

âcimowasinahikanis ᐱ ᓂ ᓴ ▽ · Δ · ᐱ ᓂ ᓴ



AWAS'AK WIYASIWEWIN



okâwemâw ▷ ᐱ ᓂ ᓴ ▽ · Δ · ᐱ ᓂ ᓴ Mother

Welcome to another issue of the Awas'ak Wiyasiwewin Newsletter. This month we are highlighting the Minor Home Repair program. Like all the programs offered under the Awas'ak Wiyasiwewin Law, we strive to assist families so that the quality of life is improved for their children. To learn more about the program, turn to page 3.

We would also like to take the time to wish all the Grandmas', Moms' aunties who are like moms and soon to be moms a Happy Mother's Day on

MAY 12TH, 2024

NEWS, IDEAS, AND INSIGHTS

- Letter from the Onikanew
- Program Highlight: Minor Home Repair Program
- Prevention Calendar
- Winners update
- Wagon Ride
- YLL Update

**Want to make a
difference in someone's
life? Become a care
home today!**



*scan for more
information*



Gladys Okemow
Onikanew

**The Indigenous Governing Bodies for
the Office of the Onikanew are as
follows:**

Chief Billy Joe Laboucan
(Lubicon Lake Band)

Tracy Laboucan-Carter
Board Chair (Lubicon Lake Band)

Heather McTaggart
Vice Chair (Loon River FN)

Paul Houle
Board Member (PTFN)

Troy Laboucan
Board Member (Lubicon Lake Band)

Judy Sinclair
Board Member (PTFN)

Darren Noskey
Board Member (Loon River FN)

Tansi! We, the Office of the Onikanew, sincerely hope and pray that you are all doing well and keeping healthy. It is a privilege and honor to be a part of the Awa'sak Wiyasiwewin. I'm excited to share with you our monthly newsletter for Awa'sak Family Services. As a lot of you may know, the Awas'ak Wiyasiwewin was enacted on May 15, 2023, so we are a relatively new organization. We have experienced some growing pains as we continue to navigate our way to getting fully established. Please feel free to visit our website at: www.ktccfs.ca, or stop by one of the prevention office's in each Community: Peerless Lake, Trout Lake, Loon River, Lubicon or the sub office's in Edmonton and Slave Lake. Our doors are always open.

During the past several months staff have been working on completing the setup of the temporary prevention buildings/offices in each of the Nations; and I am happy to say that they are done and operational. The programs, services and activities are now hosted in each of the new buildings. We also have several positions that we need to fill as soon as possible. All career opportunities can be found on our website. (www.ktccfs.ca)

By working together, and with the support of the Nations leadership and members, our children, youth and families will have a healthier start in life, and we can continue to provide the supports and services that they need to reach their full potential.

Ekosi,
Gladys Okemow, Onikanew
Office of the Onikanew

MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM



Minor Home Repair is a new Program under the Awasak Wiyasiwewin Law; our program aims to help families needing home repairs. The Program ensures that children do not come into care due to inadequate housing and have a safe living environment. The Minor Home Repair Coordinator along with the support workers in each community help gather documentation on behalf of the homeowners and submit it to Jordan's Principle for funding.

The Eligibility Criteria:

- Have Children Under the age of 17 in your care
- Treaty
- Home deemed unsafe for children by home inspection reports
- Home owner (on & off reserve)

Supporting Documents

1. Band Housing: Letter from Nation stating they do not have funds to renovate the home.
2. Letter from a doctor stating medical conditions
3. 2 Quotes from contractors



Coordinator – Kaylen Thunder/Letendre

Kaylen Thunder/Letendre is a mother of three daughters and a Wife. She enjoys hunting wild game and playing sports such as volleyball and horseshoes. Kaylen enjoys spending time with her family. Kaylen has worked for KTC CFS since April 3, 2023. She is from Loon River First Nation.



Loon River - MHR - Support Worker

Jaymee Sawan is a wife and mother, she has one amazing son. She resides in Loon River First Nation and has been living in the community for nine years. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, going camping in the summer and reading in her free time. She has been working for KTC Child & Family Services since October 2023. Jaymee is fortunate to have the opportunity to work alongside her co-workers and learn along the way.

Peerless Lake - MHR – Support Worker

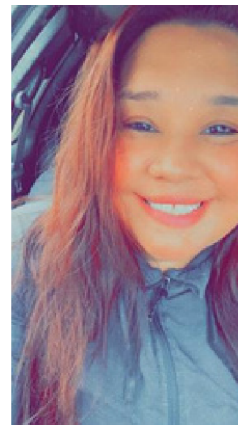
Bonnie Oar was born and raised in Peerless Lake to Louie Joe Cardinal and Rita Oar, two wonderful parents who passed down a sense of community and dedication to her. She completed her high school education in her hometown and has developed deep roots in the area. Bonnie is a proud mother of six and a happy grandmother to three grandchildren. Bonnie is excited and happy to start this new chapter with KTC CFS. This new experience will allow her to bring her strong work ethic and unwavering dedication to the team.

MEET OUR TEAM!



Trout Lake – MHR – Support Worker

Sharon Laboucan is from the community of Trout Lake from the Peerless Trout First Nation. She is a mother of 4 adult girls and the grandmother of 9 grandchildren, 6 boys and 3 girls. Sharon loves to spend time with her family and friends, travelling and seeing new places and learning new things. She has worked for KTC CFS since April 3, 2023.



May Prevention Workshops

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Moss Bag Making 10am - 3pm Throw Quillow Making 5pm - 8:30pm	2 Moss Bag Making 10am - 3pm Throw Quillow Making 5pm - 8:30pm	3	4
5	6	7 Silk Class 3:45pm ages 6-9 4:45pm age 10+	8 Gun Sleeve Project 5pm - 8:30pm	9 Gun Sleeve Project 5pm - 8:30pm	10	11 Gun Sleeve Project 10am - 3pm
12	13 Mothers Day Lunch 12pm - 2pm	14 Silk Class 3:45pm ages 6-9 4:45pm age 10+ Soup & Bannock 12pm - 2pm	15 Gun Sleeve Project 5pm - 8:30pm Craft Night 4pm - 7pm	16 Gun Sleeve Project 5pm - 8:30pm	17 Prenatal Traditional Prep Bundle 12pm - 6pm	18 Prenatal traditional Prep Bundle 12pm - 6pm
19	20 Victoria Day (Stat Holiday)	21 Garden Boxes 10am - 5pm Silk Class 3:45pm ages 6-9 4:45pm age 10+ Stay n Play 1pm - 3:30pm	22 Garden Boxes 10am - 5pm Craft Night 4pm - 7pm	23 Garden Boxes 10am - 5pm	24 Garden Boxes 10am - 5pm Stay n Play 1pm - 3:30pm	25 Gun Sleeve Project 10am - 4pm
26	27 Gun Sleeve Project 5pm - 8:30pm Bath Bomb Making 6pm	28 Gun Sleeve Project 5pm - 8:30pm Craft Night 4pm- 7pm Silk Class 3:45pm ages 6-9 4:45pm age 10+	29 Craft Night 4pm - 7pm Gun Sleeve Project 5pm - 8:30pm	30 Gun Sleeve Project 5pm - 8:30pm Anger Management 6:30pm - 8:30pm	31	

Locations for workshops are color coded:

Red - mihkaw - Lubicon

Blue - sipikwaw - Loon River

Yellow - osawaw - Trout Lake

Green - askihtakwaw - Peerless Lake

Purple - ka apihimikwak - Edmonton

Brown - kaskitew-osawaw - Peace River

Pink - kokenewapikoneyak - Slave Lake

Please Note: when not color-coded, all event(s) or workshop(s) are for all locations. Locations and times may change for unforeseen circumstances, but everyone will be notified through posters, social media and other resources available if necessary. Thank you

All participants will be put into a draw that will be done at the end of each month for \$300 and will also be put into the main draw that will be done every 6 months for \$500. Everyone is welcome to sign up. We are excited and look forward to seeing you.



Check with your
community prevention
coordinator for
additional details

call
1-844-6AWASAK

Come and Join in our
activities!

GARDEN BED

PROJECT

Trout - May.21/2024

Peerless - May.22/ 2024

Loon River - May.23/2024

Lubicon - May.24/2024

For more information contact
your local Awas'ak Prevention worker

Become a Foster Parent

We are looking for loving and caring homes who can provide permanency for children.

- Who can apply to be a Caregiver/Provider?
- Persons at least 18 years old, of any gender, preferably from the Founding First Nations (Loon River, Lubicon Lake Band and Peerless-Trout First Nation), and can be married, common law, single, divorced or widowed.
- Persons physically, emotionally and financially stable and able to provide for the safety and well-being of a child/children.
- Persons prepared to take training and attend support groups, as well as work with a team of professionals, including KTC Child & Family staff.
- Persons whose family and friends support their interest in welcoming a foster child into their home.



Each Month KTC-CFS Prevention puts workshop participants into the draw just for attending!

Every participant is eligible to be put in the draw once. This is open to all workshops in all locations.

February Winners

All workshop participants from the month of February were entered into our monthly draw for \$300. The winners were:

Loon River - Farrah Noskey
Peerless - Stanley Houle
Trout - Sylvia Muskwa
Lubicon - Angel Whitehead

The winners of the children's draws were Morgan Thunder, Lawrence Lamouche and Jayna Houle.

March Winners

All workshop participants from the month of March were entered into our monthly draw for \$300. The winners were:

Loon River - Tara Letendre
Peerless Lake - Victoria Noskiye
Trout Lake - Carmel Muskwa
Lubicon - Veronica Whitehead

Contact Info:

**Foster Care Supervisor
Loretta Alook:
Loretta.alook@ktccfs.ca
Or
Office: 780-767-2116
Cell: 780-261-0148**



**SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON
BECOMING A CARE
HOME**

**See our calendar on page 4 for all upcoming workshops in May.
Join us for your chance to win!**

ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ



AWAS'AK WIYASIWEWIN

Awasak Family Services will be joining the wagon train to the 125th Treaty 8 Centennial

Depart from Red Earth Hall- June 10, 24
Arrive at Willow point- June 16, 24

For more information Contact:
Yvonne Anderson - 780-523-0301
Marina Noskey - 780-291-0326



Our trip to the, Every Child Matters Youth Conference in Edmonton!

Our youth had a great time. Over the week they got to participate in many workshops and seen some awesome entertainment. Workshops included topics such as: relationships, trauma and parenting, gangs, self-care, opioid and drugs, additions and many more. Youth were given an opportunity to observe or participate in a round dance and give away. And were entertained by the Magoo crew and Don Burnstick. We heard great feedback from the youth about what they learnt at these workshops. And on our free time we even managed to visit the Space and Science Centre and watch the movie Kong vs Godzilla. All who attended were a great group of youth and we look forward to seeing many of them at our future activities. Big thank you to all the Staff and Chaperons and the Guardians that entrusted us with their youth for 6 days.

Big news for May! Our team welcomes two new youth navigators!

Welcome Hanna Houle for Trout and Valentina Houle for Peerless! We look forward to introducing them to the youth and are happy to see our team grow.

YLL is looking for six youth to join our advisory committee.

We need two Youth from each community. One youth between the ages 13-17 & a second between the ages 18-26.

Please submit a short essay about why you would like to join our youth advisory committee to C92info@ktccfs.ca or contact your Nations navigator.





âcimowasinahikanis

ᐱᓄᐃᑦᐃᓄᑦᐃᓄᑦᐃᓄᑦ

ONIKANEW: GLADYS OKEMOW

Email:
gladys.okemow@onikanew.ca



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR A LIST OF PROGRAM STAFF AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION



OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.KTCCFS.COM

1-844-6AWASAK / 1-844-629-2725

Our Founding Nations



Lubicon Lake Band



Loon River First Nation



Peerless Trout First Nation