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Photo taken by Faith Dawn Isnana of the NAIG Lance Runners at the Oasis

Welcome :)

Summer is here and almost gone. This has been a very busy quarter for the Oasis :) this newsletter is filled with a variety of programs, activities and what has been happening at the Oasis for the first quarter of our fiscal year. We hosted the Residential, Renovation Construction 12 week program, Fleamarket, National Aboriginal Day Celebration, North American Indigenous Games Lance Run Ceremony, and the Oasis Annual General Meeting— annual report including financials is on the Oasis website.

Congratulations to employee Lindsay Brittain on receiving the Sask. Literacy award of Merit and Debbie Cramer receiving the Special Olympics Gold Medal in Bocci Ball. We were able to bridge youth to both the Air Cadet and Girl Guide summer camps. Thanks to the Elks for transporting the Guides to Heritage Camp. They would not have been able to attend otherwise. Please drop by or contact us anytime :) and also if you have some time, skills and knowledge that you would like to pass on we would welcome that :) . Thankyou to all the donations so far this quarter :)

We are sad to see long time board member Myrtie Rempel resign due to family concerns. She was dedicated and hardworking for the Oasis centre and will be missed.

Thankyou.

Joy Hanson—President—nipoasis1@sasktel.net

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN SPRING & SUMMER 2014

Residential, Renovation and Construction Program —12 week program from March 31 to June 20. Partnership with SIIT and Sask. Apprenticeship and Trade Commission. Renovations to Oasis and construction of 3 sheds completed.

Literacy Award—Lindsay Brittain

Special Olympics Gold Medal—Team Sask. - Debbie Cramer

National Aboriginal Day Celebration—June 21 at Oasis

Oasis Fleamarket and Bike Sale—May 2

Nipawin Annual General Meeting—June 24

NAIG—North American Indigenous Games Lance Run Ceremony—July 7 & 8

Girl Guide and Air Cadet Camp—youth and leaders attend

Rolling Pines Junior golfing Program—July/August

Family Fun Night at Wagner Gym—Thursdays 6:30—8—organized by Gillis McKay

Try a Tool Program—more details next Newsletter

Follow up Reports completed— Child Nutrition & Development Program, CIF annual grant, TIP grant, Summer Students

Grants received for 2014-2015 —Child Nutrition & Development Program grant—Ministry of Education, Northern Lights CDC, TIP grant, Ministry of Social Services, KTHR—Mental Health, RRAC program, Status of Women,

Poverty Reduction Task Force Nipawin Meetings—participating in

Nipawin Intergated Services Committee Meetings—participating in

Food For All Coalition Committee meetings —participating in

Monthly Staff/Safety/Board Meetings and Policy/Procedures — continued to hold the monthly meetings

Oasis Website/Facebook pages—updating regularly

Community use /rental of Oasis— Nipawin Rotary, NE Country Music Association, Lions Club, Nechapanuk Services, Baby Day—KTHR, and Red Earth Cree Nation.

Coming Events

Culture Days—Friday Sept. 26 from 10-7

Poverty Workshop—Oct. 16 Tisdale

Project Mgmt Course—Nov

Proposal Writing Course - Nov.

Traditional Sewing Program—Nov

Christmas Concert—Dec



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2014-2015 OASIS PROGRAMS

Mental Health Support Program - COPE (Mon. & Thurs)

Child Development, Nutrition and Culture Program (Mon.
—Fri.)

Youth and Family Support and Home Visiting Program

Family Literacy Programs (Friday)

Community Inclusion Program—Girl Guides/Air Cadets

Workforce Development & Employment Opportunities Pro-
gram

Women & Girls Exploring

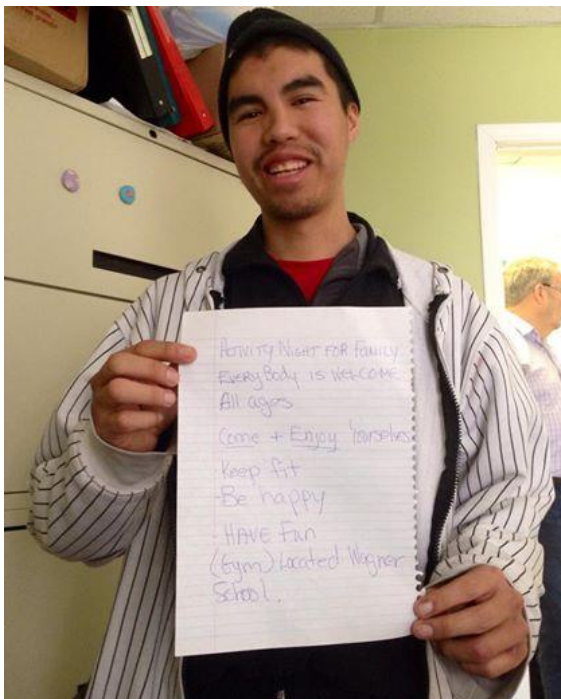
Trades Program—"Try a Tool"

Healing/Sharing Circle—Wed 12

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Family Fun Nights—Thursday—

Wagner School



Oasis celebrates National Aboriginal Day June 21

Sponsored by Canadian Heritage, SaskCulture and Community Initiatives Fund Activities

On June 21st 2014 the Nipawin Oasis hosted its 2nd successful National Aboriginal Day Celebration with Elders Henry and Betsy Crane, Angelique McKay, Rev. Reta Nawakayas, Emma Pelly, Ernest and Harriet Felix and honoured guests, Joseph Naytowhow – Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, Island Dancers from Cumberland House, Powwow dancers Kyle Whitefish and Harriet Lathlin. The events that took place were Pipe Ceremony, Teepee raising and teachings by Joseph Naytowhow, Traditional dancing and teachings, bonnet and moss bag making, cradle board display and teachings, carving with Elder Henry Crane, Cree language and Syllabics, drumming and pow wow dancing, Red Earth Cree Nation history, jigging, square dancing, medicine wheel teachings, children's activities and traditional lunch served with bannock and putchin. Followed by Jigging, Neckbone and Watermelon eating contests. It was another successful celebration that had approximately 150 community members participate! One Elder said it was the best day of her life :) and the youth were asking when can we do this again? :)



Residential Renovation and Construction Program—12 weeks

This program was a partnership between SIIT (Sask. Indian Institute of Technology), Sask. Apprenticeship Board, Ministry of Economy—Prov. Gov't, and the Nipawin Oasis. Nine students were successful in completing the program. Nipawin was the first rural urban community to host this program and the first time the program qualified to receive the provincial training allowance. Instructor was Sean Mahar with SIIT. This partnership in addition to funding received from the Homeless Initiative grant provided with the students assistance to build 3 sheds, install 2 vanities, shelving, and baseboards. We are very grateful for all their hard work and dedication in not only furthering their own careers but to help out the Oasis at the same time :) We were blessed to have Elder Phyllis Flett and Emma Pelly and Joseph Naytowhow who was at the graduation ceremony and shared wisdom and encouragement. The meal was made by the Oasis which was delicious :) Several of the students are now working or furthering their education.



NAIG Lance Run Ceremony at the Oasis July 7 & 8

This year Saskatchewan was the host province of the North American Indigenous Games that took place July 20th – 27th in Regina with thousands of Indigenous youth who participated in competitive sports; all that participated were representing their home communities. The NAIG ceremonial lance travelled through the province to bring awareness and pride for Saskatchewan to be the host province. Nipawin was selected as a key community for the Lance to stop and visit. The Nipawin Oasis Community Centre, with the community's help, welcomed 10 youth Lance runners and chaperones to Nipawin on July 7th 2014. We would like to thank the Town of Nipawin for welcoming the youth and their chaperones to Nipawin and for giving the welcoming address, special thank you to Elder Norman Head for blessing the food and a big thank you to Constant Reminder for their wonderful performance! It was a successful event that had approximately 100 community members join us!



Lindsay Brittain receives 2014 Sask. Literacy award of Merit

On April 23, 2014, hosted by the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield—Lieutenant Governor at Government House in Regina. Lindsay Brittain was presented with the Cameco Literacy Learner Award and Bursary of \$1,000 in his position of Youth and Culture Leader at the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre. The five awards were presented to individuals who displayed outstanding efforts to promote literacy, programs devoted to learning, and organizations that incorporated essential skills, learning, and literacy when educating others. Lindsay is currently enrolled in a two year youth worker program to further his education. A very special young man in many ways and is missed by all.

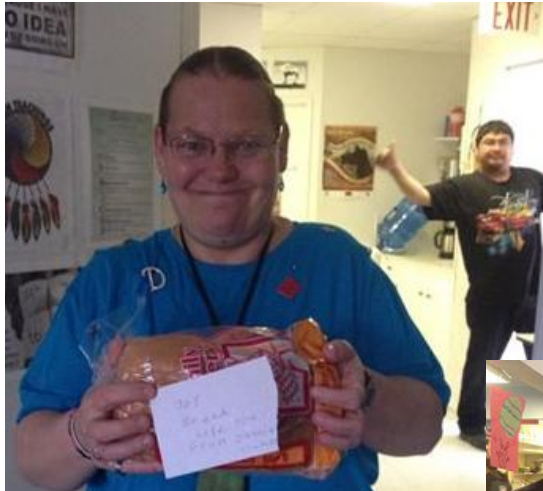


CULTURE DAYS CELEBRATION SEPT 26 FROM 10—7

Cree culture and language along with Cultural advisors from the Cree nations of Red Earth, Shoal Lake, Cumberland House, and James Smith. Will include hands on activities such as bonnet making, moss bags, cradle boards, carving, Teepee raising and teachings, bannock making, Red Earth history and culture camp, jigging, and children's games and activities. Will also include traditional food. Everyone is Welcome - organized by Patricia McGillivary- See more at: <http://culturedays.ca/en/2014-activities/view/532e325c-a67c-449f-8f62-61964c4a89be#sthash.gjWUJJAV.dpuf> Below are some pictures from last years celebration.



SOME PICS FROM THE SUMMER :)



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Thanks to Stacie and Samantha for leading this project —Awesome! Enjoying all the fresh vegetables while the youth and other participants are enjoying learning how to weed, water, prepare and preserve the produce. Yum Yum!



YOUTH GOLFING PROGRAM

We are very thankful to Debbie Arnst of the Rolling Pines golf course for their support and applying for the Mapp grant which allows the program to be partially funded. This enables the Oasis youth to experience the pleasure of learning and playing the game of golf. Superb lessons as always were given by Derrick Tallon. To practice the youth enjoyed the Nipawin Golf Course driving range as well with thanks to Derrick for supplying the range balls :) We are in need of volunteers for this program next year if you are willing to take some youth out for a round just let us know :) Would be nice to have a tournament to raise money for this program :) anyone interested? :)



YOUTH CULTURE, LITERACY AND NUTRITION PROGRAM

The youth program had a very successful year under the leadership of Tara Nordmarken and support workers Lindsay Brittain and Noreen Moore. Under the leadership of Tara we were successfully able to bridge girls to the girl guides program which they thoroughly enjoyed. All three employees put their heart and soul into the youth program and will be missed. We have now hired Patricia McGillivray. We will continue to bridge youth to the Air Cadets and Girl Guides program. We have again over 50 youth registered with an additional 12 older teens (grade 9 and up) wanting to continue with the youth program but unfortunately at this time due to limited resources unable to accommodate but we are working on it :) This program continues to be funded by Ministry of Education, Community Initiatives Fund, TIP grant and Northern Lights Community Development Corp.



YOUTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM—SAMANTHA CHIPPEWAY



This program coordinates and provides support, information and referrals to individuals and families that includes cultural programs, education and training, health programs, children and youth programs and parent support and information programs. The program aims to promote and maintain the integrity of the family. The Youth & Family Support Coordinator mentored 2 University students

as youth program assistants. Students developed Oasis program manuals, provided support in all programming, became familiar with policies and gained office and administration skills while at the Oasis Centre. Over the summer we had a youth golfing program, Family Literacy, Arts & Crafts, Cultural events and activities, one-on-one support services for youth and families and continued with the Oasis Home Visiting program that offers various support services to youth and families.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT—DOUG LOWE

The summer has been busy with good attendance at regular COPE meetings and special events. Camp continues to be the highlight of the year. This year 13 from the Nipawin COPE group attended camp, with a combined total of Prince Albert Health and Kelsey Trail Health of 63 clients and 14 staff. While at camp we fished, took daily pontoon boat tours, ate wonderful meals, did morning exercises followed by nature hikes (even in the rain), crafts, etc. Due to a huge infestation of Bertha Army worms, some of the clients were a little squeamish about hiking in the woods. Camp opened a treat shop twice a day at coffee breaks. All treats and drinks were \$1 each; the campers had to purchase themselves. We had a campfire weather permitting, three movie nights. Another highlight of camp was Wednesday night dance with a DJ out of Prince Albert. Bingo was played every afternoon with all of the agencies supplying great prizes. Some went canoeing if they had prior experience with that activity. One group went to Waskasiu and toured the Nature Centre. Each year Kelsey Trail or Prince Albert is responsible for dispensing medication; this year was Kelsey Trail's turn.

Since camp we have had a few outings to the Regional Park; monthly birthday celebration meal and also the regular once a month hot meal.



DEBBIE CRAMER— SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHAMPION

On April 8, 2014 at the Nipawin Evergreen Centre, Debbie received a Nipawin achievement award for her participation in Special Olympics competition.

Debbie received gold in Bocce Ball and silver in Floor hockey this year in Special Olympics in Regina. Debbie went to Vancouver in July for Bocce Ball competition where she received a gold medal. Her coach is Denise. She also received a congratulations letter from Premier Brad Wall. Debbie is a very hard worker at the Oasis doing a wonderful job and very pleasant and fun to work with :) We Love You Debbie! :)



EMPLOYEES

Samantha Chippeway – Youth and Family Support Program Coordinator

Doug Lowe – Mental Health Co-ordinator (part time)

Stacie Simon – Accounts and Records Controller (part time)

Patricia McGillivray – Youth Program Leader (part time)

Debbie Cramer/Terry Snider – Janitorial (part time)

James Allardice – Nipawin Oasis Taxi Co-ordinator

Support Staff – Cultural Advisors, Youth workers, odd jobs, building maintenance

Board of Directors and Advisory Committee (volunteer)

President – Joy Hanson & acting Exec. Director

Vice President – Gary Schenstead

Treasurer – Lyle Adderley

Secretary – Diane Berge

Directors:

Tom Weegar

Arnold Schellenberg

Ron Saretzky

Sharon LaFlamme – Meyer

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Chief Carlton Bear – Shoal Lake

Vice – Chief – Robert Whitecap – Red Earth

Ron Nickel – Social Services

Terry Farden – Town of Nipawin

Lorna King – United Church



THANKYOU :) FUNDERS, PARTNERS AND DONORS 2014-2015



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Salvation Army Lenten Lunch
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United Way of Regina
Knights of Columbus
Nipawin Alliance Church—Care
and Share
Nipawin Anglican Church
Diane Berge
Helen Remple
For a total of \$3,004.47 :)

***We are looking for craft supplies,
healthy food items, volunteers for
the youth program and donations
of household items for families in
need. Coffee is always on and
you are most welcome just to
drop in and say Hi :)***



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Our Mission

We are a community resource co-operative centre that provides cultural, prevention, educational, and intervention programming, services, support and employment opportunities to the community of Nipawin and area in Northeast Saskatchewan.

Our Vision

Our Centre will be a place where people care, belong and get involved. Our Vision is to be one of the leaders in building an inclusive, supportive, safe and healthy community.

Caring, supportive, non-judgemental and respectful, using a

Holistic approach that promotes wellness and that provides

Opportunities and uses as its guides

Integrity which is accountability, transparency and responsible while valuing a

Community that works together and that is

Effective in meeting the needs of the community and provides

Security within a safe, respectful, and supportive environment

*Our programming focus is on **CRAFTS** which also serves as a strong foundation for the cultural, personal and leadership development of the youth, individuals and families*

C Caring and Culture

R Relationships

A Action

F Food and Fun

T Teamwork and Time

S Safety and Security



*Providing Opportunities
for
Positive Choices*

