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WATCH YOUR TOES!

NEW DRIVERS ON THE LOOSE

Big congratulations to our newest community drivers, Chase, Brooke, and Marcel Jr.!

We're proud to celebrate this exciting milestone as they officially pass their Class 5 driver's tests. This achievement reflects their hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

Earning a driver's license opens the door to new opportunities, greater independence, and many journeys ahead. We wish you all the best as you take the wheel — drive safe, stay confident, and enjoy the road ahead. You've earned it!

For any inquiries about the drivers training course, please reach out to Nadine at admin@aseniwuche.com.

ASENIWUCHE WINEWAK NATION

ANNUAL ROUND DANCE

The time is almost here! The annual Aseniwuche Winewak Nation Round Dance will be held on May 2, 2026, at the Grande Cache Recreation Centre (Curling Rink), and excitement is building as the day approaches.
A great deal of care, effort, and community spirit has gone into organizing this special gathering. The event will be guided by Masters of Ceremony Robert Wanyandie and Dale Alexis Jr., with Stickmen Charlie McDonald and Regan Moberly, and Floorman Dale Alexis helping to carry the evening in a good way.

The Pipe Ceremony will begin at 2:00 PM, followed by a feast at 4:00 PM. The Round Dance will take place after the Pipe Ceremony and feast, bringing everyone together in celebration, connection, and tradition. The evening will also include raffles, giveaways, and a midnight lunch.
We look forward to seeing everyone come together for this meaningful event. Thank you to all who have put in the hard work to make it happen—we hope you enjoy the gathering!

UP AND COMING EVENTS

MAY 2ND 2026

AWN ROUND DANCE

MAY 8TH 2026

MMIWG2S+ HIKE

FROM ICE TO INSPIRATION

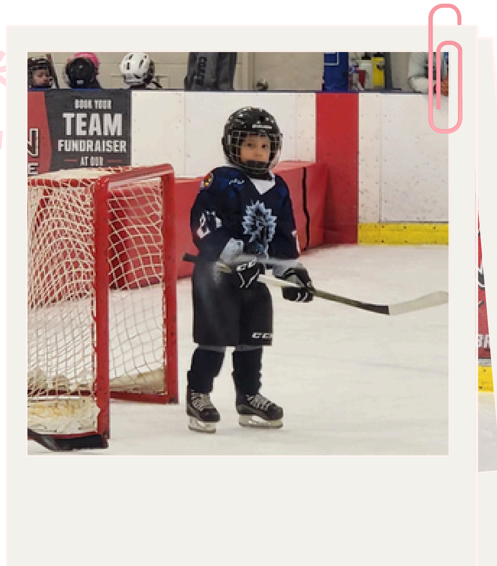
QUINN SHINES AT PROVINCIALS

Contributed by: Jesse Letendre

Tansi! Abe Washded!

On April 2-5, 2026, Quinn Letendre-McDonald participated in the Annual Alberta Native Hockey Provincials 2026 which took place in Edmonton, Alberta. This event brings together age categories from U7-U21 hockey families from across Alberta. This was Quinn's 2nd year participating in the annual event. Quinn represented her nations Aseniwuche Winewak Nation and Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation. Her participation in the tournament was very delightful to watch and observe all skill levels. She brought home some hardware and memories to last a lifetime.

We want to say Hiy-Hiy! And Ish Nish! to Aseniwuche Winewak Nation & Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation for giving her an opportunity to participate in this annual event.



"Its like its staring into my soul"

'BOU CORNER

FROM HIGHWAY 40 TO YELLOWKNIFE

The caribou are on the move

Groups are showing up on Highway 40 with increasing frequency — and that means it's time to slow down. May is our peak migration month, and we ask everyone travelling the caribou corridor to take extra care on the road.

We expect sightings to remain high until at least mid-June, when the herds begin settling into their summer ranges.

We're heading to Yellowknife

This June, we'll be at the North American Caribou Workshop (June 15–19, 2026) — connecting with researchers and conservationists from across the continent. We're looking forward to the latest in caribou research and bringing fresh strategies back home.

KEEPING TRADITIONS ALIVE

YOUTH LEARNING THROUGH LIAM LEAVEYS LEADERSHIP

Contributed by: Aimee Allers

Liam Leavey has been busy leading beaver skinning workshops across the province. He empowers youth to carry forward ancestral knowledge and honours traditional practices through sharing traditional knowledge and skills with participants. Through his leadership, participants gain insights into the respectful harvesting process, hide preparation, and the deep connection between land, wildlife, and community. Liam, with the assistance of his excellent helpers Xavior Knife and Kanen Desjarlais-Dion, presented to the Grande Cache Community High School Cree Culture Club in March. Since then, Liam has led several workshops at the Spirit Seekers Youth Conference in Grande Prairie, and in Horse Lake. The opportunities Liam is making available for youth in our community and beyond serve to inspire others, encourage meaningful connections, and truly make a difference. Thanks for your leadership Liam!

RETURN TO THE HUNT

WALKING FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT

Contributed by: Tara Lynn Crane

Our "Return to the Hunt" program continues to grow as a powerful space for connection, responsibility, and healing—and this spring, our young men are stepping forward with purpose.

As they prepare for our 2nd annual MMIWG2S+ hike on May 8th, they are calling on the entire community to stand beside them. Guided by their mentors and supported by dedicated helpers, these young men are not only learning traditional values—they are living them. They are taking up the responsibility to speak, to walk, and to bring awareness to the ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people.

This hike is more than an event. It is a commitment. A commitment to remember those who are missing. A commitment to honor the families who continue to carry grief and unanswered questions. And a commitment from the next generation to ensure that these voices are never silenced or forgotten.
Through the "Return to the Hunt" program, participants are taught the importance of respect, protection, and accountability within their roles as young men in the community.

Standing alongside mentors who model these teachings, they are reclaiming what it means to walk in a good way—grounded in culture, guided by responsibility, and driven by care for their people.

Now, they are asking for your support.

On May 8th, we invite all community members—families, Elders, youth, and allies—to come together in unity. Your presence matters. Walking alongside these young men sends a strong message: that this issue affects us all, and that together, we will continue to raise awareness, demand change, and uplift the voices of those who can no longer speak.
Let us walk together. Let us stand together. Let us show these young leaders that they are not alone in this journey.

Join us for the 2nd annual MMIWG2S+ hike—and be part of a movement rooted in remembrance, strength, and hope.

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TAWOW EVENTS

WED

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION
May 6th, 13th, 20th 11:00am - 1:00pm

NA GROUP
May 6th, 13th, 20th 2:00pm - 3:00pm

THURS

WONDER WOMEN GROUP
May 14th, 21st , 28th 5:30pm

FRI

RECOVERY GROUP
May 15th, 22nd, 29th 3:00pm - 4:00pm

2026 MAY

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AEAAC
Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council

May 7th 2026
"Its not Right" presented by AEAAC 9:00am - 10:30am. Office closed at 10:30am.

May 13th
GC CLERC at Tawow, program information and employment services 11:00am - 1:00pm

May 25th & 26th
Womens wellness circle information session 12:00pm - 1:00pm both days.

Save THE Date
MMIWG2S+ HIKE

Friday, May 8, 2026
Registration begins at 7:30 am
Hike starts at 8:30 am
Meet us at the backside of Grande Mountain

Everyone is welcome—please invite coworkers, friends and family! **We encourage everyone to wear red**. Red t-shirts will be available for sale at the Tawow Centre starting April 20 for $20 while supplies last. For more information, please call the Tawow Centre at 780-827-3324.

We are still searching and calling them home. We walk for those who can't. We speak their names and carry them forward.