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PICTURE OF THE MONTH: First class of twelve students participating in Foothills Forest Products Mill training program.

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Introduction to Foothills Forest Products Mill Training

AWN In partnership with Alberta Employment and Immigration, Foothills Forest Products, would like to welcome the students who have been selected for a 15 week training program; providing participants with three weeks of pre-employment orientation and twelve weeks on-site training at Foothills Forest Products. During the 15 week training program Gerry Scott, Training Development Officer will assist the twelve students to gain the basic knowledge and skills to prepare them for on-site training at Foothills Forest Products. The first three weeks of the training program, all clients will complete an in-depth assessment to determine their strengths and weaknesses. Clients will work with the Training Development Officer (TDO) on community based projects during the initial three week period to practice job maintenance skills and prepare them for full time employment at Foothills Forest Products mill. Once clients transition to the mill to begin their twelve week hands-on training component, they will complete Foothills Forest Products three month orientation. Foothills Forest Products indicated they will place two clients in each: sawmill A, sawmill B, pellet mill and planner mill for training purposes. In the above picture from the top left ; Annie Moberly, Aaron Delorme, Eric Sedore, Brandon Manley, Ramone Delorme, Mike Desjarlais, David Anthony, Sheena MacDonald, Bertha Delorme, Rikki Delorme, Connie Delorme, and absent from the picture is George Delorme. Best wishes to all of you and your successes to come, we know you can do it.



The Latest From The Office

By Rose Delorme

As I was growing up, I have always had a dream of participating in some type of humanitarian group in another country. I never understood how to go about it, or where I should look. I never really worked at it, thinking it would never happen anyway. However back in November, I seen an ad in our local Mountaineer, that the local Rotary International had placed, asking people interested to submit an application for a Group Study Exchange to Nigeria, Africa. To make a long story short, I did just that; thinking the worst they can say was "no". I received an interview/ orientation date on January 17, 2009. I attended on this Saturday from 10:30-4:30 pm, also being treated to a Nigerian restaurant in Edmonton during this time. There were 4 of us non-Rotarians, all females that were being interviewed for this wonderful experience; we came from all over Alberta. We got the run through, of what is expected and the many details we had to do to prepare for this trip. I was excited and freaked out at the same time after being accepted, because up until then; it was not a reality. I came home, and finally spilled the beans to my employer, who was very supportive and encouraging. Here is a little explanation of it.

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

For each team member, the Foundation provides the most economical round-trip airline ticket between the home and host countries. Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district. Please check out this website for more information: www.rotary.org

HOUSING PHONE NUMBERS:

To keep all the miscommunications from happening further, here are the appropriate names and numbers to call, when addressing some issues with housing:

Marlene – Housing Coordinator; includes but not limited to Rental payments, Late payments options.
780-827-5511

Ray – Maintenance Coordinator; his job is maintenance to all trailers brought in, the past three years.
780-827-1840

Blair – Housing Repairs and Renovations; including the older houses, however not limited to these.
780-827-8482

Billy – Job Corps; Supervising and Coordinating jobs for his clients, providing safety tickets as needed.
780-827-6840

ISNETWORLD

Aseniwuche Development Corporation Safety Program got a 100% on the ISN review. We have met the minimum ISN Standard. What we have to do now is record all near miss/incidents/Accidents and injuries. There is so much more we have to record. This is what the Oil & Gas sector is expecting from their contractors now. An example is; if you had your own company and you do work for the Oil & Gas Industry, you're safety program would have to meet the ISN standard. If your company did not meet the standard than you would not get any work from the Oil & Gas.

- We are also in the CANADA HSE Program, this is similar to ISN.
- Aseniwuche Development Corporation is also COR certified.

Garry McDonald. NCSO (National Construction Safety Officer)

SAFETY 1ST
ENVIRONMENT 2ND
PRODUCTION 3RD

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Youth Council @ 4PM	3	4	5 Elders Council @ 9AM	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 
15	16 Family Day 	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Is your Office Generationally Diverse?

What Are You?

- Baby Boomer - The Competitors 1946-1964
- Generation X - The Independents 1965 - 1980
- Generation Y - The Collaborators 1981 - 2000

Do you have a Resilient Job?

1. Public Sector / Government
2. Health Care
3. IT (Computers)
4. Environmental
5. Accounting

JOB CORPS...

Job corps is always accepting new people. If you are interested, visit Job Start for a referral or drop off your resume at AWN. Appointments must be made with Joey for an interview.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE AWN BUILDING ON February 2nd 2009, AT 4:00 pm AND THEN EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THERE AFTER.

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE RELAXED, FUN AND GETTING EVERYONE IDEAS AND GOALS, WITH SNACKS AND GAMES.



Traditional Land Use

By Marc Levasseur

People ask me what my job is and I have to admit that I have to sit them down and explain for a few minutes what a Traditional Land Use Coordinator does for a living. Let me explain what I came up with.

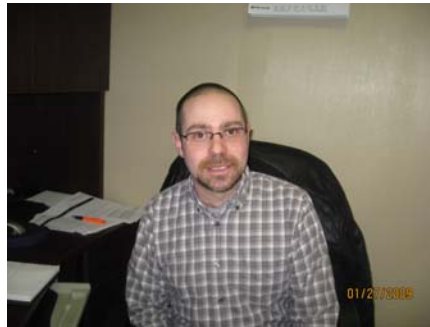
First I have the most interesting and rewarding job ever. I have the privilege of recording the history of the Elders of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation. The history of the people and the area is so rich and valuable for the generations to come.

From those interviews and other conversations comes the second part of my work which is the GPSing of locations on the landscape. On the ground, the site is documented with pictures and a brief description of what, when, where and who used the site. (This is my favorite part!).

I also do map reviews. This is a major part of my job. When industry, government or individuals plan to do any development on the land that falls into the AWN traditional territory, they have to send maps and descriptions of the project to be reviewed. The Elders have the chance to look at the project and comment on it, make modification if the project is conflicting with significant sites or objecting if it is judged necessary. I facilitate the review, fill out all paperwork and follow up if needed.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE:

Marc has been with AWN for three and half years, his life partner is Wendy, who teaches our children at Susa Creek School, they have one child together named Kail.



Alberta Job Corps...the definition

The Alberta Job Corps (AJC) program provides structured, supportive training and work experience for individuals who have a sporadic employment history. The program gives participants the opportunity to work and earn a wage while learning reliable employment skills. Participants are hired by Alberta Employment and Immigration and are paid minimum wage plus employer contributions. They work on projects for their local communities and non-profit organizations. The Alberta Job Corps program is designed to work in cooperation with employers, training providers, aboriginal groups, community organizations and schools.

The Alberta Job Corps program may include: ~ employment development activities
 ~ training modules to develop employability and job skills
 ~ an equipped work environment with rules, procedures and explanations of the workplace
 ~ incentive to become a "lead hand"
 ~ job coaching
 ~ work experience through AJC-supervised community work projects; and work experience opportunities with employers

SUPPORT; ANTI-BULLYING

WEAR PINK ON
February 27, 2009

NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHO TO TURN TO?

Crisis Lines are 24 Hours and you can choose to remain anonymous.

BULLYING HELP LINE
1-888-456-2323

CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-387-KIDS(5437)

CHILD DISABILITY RESOURCE LINK
1-866-346-4661

FAMILY VIOLENCE INFO LINE 310-1818 (TOLL-FREE, 24/7)

PARENT INFORMATION LINE
1-866-714-KIDS(5437)

AADAC HELP LINE
1-866-332-2322

KIDS HELP PHONE
1-800-668-6868

PARENT HELP LINE
1-888-603-9100

MENTAL HEALTH HELP LINE
1-877-303-2642

SMOKER'S HELP LINE
1-866-332-2322



ADC Head Quarters

Terry Lyn Shea

ADC has had the good fortune of having a very busy December and January. Talisman hired the Aseniwuche Development Corporation to operate a Security Gate at the Muskeg Main Road. This job employs four community members and is expected to be in operation until spring break up. We recently completed a five week contract with Denim Pipelines where eight labourers and slashers and one supervisor worked burning and slashing a pipeline right of way. ADC still has a crew of five full time janitors working for Grande Cache Coal as well as three spare janitors. Our small hoe has been working steady on the surface water contract also with Grande Cache Coal. EnCana and ATCO Electric hired our Lamtrac mulcher this month for a period of five day each. Since moving into the new shop, the welding department has had the opportunity to increase its revenues. We have been building platforms, sand boxes, low down boxes, signs and skids for numerous companies like EnCana, Paramount, ConocoPhillips and Talisman. EnCana is expanding their plant in Resthaven and ADC built two compressor platforms that will be delivered to them within the next couple of days. In order for our welding department to handle larger projects, we are installing a crane that should arrive on February 4th. In the past, we have had to use our picker truck to maneuver all the platforms and larger items within the shop so the arrival of our crane is quite exciting!

Aboriginal Procurement Workshop—Meyers Norris Penny, Alberta Employment and Immigration and several Oil and Gas companies have come together to provide information on maximizing our contracting opportunities in Northern Alberta. Managers and supervisors from ADC and AWN will be attending this workshop on February 2 & 3. Senior Managers of ADC are attending Aboriginal Leadership & Management training at the Banff Centre. The Banff Centre offers eight different leadership courses that are one week each. They offer courses from Best Practices in Aboriginal Business & Economic Development to Negotiation Skills Training to Principles & Practices of Good Governance. David MacPhee will have completed all eight courses by this spring.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

Principles

1. The public has a *right of access* to records held by public bodies, unless the ACT specifically allows the records to be withheld. The right of access is the cornerstone of the openness and accountability of public bodies to the public.
2. *Personal privacy is protected* by rules that public bodies must follow in the collection, use, protection and disclosure of personal information. Unless the Act allows it, personal information cannot be disclosed to others without the individual's consent.
3. Individuals have *the right to see personal information about themselves*. This is a broad right of access with few exceptions.
4. Individuals have the *right to request corrections* to their personal information if it is not accurate
5. *An independent review* by the Information and Privacy Commissioner can be requested of decisions about disclosure of information and possible violations of individual privacy.

Prayer to those who passed on in February



Leo Karakuntie

November 02, 1956 -
February 01, 2006
Age:50

Abraham Desjarlais

March 25, 1911 -
February 05, 2003
Age:91

Rose Joachim (Findlay)

December 25, 1917 -
February 07, 2007
Age: 89

Freda Irene Angers

January 11, 1933 -
February 09, 2002
Age:69

James Gauchier

May 12, 1936 -
February 17, 1998
Age:62

Beatrice Moberly (LeBouef)

April 09, 1953 -
February 23, 2006
Age:53

Florence Evelyn McDonald

February 23, 2000 -
February 23, 2000
Age:0

George Patrick Kelly

January 01, 1944 -
February 25, 2007
Age:63

Percy Joseph Plante

April 29, 1943 -
February 27, 1993
Age: 50





FOOTHILLS MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE UPDATE JANUARY 21, 2009

- KRHL is working on the second 712 site contract. This started December 1 and completion will be by end of February/early March 2009. This includes Smoky, Jackpine, Deveber and Muddywater infestations. So far there are no surprises, with infested tree numbers as expected.
- The flying weather has dramatically improved (sunny and warm) so crews are able to be productive. We hope it continues!
- Extensive sampling in the spring will assess the cumulative mortality to MPB populations over the winter.
- We are down to a 4 person SRD MPB crew. They will be continuing to control the remaining sites scattered in areas not conducive to contract.
- One control contract for E10 (West of Beaverdam Rd.), Smoky, Muddywater, Jackpine and Deveber infestations is currently tendered on Alberta Purchasing Connection which closes January 30. This work is scheduled to start on February 23 and be completed by March 31.

Note: Numbers are as entered into FIRES as of January 21, 2009

Foothills	Sites Surveyed	% of Sites Surveyed	Trees Surveyed Requiring Control	Trees Controlled	% Controlled of Trees Surveyed
E10	233	86	1650	934	57
E8	32	89	52	48	92
Willmore					
Berland Creek	4	100	5	5	100
Muddywater	73	68	527	263	50
Sheep Creek	2	100	4	4	100
Smoky River	210	47	1231	764	62
Sulphur River	15	100	38	26	68
Deveber	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jackpine	132	48	1392	680	49
Total	708	61	4901	2726	56

For more information:

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Forest Health Officer
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