



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF & COUNCIL

As we welcome the month of June, Chief and Council extend our gratitude to the community for your ongoing support and involvement. This season reminds us of the importance of coming together, celebrating our achievements, and strengthening the connections that unite us as a Nation.

As summer begins, we look forward to continuing our work together, supporting one another, and building a strong future for all members of O'Chiese First Nation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



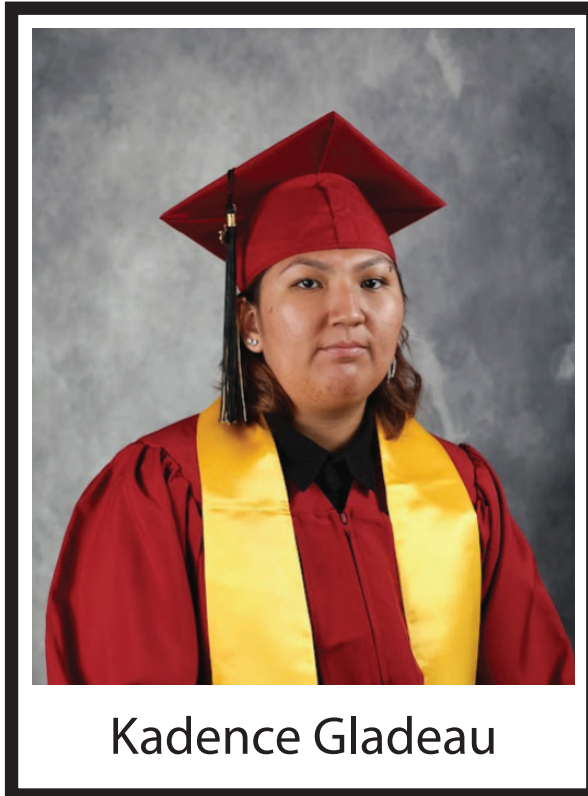
O'CHIESE FIRST NATION 2026 GRADUATES

The O'Chiese First Nation community, extend our heartfelt congratulations to all graduates celebrating this important milestone.

Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have brought you to this achievement, and we are incredibly proud of each of you. Whether you are graduating from high school, post-secondary studies, trades training, or another educational program, your success is something to be celebrated.

As you begin the next chapter of your journey, we encourage you to continue pursuing your goals, embracing new opportunities, and sharing your gifts with our community and beyond.

We wish you continued success and happiness in all that lies ahead.



Kadence Gladeau



Kenya Gladeau



Mina Whitford



Draystin Whitford

COMMUNITY NEWS



INDIGENOUS FASHION SHOW

Designers showcased their creativity through fashion as models from the Nation took to the runway in a spectacular show, highlighting talent, style, and cultural expression.



O'CHIESE FIRST NATION SCHOOL CULTURE WEEK POWWOW

Ochiese School concluded Culture Week with a community Powwow, bringing together students, staff, families, and community members to celebrate Indigenous culture and traditions.

Thank you to Soaring Hawk for serving as the host drum and helping make the day a memorable celebration of culture, learning, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the success of Culture Week.





COMMUNITY CLEANUP - MAY 14TH

Members grabbed gloves and garbage bags and took to the roads and ditches to clean the nation of trash before summer begins.

After our Community Cleanup Day, we kindly remind everyone to keep garbage secured, use designated bins, and help keep O'Chiese clean for everyone.

O'CHIESE ACCESS ROAD - ADVOCACY FOR SAFETY

We encourage all community members and supporters to read and share the recent CBC News article highlighting the ongoing safety concerns surrounding the roadway leading to O'Chiese First Nation, as well as the tragic loss that has once again brought attention to this long-standing issue.

For more than 20 years, O'Chiese First Nation has advocated for meaningful improvements to this roadway to ensure the safety of our members, neighbouring residents, and all who travel it.

We also ask members to watch and share a public statement by William Stevenson, who references the roadway commonly referred to in public discussion.

CBC News article:



MP video:



We want to be clear: This is NOT an "O'Chiese Road." This is a Clearwater County road.

O'Chiese First Nation is holding the Province of Alberta, Clearwater County, and the Federal Government accountable for addressing the longstanding infrastructure and safety concerns associated with this roadway.

Please help raise awareness by sharing this information. The more people who understand the reality of this situation, the stronger our collective voice becomes in advocating for meaningful action.

FIRE SEASON & FIRE SAFETY REMINDER

As we enter fire season, all community members are encouraged to remain vigilant and take precautions to help prevent wildfires. Dry conditions, high temperatures, and strong winds can quickly increase the risk of fire.

Please ensure campfires are attended at all times, fully extinguished before leaving, and only lit where permitted. Avoid burning during windy conditions, properly dispose of cigarettes, and keep yards free of dry grass and debris when possible.

NUTRITION BITE

NUTRITION

Orange vegetables are packed with vitamin A, to help keep your eyes healthy and to support your immunity. Try to eat an orange vegetable like carrots, squash, or sweet potato, every day. Roasted Sweet Potatoes: Wash, peel, and cut a sweet potato into equal-sized pieces. Mix with a small amount of oil, and season with salt, pepper, and cinnamon. Roast at 400°F (200°C) until soft, about 30 minutes.

HEART HEALTH

When eating out, choose foods that are grilled or baked instead of fried. This will help support a healthy heart.

DIABETES

Fibre is a nutrient that is important for stable blood sugars. Choosing foods with fibre at breakfast can help you start your day in a good way. Try a 100% whole grain cereal with milk and a banana or warm oatmeal topped with nuts, seeds, and berries.

GENERAL

Reducing the amount of pop you drink by only 1 can per day can reduce your daily sugar by about 10 sugar cubes.

YOUTH DROP IN EVENT

**Every Wednesday 5 - 7 PM
at the O'Chiese
Recreation Building**

Snacks Provided!

**Ages 10+ must have a
ride to and from the event.**



Cooking with Becky, Jolene & Renee

Where: O'Chiese Health Centre

When: Every Thursday

Time: 5 - 7:30 PM



COMMUNITY NEWS



BEARS SPOTTED ON YOUTH CAMP ROAD

As we move into the warmer months, bear activity is increasing throughout the area. We remind all community members to take precautions to help prevent unwanted encounters and keep both people and wildlife safe.

Please ensure garbage is properly secured, avoid leaving pet food or other attractants outdoors, and clean BBQs regularly. When spending time outdoors, stay alert, make noise while walking, and keep pets under control.

If you encounter a bear, remain calm, do not run, and slowly back away while giving the animal plenty of space. Never approach, feed, or attempt to interact with a bear.

By working together and taking simple preventative measures, we can help reduce bear encounters and keep our community safe throughout the season.

Please ensure all household garbage is kept in secure bins with tightly closed lids to help prevent attracting bears and other wildlife into the community.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 1** – Jacob Thompson, Jediah Strawberry, Adeline Whitford
- May 2** – Razlel Anton Whitford Frencheater, Ethan Strawberry-Nepoose, Jim Jr Saulteaux, Arthur Chipaway
- May 3** – Jasper Svederus, Jehren Thomas
- May 4** – Jerimiah Beaverbone, Julia Anna French Water, Violet Vallee, Allan Littlejohn
- May 5** – Reko Mackinaw, Dreyson Strawberry -Nepoose
- May 6** – Serenity Bunning
- May 7** – Lazuli Lagrelle, Barbara Bremner
- May 8** – Jakobi Moonias, Skylerbaby Saulteaux, Burton Saulteaux
- May 9** – Zariah Whitford, Jim Saulteaux
- May 10** – Mattayah Beaverbones, Khloe Strawberry, Kyle Strawberry, Janessa Beaverbones-Bremner
- May 11** – Drayko Lafleche, Stephanie Gouda
- May 12** – Chance Thompson, Ricky Sb, May Moosomin
- May 13** – Waylon Jr Whitford Bradshaw, Lynette Beaverbone, Lyla Raine
- May 14** – John Whitford, Melanie Bigchild
- May 17** – Trestine Bull, Julianna Frencheater, Shaneille Lyric Dawn Beaverbones
- May 19** – Lamari Maurice-Frencheater, Xavier Saulteaux
- May 21** – Madison Saulteaux
- May 22** – Andrias Saulteaux
- May 23** – Keestin Moosomin, Keestin Bluesky Moosomin
- May 27** – TJ Strawberry, Francine Strawberry
- May 28** – Christine Gopher
- May 29** – Lazarus Chipaway
- May 31** – Laythan Strawberry

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 2** – Natasha Beaverbone, Kendrys Strawberry, Travis Chipaway, Andriah Saulteaux Beaverbones
- June 3** – Marie Strawberry, Courtney Saulteaux
- June 4** – Amira Meechance
- June 5** – Barry D. Saulteaux
- June 6** – Vincent Saulteaux, Aizley Jerry, Faith Strawberry
- June 7** – Tricia Muskeg, Landen Muskeg, Sherry Saulteaux
- June 9** – Jordana Saulteaux
- June 10** – Elizabeth Strawberry, Bishop Bequette, Arabelle Beaverbone, Coden Lagrelle
- June 11** – Chloe Gopher, Emerlyn Saulteaux, Tammy Bremner, Kairi Jane Lightfoot-Beaverbones
- June 12** – Mila Rain, Colton Roasting
- June 13** – Susan Strawberry, Adriel Muskeg, Lydia Beaverbone, Paula Beaverbone
- June 14** – Celina Whitford Lafleche, Stacey Gauthier, Andre Goodrunning-Beaverbones
- June 15** – Deja Keewatin, Safierra Saulteaux, Leon Moonias
- June 16** – Destiny Strawberry
- June 17** – Tammy Sauder
- June 18** – Trevor Saulteaux, Nadaline Beaverbones, Wesson Bradshaw, Colson Mackinaw
- June 19** – Kareem Beaverbones
- June 20** – Tyler Beaverbone, Shalane Goodrunning
- June 21** – Mitch
- June 23** – Bradley Jerry
- June 24** – James Littlejohn, Jabez Whitford, Sarah Chipaway
- June 25** – Rocky Beaverbones, Mary Gauthier, Treyson Turner, Lia Bearhead
- June 26** – Andee Scott, Andrew Scott, Roanne Roan, Everleigh Swan Lesley Svederus
- June 29** – Cameron Strawberry, Jenna Saulteaux
- June 30** – Gabby Encina Beaverbones, Kimberly Whitehorse



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR LOVED ONES!!



ATTENTION OCFN BAND MEMBERS

The Membership Department is asking all members to use the following contact methods for services and inquiries:

Text: 587-851-5778 **Email: admin@ochiesememberservices.ca**
(For questions, concerns, general information, or to update your contact details)

Moving forward, all clients will be directed to use the above text messaging service or email for communication with the Membership Department.

This change will help us provide faster and more efficient service to our members.

CIS APPOINTMENTS & DISTRIBUTION

To better serve our members, please note the following updates:

CIS Appointments (Laminated Status Cards): Available on Mondays only (no exceptions)
CIS Distribution: Takes place on Tuesdays
Booking Appointments: Text 587-851-5778 or email admin@ochiesememberservices.ca

Tamika will schedule and confirm all appointments.
If you are unable to attend, please ensure you reschedule in advance.

APPLYING FOR A SCIS (SECURE STATUS CARD)

Members can apply for a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) using the following resources:

SCIS Application Form: sac-isc.gc.ca (**Search SCIS Application** Form or Scan QR Code below)

Guarantor Form: sac-isc.gc.ca (**Search Guarantor Form** or Scan QR Code below)

Please be aware of the following important updates regarding child registration:

- ISC no longer allows Membership staff to register children at the counter.
- Mail-in applications are still accepted; however, processing times can take 1–2 years.
- It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians complete registration in person at ISC in Edmonton.
- Registration can be completed by appointment or walk-in.
- OCFN Membership staff (Toni or Tamika) are available to assist with completing forms.
- Any associated costs are the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

HOW TO REGISTER A CHILD

1. Apply for the child's birth certificate through Vital Statistics: <https://www.alberta.ca/order-birth-certificate>
2. Ensure you have valid government ID (AB Driver's License, AB ID, or SCIS).
Note: Laminated CIS cards are not accepted.
3. Complete the ISC Registration Application: sac-isc.gc.ca (**Search ISC Registration Application** or Scan QR Code below)
4. Bring all documents to: **ISC Canada Place**, 9700 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB (Parking fees may apply.)
5. Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Closed on Stat Holidays)
6. Book appointments online: sac-isc.gc.ca (**Search ISC Canada Place Online Booking** or Scan QR Code below)
7. Walk-ins are first come, first served (Arriving early—between 8:30–8:45 AM—is recommended due to high demand).



**SCIS APPLICATION
FORM**



**GUARANTOR
FORM**



**ORDER BIRTH
CERTIFICATE**



**ISC REGISTRATION
APPLICATION**



**ISC CANADA PLACE
ONLINE BOOKING**

RESOURCES

GET READY FOR AN EXCITING SUMMER OF BASEBALL!!

YOUTH BASEBALL SUMMER LEAGUE



8 Teams MAX
\$5 per player

Fees go toward year-end celebrations!
Payment deadline: June 12, 2026

Season runs this summer
Location: (O'Chiese Stadium)

A great chance to build skills, make friends, and have fun on the field!

Register now to secure your spot! For more info or to sign up,
Contact: (Alicia.b@ocfn.ca)

LET'S PLAY BALL!!

PLAYER
REGISTRATION
ONLY



SAVE THE DATE
2nd ANNUAL
TEAM BUILDING
GOLF
TOURNAMENT



Tuesday
June 23-2026
Location:
ALBERTA
SPRINGS

Includes
**Cash prizes,
Golf, Cart,
Dinner, and
More!**

Check-in: 9:00am
Shotgun starts
10:00am

Please note:
THIS IS FOR
EMPLOYEE'S ONLY
UNDER THE OCFN
ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENTS



To sign up contact Alandra Littlejohn
Alandra.l@ocfn.ca

OCFN OFF-RESERVE YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM 2026

Applications are now open

- O'Chiese band member living off reserve
- Passing mark in current classes
- 65% attendance record
- direct deposit
- S.I.N Number

Please submit applications by June 19, 2026

Corraina Beaverbones
OCFN Summer Student Coordinator
Corraina.Beaverbones@ocfn.ca
Cell: (780)-203-7102 **Office:** (780) 801-0903

O'CHIESE FIRST NATION YOUTH SUMMER STUDENT APPLICATIONS

NOW AVAILABLE!

Are you looking for summer employment?
Applications for the O'Chiese Youth Summer Student
Program are now open.

Pick up an application at the Administration Front
Desk
Or request an application by **email: employment.ca**

Eligibility Requirement

Applicants must have a minimum school attendance
rate of 65% to be eligible for the Summer Student
Program.

Application Deadline: June 19, 2026

Submit your application before the deadline to be
considered for summer student employment
opportunities.

For more information, please contact human resources
at the Administration Office Thank you.

**BE SURE TO LOOK OUT ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS FOR CHANGES AND
ADJUSTMENTS TO ALL EVENTS AND SCHEDULES!**



**O'CHIESE
COMMUNITY
BULLETIN**



**O'CHIESE
APP**



**O'CHIESE
WEBSITE**

WHAT THE INDIGENOUS SUPPORT LINE IS

This toll-free phone service connects Indigenous callers with Indigenous listeners.

You can get help by calling: 1-844-944-4744 or 811 from 10a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Our Indigenous listeners will answer your questions and help you get culturally appropriate care. They also help guide you on each step of your healthcare journey.

You can call the support line about any health concern. You never have to make your healthcare journey alone and help is available to find the right service.



walk with me,
talk with me,
learn with me

Indigenous Support Line
1-844-944-4744 or 811



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

- ◆ Patient Concerns
- ◆ Referrals
- ◆ Cultural Support
- ◆ Primary Care Support
- ◆ Addiction Mental Health Support
- ◆ General Support

ahs.ca/isl



Anger Management Class

June 8-9, 2026, 10:00-3:00
Location: YTCSS Sunchild/
O'Chiese Justice Building

Hosted by
O'Chiese Health Centre Mental Wellness

To register: Email wayne.h@ocfn.ca
Phone 403-989-3900

Lunch & certificate provided
Must attend full workshop to receive certificate

THE O'CHIESE FOOD PANTRY

HOURS OF OPERATION:
10AM - 4PM

Hamper Handout Days are in the middle of the month

- Hamper Dates Will be Posted a week or two prior
- Applying for hampers a week prior will help ensure hamper is ready for pick on the day of Hamper handouts
- There'll Be Client Intake and Members of Household Applications Forms Available for Hamper Sign-Up
- There will (NO LONGER BE WALK Ins) Clients Must Sign For A Hamper

Be Mindful Emergency Hamper Days Are Tuesdays & Thursdays (**ONCE A MONTH**)

Emergency Hampers are exceptional for **URGENT CASES, UNPLANNED BUDGETING or STANDARD LIMITATIONS**

SPRAY PARK OPENING DATE

Our spray park should be opening soon! Stay tuned on our media platforms to see the opening date!



Report tips anonymously

www.crimestoppers.ab.ca

1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)

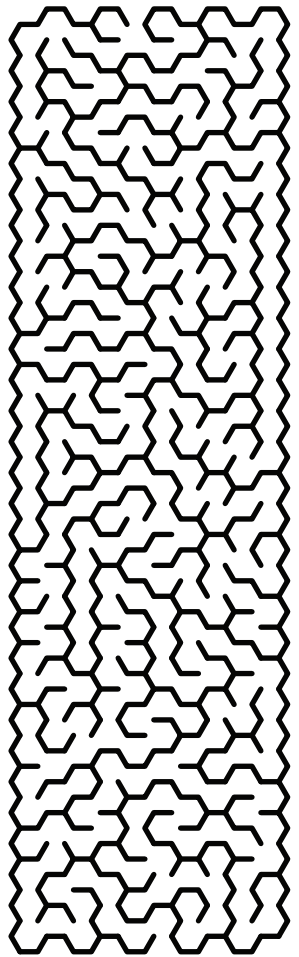
www.p3tips.com

Keep Our Communities Safe



Kōkoms Activity Corner

START



FINISH

TRIVIA

What are the names of the famous duo from the movie "Smoke Signals"?

Answer: Victor and Thomas

In which 1933 film does a giant ape climb the Empire State Building?

Answer: King Kong

How many Infinity Stones did Thanos have to collect before he could snap his fingers in the Infinity Gauntlet?

Answer: 6

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OCFN COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

MAIN BUILDINGS:	PHONE:	PHONE # 2:	EXT.#
BAND ADMIN	403-989-3943	888-256-3884	7700
ACADEMIC ADVISING DEPARTMENT	587-798-0719	—	8200
BUSINESS CENTRE	403-989-2047	587-798-0455	7200
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES (CRISIS LINE NUMBER)	587-798-1412 (800-638-0715)	— —	7400 —
EAGLE NEST DAYCARE	587-798-0450	—	8100
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	403-846-5968	—	—
GAS BAR	403-989-2598	—	7100
HEAD START	403-989-2381	—	—
HEALTH CENTRE	403-989-3900	403-989-3905	7600
HRD ASSETS	—	—	8500
ISSETS DEPARTMENT	587-789-0635	—	—
MARKET PLACE	403-989-2598	—	7104
OCHIESE SUB OFFICE - CALGARY	587-356-1281	—	—
OCHIESE SUB OFFICE - EDMONTON	780-801-0903	—	—
OCHIESE UTILITIES (24 Hr. EMERGENCY NUMBER)	587-798-0943 (403-895-6789)	—	8700
OLD ARENA	403-989-2581	—	—
PHARMACY	587-798-0456	587-798-0457	7000
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/HOUSING	587-798-0636	—	8000
PUBLIC WORKS	403-989-2351	587-798-0758	7800
RECREATION	403-989-3943	403-429-0424	7737
SCHOOL	587-798-0425	—	7500
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS	587-798-2351	—	7900
TRUCK STOP	587-798-0858	—	—
EMERGENCY CONTACTS:			
AMBULANCE	911	—	—
FIRE DEPARTMENT	587-798-0942	—	—



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QR CODE

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PICTURES, OR EVENT
FEATURED ON THE
NEWSLETTER?

SUBMIT YOUR CREATIONS TO:
corbin.s.communications
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HAVE A FANTASTIC APRIL!

