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The newest "little" member of the OMFRC community, Aubrey, is taking a moment out of her busy day to say hello to everyone!



The First Kindergarten Class Dedicated To Inuit Children In Ontario

No river can return to its source, yet all rivers must have a beginning

~ Chief Joseph of the Nez Pierce



The Crowe River flows over a waterfall and into a deep gorge at "The Gut" Coe Hill, ON

Photo Source: Wikipedia

American Indian Firefighters



Native American Firefighters



First Inuit Kindnergarden Class in ON

This video will pull at your heartstrings.

A Member Writes



Thank you for the best email I receive my M?tis Newsletter!!

I just read the articles on Correction Officers in the May issue of the OMFRC Newsletter, they made me cry. My husband is a Correction Officer, and I know he's the fellow that treats all people equally. My thoughts & prayers go out to all the great officers out there.

Dorothy

Canadian Coast Guard Ship Named for Heroic Chief

Today more than 6,000 American Indian Firefighters continue to battle forest and wildland fires across the US. More than 1,600 are SWFF Indian Fire Fighters from the Southwest who represent 78 different crews. The largest contingent of American Indian Firefighters today comes from the Montana Indian Firefighters, who number more than 3,500.

Approximately one out of five forest and wild land firefighters today is an American Indian or Alaska Native. Firefighting remains a much-needed source of income for Indian firefighters. Firefighting wages represent approximately one-third of the income Indian firefighters earn each year, meaning firefighting remains a big part of employment on the reservations.

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The 8th Fire: Indigenous in the City "Now is the time for all people to come together and build a new relationship"



More than half of Canada's Aboriginal population now lives in cities. They sometimes call themselves "Concrete Indians". And they are challenging stereotypes.

In the opening episode of the four-part series 8TH Fire, host Wab Kinew, from the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation in Northern Ontario, and now a Winnipeg-based TV journalist, invites us to come "meet the neighbours". It's about time, since many Canadians say they have never met an Aboriginal

person.

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Source Photo: CBC Facebook Share



Courtesy of Canadian Coast Guard

A new Canadian Coast Guard ship has been named after Nuu-chah-nulth hereditary chief Martin Charles, for a daring rescue as well as decades of selfless service.

A new Canadian Coast Guard vessel will be plying the waters off Canada's west coast, proudly named after a heroic Nuu-chah-nulth hereditary chief. The 141-foot (43-meter) Hero Class Mid-Shore Patrol Vessel has been named the CCGS M. Charles after the late Martin Charles—a hereditary chief who led a small Coast Guard crew on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Charles was awarded the Medal of Bravery in 1976 for his role in leading the rescue of a fishing boat and helicopter crew on the same night.

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Archeologists In Fish Creek Park Alberta



Fish Creek dig in Calgary unearths historic artifacts

A new archeological site along the Bow River has a checkered history with

Why Do Tribes Have Matrilineal Societies?

Sonny Skyhawk



Edward S. Curtis, *Two Apache Indian women at campfire, cooking pot in front of one* c. 1903 (courtesy Library of Congress)

Women have always played a significant role in the existence and administrations of tribal nations. They have been instrumental due to their innate ability to reason and dispense wisdom. They also were characterized as wise because they originated the teachings for the children. The men were allowed to articulate, enforce and deliver these teachings, but it was the women who monitored and allowed them to speak. They were the faith keepers and, for Eastern tribes, the originators of the Longhouse system of government, whereby they designated who amongst the men was to articulate the laws.

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Another Student's Perspective on Aboriginal Awareness Day

Student Participate in Ceremonies

flooding.

The teepee circle, a ring of sandstone blocks that mark the outline of a teepee, was covered by silt in a flood between 500 and 1,000 years ago, preserving the site. But after the Bow flooded in 2013, this bank in Fish Creek Park was eroded, washing away part of the site.

A local archeologist was surveying the river bank after the devastation as part of a larger survey by Alberta Culture and Tourism to assess flood damage.

He noticed sandstone blocks sticking out of the bank and recognized that they could be part of a historic aboriginal campsite. Excavation has revealed the circle, between 1,000 and 2,000 years old, as well as bison bones, and more recent flakes of Knife River flint and pottery fragments, around 500 years old.

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Source: *Forest History Today Magazine*

Source Map: *Google Maps*

Explore Careers by Occupation



Here are a few examples:

- Administrator - Toronto, ON 136 results
- Retail Sales - North Bay, ON 8 results
- Vet Tech - Calgary, Alberta 500 results
- Welder - Edmonton Alberta 29 results

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New Submissions

Our editors are always looking for original submissions that would be of interest to our community. Do you know of any upcoming events that you would like to share either through the Newsletter or Facebook?

If you have something you would like to add to future issues we would be happy to consider it; please call or email putting Facebook or Newsletter material in the subject line!

On May 20th, of this year 42 students from East Northumberland Secondary School - Grade 9 and 10 Native Studies, a Grade 10 Civics class and a Grade 11 Sociology class visited CFR Trenton for Aboriginal Awareness Day.

The students took part in the Opening and Closing ceremonies by using the six person ceremonial drum to accompany Mohawk Singer/Drummer, Dustin Brant from the Tyendinaga Reserve. ENSS Drummers also led the Round Dance. Workshops were offered in drum making and leather crafts. ENSS Students also created poster boards of the Eastern Woodland Clans that were displayed at the event.



[Read More - A student writes about her visit to CFR Trenton on Aboriginal Awareness Day](#)



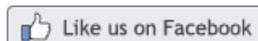
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