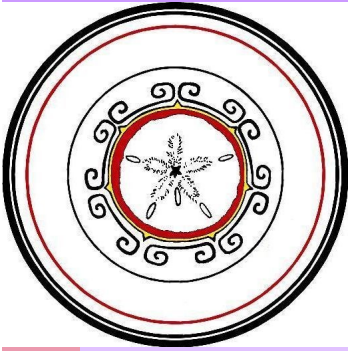


April 2014



ACADIA FIRST NATION

Acadia First Nation Monthly Newsletter

Earth Day April 22, 2014

Earth Day (April 22nd) is a day set aside to promote awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment.

When was the first Earth Day?

Gaylord Nelson, a US Senator from Wisconsin, called for a day to be set aside to teach people about the state of the environment. He set the date of the first Earth Day as April 22, 1970. It was so popular across the United States of America that it eventually expanded worldwide in 1990.

Let's help keep our land clear and free of garbage!

Yarmouth Reserve

Community Clean-up beginning at the Youth Centre starting at 3:30pm to 5:00pm on April 22nd. Participants will receive pizza and a chance to win a door prize. Please contact Melanie Purdy for more information at 742-4337.

Wildcat Reserve

Will be hosting their 5th Annual Wildcat Community Earth Day Event on April 21st from 10:00am—2:00pm. Please contact Val Whynot at 682-2421 for more information.

Gold River Reserve

Let's clean up the Health Centre grounds and do some gardening! All participants will enjoy lunch and door prizes. April 22nd beginning at 11:00am.



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Do you need to see the VON?

The Victorian Order of Nurses can perform a variety of services from monitoring Cholesterol Levels, Glucose Testing, Foot-Care and other basic needs. There will be a nurse available for these services in the following locations:

Yarmouth (742-4337)

April 3rd—9:00am to 11:00am

April 17—9:00am to 11:00am

Shelburne (call 740-2077)

Date to be Announced



Gold River (call 627-1245)

April 3rd—9:00am to 11:00am

April 17th—9:00am to 11:00am

Wildcat (call 682-2421)

April 29th—9:00am to 11:00am

If you would like to book an appointment to see the VON, please contact your local office.

There have been some changes to Non-Insured Health Benefits. Please visit <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/index-eng.php>

Or contact Melanie Purdy at 742-4337

Want to Play BINGO!

There will be a bus travelling from Halifax along the 103 Highway to Yarmouth on Saturday, May 31st.

The bus stops will be determined on how many people sign up in each area to accommodate the community members.

Please note that the cost of bingo will vary depending on how many books you are comfortable playing.

Bingo Prices:

3 on 13 reg. book \$5.00

6 on 13 reg. book \$9.00

9 on 13 reg. book \$12.00

12 on 13 reg. book \$15.00

Loose specials \$1.00 each

Bonanza \$.50 each

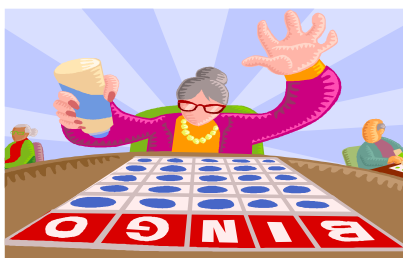
Brake open Hot Balls \$1.00

Mini Game Specials

3 on 4 mini book \$1.00

If you are interested, and want a free bus ride to attend the Bingo Hall in Yarmouth, please contact Chrissy Tanner at 902-627-1245.

You will be responsible for the cost of Bingo.



BUS SCHEDULE:

Departing Times

Hammonds Plains Office – 8:00am

Gold River Exit 9 Car Pool Area 9:00am

Liverpool Exit 19 Car Pool Area 10:00am

Shelburne Exit 26 Tim Horton's 11:00am

Doors open at 12pm for the afternoon session with early bird specials beginning at 1pm and regular games beginning at 2pm!

The bus will load and depart Yarmouth as soon as the afternoon session is completed.

Please call Chrissy to reserve your seat on the bus asap. Space is limited.



YARMOUTH GIRL GLAMOUR NIGHT

When: Wednesday April 16

Time: 4:30pm—7:00pm

Where: AFN Yarmouth Health Centre

Girls aged 12 years and up are welcome to sign up for a fun filled evening beginning with Girl's Dinner, Girl Talk, Girl Glamour, Cool Treats and Confidence Building. A safe and fun evening for our Gals! Please leave your name with Amanda at 742-0257.

TALK AND TEA

Where: AFN Yarmouth Health Centre

When: April 28, 2014

Time: 3:00pm

Contact: Rose Purdy 742-0141

Join us for a discussion and share your success! Addictions is hard and you deserve to be recognized.

Women's Wellness Program

WILDCAT COMMUNITY

Due to spring road conditions, the Women's Wellness Program has been postponed until April 2, 2014 for the Wildcat Community Women.

Road conditions will be re-assessed and notices sent to the women residing in the Wildcat Community to confirm the start date.

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
		<p>1 Dentist–Yarmouth 8:30-12</p> <p>Andrew–Gold River 9am</p> <p>Darlene–Shelburne Office 1-4pm</p>	2
6	<p>7 Andrew–Gold River 9am</p>	<p>8 Dentist–Yarmouth 8:30-12</p> <p>Chief and Council Meeting</p>	<p>9 Darlene Shelburne Office 10am–1pm</p>
13	<p>14 Charmaine in Wildcat Office 10am-12pm</p> <p>Elder’s Luncheon Halifax 11am–1pm</p>	<p>15 Dentist–Yarmouth 8:30 –12</p> <p>Andrew– Gold River 9am</p>	<p>16 Yarmouth Girl Glamour Night 4:30-7:00pm</p> <p>Darlene Shelburne 10am–3pm</p>
<p>20 Easter</p>	<p>21 Easter Monday</p> <p>Wildcat Earth Day Event 10am-2pm</p>	<p>22 Earth Day</p> <p>Dentist –Yarmouth 8:30-12</p> <p>Yarmouth Earth Day Clean-up 3:30pm</p> <p>Gold River Earth Day Clean-up 11:00am</p> <p>Chief and Council Meeting</p>	<p>23 Deb Gloade–Hammonds Plain Office to Renew Status Cards 4-7pm</p>
27	<p>28 Charmaine in Wildcat office 10am-12pm</p> <p>Gold River Parent and Tot 10am-12pm</p> <p>Talk and Tea–Yarmouth Health Centre 3:00pm</p> <p>Andrew–Gold River 9am</p>	<p>29 Wildcat VON 9-11am</p> <p>Darlene–Shelburne 1-4pm</p>	30

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Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Yarmouth VON 9-11am Gold River VON 9-11</p>	<p>4 Darlene-Shelburne Office 6-8pm Shelburne Recreation Meeting</p>	5
10	<p>11 NSCC Burrige Campus-Yarmouth Test Drive for students Grade 9-11 Darlene-Shelburne Office 6-8pm Shelburne Recreation Meeting</p>	<p>12 Gold River Easter Celebration 11:00am at the Western Shore Fire Hall Shelburne Children's Easter Party 1-3pm at the Shelburne Office</p>
<p>17 Easter Egg Hunt-Yarmouth Youth Centre 3:30pm Yarmouth VON 9-11am Gold River VON 9-11am Darlene-Shelburne 1-3pm</p>	<p>18 Good Friday</p>	19
<p>24 Andrew-Gold River 9am</p>	<p>25 Yarmouth Spring Clean Up Gold River Youth Outing</p>	<p>26 Gathering of First Nation Youth- Halifax 8:30-4:30</p>

EDUCATION—What you should know if you plan on furthering your education!

Post Secondary Education

The Primary objective of the Acadia First Nation Post Secondary Education Program is to assist eligible registered band members gain access to post secondary education.

The Program is intended to provide financial assistance (within available resources) to eligible registered band members. This can include assistance for: tuition, books, direct costs associated with attending full time (living assistance) and tutorial assistance.

Priority guidelines are used in deciding who will be funded. These guidelines are set by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and adopted by Acadia First Nation.

The demand for post secondary assistance continues to grow beyond the funds that are allotted to Acadia First Nation. This increasing demand is the result of: (1) increased tuition costs and (2) increasing numbers of eligible applicants.

Post Secondary applications are available from the Acadia First Nation Education Director. The deadline for applications is June 15th of each calendar year.

Graduate Scholarships

Acadia First Nation has three \$1000.00 scholarships available for post secondary studies. Must be an eligible registered band member, graduating grade 12 and continuing on in post secondary studies. For an application form contact the Education Director.

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) www.naaf.ca

Foundation for the Achievement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY) www.ccab.com

RBC Financial Group Aboriginal Student Awards www.rbc.com/uniquecareers/campus/aboriginal-students-awards.html

KPMG First Nations and Aboriginal Student Awards www.foa.ca/foa/awards_other.asp

Nova Scotia Power Inc. Employment Equity Scholarship www.nspower.ca/OurCommunity/InvestingInOurYouth/

Grant Canada www.grantcanada.com

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/us/sbaas_e.html

Aboriginal Multi-Media Society www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html

Student Awards www.studentawards.com

Scholarships Canada www.scholarshipscanada.com

Information Centre on Aboriginal Health www.ica.h.ca/content/en/scholarships

Aboriginal Youth Network www.ayn.ca/education-scholarships.aspx

School Finder www.schoolfinder.com/finance/index.asp

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation www.cmfs.ca

Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Scholarship email: dwright.powerless@canadapost.ca

Native Women's Association of Canada (women only) www.nwac-hq.org/en/documents/Scholarshiplistdec2008.pdf

Rose Nolan Memorial Scholarship www.tednolandoundation.com

Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey www.kinu.ns.ca

Nova Scotia Student Loans, Student Assistant Office/NS Department of Education P.O. Box 2290, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3C9 www.studentloans.ednet.ns.ca

AFN Education Director—Janice Francis, t. (902)685-2956, f. (902)685-2237, Email: janicefrancis17@gmail.com

Let your Creativity SHINE!

APTN's Aboriginal Day Live & Celebration Flag Contest—Nova Scotia.

You would win:

\$500.00

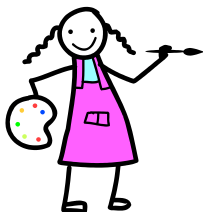
\$750.00 towards learning materials for your school

A trip to Halifax, NS with a parent/guardian to be part of APTN's Aboriginal Day Live.

If you are between the ages of 12 and 17, design a flag that reflects what National Aboriginal Day means to you! Be Creative! Design something original that shows your pride in the culture and heritage of Aboriginal Peoples.

For rules and more information, visit adflagcontest.com

Contest deadline is May 6th, 2014



Francis; Edward Wayne

FRANCIS -- Edward Wayne, 69, of Milton, Queens County, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Thursday, March 20, 2014.



Born in Milton, he was a son of the late Peter and Alma (Conrad) Francis.

Edward was a former employee with Bowater Mersey Paper Company for over 25 years and retired as a TMP operator. He was a woodsman and lobster fisherman as well as a mechanic. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved music. He will be fondly remembered as the "dog whisperer" by his family.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years Marjorie (Conrad), daughter Anita (Michael) Howard of Milton, sons Cory (Shelly Croft) of Masstown, Edward (Lisa), Darryl, Rodney (Barbara Ann Roy) all of Yarmouth,, sisters Helena Keans and Angela Francis, both of Liverpool, Joan (Edward) Labrador of Bridgewater, Marilyn (Willard) Bowman of ON., Judy Francis of Port Medway, Debra Wentzell of Milton, brothers Michael (Karen) of Milton, Stephen (Doris) of Mersey Point, Barry (Bonnie) of Greenfield. 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by sisters Shirley Francis and Barbara Whynot.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Chandlers' Funeral Home, Liverpool. At Edward's request, there will be no funeral service. No flowers by request, donations may be made to Victorian Order of Nurses, Queens County Branch. Online condolences may be made to www.chandlersfuneral.com

A Gathering of First Nation Youth by/for the Youth

Leaders of Today (L.O.T.) invites you to attend!

Open to youth ages 14-25 and their adult supporter. All youth must attend with an adult supporter.

Location: Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre

When: Saturday, April 26th

Time: 8:30am—4:30pm

Please register using their electronic registration form or by contacting louise@heartwood.ns.ca or (902) 444-5885.

Take an active stance on issues you care about!

Create safe and stigma-free spaces where all voices have an opportunity

to be heard and make change.

Have open, honest conversations about the HARD ISSUES that no one is talking about.

“The days of TOKEN YOUTH VOICE are over!”

EASTER Celebrations!

GOLD RIVER AREA

Gold River Area will be celebrating their Easter Event at the Western Shore Fire Hall on Saturday, April 12th at 11:00am

Come and do some crafts, have some lunch and have a visit with the Easter Bunny.

This event is for children ages 0-18, please register by April 3rd. **Recreation Guidelines in Effect**

Contact Chrissy Tanner at 902-627-1245

YARMOUTH AREA

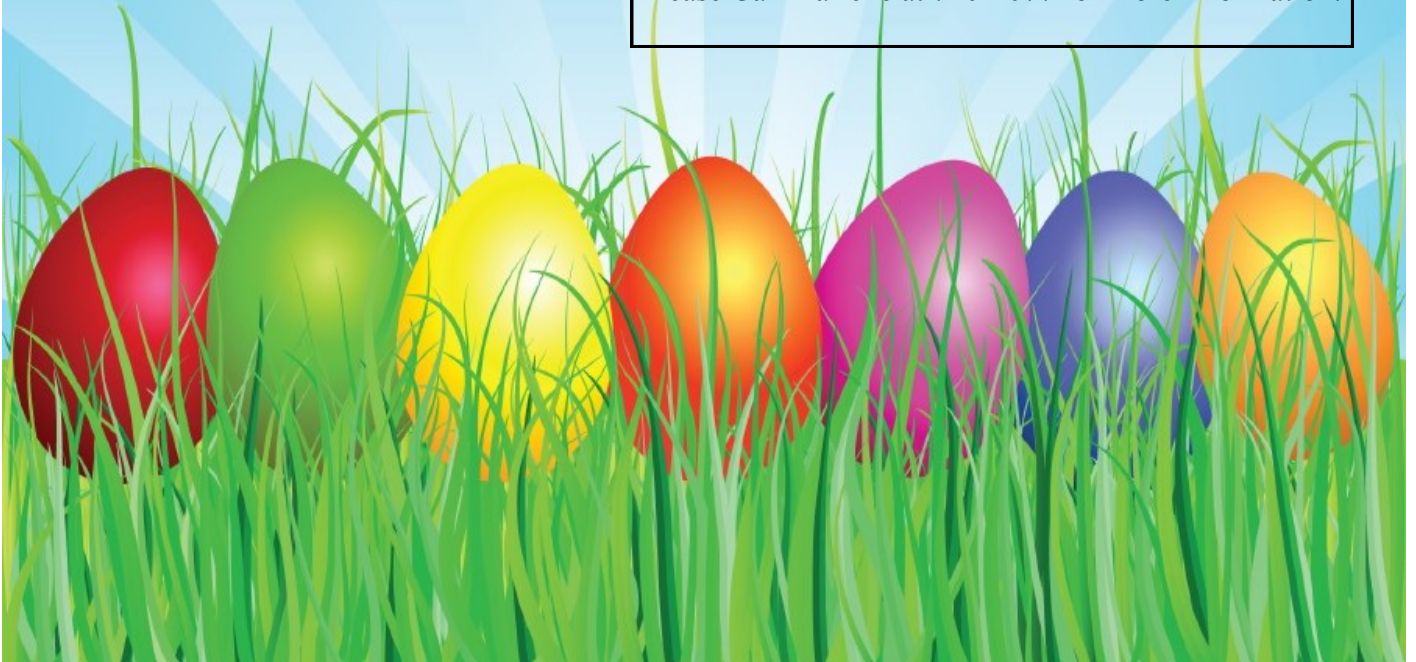
Yarmouth Youth Centre will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th beginning at 3:30pm. Contact the Youth Centre at 902-742-6928 for more information.

Come and join the staff for another eventful day looking for eggs and end the hunt with some cake!

Shelburne Area

There will be a Children's Easter Party ages 0-12 on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 1:00pm—3:00pm

Please Call Darlene at 740-2077 for more information.



Halifax Area Elder's Luncheon

When: Monday April 14th

Time: 11:00am—1:00pm

Where: Swiss Chalet, 358 Lacewood Drive, Halifax NS

Who: This is for the elders and guest in the HRM area.

Come out and enjoy lunch with your fellow elders. Please bring your ideas for future activities.

If you plan to attend this luncheon please R.S.V.P. by Monday April 7th, 2014 by

calling or emailing the Hammonds Plains Office.

t. (902)422-5918

Email: acadia-band@aliantzinc.ca

NO BINGO ON GOOD FRIDAY OR EASTER SUNDAY!

Gold River Youth Outing

This is a chaperoned outing by Acadia First Nation Staff. Meet at the Gold River Health Centre at 9:45am to fill out waivers. We will be leaving the Health Centre at 10:00am sharp! Expected return time: 3:00pm. Please register by April 16th by calling Chrissy at the Health Centre 627-1245.

When: Friday April 25th (in service day no school for students)

Recreation Committee Meeting for the Shelburne Area will be on

Friday, April 4th 6-8pm

And

Friday, April 11th 6-8pm

FOR LEASE

Swordfish Longline Quota

Contact: Kespuwick Resources Inc.

(902) 742-7354

Parent and Tot Group

Gold River: Monday April 28th from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Wildcat: To Be Determined (TBD) due to road conditions

Debra Gloade, Indian Registration Administrator will be at the Hammonds Plains Office on Wednesday April 23rd from 4:00pm to 7:00pm to renew expired status cards. If you require a new status car please call or email the Hammonds Plain office to make an appointment.

Telephone: 902-422-5818 or Email: acadiaband@ns.aliantzinc.ca

“Spirit Journey: Reclaiming My Culture”

Date: Thursday, April 3rd, 2014

Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Subject: “Spirit Journey: Reclaiming My Culture”

Place: Wagmatcook Culture & Heritage Centre (Great Hall)

We will hear the true story of a Mi'kmaw man experiencing real life struggles with reclaiming his culture, identity, language and more. Darrell Morris will share his story of finding and practicing his culture as well as how traditional culture restored his identity and pride as a Mi'kmaq person and provided healing. He will demonstrate some traditional practices such as drumming and discuss ceremonies such as the sweat lodge. Darrell has been a Mi'kmaq drummer and singer for almost thirty years. His journey to discover traditional teachings and incorporate them into his life has been a powerful one. Darrell will discuss his personal experience of re-connecting with Mi'kmaq cultural practices and provide an overview of the teachings involved.

Again, we welcome all participants and our lectures are always free to the public. We do however ask that if you have any larger groups (schools, organizations, etc.) to please let us know ahead of time so that we can adequately prepare seating and space for your participation, so please call to book your space for groups of more than 10 people.

We do hope you enjoy our cultural lecture series and it has grown quite well from a modest start of 15-20 people about 4 years ago now to averaging 100-150 participants and as much as 400-500 at a few key presentations. We are also encouraging you to share with us some ideas for future lectures that would be beneficial for your learning experiences either personally, professionally or through the school systems and we will strive to bring these presentations to you through our lecture series.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you there on April 3rd at 10:30am (please arrive at least 15 mins prior to the start of the lecture for seating). Please feel free to share and spread the word as we always want as many to learn about our beautiful Mi'kmaw culture and heritage as much as possible.

All the best.

Wela'liek (We thank you),

Robert Bernard

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902-295-2424 (Direct)

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rbernard@wagmatcook.com

www.wagmatcookcentre.com

Ballet Recital

Monday April 7, 2014 at 6:00pm

at the Acadia First Nation Entertainment Centre (Bingo Hall)

Children have been attending ballet classes since the summer of 2013. Everyone is welcomed to come and watch them perform and have an excellent time. For more information please contact Rena Falls at 742-6928.



Congratulations to

***Joey Francis and Willam (Howie) Duncan
on their completion of the Carpentry
Apprenticeship Program. They are now
Licensed Carpenters! Way to go guys!***

Community Day Event

We are currently seeking VOLUNTEERS from each area that wish to be on a committee to plan a Community Day Event. If you are interested please contact the Yarmouth band office at 902-742-0257 or by email at frontdesk@acadiaband.com

Summer Student Application Deadline April 10, 2014

To be eligible, you must be 1) a registered Acadia First Nation Band Member; 2) be enrolled in school full time and returning in the fall; and 3) be at least 16 years old.

We anticipate there will be many applications and we only have a limited amount of funding so there may be a need for interviews. Please submit your resume by either fax at 902-685-2237 or email to Wanda Westhaver, NEO at wandaneo@gmail.com. For more information please contact Wanda at 902-685-2956.



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We're on the Web!

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NSCC Burridge Springtime “Test Drive Event”

If you're an Aboriginal or African Nova Scotian student in Grade 9-11 who would like to get detailed information about the programs that NSCC has to offer and what it would be like to be a student for a day at the Burridge Campus, sign up for the full-day “Test Drive” on April 11th, 2014. For more details or to sign up, please contact the Student Support Worker at your high school, or contact Paula Pothier, Aboriginal Student Success Coordinator at NSCC Burridge: 749-2156; Paula.Pothier@nsc.ca

Employment Opportunity—Basket Making Cultural Trainer

SCOPE

Primary responsibility will be to work with the participants on a daily basis, instructing them on the traditional cultural practice of making baskets.

POSITION INFORMATION

Position Title: Basket Making Cultural Trainer and Workshop Facilitator

Department: Administration

Position Reports to: Band Manager

Salary: \$700.00/per week (hours to be determined)

Term: 10 weeks

Location: Wildcat Community General Store Community Room

MAIN FUNCTIONS

Share knowledge of baskets and basket making with participants

Will provide participants with hands-on experience through direct harvesting, preparing, preservation and production

Develop a ten week program regarding

activities to be covered

Submit participant surveys and trainer final report to the Band Manager within 14 days commencing end of program

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

Any awards, credits, recognition, related to basket making.

Any other classes/courses/workshops you may have previously taught regarding basket making

SKILLS/ABILITIES/KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge of history and construction of baskets is required

Knowledge of ceremonies that correspond with the traditional cultural practice is required

Ability to work effectively and cooperatively with staff as well as community members

Must be available to work at flexible hours considering the cultural activity and season changes

Travel may be required for some activi-

ties due to lack of local resources, diminished population, diminished quality, etc.

Must be at least 18 years of age, have and maintain a valid driver's license with reliable transportation

Please send resume to:

Acadia First Nation Wildcat Office

6995 Highway 208, PO Box 913

South Brookfield, NS

B0T 1X0

Or fax to (902) 682-2409

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

April 10, 2014

