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TLU COMMUNITY NIGHT

A Week of Connection, Culture & Learning

Contributed by Nadine Alexis ♥

From September 14–18, AWN had the pleasure of welcoming two groups of our industry partners to a TLU Camp. It was a great week spent connecting, sharing stories, learning, and creating opportunities for our guests to experience and learn more about our culture and traditions.

Two community nights were held throughout the week, giving our guests an opportunity to spend time with community members and enjoy performances from some of our local powwow dancers.

The evenings also included a mini Grand Entry with AWN staff and leadership, powerful drumming and singing from the Red Rose Thunder Drum Group, and round dance drumming with the James Gang Drummers.

It was wonderful to see people coming together, sharing in our culture, and building connections along the way. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the week a success—from the performers and drummers to our staff, leadership, community members, and industry partners.

We are grateful for the conversations, connections, stories, and memories that came from the week. Tawow to everyone who helped make it such a special gathering!





AWN HUNTING CAMP 2026

Community Hunting & Cultural Camp

Contributed by Vivian McDonald

Following the success of last year's first Community Hunting/Cultural Camp, this year's gathering brought even more people together on the land. Over 100 people either camped or came out for a visit—almost double the number from last year.

Once again, the camp was about much more than hunting and harvesting. It was a time for people to come together, visit, laugh, share stories, and spend time on the land. There was storytelling around the campfire, and the sound of drumming and singing echoing through the valleys was a beautiful reminder of what it may have sounded like long ago when our ancestors lived and travelled throughout this area.

There were many opportunities to learn and take part in traditional activities, including berry picking, dry meat making, porcupine processing, and working with the moose hide. A moose skinning and quartering demonstration was also held, with a large number of youth taking part and helping to pack out the moose.

One of the most rewarding things to see this year was the growth in our youth and young adults. Last year, much of the meat processing was done by the Elders. This year, the youth jumped right in. They were not afraid to get involved, ask questions, and learn by doing. It was a good reminder that when we create the space for our young people to learn, they are ready and willing to take part.

Our Elders and Traditional Knowledge Holders were more than happy to mentor and guide those who wanted to learn. Knowledge was shared naturally through working together, watching, asking questions, and spending time with one another.



The beautiful weather certainly helped make for a great camp, but it was the people who made it what it was. There was a lot of visiting, laughter, helping one another, and sharing throughout the days and evenings. The connection, kinship, conversation, knowledge transfer, and laughter really were the best medicine.

After seeing how much the camp grew in just its second year, it is exciting to think about what it can continue to become. Many people were already talking about and looking forward to next year's camp, which is a wonderful sign of how much this gathering has come to mean to our community.

What started as an idea that our Elders and community had been asking for has become an opportunity for generations to come together, learn from one another, and keep our traditional knowledge and ways of life alive.



STAY IN SCHOOL AWARDS

Celebrating Our Students

Contributed by Nadine Alexis ♥



On September 10, our community came together at Susa Creek School for our annual Stay in School Awards. It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter, joy, good food, and celebration as we gathered to recognize and celebrate our incredible students.

Each year, these awards give us an opportunity to honour our students for their efforts and achievements while encouraging them as they begin another school year. It is always a special evening to come together as a community and show our young people how proud and supportive we are of them.

A heartfelt thank you to Charlie, Bailey and Jacob for opening the evening with a beautiful prayer song. We would also like to thank the Tawow Community Centre staff for preparing and BBQing food for all of the students and guests.

We are grateful to Susa Creek School for allowing us to use the school gym and for helping provide a welcoming space for this special community gathering.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who attended, helped organize, volunteered, prepared food, and contributed in any way. Your support helped make this year's Stay in School Awards a memorable and meaningful evening for our students and community.

Here's to another successful school year and to celebrating the accomplishments of our amazing students!

UPCOMING
EVENTS

RADIOBINGO



🎉 Radio Bingo Turns 30! 🎉

Radio Bingo is celebrating 30 years! To mark the occasion, Radio Bingo is hosting a special \$50,000 Bonanza on October 8, 2026!

AWN will be hosting a Bingo Party so community members can come together and enjoy the games. We'll provide the space—you just need to purchase your own bingo cards and bring your lucky bingo spirit!

📅 October 8, 2026

🕒 Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

🎉 Games begin at 6:00 p.m.

💰 \$50,000 Bonanza

Bingo cards can be purchased at **Chalet Foods** in town.

The Aseniwuche Youth Council (AYC) will also be running a concession during the Bingo Party as a fundraiser. Come grab something to eat, support our youth, and enjoy an evening of Radio Bingo with the community!

Bring your cards, bring your friends, and come celebrate 30 years of Radio Bingo with us! 🎉

ATTENTION

Aseniwuche Winewak Nation is looking for one community volunteer to join the Membership Committee. Committee members help review and consider membership applications in accordance with the AWN Citizenship Code and membership requirements.

This is an important community role that requires fairness, respect, confidentiality, and a willingness to participate in committee meetings and discussions.

Interested in volunteering? Please submit a letter stating your interest, along with your name and a brief explanation of why you would like to serve on the Membership Committee.

✉ Citizenship Clerk: citizenshipclerk@aseniwuche.com

✉ Executive Director, Michelle: michelle@aseniwuche.com

☎ 780-827-5510

We are looking for ONE community volunteer — we would love to hear from you!

WALKING TOGETHER**Honouring Indigenous Journeys of Reconnection and Belonging**

Community member Asher Friedland is working on his university research project, Walking Together: Honouring Indigenous Journeys of Reconnection and Belonging, and would like to invite AWN community members to learn more about his project.

Asher hopes his research will help bring Indigenous community voices to the centre of conversations about reconnection, belonging, and identity, particularly for Indigenous people who may be reconnecting with their community, culture, family, or identity.

Asher will have an information table where community members can stop by to learn more about the project, ask questions, and learn about opportunities to participate. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts and experiences, you can plan a time to participate in the research.

Community members will also have the opportunity to anonymously share a wish or hope they would want to pass on to Indigenous people who may be separated from their community, culture, or family. These messages will be collected into a community document as part of the project.

Stop by during the drop-in to learn more about the project and how you can connect with Asher if you are interested in participating.

If you are unable to attend during these times, you can reach out to Asher through Facebook or contact the AWN Office to be connected with him and arrange a time to learn more about participating.

Everyone is welcome to stop by, learn more, and share their voice if they choose.

Tan'si everyone!**AWN Office**

Monday, Oct 5



6pm to 8pm

Tawow Drop-In

Wednesday, Oct 7



11am to 1pm

WHATS HAPPENING IN TOWN?



OLDER ADULT INFORMATION DAY

Older Adult Information Day is an annual event focused on programs, services, and resources available to seniors and older adults in our community.

 October 1, 2026
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Green View FCSS - 10001 Hoppe Ave

Lunch will be included.

Come out and learn more about the supports and services available to older adults and seniors in our community.



CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Start your day with intention and reflection at Conversation Café. Join Green View FCSS for a light breakfast and a welcoming space to connect with others, share conversations, and enjoy some meaningful moments together.

 September 23, September 30, October 7 & October 14
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 Green View FCSS – 10001 Hoppe Ave

Open to everyone. Light breakfast included.

Whether you feel like sharing or simply listening, there's a place for you at the table.

Listening is just as welcoming as sharing.

For more information, contact Green View FCSS at 780-827-4336.



WISEGUYZ PROGRAM

WiseGuyz is a program designed to promote healthy relationships and help prevent adolescent dating violence. The program provides a safe space within the high school for participants to talk about and explore the impacts of harmful gender stereotypes while building important relationship skills.

The program is open to male-identifying Grade 9 youth. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with others, learn about healthy relationships, and develop skills that can help build stronger and healthier relationships.

 Lunch is included.

For more information or to register, contact Green View FCSS at 780-827-4336.



REMINDER! AWN COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Are you connected to the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation through family, relationships, and our community? Now is a great time to make sure your membership application has been submitted.

Membership helps ensure that eligible community members are connected to AWN programs, services, and opportunities available to enrolled members.

Parents and legal guardians: please remember that applications must be submitted on behalf of any minor children. Minor children cannot apply for membership on their own, so please make sure each eligible child has an application completed and submitted.

If you have not yet applied, or if you started an application but still have documents to provide, please reach out to the Citizenship Office for assistance. We are happy to answer questions about the application process and help you determine what information may still be needed.

Don't wait — make sure your application and your children's applications are complete!

 Aseniwuche Winewak Nation Office
 Contact the Citizenship Clerk for more information
 (780) 827-5510 citizenshipclerk@aseniwuche.com

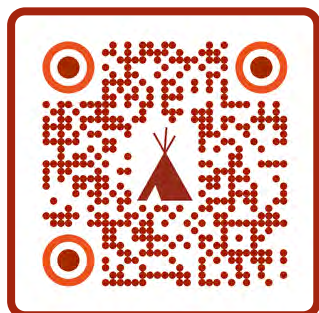
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COORDINATOR

Temporary Part-Time | 28 hours/week
 Flexible schedule, including evenings & weekends as required

Support individuals and families through strength-based, family-centred services. This position focuses on family violence prevention, healthy relationships, workshops and education, community collaboration, and culturally rooted support.

Apply: hr@adcalberta.com



LAND & RESOURCES MANAGER

Full-Time

Support AWN's land, resource, consultation, and economic development initiatives. Build strong relationships with industry and government while supporting Traditional Land Use, project planning, and AWN's interests.

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary degree/diploma or equivalent experience
- Management experience preferred
- Strong computer skills
- Indigenous organization/community experience is an asset

Apply: hr@adcalberta.com

Open until a suitable candidate is selected.

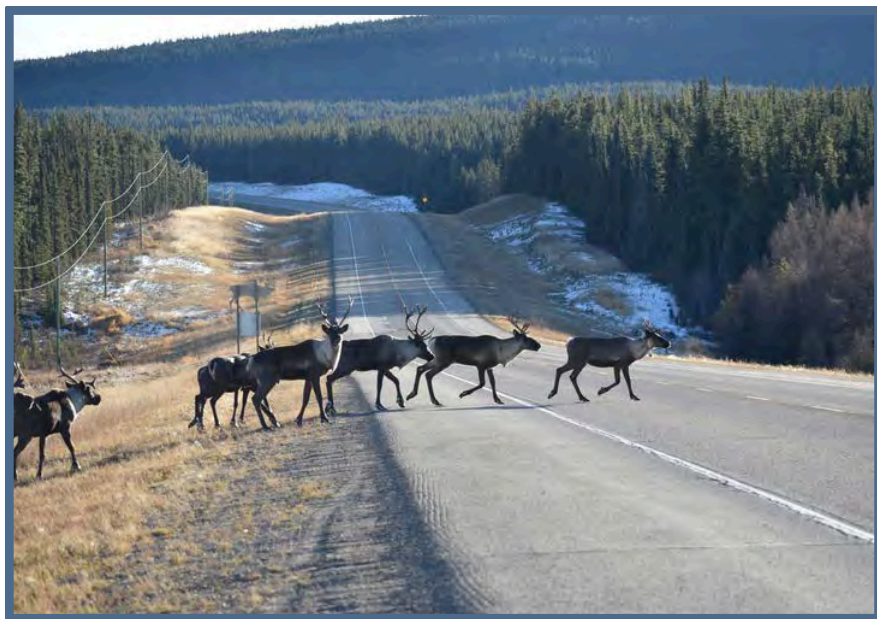
HOW TO APPLY

Visit our careers page (or scan QR code) to view full job descriptions and apply.



CARIBOU CORNER

Following the Herd



THE CARIBOU

Fall Migration is Approaching!

As fall migration approaches, caribou sightings should become more frequent throughout the area.

Caribou migration is influenced by environmental conditions such as food availability and weather, so the exact timing can shift slightly from year to year. This is one reason your caribou sighting reports are so valuable to us! Your reports can help let us know that migration is underway before we're able to have crews out in the field full-time. Every sighting helps us better understand where the caribou are moving and allows our crew to focus their efforts where they're needed most.

If you see caribou while you're out on the land, please reach out and let us know. Your eyes on the ground make a real difference for these animals!

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Hoodie Orders Update

If you're still waiting on your hoodie order, we're sorry for the delay! Some items are currently backordered and have not yet arrived from our supplier, so we're unable to ship those orders just yet.

Going forward, we're exploring additional vendor options to help make our hoodie orders more reliable and reduce delays. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

CARIBOU WORD SEARCH

Find all 6 hidden words!

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E	Z	T	V	J	L	P	C	K	Z	X	N	C
C	A	R	I	B	O	U	M	N	U	O	M	A
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P	V	C	F	C	C	A	U	T	P	R	P	T
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Q	M	F	M	D	B	H	R	K	F	J	A	F
W	R	O	U	O	C	E	C	Z	H	B	G	R
M	S	J	D	O	M	R	U	L	S	Q	R	I
B	V	W	L	H	D	D	Z	D	G	X	C	W

WORDS TO FIND

- HOODIE
- HERD
- CARIBOU
- MOUNTAIN
- MIGRATION
- CAUTION

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Book a Caribou Conservation Presentation

We're currently planning our event schedule for the winter, making now a great time to book a presentation!

Do you know a group, classroom, or organization that would benefit from learning more about caribou conservation? We'd love to come and share what we know. Each presentation is tailored to the audience, including their age, background, and familiarity with the subject. Whether it's a classroom, community event, or professional gathering, we can adapt the presentation to suit your group.

Virtual and in-person presentations are available, depending on location and scheduling.

To book a presentation or learn more, contact Stephanie at stephanie@aseniwuche.com.

What does a caribou say when it's time to leave?
"I've herd enough!"





TAWOW EVENTS



OCTOBER 6
Women's Wellness Support Circle
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM



OCTOBER 7
STI Testing 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Mental Health & Addiction Drop in Day
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
NA Group 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Food Bank 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



OCTOBER 8
Men's Wellness Circle
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM



OCTOBER 9
Return to the Hunt Meeting
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM



OCTOBER 12
THANKSGIVING DAY
TAWOW AND AWN OFFICES CLOSED



OCTOBER 13
Women's Wellness Support Circle
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM



OCTOBER 14
Mental Health & Addiction Drop in Day
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
STI Testing (High Risk People)
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
NA Group 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Food Bank 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



OCTOBER 15
Men's Wellness Circle
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM



OCTOBER 19
FASD – Preparing for the Winter
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM



OCTOBER 16
Return to the Hunt Fundraiser
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM



OCTOBER 21
Mental Health & Addiction Drop in Day
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
NA Group 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Food Bank 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



OCTOBER 20
Women's Wellness Support Circle
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM



OCTOBER 22
Men's Wellness Circle
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM



OCTOBER 28
No Drop In
PCAP – Mommy & Me
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM



OCTOBER 30
Halloween @ Tawow
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM



OCTOBER 31
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

2026

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AWN & Tawow Offices
will be closed

OCTOBER

12th
(Thanksgiving)



FASD AWARENESS WALK

September 9

Contributed by Laverne Delorme



On September 9, our community came together to recognize International FASD Awareness Day with a walk around the block, followed by a light lunch and an informative presentation from Penny about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

Community members also wrote messages of support and awareness on red shoes, which are now on display at the Tawow Community Centre as a reminder of the importance of understanding and supporting those affected by FASD.

FASD Facts

FASD is a lifelong disability that can affect the brain and body following prenatal exposure to alcohol. It is estimated that more than 1.5 million people in Canada are living with FASD, with many individuals remaining undiagnosed.

Raising awareness helps build understanding and support for individuals and families affected by FASD.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day meaningful!