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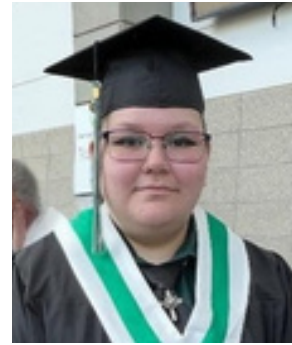
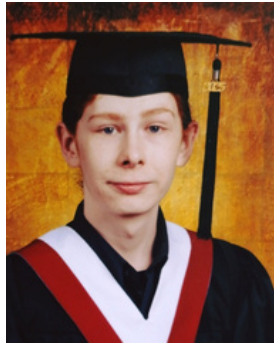
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## ASENIWUCHE STORIES

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## ASENIWUCHE WINEWAK NATION 2025 GRADUATES



## Congratulations to our Graduates!

On behalf of our entire community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of you; Evangeline Hallock, Nikolas Hallock, Dominic Karakuntie, Emma Delorme- Thomson, and Darius Delorme-Andasol.

Your hard work, resilience and dedication have brought you to this proud moment and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate your success! You are an inspiration to us all- proof that dreams can be achieved with perseverance and passion. As you step into the next chapter of your journey, know that your community stands behind you with pride and support.

So take a moment to breathe it all in. You did it! Here's to new adventures, new dreams, and a future full of promise. The world is waiting for your brilliance!

We are proud of you, we are cheering for you, CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!

## ASENIWUCHE GROUP OF COMPANIES TEAM BUILDING

On July 8, 2025 Grande Cache had a planned power outage, so we took advantage of it. Kim Hallock, our Tawow Centre Manager planned a team building day for the Aseniwuche Group of Companies. We built shelters, picked and learned about the different plants that are available on our traditional lands and their uses. It was also a day of fun and laughter.

A huge Thank You to Kim for all her planning, bringing us together and showing us what a great team we have.

Thank you to the employees that participated!





## MOUNTAIN CANADA DAY: A POWERFUL CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS CULTURE IN JASPER COMMEMORATION PARK Contributed by Lauren Moberly

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, this year's Mountain Canada Day- Picnic in the park was more than just a community gathering, it marked a historic and emotional return. For the first time, members of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation were formally included, involved and showcased on their traditional territory in Jasper, the heart of the Athabasca Valley on Canada Day, organized by Lauren Moberly and Brett Newton of the Jasper Cultural Events Team. Lauren led the planning of the Indigenous programming, securing a powerful lineup of artists, performers and knowledge keepers with deep ties to the region. The day began with an opening prayer by Elder Joe Karakuntie, followed by a performance by Bebe Buckskin of Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement and Tall Cree Nation. Performances continued throughout the afternoon with the James Gang Drummers, Red Rose Thunder Drummers and dancers from Grande Cache, each one a descendant of the original Indigenous families who were forcibly removed from the Jasper Valley. The drumming and dancers brought a lot of attention from spectators. The event concluded with a soulful performance by Nisto McLean of Beaver First Nation. Leashea Delorme created a live painting of the historic Moberly Homestead during the event, which was raffled off to attendees. Robert Wanyandie served as MC, bringing warmth to the program.

Throughout the event, vendors all from Aseniwuche Winewak Nation shared traditional goods, art, and wellness products while community Elders attended as honoured guests, grounding the celebration in memory and resilience. The Jasper Firefighters hosted a water spray show to help cool down guests on a hot summer day, adding a splash of fun for families and youth.

This meaningful day wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of sponsors: MacVac, Mobent Safety, Jasper Mettra Pharmacy, Pursuit Banff Jasper Collection, The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Loose Moose Trading Post, Painted Warriors, Mahikan Trails and the Willmore Wilderness Foundation. A special thank you also goes to the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation, Aseniwuche Development Corporation, Aseniwuche Environmental Corporation. Thank you to everyone who attended, travelled, supported and helped me bring this vision to life. Having our people who are the descendants of Jasper's original families welcomed back to share our culture, stories and traditions on our ancestral land, was deeply moving. It was a powerful step toward recognition, healing and connection.

Mahci!- Lauren



## CITIZENSHIP OPENHOUSE & BBQ

On July 15, 2025 AWN Citizenship Clerk Amber McDonald hosted a BBQ open house for community to fill out membership applications under the new code, it was heartwarming to see the turnout, it was an evening of laughter, smiles and mingling.





## Call for Aseniwuche Winewak Indigenous Vendors: October Event

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Indigenous Tourism of Alberta is excited to invite Indigenous makers and artists to participate in their Indigenous Vendor market this October, held in conjunction with an Indigenous Entrepreneur Conference at the Grande Cache Inn & Suites in Grande Cache. This opportunity allows you to showcase your unique products to both conference attendees and the general public.

There's no fee for tables, but we ask each vendor to donate one item with a retail value of \$25 or more to be used as conference door prizes. We have a total of 15 tables available.

To reserve your spot or for more details, please contact Renee at 587-337-8437 or email [renee@indigenoustourismalberta.ca](mailto:renee@indigenoustourismalberta.ca)

When:  
Sunday October 20, 2025  
6:00pm- 8:00pm

Monday October 21, 2025  
9:00am- 4:30pm



INDIGENOUS  
TOURISM  
ALBERTA

## AWN COMMUNITY CAMPS

### AWN Youth Camps

Pathfinders Kids Camp  
for Ages 6 to 12

#### Day Camp

When: August 18-20, 2025  
TLU Camp, Peavine Lake  
Cost: FREE  
8:30am-4:30pm Daily

Roots and Routes Teen  
Camp for Ages 13 to 18

#### Overnight Camp

When: August 21-23, 2025  
TLU Camp, Peavine Lake  
Cost: FREE  
Drop off: 9:30am Aug 21  
Pick up: 5:30pm Aug 23

- Land Based Skills
- Traditional Activities
- Fun
- Friendship

Registration forms are available at the Tawow Centre front desk!

Registration deadline:  
August 8 at 4:00pm

For more information about the camps please contact Sharon Moberly at [smoberly@aseniwuche.com](mailto:smoberly@aseniwuche.com)

### Women's Healing Camp

When: August 6-7  
TLU Camp at Peavine Lake  
9am - 5pm

Special Guest Daphe Poyak

- land-based activities and special

Overnight camping available on the 6th (with a fireside chat and bbq) snacks and meals will be provided;

### Community Healing Camp

When: August 26-28, 2025  
TLU Camp, Peavine Lake

Cost: FREE

9:00am-5:00pm Daily

- Land Based Skills
- Breakfast, snacks, lunch and dinner will be served

Call the Tawow Centre to Register!

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ADC and contractor Brian Goulding have been busy at our TLU Camp. Lot's of clean-up, repairs and best of all a new kitchen structure! This kitchen will have some beautiful views and a rustic feel to go along with the rest of our camp. Be sure to join us on the community nights at our upcoming TLU Camps



### AWN COMMUNITY MEMBERS

*You Are Invited*  
to visit the Land & Resources  
TLU Camps  
Community Dinner & Mini  
Round Dance

August 12 & 14 6:00PM



PLEASE BRING  
YOUR OWN CHAIR



### NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NEWS

#### BECOME A SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE



- The primary role of a school trustee is to serve and advocate for all Northland students and to understand and reflect community.
- Ready to run? Start your journey and access nomination papers at [www.nsd61.ca/governance/elections](http://www.nsd61.ca/governance/elections). Interested individuals have until Monday September 22, 2025 at noon to submit nomination papers.
- Questions? Call 780-624-2060 or 1-800-362-1360 and ask for Returning Officer Douglas Aird.



### ADC IS SEEKING GENERAL LABOURERS

The incumbent performs a wide range of duties independently or as part of a work crew for all ADC divisions. Labour activities performed may include but is not limited to: maintenance, heavy lifting and labour intensive activities, operation of small tools and equipment, construction and cleaning.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[HTTPS://WWW.ASENIWUCHE.CA/OPPORTUNITIES/GENERAL-LABOURERS/](https://www.aseniwuche.ca/opportunities/general-labourers/)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING, EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO [HR@ADCALBERTA.COM](mailto:HR@ADCALBERTA.COM)



## CARIBOU PATROL PROGRAM *Contributed by Stephanie Leonard*



### CARIBOU PATROL

Caribou Patrol is an Indigenous-led stewardship program, run by Aseniwuche Winewak Nation (AWN) that promotes caribou conversation with AWN's traditional territory. This grassroots program was started in 2012 in response to west-central Alberta's declining caribou herd populations.

The objectives of this program are to:

- Reduce the potential of vehicle collisions with woodland caribou on area roadways through road patrols
- Increase public safety by providing the public with wildlife road sharing information and tips.
- Enhance awareness of caribou management and wildlife road sharing through education and outreach initiatives for three specific user groups: the public, industry.
- Collect data on wildlife sightings.

Road patrols involve driving the Caribou corridor, which is 40km stretch of highway between Muskeg River and Big Berland River, and occasionally other roads that fall inside caribou ranges, looking for caribou, other wildlife and potential hazards to people or wildlife. Patrols focus on caribou vehicle collisions and are conducted daily during caribou migrations and semi- regularly during the rest of the year depending on sightings and abundance.

If caribou are sighted on or near the road, Caribou Patrol crews will use various techniques to either help the caribou cross safely or encourage them to get away from the road and danger. Crews will also speak with and provide information to travelers as well as placing road signs to warn motorists when and where caribou are regularly seen, encouraging them to slow down and watch for wildlife in those areas.

Caribou Patrol also spends a lot of time providing education about the program as well as the caribou and their threats by attending public events, providing presentations and information sessions and through the creation of our Edukits. There are five versions of our Edukit directed at different audiences: junior for younger children with more fun activities, Student for older children, public for young adults and adults, a shorter French booklet, and one aimed at people working in the industry sector.

Digital versions of all our EduKits are available for download on our web page.

### RECENT ACTIVITIES

Caribou Patrol is in a bit of a lull for activities right now. We did attempt to hold information sessions for our Lichen Collection and Calgary Zoo trip on July 18<sup>th</sup>; however it seemed that our timing must have been off as only one potential attendee came out to see us.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The Calgary Zoo has once again approached Caribou Patrol with a request for lichen for its resident caribou. Lichen is the caribou's favourite and primary source of food. Lichen requires specific environmental conditions and ample time to grow properly. Lichen is used as an enrichment item for the Zoo's caribou and can only be collected from the wild.

Through this program, youth aged 12-15 will have the opportunity to participate in a lichen collection field trip near Grande Cache as well as enjoy a 3-day trip to Calgary that includes a special tour of part of the Calgary Zoo, and the opportunity to meet the Zoo's resident caribou. This is an excellent hands-on and experiential way for youth to learn about caribou habitat and diet.

Space is limited; therefore, we ask interested youths to download and fill out the application form from our web page (<https://www.cariboupatrol.ca/outreach-events>), where you can tell us a bit about why you want to go on this trip with us. Attendees will be selected based on their submission. The application forms must be returned by August 5, 2025, to be considered.

While we are planning on taking as many as 20 youths, the final number will depend on the number of adults who volunteer to attend with us as chaperones. If you are an adult who thinks this might be a good opportunity, whether you have children who want to attend or not, please reach out to Stephanie ([stephanie@aseniwuche.com](mailto:stephanie@aseniwuche.com)). An older teenager (17-18) who has experience working with youth (references describing their experience are required) can inquire about attending as a chaperone, to be paired with an adult. All volunteers are required to provide proof of their criminal record (including the Vulnerable Sector) checks.

Transportation, dorm-style accommodation, and food costs are covered for all participants.

Please reach out to Stephanie ([stephanie@aseniwuche.com](mailto:stephanie@aseniwuche.com)) if you have any questions.

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## THE CARIBOU

While caribou are still occasionally being seen near Highway 40, and will continue to be all summer, it seems that migration is well and truly over for the season. Unfortunately, that means you will be seeing a lot less of Caribou Patrol on the road until the fall migration. The program fell short on our grant funding this year, and as a result, the road patrol aspect of the program will be paused until the start of the fall migration.

We still hope that you will continue to report any caribou you see and if an emergency situation arises, we will still be able to get someone out. Hopefully, the program will be back, bigger and better, for next year.

## CARIBOU TIDBIT: WHY CARE ABOUT CARIBOU?

Caribou are an important species in our Alberta boreal forest and play a significant role in maintaining the structure of the ecosystem in their habitat. Boreal forests have incredibly rich soils that can store two times the carbon compared to the same area of tropical forests. This is due to the incredibly slow decomposition of organic matter caused by cold temperatures and a higher content of fresh water. Disturbance to our boreal forests can cause a reduction in its ability to absorb carbon or even a release of stored carbon to the atmosphere, potentially increasing the effects of climate change. Woodland caribou are sensitive to disturbance and thrive in intact forest and isolation. As such, woodland caribou are a strong indicator species for the health of the broader boreal. As damage to the land from activities such as logging, oil and gas, mining, and, in some cases, recreational activities, caribou populations decrease. Because they depend on the health of old growth boreal forests, the decline of woodland caribou reflects the many destructive changes to the land that have happened in our lifetime. They are herbivores, so they only eat plants, and they have a big impact on the plant species in the forest. Their foraging and droppings change the nutrients and decomposition in the soil and water. Caribou are also prey for many animals like wolves, bears, cougars, and wolverines, and for scavengers like ravens and eagles.

Woodland caribou mean different things to different people. For instance, they are a cultural keystone species (a species whose existence and symbolic value shape in a major way and over time, the cultural identity of a people, as reflected in the fundamental roles these species have in diet, materials, medicine, and/or spiritual practices) for Indigenous Peoples, who used caribou for food, clothing, artwork, and tools at one time. Woodland caribou hold various meanings such as food, a spiritual ancestor, a gift from the Creator, a totem spirit, and a neighbour. Caribou are a living connection to their cultural heritage, which goes back for many hundreds of years.





The deadline for Citizenship applications for the eligibility to vote in the upcoming elections has been extended.

## August 15, 2025 DEADLINE

- Deadline is for the eligibility to vote
- Everyone must submit a new application with the proper documentation



If you require any more information, please get in contact with the Amber our Citizenship Clerk at 780-827-5510 or citizenshipclerk@aseniwuche.com.

## New Faces at our Tawow Centre



### Family Violence Prevention Coordinator Eve Tidd

#### Greetings AWN Community!

My name is Eve Tidd, and I am one of the newer additions to the already amazing team at the Tawow Community Centre. I am honored to have filled the role of Family Violence Prevention Coordinator, a position that will challenge me and where I will continue to learn and grow. Foraging for medicine (and learning their names and uses), horseback riding in the mountains (for team building), and conversations about skinning grizzlies are all icing on the cake – talk about an amazing start to a new job!

I recently graduated with a Bachelor of Indigenous Social Work from Laurentian University and earned a BA in Psych/Sociology previous to that. I recently spent nearly a year with a human services agency in Edson, but I am thrilled to have found an agency that aligns more with my goals, values and beliefs.

I was raised in Sudbury, Ontario and spent two years in Nova Scotia just before moving to Alberta in 2024. I am new to Grande Cache and I am amazed every day by its beauty. My mother's side is from Manitoba, so she passes down the Red River Metis lineage to my daughter and I. I grew up eating Les Boulettes, Bannock and bangs, but was missing the traditional culture, so being exposed to it around Grande Cache is very special to me. It lights me up in a way that makes me appear giddy from time to time.

Thank you to Kim – I am so grateful we met by the big rock the day before the MMIWG2S+ walk, and Pauline for giving me the green light to do my best to serve the community. I am here to learn from all of you to make my role work for you.

I look forward to meeting more of you (already met some lovely people from the community) – I am sure we will talk soon!



### Parent Child Assistance Mentor Kelisha Villafana- Gillis

#### Hi Everyone!

I am new to the new Parent Child Assistance Mentor (PCAP) at the Tawow Centre; I will be working with mothers and children.

I have 3 children of my own, all under the age of 10. I moved to Grande Cache from Toronto, Ontario in 2016 to be with my husband. I have always been in a field that involves taking care of or helping others in some sort of way.

Whether it be helping the elderly with everyday tasks or doing someone's eyelashes extensions. I am grateful to be starting my new chapter in life with helping mothers and children with the Tawow Centre/Aseniwuche Winewak Nation (AWN) and putting my education to use.

I am more than excited about my new career and meeting all the new faces along the way.

Thank you all for the warm welcome thus far!





## AUGUST 2025 SCHEDULE



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03	04 CIVIC HOLIDAY- TAWOW CLOSED	05	06 WOMENS WELLNESS OVERNIGHT CAMP @ TLU	07	08 HUMAN SERVICES PARTNER CAMP @ TLU	09
10	11	12	13 DROP IN DAY 10:00AM- 2:00PM	14	15	16
17	18	19 INDUSTRY TLU CAMP	20 DROP IN DAY 10:00AM- 2:00PM	21	22	23
24/ 31	25	26 PATHFINDERS KIDS DAY CAMP @ TLU	27	28	29 ROOTS & ROUTES TEEN OVERNIGHT CAMP @ TLU	30



# ATTENTION

During the month of August, Tawow Centre Crisis Management Coordinator Sharon Moberly and Family Violence Prevention Coordinator Eve Tidd will be going door to door to conduct a survey regarding Crisis Management and Violence Prevention.

They will start at 119, then Wanyandie Flats, Joachim heading south bound as they go.

They will also have information for wild preparedness and will be collecting data in the case of that situation on community.

***Please Note: If you are not home, Sharon and Eve will leave their business cards so folks can let them know when they can come back.***

***The goal is to reach every home in the Co-ops and Enterprises***