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L to R : Kyleigh Wanyandie, Cathy Wanyandie, Stephanie Leonard, Chantelle Bambrick, Norma Kennedy, Danielle Hartzel, Bryon Bambrick

CARIBOU PATROL GOES TO THE DEEP FREEZE FESTIVAL

Contributed by Stephanie Leonard

Caribou Patrol staff, along with several incredible volunteers, were out in full force at the Deep Freeze Festival in Edmonton on January 17 and 18. The weekend brought mild weather and an amazing turnout, making it a truly memorable event.

As part of our grant reporting, we track the number of people we engage with at events like this. Saturday, January 17, set a new one-day record, with more than 1,600 people stopping by to chat with us.

Over the course of both days, we connected with over 2,600 people—another event record.

One of my favorite moments from the weekend came later, when we received a message from a family who had visited our booth. Their child read the EduKit booklet we shared and then proudly presented what they learned to their parents. Knowing we helped spark that curiosity and passion is something we will truly treasure.

A NEW FACE AT TAWOW



Growing Stronger: Welcoming Our Newest Addition to the Tawow Centre Family



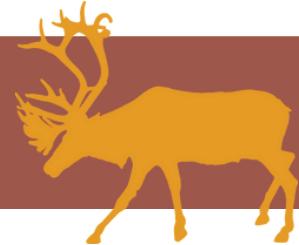
Hello everyone,

My name is Eileen Hall. I have lived in Grande Cache since the early 90's. I am the new receptionist for The Tawow Community Centre. I love my job, especially seeing the community members and meeting others that come together at our centre. Feel free to drop by for a visit and/or coffee or tea!

My hobbies are mostly spending time with family, especially the grandchildren. I love camping and travelling.

I look forward to learning new opportunities and skills with the rest of the ladies at Tawow. Have a great day!

CARIBOU CORNER



Caribou Patrol:

Caribou Patrol is an Indigenous-led program by the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation supporting caribou conservation. Since 2012, crews have monitored roadways to reduce collisions, collect wildlife data, and guide caribou safely. The program also offers public education through events, presentations, and EduKits.

Looking Ahead:

Planning is underway for the 2026/27 year, with hopes to offer more virtual and in-person presentations tailored to smaller groups. Interested organizations can reach out to stephanie@aseniwuche.com.

Caribou Update:

Caribou activity near Highway 40 has been low recently, which is typical for this time of year. Drivers are encouraged to continue watching ditches carefully and report any sightings to help keep both wildlife and people safe.

Stay updated and informed:

For more information please visit our website at <https://www.cariboupatrol.ca/> we also have a mailing list available through the website for all your in-depth caribou information.

Employment Opportunity

Family Violence Prevention Coordinator

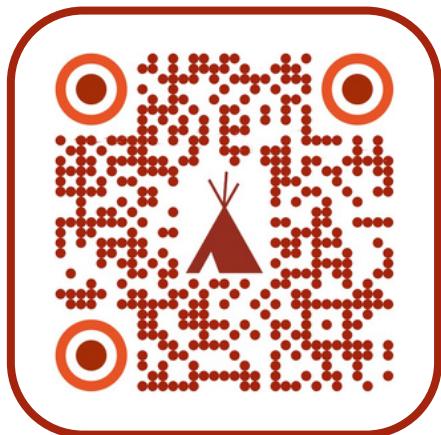
Temporary Part-Time (28 hours/week)

Tawow Community Centre | Term ending July 31, 2027



Tawow Community Centre is seeking a compassionate and dedicated professional to support families through family violence prevention and intervention services. This role focuses on strengthening family relationships, building parenting skills, and providing culturally appropriate, strength-based support to individuals and caregivers.

The successful candidate will deliver workshops, provide one-on-one and group support, collaborate with community partners, and help connect families to resources in a safe, respectful, and trauma-informed way.



Qualifications:

A diploma or degree in Social Work, Mental Health & Addictions, or a related field is preferred, along with experience supporting individuals impacted by mental health challenges, addictions, or family violence.

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter and resume to hr@adcalberta.com.

This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

For additional information, please visit our website at <https://www.aseniwuche.ca/job-opportunities/> or scan the QR code.

TC Energy Indigenous Legacy Scholarship Opportunities

TC Energy is pleased to share exciting funding opportunities for students through TC Energy's Indigenous Legacy Scholarship Program.

Applications open **January 21, 2026**, and will be accepted until **May 1, 2026**, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

TC Energy offers three types of scholarships to support Indigenous students pursuing post-secondary education:

- Indigenous Legacy Scholarships
- Scholarships for Trades students
- Scholarships for STEM-focused students

These scholarships are designed to support students in achieving their educational and career goals. We encourage eligible students to apply.

Students can apply at <https://www.tcenergy.com/community-giving/scholarships/> or scan the QR code.



If an individual or group of students would like to learn more about the program, please have them contact star_park@tcenergy.com. Star will be happy to share some tips and tricks on the application process.

TAWOW CENTRE - EVENTS



STITCHING SKILLS: RECONNECTING WITH OUR HANDS

Learn to Use Your Sewing Machine

Date: February 2, 2026

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Who: Adults

Where: Tawow Community Centre

Register: Call 780-827-3324

Bring your own sewing machine to relearn how to use it, or bring a new machine and get help setting it up and running.

STRONG VOICES, SHARED CIRCLES

Wonder Women Group

Date: February 5, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Who: Women and girls of all ages

Where: Tawow Community Centre

Registration: No registration needed — just show up!

A welcoming space for women to gather, share ideas, opinions, and conversations on any topic that comes up.



MENDING WITH PURPOSE: CARING FOR WHAT WE CARRY

Mending & Fixing Clothes

Date: February 9, 2026

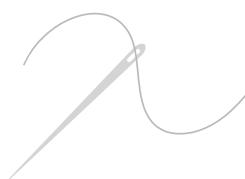
Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Who: Adults

Where: Tawow Community Centre

Register: Call 780-827-3324

Learn how to mend and repair clothing to extend its life and save money.



THREADS OF IDENTITY: DESIGNING POWWOW REGALIA

Designing Regalia

Date: February 16, 2026

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Who: Anyone interested in creating Powwow Regalia

Where: Tawow Community Centre

Register: Call 780-827-3324

This gathering focuses on the cultural teachings behind Powwow Regalia. Participants will explore different styles, learn about their meanings, and begin drawing and designing regalia rooted in identity, tradition, and personal expression.



TAWOW CENTRE - EVENTS CONT.

UNSEEN IMPACT: EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL & TERATOGENS ON FETAL DEVELOPMENT

Date: February 25, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Who: Adults only

Where: Tawow Centre 10020 99 Street



This workshop provides an overview of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), including how alcohol and other teratogens affect fetal development. Participants will learn about primary disabilities associated with FASD, as well as the strengths and challenges individuals with FASD may experience. The session also offers practical strategies and supports for caregivers and support workers.

By: Northwest Peace FASD Network

TAWOW CENTRE - ALL EVENTS



FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT THE TAWOW

Events - Recurring:

- **Every Tuesday:** Recovery Group **6pm**
- **Every Wednesday:** Mental Health & Addiction drop in day **10am-2pm**
- **Every Thursday:** Wonder women group **5:30pm**

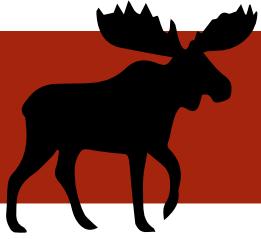
Events:

- February 4th: Adults learning to use own sewing machine **5-7pm**
- February 9th: Adults mending/fixing clothes **5-7pm**
- February 16th: Designing regalia **5-7pm**
- February 19th: AEAAC Orientation Tawow Staff & partners **9am-12pm**
- February 23rd: Loom beading **5-7pm**
- February 25th: FASD North Presentation **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**
- Food Bank Access Days: **Feb 11th & Feb 25th**

Tawow staff are increasing our efforts to get our vulnerable community members to get clean & sober now, on their own volition, rather than wait and have it forced on them - potentially requiring months of institutionalization.

If you or someone you care about is struggling with severe drug addiction, alcoholism and/or mental health issues, please come and see our team at Tawow - we will do our best to help you and those you love on the journey to recovery.

TAWOW CENTRE - RETURNING TO THE HUNT



"Strengthening Youth Through Tradition and Mentorship"



L to R : Dylan Fullerton, Xavior Knife, Marcel Desjarlais-Dion, Kanen Desjarlais-Dion, Claude Delorme, Ari Delorme and in front Wynter Desjarlais-Delorme

Contributed by Tara Lynne

As part of the prevention work within the Mental Health and Addictions Program, a youth mentorship initiative called Returning to the Hunt was created. During the early development of this program, we met with men from the community who expressed a strong desire to support youth involved in the program.

Through initial conversations with Winston Delorme, we connected with Landon Delorme and Curtis Hallock, who both quickly accepted roles as mentors. With their support, we set out with a shared goal: to create a place of belonging for young men, offering positive alternatives and meaningful one-on-one connections to help them navigate the challenges many youth face today.

As planning continued, each mentor brought in a helper. It soon became clear that three mentors and three helpers would not be enough. Additional community members stepped forward, and the program grew to include Randy Karakuntie, Marcel Desjarlais Sr., Stuart McDonald, Robert Wanyandie, and Brian McDonald. The strength of this program truly reflects the willingness of our community to support its youth.

We had two full classes of youth and adults who either did not have a first-time PAL or needed to renew an expired one. In November, Jen Cardinal, Indigenous owner of Cardinal Safety Training, travelled to the community and provided two full days of training. All participants successfully passed both the written and practical exams — a huge accomplishment. This training ensures participants can hunt safely and confidently, allowing them to help provide for their elders, families, community, and themselves.

Since then, several youth have already gone out hunting and successfully brought back moose. Others have participated in ice fishing outings on local lakes, either with peers or alongside mentors and helpers. On January 24, 2026, mentor Marcel Desjarlais Sr. and Claude Delorme spent the day on the lake with seven youth, teaching ice safety, setup, and fishing techniques. The laughter, teamwork, and learning shared that day were truly inspiring.

Looking ahead, upcoming plans include a larger-scale hunting trip, presentations from Fish and Wildlife, learning about trapping, outdoor education, water safety, search and rescue, and much more. If you have ideas for future topics or would like to get involved, please reach out to Tara at the Tawow.



Winston Delorme helping out the youth at the PAL training and Landon Delorme bringing us in a mule deer that Fish and Wildlife given to the program

COMMUNITY · AWARDS 2026



Call for Nominations

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our community? Nominations are now open for the 2026 Community Awards, which honour individuals who lead, serve, and strengthen our Nation:

- Milton Joachim Memorial Award of Excellence
- Ernie Delorme Memorial Award for Volunteer of the Year
- James Wanyandie Memorial Award for Cultural Preservation
- Jason Delorme Memorial Award for Youth Leadership

Written nominations are due February 15, 2026 and can be submitted in person at the Aseniwuche Building (10003 99 St) during regular office hours, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM or by emailing Nadine at admin@aseniwuche.com.

Help us recognize those who inspire others and give back in meaningful ways.



MILTON JOACHIM AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Recognizing an individual who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve the community.



ERNIE DELORME MEMORIAL AWARD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Recognizing an individual for their service and commitment to Aseniwuche Winewak Nation and the preservation of Indigenous culture. As a role model to youth and other members, the recipient of the Ernie Delorme Memorial Award has made a positive impact on the community.



JAMES WANYANDIE MEMORIAL AWARD CULTURAL PRESERVATION:

Recognizing an individual who makes a dedicated effort to share traditional knowledge, cultural practices and wisdom with anybody who is interested or needing support.



JASON DELORME MEMORIAL AWARD YOUTH LEADERSHIP:

Recognizing a young individual who has worked hard or is working hard to achieve their goals. As a role model to youth, the recipient of the Jason Delorme Memorial Award promotes a positive and well-rounded lifestyle.

CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS



IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Starting April 1, 2026, AWN funding for education, medical travel, elections, and other community programs will be available exclusively to community members on the citizenship list. This change helps ensure that funding and supports are directed to those who are formally enrolled on the citizenship list. To continue accessing these opportunities, we encourage all eligible members to apply for citizenship with AWN if they have not already.

CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS STILL OPEN!

Citizenship applications are currently being accepted. Becoming an enrolled member provides access to valuable funding, programs, and opportunities, while also strengthening your connection to the Nation and community. If you have questions, need support with an application, or would like more information, please visit the Citizenship Clerk at the Aseniwuche Building, email citizenshipclerk@aseniwuche.com, or call (780) 827-5510.

DOES CITIZENSHIP AFFECT TAWOW SERVICES?

Not at all! Tawow services will continue to be open and available to everyone, regardless of citizenship or enrolment status. Access to Tawow services is not affected by citizenship—Tawow remains here to support and care for our entire community.

LET'S STAY *in* TOUCH!



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Take care, stay warm. With gratitude and a honk—see you in Goose Month!