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Newsletter

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“The Nation” Begins Production

The filming of the new TV show “The Nation” in Cold Lake First Nations has sparked excitement and anticipation within our community. Members are thrilled to see their traditions and culture showcased on a global platform and are looking forward to the economic opportunities and positive impact on our community’s identity and pride.

Aaron James Sorensen, known for his work on “Guitar Lessons” and “Hank Williams First Nation,” is now in production of his new TV show titled “The Nation,” starring Conway Kootenay, who also appeared in “Guitar Lessons” and hosts the “All Things Deadly Podcast”. The show takes a comedic approach to the daily operations of the fictional “Deep Lake First Nation.” The premise follows the hockey-loving Chief, played by Conway Kootenay, as he takes a strong stance on the sovereignty of his nation, working tirelessly with his security team to protect its borders.

The six-episode pilot will feature a diverse array of regional and local Indigenous talent both on and off-screen, with production scheduled to begin in early May for a full six weeks of shooting. During this time, certain areas will



~ The preliminary logo for the new TV series “The Nation”

be closed off to the public for filming, including the English Bay Center and English Bay Grounds, but residents need not worry as any “border blockades” will be simply film props and not a cause for concern.

The production of “The Nation” had been in development for a considerable period, but one key element that was required was a genuine First Nations community as a

filming location. The search for a suitable location had been ongoing until an opportunity presented itself during the grand opening of the newly renovated Council Chambers in Cold Lake First Nations. The event featured a screening of the independent film “Guitar Lessons” directed by Aaron James Sorensen and starring Conway Kootenay, and the “Three Circles” documentary. The invitation was extended to the pair to showcase their

“The Nation” Begins Production (cont)



~ Conway Kootenay (LEFT) and Aaron James Sorensen (RIGHT) at the premier of “Three Circles”

work, and it was during this event that the idea of filming “The Nation” in Cold Lake First Nations was born. The community’s warm reception and supportive attitude towards the project made it a perfect fit for the show, and the long search for a filming location came to an end.

The filming of “The Nation” is expected to bring numerous benefits to our community. It provides an opportunity to showcase the rich culture and traditions of the First

Nations people to a global audience, promoting greater understanding and appreciation of our heritage. Additionally, the production will generate employment opportunities for locals both in front of and behind the camera, injecting much-needed revenue into the local economy. Furthermore, the use of local Indigenous talent is a positive step towards greater representation and inclusion in the film industry.

Overall, the filming of “The

Nation” is expected to have a significant positive impact on our community, both culturally and economically, plus it’s an amazing experience for our community and our members. It’s an opportunity to highlight our unique story and provide a platform for our Indigenous talent to shine. We look forward to welcoming the cast and crew of “The Nation” to our community and working together to create something truly special.

Wildfires can cause significant damage to the environment, homes, and even human life. It's essential to take them seriously and be prepared in case of an evacuation. The Alberta Government's information on how to prepare for a wildfire evacuation includes things like making a plan with your family, packing essential items like water and medications, and being aware of emergency alerts and evacuation routes. By taking these steps, you can help protect yourself and your loved ones during a wildfire emergency.

Overview

An emergency evacuation is the act of moving people from a dangerous location to somewhere safe.

Your local authority is the community, municipality, settlement, town or village responsible for providing you with services and facilities including emergency management and evacuation.

Before an evacuation

Evacuation communications

Your local authority will issue an evacuation message such as an alert or order when they have reason to believe you are in danger. Instructions will depend on the threat and the channels used to deliver information will differ across communities. Contact your local Emergency Management Office to learn how your community will share critical information with you.

Evacuation alert

Evacuation alerts help you prepare to leave on short notice. Take the actions directed, be prepared to go quickly and monitor trusted sources of information for updates.

Evacuation order

Evacuation orders are issued when you are in danger. If you are located inside an order's boundaries and directed to evacuate, leave the area immediately. Follow all directions from authorities, stay tuned to local news and trusted sources of information for updates.

In serious situations, an evacuation order will be issued without an evacuation alert.

Evacuation rescind

An evacuation alert or order is withdrawn or cancelled when your local authority determines it is safe for you to return. It is important that you only return when permitted and that you understand the details of the return process.

We all have a role to play

If you receive an evacuation message with instructions to take action, sometimes it can be difficult to accept the danger is real. Choosing to ignore it can put your life, and the life of others, at risk. Acting quickly reduces the risk of evacuation routes becoming blocked or too dangerous to travel. Being ready and acting quickly allows emergency responders to focus on the threat and help those who may need it, it also reduces the risk of outages to utilities and services like power, water, telecommunications, food, banking and fuel.

When you are prepared to respond to an emergency, it gives you time to protect your home and reduces the stress of leaving.

Take preparedness actions

- Know the [hazards](#) in your community and plan for them. Avoid buying, renting, or developing property in high-risk areas like [floodways](#). Find out if a property has received [disaster financial assistance](#) in the past and if you are adequately [insured](#).
- Stay informed by identifying your trusted sources of information. Local news and community websites are great places to start. If social media is your preferred source for information, make sure the channel is a trusted source. Do not trust everything you see on social media.
- Get informed by downloading [alerting apps](#) like [WeatherCAN](#) or [signing up](#) for local and provincial communications. When you know what is happening, it allows you to make informed and timely decisions.
- Start a conversation with others around you. Use the Alberta Emergency Alert system [test](#) as a reminder to get prepared. Talking about what you would do if the test had been real, often leads to the start of your emergency plan.
- Pack [supplies](#) to last a minimum of 72 hours for each member of your household (including pets). Consider individual needs and start with items you cannot live without like medications, food and toiletries. Pack documents like identification, insurance policies and banking information.
- [Financially](#) prepare by talking to your insurance provider about what your policy covers, and what it does not cover.

Be prepared: [Alberta.ca/BePrepared](https://alberta.ca/BePrepared)

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Most policies provide financial assistance or short-term housing if you are evacuated.

- Create [connections](#) with community members before an emergency, so it is easier to ask for and offer help when it is needed. Create a buddy system. A buddy can help if you cannot return home for essential items, pets, etc.

Make an emergency Plan

Build a household [emergency plan](#). When everyone is involved, it helps ensure all needs are considered.

- Keep vehicle(s) fuel tanks half full, and electric vehicles half charged. If you do not have a vehicle, plan with friends, or contact your local emergency management office for support.
- Identify different places to stay, include places in and out of your local area. Ensure they can accommodate any disabilities, special needs, pets or other needs.
- Talk about how you would reconnect if an emergency happened while separated. Consider the emergency response plans at places you visit, like school or work.
- Decide on a shared meeting place outside of your community, consider somewhere out-of-town too.
- Identify an out-of-town and out-of-province contact that everyone can use to check-in with.
- Plan for unique needs like power for medical devices and assistive technology, as well as supports to safely evacuate if mobility is a factor.

Review, practice and update your emergency plan with your household yearly so everyone knows what to do in a real emergency.

Build emotional preparedness by taking care of your mental health. Coping and wellness actions help you think clearer, make informed decisions and recognize when it is time to ask for help. To get started, visit [211 Alberta](#) to find information, resources and support near you.

MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) and MyAlberta Emergency Registration System (MAERS)

Create and verify your free [MADI account](#) before an emergency so you can quickly access information on support and services during times of uncertainty.

Once you have verified MADI account, you can create an online [MAERS](#) profile for your household, including your pets. The information in your MAERS profile helps local emergency social services prepare to meet the needs of their community members in the event of an evacuation. If evacuated, your profile lets you virtually register at a reception centre.

During an evacuation

If your community is at risk, local authorities will issue communications. They could include information about the threat, the safest evacuation route including where to go to register and receive support and services.

If evacuated, immediately follow directions and listen for updates. Acting quickly saves lives.

Time to go

- Grab essentials such as medications, water, weather appropriate clothing, cash, important documents, device chargers and load your vehicle(s). Consider comfort items too. When possible, carpool to help traffic flow more freely.
- Follow routes directed by authorities. Do not take shortcuts as they can lead to blocked or dangerous areas.
- Turn devices to power saving mode, and tune into local news channels like radio. If possible, monitor your community's website and social media for updates and ask unaffected friends and family to update you via text.
- Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads, bridges and downed power lines or trees.
- Drive carefully with your headlights on and make way for pedestrians and emergency vehicles.
- Go directly to the identified registration centre as instructed by your local authority. Do not leave without checking out.
- Do not return to the evacuated area until permitted.

If time permits

- If water is a threat, move important and cherished items to an above ground location.
- Secure documents and external hard drives.
- Check on community members who may need help. Make sure they are aware of the current situation.
- Only if directed to do so, turn off utilities.
 - Electrical: in the main electrical circuit box, switch all circuits off before turning the main circuit off.
 - Water: locate the main shut off valve and turn the knob or handle clockwise until it is completely closed.
 - Gas: on the gas meter, use a wrench to turn the valve a quarter turn in either direction. When the valve is perpendicular to the pipe, the valve is closed.

Do not turn utilities back on until you know it is safe. Only a registered gas contractor can safely turn gas back on. In large disasters, gas companies will be busy; it may take weeks before a professional can reconnect the gas service.

For more information

Visit alberta.ca/BePrepared or scan the QR code for the Be Prepared program.



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**DO YOU NEED TO
SPEAK TO THE
ADMINISTRATOR?
WE ARE HERE TO HELP**

**PLEASE BOOK AN
APPOINTMENT AT**



780-201-5586



rick.janvier@clfns.com

**TO ENSURE ADEQUATE TIME TO
ADDRESS YOUR NEEDS**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING



Are you an Indigenous person that has questions about Alberta Health Services, has a concern, or needs to find help or navigation?

- Patient Concerns
- Referrals
- Cultural support
- Primary Care support
- Addiction Mental health support
- General Indigenous AHS support

1-800 Indigenous Support Line:

Walk with me, Talk with me, Learn with me.

Call 1-844-944-4744.



Youth And Family Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. Admin day in office	2. No Programming	3. Red Willow Picking	4. Mothers Day Crafts	5. No Program	6. 
7.	8. Soaring Indigenous Youth Gathering	9. Soaring Indigenous Youth Gathering	10. TCCFS East Society Conference	11. TCCFS East Society Conference	12. <i>Payday Pot</i>	13. 
14.	15. Admin day in office	16.	17. <i>Green House Week</i>	18. Flower people Project	19. No Program	20.
21.	22. Admin day in office	23. Duck egg Hunting 5-7pm 	24. Baking Pies 5-7pm 	25. Outdoor fun at Legoff School 5-7pm	26. No Program	27.
28.	29. Admin day in office	30. MOVIE 5-7PM	31. Cook Bannock on Stick 5-7pm 			



Please Call to register for programs at 780-594-7111

Children 12 and under need to be accompanied by parent/ Guardian.

May Calendar

- May 8-12 May flowers contest
- May 17 - Retinal Screening Clinic
- May 24 - Diabetes Social
- May 31 - Retinal Screening Clinic

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS



SPRING MARKET

• BAKED GOODS - CRAFTS - FRESH PRODUCE •

🥕 EVERY SECOND FRIDAY 🥕
10am - 1pm

CLFNS ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, BACK COUNCIL
CHAMBERS

CONTACT DANIEL.
MCLAUGHLIN@CLFNS.COM
TO BOOK A TABLE

RED DRESS DAY

FRIDAY
MAY 5

Raising our voices and awareness for our
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
and Girls (MMIW)

HOTEL DENE

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Featuring women speakers and performers.

MMIW PHOTO MEMORIAL & RED DRESS DRIVE-THRU

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Starting at Veteran's Drive to the Lakeland Inn.

MMIW RED PHOTO SERIES LAKELAND INN

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Installation by Images Studio.

 ALL COMMUNITY
MEMBERS WELCOME

For more information
or to volunteer,
587-201-6770
780-826-9875

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780.545.0145

SCREEN TEST

Mobile Mammography Screening is coming to:

Cold Lake First Nation

June 26, 27, 28, 2023

Call 780-594-2473 for medical transport options.



Appointments are required. Call to book:

1-800-667-0604 (toll free)

To learn more visit: screeningforlife.ca

Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of our clients and staff. Details will be shared when you call to book your appointment.

*Thank you for supporting Screen Test over the past 30 years.
Together we are saving lives, one community at a time.*



Post until: June 28, 2023



NOW HIRING ELECTION WORKERS

If you are interested in the democratic process, committed to helping others and have good communication skills, please join us for the 2023 Provincial General Election.

We are hiring the following positions:

Information Officers

Voting Officers

Registration Officers

Record Clerks

Ballot Box Clerks

Site Supervisors

Open to applicants 16 years of age and older.
Training is provided. Visit elections.ab.ca/jobs to apply.



Department of Justice
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Ministère de la Justice
Canada

The Power
of Collaboration

May 14 to 20
2023

Victims
and
Survivors
of Crime
Week

FREE Lunch & Learn

May 17th

Guest Speaker 11:00-12:00
Q&A with RCMP and VSU 12:00-13:00

CLFN

Community Hall

Call Cold Lake Victim Services to
register or for more information

780.594.8686

Guest
Speaker

Biography

Stephanie Harpe is an International Advocate for MMEIP Murdered or Missing and Exploited Indigenous Peoples, Murder Attempt, Exploitation Survivor and Family member who was a part of public testimony for the National Inquiry. Keynote Speaker for United Nations, traveled 50 Indigenous communities in western Canada and hosted MMEIP support group for 3 years. Completed 2 provincial action plans for Alberta for the National Action Plan, Grassroots works with oppressed people on human rights, safety and security. Developed 16 topics for Wellness and Safety Super clinics. Invited to London, Dubai and Malaysia for the largest youth conferences in the world to speak the truth of how Indigenous people have to survive their own country called Canada. She is a Survivor, Daughter of a Murdered Mother and Niece of Historical Chief of Fort McKay First Nations.

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Stephanie
Harpe

780.594.8686

www.coldlakevictimservices.com

Emergency Contact List

POLICE EMERGENCY CALL 911

**HEALTH LINK
DIAL 811**

**Cold Lake R.C.M.P.
24 Hours 780-594-3301
Office Hours 780-594-3302**

**Victims Services
Dave Zimmerman 780-594-3302 ext.3**

**Cold Lake Ambulance Authority
780-594-6674**

**Cold Lake Healthcare Centre
780-639-3322**

**Bonnyville Health Centre
780-826-3311**

**CLFN Emergency Management
780-594-7184**

**CLFN Health Centre
780-594-2473**

**Dene Wellness
780-594-1471**

**FCSS
780-594-7186**

**Youth Center
780-594-7111**

**Le Goff School
780-594-3733**

**Integrated Services
780-594-8723**

**Public Works
780-594-1073**

**Dangerous Goods
24 Hours 1-800-272-9600**

**Poison Centre 24 Hours
1-800-332-1414**

**CANADA SUICIDE PREVENTION
1-833-456-4566 OR TEXT 45645**

**Power Outages Atco Electric
1-800-668-5506**

**Gas Emergencies Northeast Gas
780-826-4002**

**Alberta One-Call
1-800-242-3447**

**Petro Canada Station
780-594-1661**