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CARIBOU PATROL ATTENDS DEEP FREEZE FESTIVAL IN EDMONTON ALBERTA FOR THE 7TH YEAR IN A ROW

Contributed by Stephanie Leonard
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Caribou Patrol had a fantastic time at this year's Deep Freeze Festival in Edmonton on January 18, 19. The festival did however live up to it's name with frosty temperatures between -20oC and -30oC. Still, the vendors and performers were there to put on an amazing show for the brave souls who did venture out for some fun. We had over 1000 people stop by and check out our booth and we are grateful for each and every one of you! Thank you for supporting Caribou Patrol!



CALL FOR DIRECTOR



The Aseniwuche Development Corporation and Aseniwuche Environmental Corporation Board of Directors are seeking board members.

Please send your resume and letter of intent to
michelle@aseniwuche.com

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Community Elder Joe Karakuntie wanted to share this photo. Elder Joe took this picture in 1996 at Slave Lake, AB while up there for work. The structure behind them is made of antlers, pipes, poles, and had the names of people from all over the world who left them there to show where they were from and how far they had travelled.

Thank you Joe for sharing with us!



Pictured above: Left to Right Billy Desjarlais, St. Pierre McDonald, Norman McDonald, Lawrence Joachim, Raymond Moberly

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



MARC JR DOIRE: NATIVE STUDIES RESEARCH DAY 2025

Contributed by Marc Jr Doire

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On January 17, 2025, I had the privilege of presenting my honours thesis research to a room full of established and emerging scholars, fellow students and community members at Native Studies Research Day 2025 at the University of Alberta, titled "By earlier opting for scrip, they had affirmed legal status that did not correspond to the changing time: A forensic Analysis of the Pre-Jasper Eviction Script Trade for the Moberly Family of the Co-Operatives and Enterprises", my presentation provided an introduction for my research into an obscure and often misunderstood legal history relevant to the families of the Co-operatives and Enterprises.

"Half Breed" scrip (as the official and legal designation) refers to a redeemable coupon issued in acres or money that could be exchanged for or used to purchase Dominion lands available for homesteading or pre-emption. While most of our ancestors did not "take" treaty or

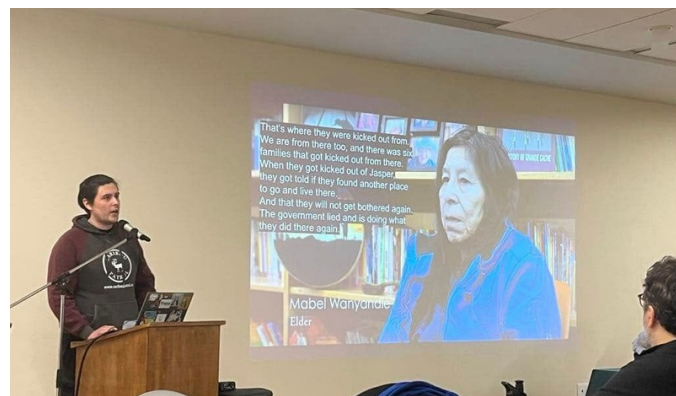


scrip, those who had the option took the latter. In doing so, their rights and those of their descendants were treated as if they had been extinguished. However, it is not clear whether or not those removed from their Jasper homelands by 1911 ever received their scrip entitlements. My research seeks to better understand our legal history through a rigorous forensic analysis of the historical record under the tutelage of my thesis supervisor and former employer, Professor Dr. Frank Tough. As a legal- archival subject, "half-breed" scrip is notorious for being exceptionally time consuming, laborious and expensive; hence there are very few scholars who

have recreated paper trails of the scrip system in its entirety, and very few Indigenous communities know where their land through scrip journey ended. Being one these few, Dr. Tough produced the first comprehensive analysis of the scrip system for the royal commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) in 1993 and has since dedicated much attention to the topic. By dedicating much of my undergrad and the entirety of my honors thesis to working and studying under Dr. Tough, I hope to join the ranks of this niche class as a community raised and driven scholar.

My motivation after dropping out of high school to return, upgrade, graduate and pursue post secondary education was rooted firmly in my family's support and my desire to serve our community, inspire our youth, and create meaningful and substantive change. As a child of the Susa Creek Co-operative and the great grandson to the late Lucy Wanyandie (nee Moberly), grandson to Mabel Wanyandie and son to Edna Doire (nee Wanyandie) I hope I am doing just that.

Thank you Marc, for sharing your words with us, you inspire us all!



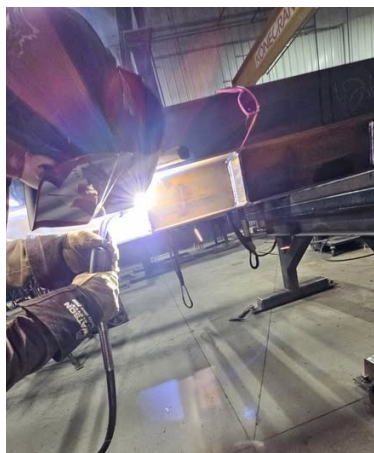
CONGRATULATIONS DEVON MOBERLY

Photo and Article Credits: Sonia Paquette

AWN Community member Devon Moberly has recently been sponsored by Veren Inc to cover costs for his post education while completing his apprenticeship for welding.

This is an incredible opportunity for Devon, he has worked hard over the last 9 months, and we are so proud of his work and growth.

Way to go Devon, keep crushing those goals, we have no doubt you will become a great welder in your community. Congratulations on your apprenticeship and your sponsorship!



JASPER PARK PASSES

We have new Jasper Park passes in the office for our Aseniwuche Community. These passes do not have an expiry date.

Due to a limited number these passes will only be given to those that have vehicles.





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CARIBOU PATROL CORNER

Contributed by Stephanie Leonard

UPCOMING EVENTS

Caribou Patrol is hoping to attend an upcoming event in Jasper National Park to celebrate the opening of the Caribou Breeding facility. Details still aren't finalized for this event, so we will let you know when we know something.

THE CARIBOU

We don't normally get many reports of caribou in the deepest part of winter, but this year we have had a few reports over the month of January. It just goes to show us that we can't predict current caribou movements on what they have done in the past. This is why it is very important for you to report when you see caribou. It is hard for us to predict when we should have crews out on the road otherwise. So, if you see a caribou, please reach out and let us know so we can get out where we are needed when we are needed!

CARIBOU TIDBIT: WHAT DO CARIBOU LOOK LIKE

Caribou have a brown body with a cream colored neck, mane, tail and rump. Their winter coat is really dense and heavy to protect them from the cold and high winds. They have two layers of fur- fine, crinkly underfur and a thick coat of guard hairs on top. The guard hairs are hollow and have air cells in the hair that act like insulation, keeping the caribou's body heat in. They have small tails, short ears, and compact bodies, and that keeps them protected too. These features reduce the amount of heat that can be lost through the skin. Caribou are the only member of the deer family to have a fur colored muzzle which allows them to regulate their body temperature. The muzzle acts as a heat exchanger, warming and cooling air to reduce and moisture loss as they breathe in and out.

Woodland Caribou are the largest and darkest of the caribou subspecies, and they also have the heaviest antlers. Woodland Caribou can weigh up to 700 pounds and reach to 4 to 5 feet in height at the shoulder and have long legs to help them move through deep snow. They have large hooves with four toes, two in the back (declaw) which increase the weight-bearing area, and 2 in the front (hoof) which are hollow underneath and can grow to remarkable lengths in the winter. This gives the caribou firm footing on ice and crusty snow while also allowing them to use their feet like shovels for digging for lichen under snow up to a meter deep. In the summer, these hollow hooves also make caribou efficient swimmers, which allows them to jump quickly into the water to escape from predators. Caribou can find their way straight across a lake that is too wide to see the other side. Caribou hooves also spread out quite wide, working like snowshoes in snow and muskeg and paddles in the water, they also are hairy underneath, giving them a good grip when walking on frozen ground, ice and snow.

Although caribou can withstand the cold temperatures and harsh terrain of the Arctic tundra, they have a tough time coping with insects in the summer. They have been known to run for kilometers just to escape the hordes of bugs.

Caribou are generally silent animals except after calving and during the rut. After calving, cows communicate with their young in short grunts. Males vocalize during the rut with a snorting, bellowing sound. Herds of snorting caribou may sound like pigs. Especially vocal are the bands of cows and newborn calves, constantly communicating with each other. Another sound which caribou make, though not vocal, is the sharp clicking noise resulting from the movement of the tendons over sesamoid bones just above the hooves. This noise is heard most clearly on calm cold days as groups of animals travel together.

This youtube video has a great compilation of the sounds that caribou can make.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5G8CDeJHXJY>

FISH AND STREAMS UPDATE

Contributed by Natasha Formsma



The Fish and Streams program will be hosting an information session for AWN Community members, come on by the Land and Resources building (old Tawow Centre) to hear the results from the 2024 Fish and Aquatic Habitat health project.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2025

LUNCH SESSION: 12:30PM

DINNER SESSION: 6:00PM

Food and drinks will be provided at both sessions, and there will be door prizes and gift cards available for community participants to win!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Natasha by email ahrf@aseniwuche.com



FEBRUARY 2025 SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Women's Crofts 1pm – 3pm	5 Drop in Day 10am – 2pm In-Person Wellbriety 2pm – 3:30pm	6	7 Virtual Wellbriety 6am – 7am	8
9	10	11 Women's Crofts 1pm – 3pm	12 Drop in Day 10am – 2pm In-Person Wellbriety 2pm – 3:30pm	13 Drop in Tawow Clinic Day 1-2:30pm Men & Women Pipe Ceremony 2:30pm	14 Virtual Wellbriety 6am – 7am	15
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23	24	25 Women's Crofts 1pm – 3pm	26 Drop in Day 10am – 2pm In-Person Wellbriety 2pm – 3:30pm	27 Edmonton Oilers vs. Florida Panthers 5:30pm ON THE BIG SCREEN Family Friendly Canteen	28 Virtual Wellbriety 6am – 7am	

DID YOU KNOW?

- A child's brain grows a lot in the early years and slows down around mid to late 20's?
- “Red Road to Wellbriety”, a sobriety program is running 2 days a week at Tawow?
- That free Naloxone Kits are available at the Tawow with free training?
- Community members 55+ years old qualify for our Elder Care program?
- February 22 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day?
- Dr. Ike will be at Tawow for Drop- In clinic Thursday February 13th?

Any questions you may have, feel free to reach us at 780-827-3324

STAFF UPDATE

TAMMY LACROIX: FASD WORKER

Hello, my name is Tammy, I am the new FASD worker at The Tawow Centre. I have lived in Grande Cache for 52 years, when I am not a work I am either watching an Oilers game or spending time with my husband and 3 dogs. I am excited to meet everyone, so please drop in to see me anytime!



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