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AWAS'AK WIYASIWEWIN

October 13th

From all of us on the Awasak Team, we extend our warmest wishes for a happy Thanksgiving to all the families and communities within our Founding Nations. As the leaves change and we gather during this harvest season, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude. We give thanks for the land that provides for us, for the wisdom passed down from our Elders, and for the strength and resilience of our people. May this time be one of peaceful reflection on the many blessings we share.

We hope your holiday is filled with the joy of community and the comfort of family, as you come together to share food, stories, and laughter. It is an honour to serve the children and families in our communities, and we are profoundly thankful for the trust you place in us. May your homes be filled with warmth and your hearts with happiness. Wishing you a wonderful and restorative Thanksgiving.



Happy
THANKSGIVING



NEWS, IDEAS, AND INSIGHTS

- YLL Calendar
- Prevention Calendar
- Welcome to the team
- Gift Card Winners
- Lubicon Activities
- Loon Activities
- PTFN Activities

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



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OCTOBER 2025

● LUBICON LAKE BAND #453

● TROUT - PEERLESS TROUT FIRST NATION

● LOON RIVER FIRST NATION

● PEERLESS - PEERLESS TROUT FIRST NATION



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YOUTH LEADERSHIP & LIFE SKILLS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Journaling to Heal 5pm - 7pm	Arts & Crafts Drop in 5pm - 7pm Fall Fest 5pm - 8pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Chromebook Drop in 5pm - 7pm Journaling Club 5pm - 7pm Meet the LR YLL Navigator 5pm - 7pm	Journaling to Heal 5pm - 7pm	Journaling Club/ Drop in 4pm - 7pm	Selfcare Workshop 5pm - 9pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Journaling to Heal 5pm - 7pm Journaling Club 5pm - 7pm	Pumpkin Painting/Decorating 5pm - 8pm	Nintendo Switch Drop-in Living on your own 101 5pm - 9pm Journaling Club 5pm - 7pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Journaling to Heal 5pm - 7pm Journaling Club 5pm - 7pm Fire Arms Course	Fire Arms Course Outdoor Mat Painting 5pm - 7pm	800 Baskets 12+ 5pm - 8pm Pumpkin Decorating 5pm - 8pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Vaping/Nicotine Workshop 5pm - 9pm Fall Fest	Journaling to Heal 5pm - 7pm	Boo Baskets 5pm - 8pm Halloween Themed Paint Night 5pm - 7pm		

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if no location is stated then programming is at awasak prevention building

OCTOBER- PREVENTION CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Soup & Bannock 12pm - 2pm	2 Soup & Bannock 12pm - 2pm Soup & Bannock 12pm - 2pm	3	4
5	6 Thanksgiving Décor 5pm - 8pm Pumpkin Carving Contest 5pm	7	8 Soup & Bannock 12pm - 2pm Suicide Awareness Contest 2pm - 5pm Thanksgiving Craft/ Suicide Awareness Info 5pm - 8pm Family Craft Night 5pm - 7pm	9 Mason Jar Making 5:30pm - 8pm	10	11
12 Family Swim 5pm - 6pm	13	14	15 Self-Care Foot Spa/ Suicide Awareness Info 6pm - 9pm Scrapbooking 5pm - 8pm Stay n Play 1pm - 3pm Soup & Bannock 12pm - 2pm	16 Blanket Ladder Making 5pm - 7pm Stay n Play 1pm - 3pm Stay n Play 1pm - 3pm	17 Virtual Family Pumpkin Contest 12pm - 5pm Men's Night/Addictions Info Session 5pm - 8pm	18
19	20 Corn Hole Box Making 1pm - 6pm Kids Drop-in 4pm - 6pm	21 Corn Hole Box Making 1pm - 6pm Grief & Loss/Canvas Painting 5pm - 7pm	22 Halloween Dance/ Costume Contest 5:30pm - 8:30pm	23 Family Fall Craft & Pumpkin Carving 5pm - 7pm	24	25 Family Skating 4:15pm - 5:15pm
26	27	28 Family Games Night 5pm - 8pm Family Pumpkin Carving 6pm - 8pm	29 Halloween Costume Party & Family Pumpkin Carving 4pm - 6pm Halloween Dance/ Costume Contest 5:30pm - 8:30pm	30 Family Pumpkin Carving 5pm - 8pm Stay n Play 1pm - 3pm	31	

> All participants will be entered into the \$300 monthly draw and also the main \$500 draw done every 6 months.

> 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.

> Everyone is welcome to sign up. We are excited and look forward to seeing you.

When not color-coded, all event(s) or workshop(s) are for Lubicon, Peerless, Trout and Loon River.

color-coded Locations for workshops:

Red - mihkwâw - Lubicon

Blue - sîpihkwâw - Loon River

Yellow - osâwâw - Trout Lake

Green - askihtakwâw - Peerless Lake

Purple - ka âpihtimihkwak - Edmonton

Brown - kaskitêw-osâwâw - Peace River

Pink - kokenewapikoneyak - Slave Lake



Check with your community prevention coordinator for additional details

call
1-844-6AWASAK

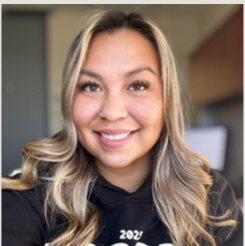
Come and Join in our activities!

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(They work together)

We strive to provide our members, and communities with services that truly meet their needs. And to do that takes immense teamwork and community collaboration. We appreciate the hard work and passion of all our team members; without them it would be impossible to achieve our collective goals. Here are a few new faces we would like to introduce!



Jessica Gladue

Community & Family Support Worker – Edm

Hello! My name is Jessica Gladue. I am from Bigstone Cree Nation but have been residing in Edmonton for the past 7 years. I am a mom to one - he's 6. I recently graduated from YTC in the Indigenous Social Work Diploma program and am currently enrolled in the Bachelor program. So, between; work, school and being a mom, my schedule can get quite hectic! A fun fact about me is I travelled 30 hours (one way) to San Bernardino, along the California coast on a whim. I look forward to utilizing my skills and knowledge that I've gained through school, and helping those in need :)



Madison Cardinal

Administration Worker/ Custodian

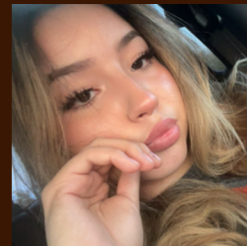
Hello! My name is Madison Cardinal, I am 21 years old & I am the new Admin/Custodian at the Loon River Prevention office. I am extremely grateful for this new opportunity & super excited to get to work for our communities! I'm originally from Peerless Trout First Nation. I moved to Slave Lake when I was twelve and I now live in Red Earth Creek with my family. Fun fact about me is I just recently became a dog mom to the cutest mini dachshund named Myla.



Alice Sawan

Generalist

My name is Alice Sawan. I am from the Woodland Cree First Nation reserve. I look forward to working with the children, youth and their families.



Nikita Auger

Minor Home Repair Worker – Loon River

Hello, my name is Nikita Auger and I'm the new Minor Home Repair Worker at the Loon River Prevention Office. I am from Loon River First Nation. At 18 years old, I'm a full-time student working towards my diploma while still also managing a full-time job. I'm looking forward to working on homes in the community!



Brittany Letendre

Community & Family Support worker

Tansi, I'm Brittany Letendre. I was hired as the Community & Family Support Worker. I've been part of the Loon River community for 16 years and am originally from Wabasca, AB. As a proud Bigstone member, I recently earned my Social Work Diploma, driven by my passion for supporting others. I genuinely love the outdoors, caring for my plants, and spending quality time with my family and children. I'm really looking forward to being part of the team here at KTC Child and Family Services and to making a positive impact. Thank you for welcoming me!



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Julia Benwell

Customary Care Worker – Edmonton

Julia Benwell is a Dënésulíné, proud member of the Tłı̨ch'atłı̨ Denesulíné Nation formally known as Smiths Landing First Nation, located on Treaty 8 territory. Grounded in her cultural heritage, she has dedicated her academic and professional pursuits to the field of social work, earning an Indigenous Bachelor of Social Work degree, a diploma in Indigenous Social Work from Yellowhead Tribal College, and a certificate in Community Support Work from NorQuest College. With over 20 years of experience, Julia is fueled by a passion for continuous learning and a deep commitment to helping others. Her advocacy work encompasses a wide range of demographics, including children, youth, adults, and elders. Inspired by her family, particularly her two young boys, Julia remains motivated and engaged in her community. Julia's work is infused with a profound respect for Indigenous culture and knowledge. She emphasizes the importance of Indigenous teachings, which are based on the experiences of her ancestors and the deep connection to the Earth. For Julia, knowledge is not just theoretical; it is embodied in the natural world—held within the rocks and trees that bear witness to the histories, stories, and ceremonies of her people. Through her efforts, Julia strives to uplift her community by integrating these Indigenous values and teachings into her practice, ensuring they resonate in the lives of those she supports. Her work reflects a commitment to preserving and honoring her culture while fostering growth and healing within her community.



Ryan Moosewaypayo

Community & Family Support Worker – Edm

My name is Ryan Moosewaypayo, and I have completed the Indigenous Bachelor of Social Work (IBSW) program at the Yellowhead Tribal College (YTC) in Edmonton. I began my position as the Community and Family Support Worker at the KTC CFS office in Edmonton on September 8, 2025. I was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and I am from the Treaty #4 Kistin Saulteaux First Nation. I look forward to working with KTC Child & Family Services to provide services to the three member First Nations under Oskayak Onisohkamakewin (helping the youth/young people) and families under Awas'ak Wiyasiwēwin. In my spare time, I enjoy listening to music, watching movies, painting, cooking, traveling, and learning new things. I also value learning about my culture and traditions and spending time with my family and friends.

The KTC follows a holistic approach to services, which I believe will lead to an empowered community with a strong focus on wellness. I am honored to contribute my skills and passion to this work, and I look forward to building positive relationships that support the growth and strength of our people.



Melissa Beaver

Baby & Me Worker – Loon River

Hi, my name is Melissa Beaver. I am the Baby n Me worker for Loon. I am from Wabasca/Desmarais of the Bigstone Cree Nation & currently reside on the Loon River First Nation with my family of four. I look forward to working with the communities. I have travelled to many places, I've been to 23 states in the USA. I have also been to Europe and I would like to travel to Italy next. I love travelling with my family



Doreen Flett

Baby & Me Worker – Lubicon

Tansi!

I am Doreen Flett from Lubicon Lake, my job position is Baby n me worker at the Lubicon Awas'ak office, I am working with parents with children ages 0 - 5yrs. old. I have my Early Learning Childcare Diploma and I enjoy working with children and families. I like learning new things so this job is a good experience for me. Contact me @ 780-649-4287 for more info. Thank you, Doreen flett



CONGRATULATIONS

Big Celebratory shout-out to our Archery winners! Lubicon youth had the chance to test their Archery skills at our booth during their annual Cultural camp.



Become an Awasak Wiyasiwewin care Provider

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.

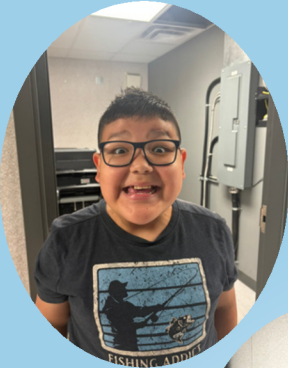
For more information
please talk to the Foster
Care Worker.



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INFORMATION ON
BECOMING A CARE
HOME**



We have had a busy month with our Lubicon members. We joined them for their annual Cultural camp, they joined us at our sub office to make wreaths and shadow boxes. Here are a few pics to share.



Our Loon River members were equally busy. They joined us at our sub office for back to school hair cuts and our youth won some great prizes at our kids bingo game night!





Our Peerless & Trout sub offices were buzzing with activities. Members joined us to make blanket ladders in Peerless, and we had a BBQ with a mini cornhole tournament in Trout. We also got to enjoy the festivities at their annual Treaty day celebration





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Our Founding Nations



Lubicon Lake
Band



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Nation



Peerless Trout
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