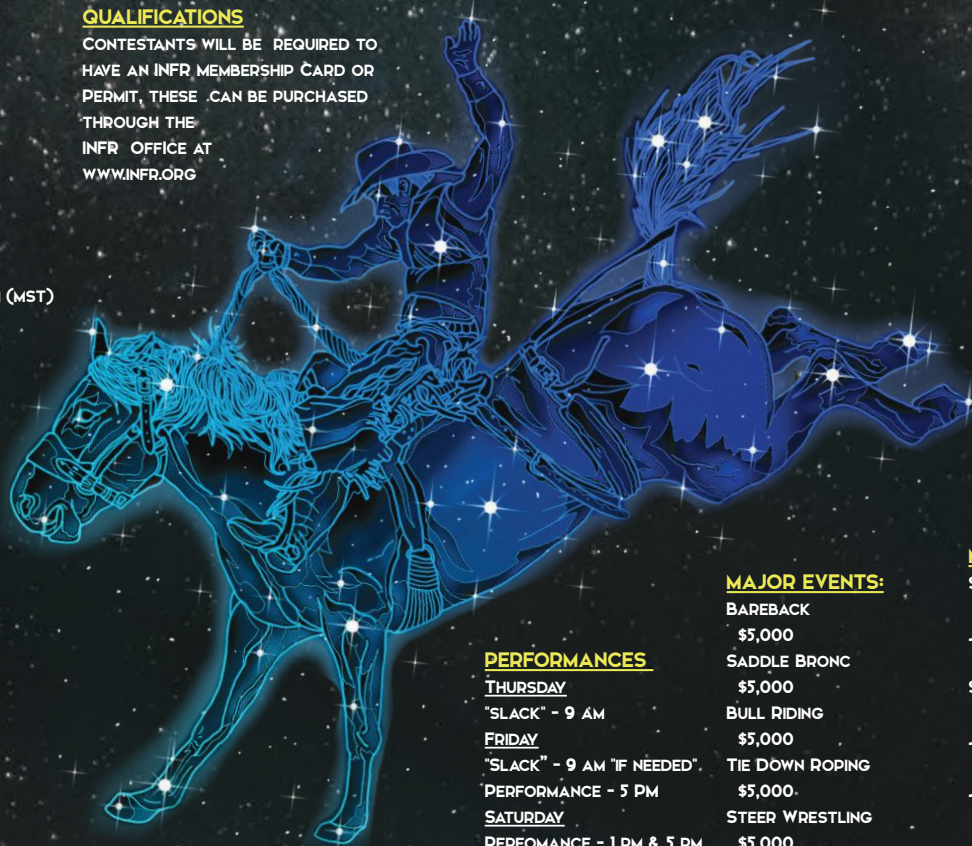
CALL BACKS/TRADES:  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 1PM-4PM (MST)

## COMMITTEE

BRENT DODGINGHORSE  
LEON LITTLELIGHT  
DARRELL CROWCHILD  
VINCENT CROWCHILD  
PAULA BIG PLUME

## QUALIFICATIONS

CONTESTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO  
HAVE AN INFR MEMBERSHIP CARD OR  
PERMIT, THESE CAN BE PURCHASED  
THROUGH THE  
INFR OFFICE AT  
WWW.INFR.ORG



## PERFORMANCES

**THURSDAY**  
"SLACK" - 9 AM  
**FRIDAY**  
"SLACK" - 9 AM "IF NEEDED"  
PERFORMANCE - 5 PM  
**SATURDAY**  
PERFORMANCE - 1 PM & 5 PM  
**SUNDAY**  
"SHORT GO" - 1 PM

## MAJOR EVENTS:

BAREBACK \$5,000  
SADDLE BRONC \$5,000  
BULL RIDING \$5,000  
TIE DOWN ROPING \$5,000  
STEER WRESTLING \$5,000  
TEAM ROPING \$10,000  
LADIES BARREL RACING \$5,000  
LADIES BREAKAWAY \$5,000

## MINOR EVENTS

SR. TEAM ROPING \$2,000  
JR. BARREL RACING \$1,000  
SR. BREAKAWAY \$1,000  
JR. BREAKAWAY \$1,000  
JR. STEER RIDING \$1,000

## SPECIAL EVENTS

JR. RODEO - WEDNESDAY  
JULY 26TH - 10 AM  
SHEEP RIDING - SUNDAY  
JULY 30TH  
LIMITED TO 15 RIDERS

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