

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## PRAIRIE CHICKEN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

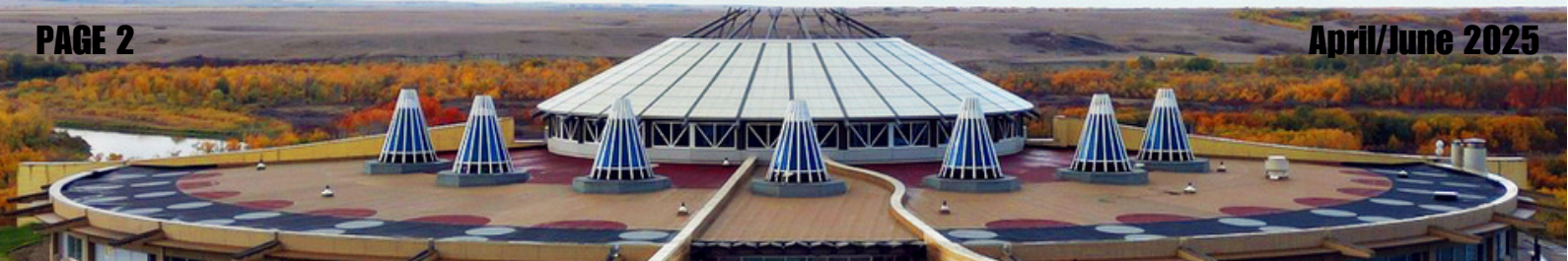
Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, are excited to have celebrated the 2025 Prairie Chicken Dance World Champions, showcasing talented dancers from Turtle Island who highlighted their cultural pride and traditions. The championship featured intricate footwork, powerful drumming, and storytelling, demonstrating a commitment to preserving Indigenous identity. Each performance honored ancestral legacies, inspiring future generations and lifting community spirits.

The event itself represents resilience, artistry, and cultural vitality, emphasizing the importance of heritage preservation. As we reflect on this event, let's applaud the dancers and champions for their dedication and the vibrant spirit of the Prairie Chicken Dance. Congratulations to all participants and champions for their remarkable achievements!

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## DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW LEGACY PARK

Exciting developments are underway at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, emphasizing growth and the celebration of culture. The park's expanded boundaries and new services are designed to promote sustainability and economic advantages for the Siksika Nation. The 25-Year Cultural Master Plan will steer cultural programming and education, highlighting themes of truth, reconciliation, and innovation.

Additionally, the Legacy Park Development, part of the Siksikawa 150 Commemoration, aims to foster intergenerational learning and cultural repatriation. Phase 1 includes cleanup efforts, community engagement opportunities, and a clear completion timeline. These initiatives aim to deepen connections to cultural history while paving the way for a vibrant future.



## UNVEILING THE RIB STONES

We are thrilled to share that the Unveiling Ribstone event at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park was an outstanding success! This monumental occasion brought history and culture to life in a vibrant and unforgettable way.

Our dedicated BCHP staff expertly coordinated the event, ensuring that the significance of the Ribstone artifacts was beautifully showcased. The day was filled with dynamic performances by talented Siksikawa dancers, who infused the stage with energy and tradition. Their performances were a testament to the rich cultural heritage that we are proud to celebrate and preserve.

Inspiring cultural speeches by Martin Heavy Head paid homage to our rich heritage and community spirit. His words reminded us of the importance of honoring our past while looking forward to a bright future. Our exceptional emcee, Leroy WolfCollar, kept the atmosphere lively and engaging throughout the day, ensuring that all attendees were immersed in the festivities.

We were honored to welcome BCHP Management Leads, including Strater Crowfoot, the Board Director, and Shannon BearChief, the Chief Executive Officer. Their valuable insights enriched the event, highlighting the significance of this momentous occasion.

The celebration concluded with a delightful feast, bringing everyone together in a spirit of unity and joy. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and contributed to making this day truly unforgettable.



## A TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION: WELCOMING OUR NEW SOYOHPOWAHKO PRINCESS

On May 13th, 2025, the community celebrated the crowning of Kasey-Rae Maguire as the new Soyohpowahko Princess, marking a moment of unity and tradition. The event honored the cultural heritage of Soyohpowahko, featuring friends and family who contributed to the joyous occasion.

The ceremony also included a heartfelt farewell to Tia Wolfleg, the outgoing princess, who gracefully passed the crown to Kasey-Rae, symbolizing the continuation of a legacy.

Following the ceremony, a feast celebrated the community's culinary traditions, fostering friendship and joy among attendees. As Kasey-Rae embarks on her new role, the community looks forward to her inspiring leadership and positive impact in the coming year.

Congratulations to Kasey-Rae and gratitude to Tia for her service!



## ELDER BOUNDARIES DISCUSSIONS

At Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, we believe that understanding the past is essential to moving forward in a positive and meaningful way. Our commitment to preserving and sharing the rich history of the Siksika Nation guides every step we take towards the future.

On April 11, 2025, we had the privilege of meeting with our esteemed elders and dedicated board members to discuss new projects and initiatives. These plans aim to benefit not only the current members of the Siksika community but also future generations. Our discussions were imbued with a spirit of collaboration and respect, ensuring that our actions align with the values and wisdom passed down through generations.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our elders and board members for their invaluable input and guidance. Their insights are instrumental in shaping projects that honor our rich heritage while paving the way for a progressive future.

## WELCOME SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS!

We are delighted to warmly welcome our incredible Summer Student Workers at Blackfoot Crossing: Tara-Shay Black, Levitt Maguire, and Kelly BroadScallock!

These talented individuals bring immense dedication and energy to our team, leaving their mark on every project they tackle. We feel fortunate to have them with us this summer, as they contribute their unique skills and enthusiasm to our BCHP team.





BLACKFOOT CROSSING HISTORICAL PARK is of national and international significance, and is working toward becoming a World Heritage Site. The pristine Bow River surrounds the site where Siksika and Canada signed historic Treaty Seven in 1877. Decades have passed since Blackfoot elders first dreamt of sharing our unique culture in a world-class building that immerses visitors in authentic Aboriginal cultural experiences. Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park is proud to welcome the world.

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Check out our web site for updates and even more information.



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#### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Friday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday to Sunday

10:00AM – 2:00PM

Hours subject to change according to summer/winter seasons - please refer to our web site for updates.

#### MUSEUM ADMISSION:

Adults: \$22.00 +GST

Youth (8-17): \$15.00 + GST

Seniors (65+): \$14.00 + GST

Children (Under 7): FREE

#### GROUP RATES:

Adults (25 or more): \$20.00 per person

Students (25 or more): \$12.00 per person

Seniors (65+): \$10.00 per person

#### PROGRAMS - ADDITIONAL COST PLUS GST

Indoor Programs: 25 or more) \$15.00 per person

Guided Tour Indoors: (25 or more) \$15.00 per person

NOTE: You do not need to pay admission to view the gift shop, use the library, or visit the cafeteria.