

Kwe' We'koqma'q

Newsletter

February 2021



Message from Chief Annie and Council

To our neighbours,

Since elected as your Chief in early October, myself and Council have been working hard to set a clear direction forward for our community. One of the biggest changes you will see is our commitment to transparency and open communication. Your feedback and support are important to us, so we're finding opportunities for you to stay engaged with our Band office.

We understand that we have a duty to deliver the information that is important to you. This new monthly newsletter will keep you up-to-date on current news within We'koqma'q. We're also becoming more active through our Facebook page and will be hosting community meetings on important decisions.

As your Chief and Council, our priority will always be the well-being of our community - both emotional and economical. We are 100% committed to moving our We'koqma'q forward, while improving the quality of life for you, our community members.

The future is bright for We'koqma'q, with new developments on the horizon that will provide meaningful employment, training opportunities and overall economic growth.

We have entered 2021 with a strong sense of pride - pride for our people, pride for our community and pride for the work we'll do together over the next year. There is a lot to celebrate here, in We'koqma'q, so let's shift our conversations and tell the world, together, why we're We'koqma'q proud!

Sincerely,

Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley



Follow us on Facebook! Search We'koqma'q Community Site



Employment & Training Update

FROM SUSAN GOOGOO



Essential Skills Program Starting Soon!

Our Four Week Adult Learning Program will be starting soon. This program focuses on Basic/Intermediate reading, writing and math skills, GED preparation and life skills. As well as cultural activities and personalized goal-setting. An allowance is provided for participants.

To learn more or to sign up, call Brennan Peters at 902-756-9157.

◀ Patty Prosper participated in our November Essential Skills Program, where she learned some important life skills, including baking. Way to go, Patty!

Congratulations to Program Participants!

We're always looking for new programs to give our community members the skills needed to find meaningful work here, in We'koqma'q. We're so proud of those of you who have completed programs recently, including:



2 CONTINUING CARE



1 SKILLED LABOURER



5 MARINE SAFETY



1 TRAFFIC CONTROL

We also want to extend a congratulations to all recent graduates of the Master's program at STFX University!



Education Update



At the end of 2020, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey provided We'koqma'q with funding for two important initiatives that help our post-secondary education students continue their education amidst closures and reduced contacts due to Covid-19. We're grateful to have received funding to purchase laptops for post-secondary education

students, as well as funding to hire a Post-Secondary Student Navigator for We'koqma'q, Mrs. Pamela Toney. Mrs. Toney helps students adapt to online learning.



Looking for employment?

To stay up-to-date on employment opportunities and training programs, follow **We'koqma'q Employment & Training** on Facebook.

Meet your 2020-2024 Chief and Council!



(From left to right) Stewart Peters, John Leonard, Brandon Poulette, PJ Googoo, Tiny Cremo, Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley, Jason Bernard, Wallace Bernard, Stuart Basque and Steve Googoo.

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#We'koqma'qProud #We'koqma'qFirst

If you follow our community Facebook page, you may have seen our new series #We'koqma'qProud #We'koqma'qFirst. There are so many community members doing incredible things. We're using our platform to share these positive stories to celebrate our people and build pride. If you know someone we should feature, send us a message on Facebook!

(top to bottom) Featured community members were local musician Shift from the 902, Tikisha Paul-Gould - the first Mi'kmaw woman from We'koqma'q to become a paramedic, Vice-Principal Christina Sylliboy, Heritage Interpreter Susan Prosper and Justin Googoo, Owner and Operator of L'NUEY General Contracting.



Have you been to the Skye River Trail yet this winter?

Enjoy a winter walk and the Medicine Garden, constructed by L'NUEY General Contracting.



Photo taken by Wallace Bernard

Good News!



WE'KOQMA'Q
PROUD

Exciting news!

On January 25th, 2021 Clearwater Seafoods and We'koqma'q are pleased to announce that they have reached an agreement and have formed a partnership with seven Mi'kmaq bands

Outdoor Rink Opening Soon

Outside arena opening in We'koqma'q for the kids once it gets cold enough to freeze.



Have some good news to share?

Send along your good news stories to Chrissy at chrissytanner@waycobah.ca with the subject line **Good News Newsletter!**



February Event Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Prenatal Class Narcotics Anonymous 8pm-9pm	3 Developmental Play 10am-12pm Ages 0-4 Parent &Child	4 World Cancer Day 1pm-3pm	5 Story Time 2pm-3pm Parent &Child	6
7	8	9 Narcotics Anonymous 8pm-9pm	10 Developmental Play 10am-12pm Ages 0-4 Parent &Child	11 Women's Wellness 6pm-9pm	12 Story Time 2pm-3pm Parent &Child	13
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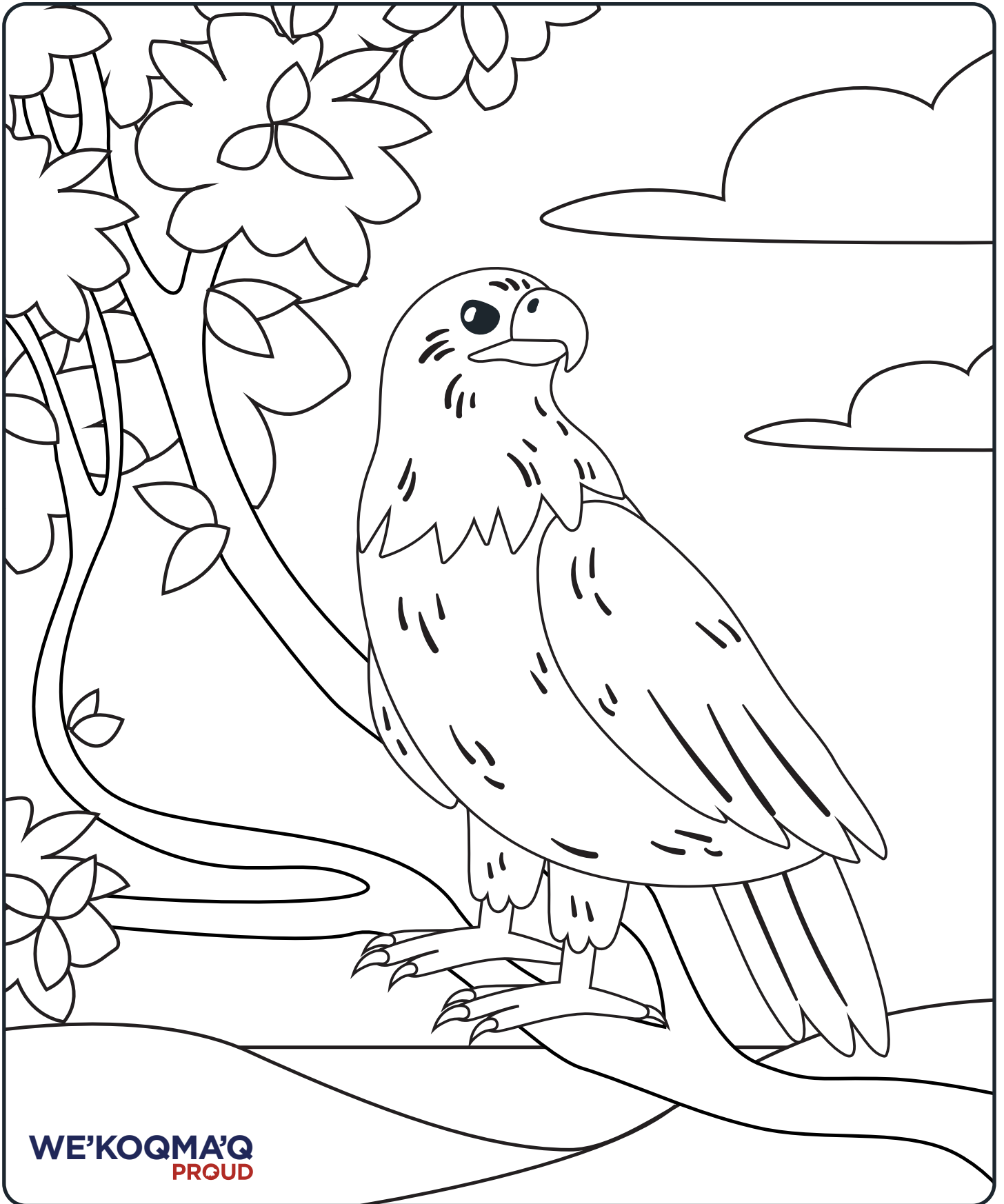
Red Text = Holidays



Have an upcoming event you want to add to the calendar?

Email Chrissy at chrissytanner@waycobah.ca with the subject line "Calendar Event" to have it added to the next newsletter!

Colour Me!



Valentine

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| CUPID | PINK |
| CHOCOLATE | ROSES |
| FLOWERS | XOXO |
| HEART | SWEET |
| HUGS | AMORE |

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One Stop Delivery Service!

Delivery is now available for Elders 60+ and persons with disabilities from the One Stop.

To place your order:

Call 902-756-3088. Cash payment accepted.
 Hours: 10am - 6:00pm

COVID UPDATES

For current Nova Scotia Covid information: novascotia.ca/coronavirus/
 Call Health Centre for any community information you require.

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