

# FROG MOON

April

2024

MATSIYIKKAPISAIKI'SOMM

(mat si yee ga bee sa ahh gi soum)



**Ma tsi ka pi sa:** describes how frog sits high on his hind legs.

Blackfoot Elder, Annette Bruised Head, offered her insights about why April is called 'Frog Month'. She said, "it is the time when we hear the frogs. When the winter storms have passed and the moisture returns to the wetlands and they begin to turn green with new grasses. That is when frogs come to lay their eggs and bring life to all those creatures that depend on these areas" (2021)

## SAVE THE DATE

April 8th: Indigenous Rep PL

April 11th: Metis Jig and Jam @ Crossings Branch 6:30pm

April 18th: Metis Jig and Jam @ Crossings Branch 6:30pm

April 22nd: Earth Day- Coulee Clean up

April 25th: Blackfoot Language class @ Galt Museum 5:30pm

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## COMING NEXT MONTH

May 5th: Red Dress Day

May 16th: Moose Hide Campaign Day

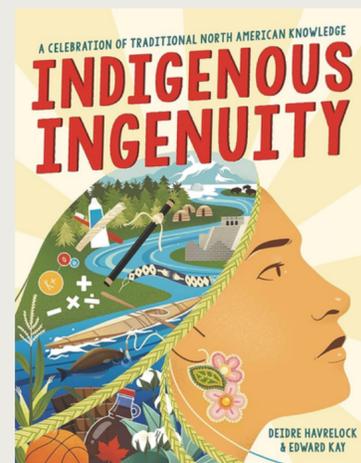
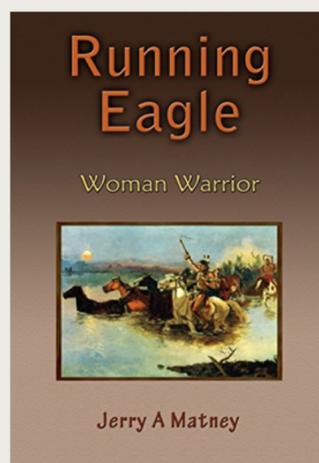
May 21st: Lethbridge School Division Indigenous Graduation

May 30th: Lethbridge School Division Indigenous Student Honour Night

## PL OPPORTUNITIES

April 30th: SAPDC Learning Suite: Weaving Authentic Métis Education Resources into your Classroom: pîmastîhwâkiskiyihta. Registration required

## WHAT WE'RE READING...



Since time immemorial, Indigenous people across Canada have taken care of their territories, whether it be the waterways, the animals, or plants. Everything in nature has a purpose and is respected; there is no place for disrespect, intentional waste, or greed, and gratitude is always shown. Indigenous people understand the deep interconnectedness humans and nature share. Outside, our environment is an extension of our homes and schools, and it's time we started treating it as such.

# BE A LAND GUARDIAN

## Coulee Cleanup

Join our made-in-Lethbridge signature conservation program! Help to preserve and protect Lethbridge's river valley environment by removing garbage and debris from natural areas.

The official Coulee Cleanup campaign starts on Earth Day (April 22) and continues until May 31 but we support cleanups anytime of year.

**Participation is free, fast, and easy!**

1. [Explore available areas on the Coulee Cleanup online map](#)
2. [Register](#)
3. [Review the safety information and prepare for your cleanup](#)



Coulee Cleanup starts on April 22nd-May 31st! Check out the website to see the clean up map and to register a group!

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Buffalo kit @ ICES



Heritage Fair @ Nicholas Sheran



Spotted @ Fleetwood



Medicine Pouches @ Fleetwood



Weather prediction & Otter dams @ Fleetwood



Spotted @ Fleetwood Inuit inspired art



Metis Dot Art @ Wilson Middle School



Mini Metis Sashes in grade 2/3 @ Fleetwood

