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Lac La Ronge Indian Band

Community Notice

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LLRIB hosts first-ever round dance, continues efforts to strengthen community safety

(Treaty 6 Territory, Woodland Cree) The Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB) is expanding its efforts to strengthen community safety, well-being and healing, including hosting its first-ever Healing Round Dance.

The event, organized in partnership with the Woodland Wellness Centre, LLRIB Education, and Chief and Council, marked the first time LLRIB has held a round dance. The gathering was well attended and featured guidance from Elders and Knowledge Keepers from Sturgeon Lake First Nation leading the ceremony.

“We are honoured to learn from our neighbours who shared their teachings with us,” said Chief Tammy Cook-Searson. “This gathering created a space for connection, renewal and hope. Bringing our people together in this way strengthens our sense of community and helps us move forward in healing.”

The round dance, which will now be held annually for the next four years, included traditional foods such as moose meat, fish, and duck soup.

Beyond cultural gatherings, LLRIB leadership remains focused on addressing urgent community needs. Weekly meetings with frontline service providers, Elders, and representatives continue to shape health care services, harm reduction initiatives, emergency response improvements, and community safety programs. Leadership is actively working alongside health professionals, law enforcement, social services, and other key partners to ensure long-term solutions for the well-being of all members.

Chief and Council extend their deepest gratitude to everyone contributing to these efforts.

“I want to take a moment to thank every single person who has been working behind the scenes and on the front lines,” said Chief Cook-Searson. “Our health workers, first responders, support staff, Elders, and community volunteers have been working around

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the clock —your dedication does not go unnoticed. You are the backbone of our communities and we are so grateful for the work you do. Thank you for your kindness, your strength and your dedication to our community members--you are making a difference every day.”

LLRIB remains committed to keeping members informed, engaged and supported. We encourage everyone to stand together, look out for one another, and reach out when help is needed.

For updates and resources, visit lrib.com or contact the band office at 306-425-2183.