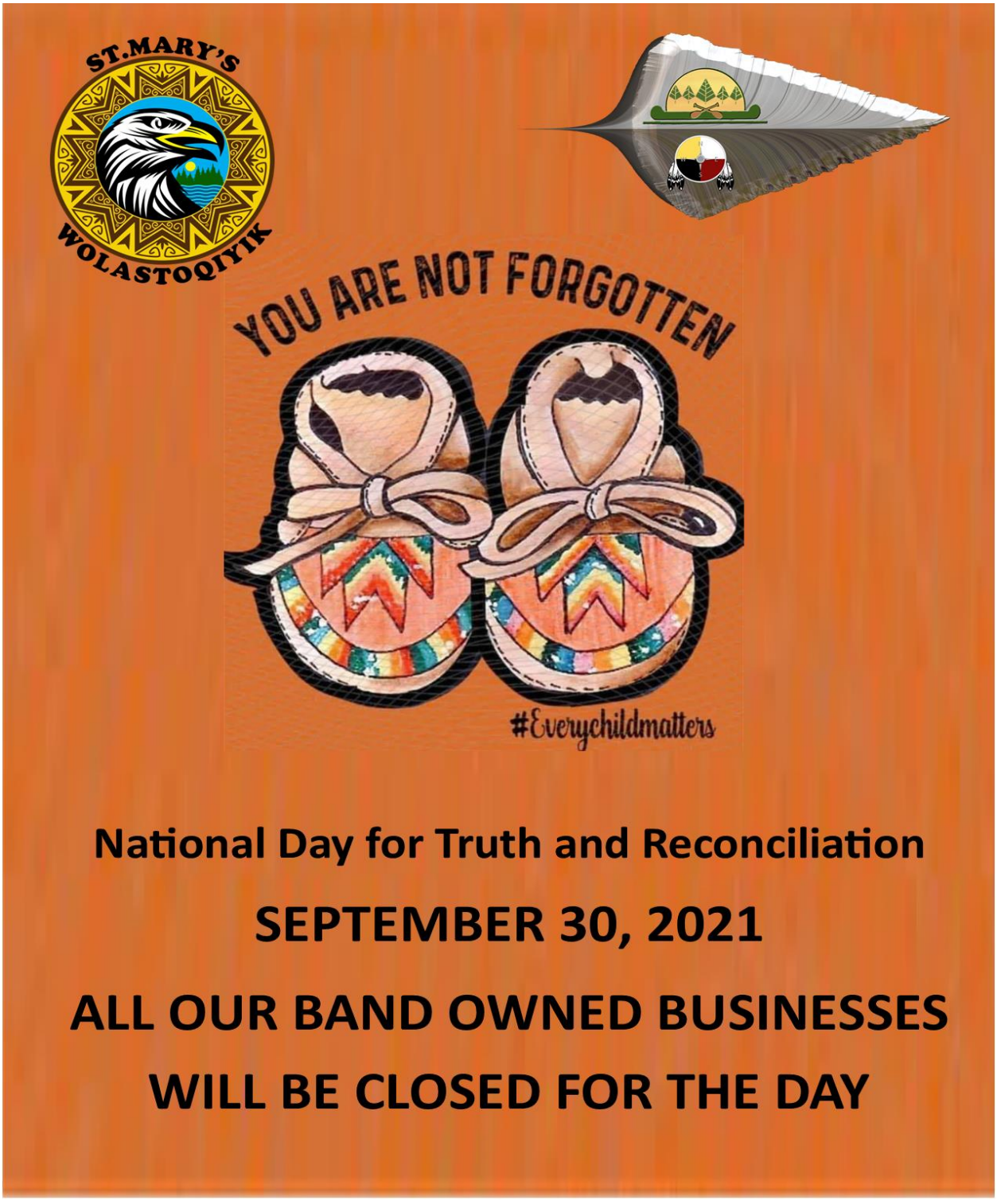
SITANSISK KOLUSUWAKON

September 17 to September 30, 2021



Want something in the newsletter? Email newsletter@smfn.ca

St Mary's Smoke Shop

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Due to the Holiday closure on September 30th, 2021

Band members can purchase double quota packs on September 29th only.

ST. MARY'S WOLASTOQIYIK

SENTINEL™ Alert System

What is the Sentinel Alert System?

The Sentinel Alert System allows emergency responders to efficiently communicate timely information to registered community members. Utilizing the latest technical advancements in text messaging (SMS), E-mail, landline telephone, and social media (Facebook, Twitter), the Sentinel Alert System provides the capability to reach thousands of individuals within minutes.

What type of alerts will be broadcasted to registered community members?

Community members will be the first to know when an emergency event occurs via SMS, E-mail, landline phone, cellular phone, and social media (Facebook, Twitter), of COVID-19 updates, amber alerts, severe weather notifications, and more.

When can community members expect the service to begin?

The anticipated start date for the Sentinel Alert System is **August 23, 2021**

How do community members register for the Sentinel Alert System?

St Mary's Community members can register for the service by visiting the St. Mary's First Nation Band office to request and fill out a Sentinel Alert System registration form or they can send an e-mail to sentinel@wolastoqey.ca providing the following information

- Full name
- Landline telephone number (Home phone)
- Cellphone number
- Home address including city, province, and postal code
- Declare if they are an on-reserve or off-reserve community member.
- Declare if they are employed by any of the following:
    - St. Mary's Band office, St. Mary's Retail Sales, St. Mary's Entertainment Center, CHSMES, St. Mary's Health Center
- Share direct links to their Facebook and/or Twitter profile.

All information that is provided in the registration process will be kept confidential and will not be shared with third parties under any circumstance.

Community members that sign up before Sept 2, 2021, will be entered into a private draw for a chance to win a 72-hour survival kit (4 available) valued at $250.00.

For A Sentinel Signup Form, visit: https://stmarysfirstnation.com/sentinel-alert-system-application/ or contact the band office.

Return of Students to School and Reminder of Reduced Speed in School Zones

St. Mary's Band Administration and Emergency Measures Operations (EMO) would like to remind members of the community that with the return of students to school this month comes to return of reduced speed limits in school zones.

Students may be loading or unloading in the vicinity of the school, so please drive carefully and obey the posted speed limits.

In our community, this means the span of Maliseet Drive, Highland Avenue and Pipeline Road which all have posted signage including radar speed signage on Maliseet Drive.

Please plan your morning and evening commutes accordingly and drive with caution in the vicinity of schools.

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St. Mary's Band Admin and EMO

St. Mary's First Nation
150 Cliffe Street
Fredericton, N.B.
E3A-0A1
Phone: (506)458-9511 Fax: (506) 462-9491

Invitation to participate in a Focus Group

St. Mary's First Nation and QUEST are inviting a maximum of eight (8) community members to participate in a ZOOM focus group for an environmental energy program.

Participation is limited and the deadline to register is 4:30pm Thursday, September 30, 2021
Your time is valuable, and participants will receive an honorarium

Once you register you will receive a ZOOM meeting invitation and link, the focus group is Monday October 4, 2021 from 6:30pm – 8:00 p.m.

If you are an Elder, a senior, a youth, and a SMFN community member above the age 15 and want to participate on this focus group - to register simply forward your name and email address to:

- Kim Nash-McKinley, Director of Economic Development, SMFN kimnashmckinley@smfn.ca Phone: 506-458-9511

OR

- Suzanne Brown, Evaluation, SB Consulting Group at suzanne@sbconsultinggroup.ca Phone: 905-570-6404

The Program:

The New Brunswick Smart Energy Community Accelerator pilot program (NB SECA) in partnership with Saint Mary's First Nation was launched by QUEST, a non-profit organization that supports efficient energy systems. The goal is to provide communities with the tools and knowledge they need to develop and implement community energy plans and understand the net economic benefit they can provide.
Community energy plans define a community's priorities around energy and serve as roadmaps to becoming a Smart Energy Community. QUEST recognizes that Indigenous communities will have ways of knowing and collecting information for the community energy planning and for the evaluation of this project, that are grounded in Indigenous culture and practices. QUEST would like to understand and include this knowledge for St. Mary's First Nation, as it participates in the Smart Energy Community Accelerator program.

St Mary's First Nation

150 Cliffe Street, Fredericton, NB E3A 0A1

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September 15, 2021

Summary, Minutes and Motions from September 14 Chief and Council Meeting

Chief and Council held a session at Maqiyahtimok on September 14, 2021, with the intent to discuss a variety of topics. The first portion of the meeting took place with the economic development board of directors present. This portion was intended to inform Chief and Council of ongoing updates around the operation of SMEC, Retail Sales and broader economic development initiatives.

The second half of the meeting was a general session and included a brief presentation by a candidate for federal MP followed by an information session from representatives from the Small Mouth Bass Eradication Consortium. Additional presentations followed by education on behalf of two members, as well as an information session with the Director of Operations.

Another business was to sign a Band Council Resolution affirming a previous band council motion to approve financing for the construction of homes on reserve. Additional time near the end of the meeting was granted to the Cody Brooks of the Emergency Measures Operations team to discuss the evolving fourth-wave COVID-19 response and measures.

Summary of Motions:

Seven motions were made, four during the Economic Development portion of the meeting and three during the latter half.

Motion One, EcDev: Call for closure of all band-owned entities (emergency medical services excluded) on September 30 in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. **Motion Passed.**

Motion Two, EcDev: Request to purchase a used vehicle on behalf of Retail Sales to assist with timely snow removal from community-owned businesses, cash price of $7,000. **Motion Passed.**

Motion Three, EcDev: A motion to open a band-owned candy shop at the Two Nations One Stop. Retail Sales provided data to support the feasibility and viability of such an operation. **Motion Passed.**

Motion Four, EcDev: Demolition of building at 519 Union Street (Old Taxi Stand) and landscape the area afterward to allow for future development on the property. **Motion Passed.**

Motion One, General Session: Motion to support an employee's personal request. **Motion Passed.**

Motion Two, General Session: Motion to support an employee's personal request. **Motion Passed.**

Motion Three, General Session: Motion to support an employee's personal request. **Motion Failed.** (Council had asked for additional information on the matter.)

Small-Mouth Bass Eradication Presentation:

Guests from the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Miramichi Salmon Association and North Shore Micmac District Council representing *The Working Group on Smallmouth Bass Eradication in the Miramchi* presented a presentation on their information in advance of a community session to be held on September 15, 2021. This session was purely informative and was not a part of consultation or rights management.

This presentation included information on their timeline, who *The Working Group* is and what their goals are. This included some background on when Small Mouth Bass (SMB) were first introduced and detected by monitors within the Miramichi Lake (and later the Southwest Miramichi River). They provided information on the previous efforts to address this invasive species, including manual fishing, electrofishing and fish gating.

Efforts to contain the SMB have failed according to *The Working Group* and their plans to introduce rotenone into the Miramichi Lake and Southwest Miramichi River are to attempt to eliminate the spread of this species into the other portions of

the Miramichi River. This is the only invasive species the group has detected within the Miramichi and this course of action is their best effort to remove it from the ecosystem before it takes root permanently.

Members of *The Working Group* noted they've also worked with other partners as a means to increase prolonged salmon viability in the area, ranging from creation of additional cold-water spawning locations and mitigating risks from deforestation to opening discussions with fisheries in Greenland to ensure the existing Atlantic Salmon stock isn't being overharvested outside of Canada.

The Wolastoqey Chiefs were in agreeance with the plans based on the science presented to and by Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB) with all but one condition being met. That condition being access to fish salmon in the area in accordance with our inherent and treaty rights. This has not been fulfilled and support from the Wolastoqey will be rescinded if left unaddressed.

St. Mary's Entertainment Centre (SMEC) updates:

Walter Brooks of SMEC provided updates on the operations under his purview, noted closure on September 30 for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation would cost SMEC some income, but they would be more than happy to take direction on the matter from Chief and Council. Construction of the new dining area for the Pine Tree Pub will start by the end of September, with no shutdown occurring as a temporary dine-in area will be implemented in a portion of the old Bingo Hall A area. This project would be completed within four weeks if the forecasted timeline is correct.

Brooks noted the significant anniversary coming up for the SMEC in October, during which the SMEC will be celebrating 25 years in operation. Suggestions for celebrations included a community breakfast, perhaps with door prizes or a chance to win bingo passes. Concern around the viability of this due to the recent rise in SARS-CoV-2 cases in the province, with particular interest being placed on the announcement set to release September 15. If no lockdown mandate is issued though, the SMEC is prepared to reopen for bingo every day of the week, even if it means mandating masks be worn.

Additional concerns for SMEC arose from a lack of reliable staffing for the Pine Tree Pub. The restaurant has lost a cook and hasn't found a general supervisor despite

efforts to do so and highly competitive wages being offered. Current plan is to promote internally, with a split duty for management being assigned to a worker from the front end and a worker from the kitchen. This will be tested on a three-month trial run.

Economic Development Coordinator and Committee Updates:

Kim Nash-McKinley provided broader Economic Development updates, noting an ongoing discussion with investors around potential expansion of Economic Development initiatives. These investors are looking at scoping out the viability of a hotel and other joint ventures within the community and have past experiences working with First Nations as well as communities in other countries. Council asked for a packet on these investors and to meet with them when possible.

Discussions with Starbucks are ongoing about the viability of launching a franchise along Union Street, past efforts fizzled due to traffic concerns around the placement of a Starbucks franchise at the Two Nations One Stop location.

The committee has also discussed the viability of beer and wine sales at the Supermarket location, with advisors indicating it may be feasible but there's some hesitancy about seeking the necessary licences if the Tax-Revenue Sharing Agreements aren't reinstated with the current provincial government.

The New Brunswick Smart Energy Community Accelerator Program (NBSECA) is looking to continue working with St. Mary's First Nation, more details on this are to come in October. Current efforts include home improvements and clean energy exploration, with past projects covering similar goals. Chief and Council agreed to having Kim Nash-McKinley sign the terms of reference (TOR) required to enter and/or continue this partnership with NB SECA.

Retail Sales Updates:

Ron Wood provided updates on Retail Sales, noting salaries remain the largest expense for the community-owned businesses. This is to be expected given they're the largest single employer of band members, however this has led to costs exceeding income at times. An overarching goal is to restructure slightly to allow management to identify where staffing is and is not best utilized in a way that doesn't slash

employment opportunities or reduce the strong loyalty within the workplaces under Retail Sales.

Retail Sales has identified a need during the winter to increase the rate at which the community businesses' driveways and parking lots are cleared. There's already a salt and plow assembly in possession, so SMRS is looking to purchase a truck at a cost of $7000, as noted in the motions above.

The feasibility of purchasing and installing a generator to prevent power outages at the Supermarket and other Kchikhusis Plaza businesses is being evaluated. This could be offset by preventing losses from future outages.

Miscellaneous Agenda Items:

St. Mary's EMO also provided an update on the process of developing an ongoing COVID-19 response and protocol for band-owned entities. 75-80% of the community is currently vaccinated, but with increasing exposure rates in the province as a whole and 12 schools, including FHS, being closed recently due to exposures, there may be a demand for more protective measures.

A Band Council resolution was signed to reaffirm a previous motion by council to approve financing for three homes on reserve. This was passed unanimously without need for a second motion.

Conclusion:

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, feel free to contact band administration or a member of Chief and Council at the band office by calling **+1 (506) 458-9511** or toll-free at **+1 (888) 445-6644** during regular business hours. The next Chief and Council meeting is slated for early September.

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Notice of Fall Cleanup Dates

Fall Cleanup will start on September 22, 2021 and will run until October 22, 2021.

Debris must be placed curbside and bagged wherever possible. Residents are asked to be patient as pickup may not always occur same-day due to fluctuating volumes.

Notice of Trash Pickup Day Alteration for September 30

St. Mary's Public Works will not be in standard operation on September 30 in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, so trash pickup for the week of September 30 will take place on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

Reminder of Trash Pickup Days

St. Mary's Public Works would like to remind community members that trash pickup is on Thursday, every week. In the event of Thursday being a statutory holiday (or if there's a severe weather event) an alternative date will be set and announced to the community whenever possible.

All garbage to be picked up must be bagged and cannot be loose in the bottom of roller bins or receptacles as trash collection is done by hand, not by loading machines.

Recycling pickup is Wednesday, alternating in sync with the city's rotation of grey and blue bin pickup. Read more on what's accepted for recycling in Fredericton at:
https://www.fredericton.ca/en/waste-recycling/recycling/

St. Mary's Health Centre Presents

STOMP the STIGMA 5KM

annual walk

LET'S STOMP THE STIGMA
ON MENTAL ILLNESS
ONE STEP AT A TIME

$25
REGISTRATION

10.03.2021

Early Bird : Register before Sept 27, 2021 to receive 2 entires for prizes

For those who do not make the deadline for early bird registration can register on-site at 9:00am. Participants who register late will only receive 1 entry for prizes.

Walk starts at 10AM, Sunday, October 3, 2021
Located at the Old Reserve on Union St. next to Tim Hortons. Dress accordingly to the weather.

REGISTER AT:
SMHCRegistration@hotmail.com

OPEN CLINIC
TUESDAY EVENINGS

with Alysia Fullarton

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Starting:

September 14, 2021

- Same-day appointment
- Must call **452-2750** to make an appointment.

For more information call

506 452 2750

Located @ the St. Mary's Health Centre

The country is deeply saddened by the ongoing identification of the unmarked graves of Indigenous children at the sites of former residential schools. We, like so many, are seeking to come to terms with painful truths in our history.

At the Beaverbrook Art Gallery we are committed to working with our Indigenous partners to develop new opportunities for learning, sharing and showcasing their culture and their resilience.

We are excited to present a new Gallery program, Shared Spaces, highlighting indigenous art and artists of the region. This is made possible through a challenge grant of $50,000 offered to us by the J.T. Clark Family Foundation.

In order to receive the grant, the Gallery must meet the J.T. Clark Foundation's challenge by raising matching funds of $50,000 by the end of September 2021.

This additional funding will expand our Indigenous programming over the next three years enabling us to showcase programming such as:

· A dedicated Indigenous Curator organizing more exhibitions featuring established and emerging Indigenous artists from New Brunswick and the rest of Canada;

· Expanded Artist-in-Residence and Elder-in-Residence programs over the next three years;

· Specific and expanded educational programs and tours relating to Indigenous art supporting school curriculums across New Brunswick, including bilingual, animated, interpretive online videos for youth.

With the J. T Clark matching grant, you can double your donation from now through September 30, 2021!

Please help us meet the J.T. Clark Family Foundation's challenge of $50,000 by donating through the link below, or by joining us for a Community Barbecue on September 19 from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. For more info: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/beaverbrook-art-gallery/campaign/shared-spaces/

St. Mary's Veterans Memorial Health Centre

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COVID-19 VACCINE

If you want or need a FIRST or SECOND dose of Covid-19 vaccine, please call the Health Center and leave your name with Sherry or Wendy.

452-2750 or 452-2760

We will be scheduling more clinics as needed

ST. MARY'S 7th ANNUAL CHIEF HAROLD SAPPIER COMMUNITY BULL MOOSE HUNT 2021

This year's community moose hunt will be October 15, 16, 17th, 2021

Registration will take place October 7th, 11, 12, 13th 2021, from 9-12 & 1:30-4:30 at the Band Hall with Melissa Saunders.

Cost of registration will be $50.00

PAYMENT IN CASH ONLY!!!

Deadline for registration is October 13, 2021 @ 4:30 NO EXCEPTIONS

We look forward to meeting & seeing you all at this great yearly community event!!!!

SITANISK ELDERS TEA TIME

Sept: 22 &29, 2021

Oct: 6,13,20,27, 2021

Time : 9-10:30

Location: Maqiyahtimok Centre

Sherry, Shelley, Jennifer & Barb would love to have you join us every Wednesday for a light breakfast & great conversation

Birds Canada Atlantic Division is Hiring For Two Positions

These Positions are:

Bank Swallow Conservation Coordinator

And

Conservation Planner

Applicants should have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle

Applicants are urged to apply as soon as possible

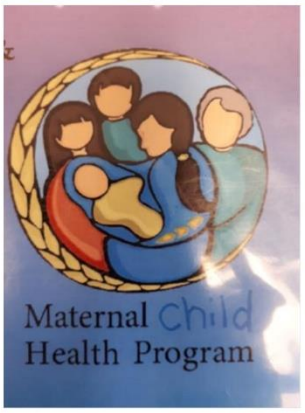
Work is expected to begin in October, 2021

Both positions are for a one-year term with the potential for renewal

For more information, visit:

https://stmarysfirstnation.com/category/job-postings/

HELPING HANDS



Maternal Child Health Program & Child & Family Services are continuing to offer HELPING HANDS program to parents who have children under the age of 6 to help with "the little things"

Providing support for:

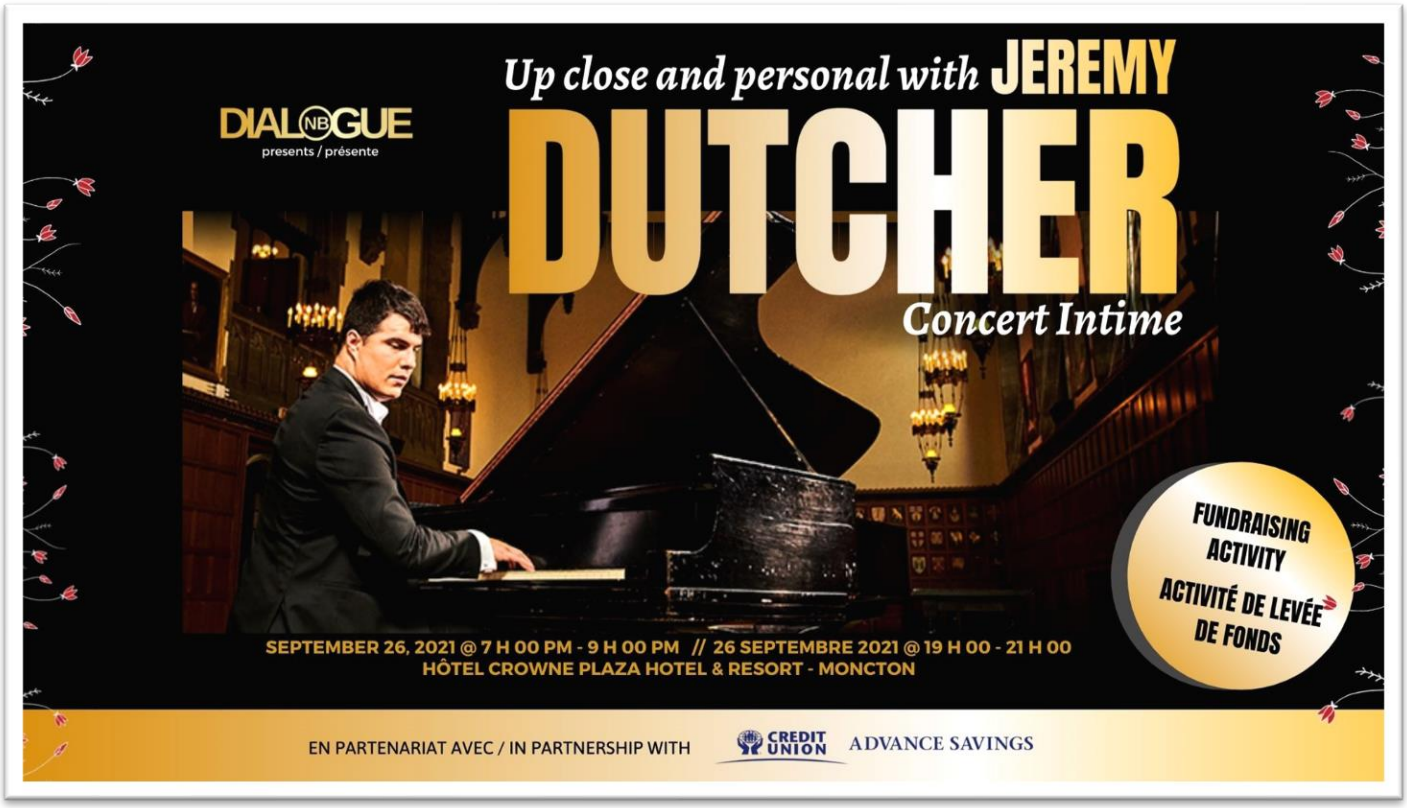
mental health break
Cleaning
Errands
meal prep
other supports

To apply:

Have a child(ren) 6 & Under
Willing to accept in-home support
Benefit from extra support

Please call Mandy Meuse at 452-2750 or Christina Taylor at 458-9511 to sign up or for more information

Services will resume January 4th, 2021 to March 31st, 2021



St. Mary's Supermarket

EVERYONE WELCOME!

BONELESS SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST VALUE PACK
$10.98KG
$4.98 LB

BEETS, ONIONS OR CARROTS
10LB BAG
$3.98

ROTISSERIE BBQ CHICKEN
$9.98

COMPLIMENTS PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP
750ML-905G
$1.98

INSIDE ROUND OVEN ROAST
$10.98KG
$4.98 LB

"LOCAL" PAULA RED OR MACINTOSH APPLES
10LB BAG
$6.58

SCHNEIDER'S HICKORY BACON
375G
$3.98

"FRESH" HALIBUT STEAKS
$39.64KG
$17.98 LB

8PC MEAL DEAL W/ MED FRIES/TATERS & 2L POP
$14.38

COMPLIMENTS MINI CUPCAKES
12PK
$2.98

COMPLIMENTS GARLIC BREAD
284G
$1.48

MAPLE LODGE CHICKEN BOLOGNA
375G
$1.48

COMPLIMENTS CRAB FLAVOURED SEAFOOD
454G
$2.48

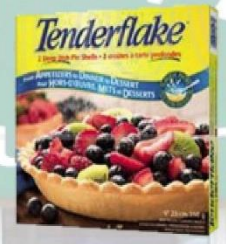
JANES ASSORTED FISH PRODUCTS
450G
$5.98

LUNCH PACKS (6" SUB, JUICE BOX & SNACKS)
$4.98

CHEETOS MAC'N CHEESE
160-170G
$1.78

QUAKER CRISPY MINIS
100G
$1.98

FIVE ALIVE/FRUITOPIA/ MINUTE MAID JUICE
1.75L
$2.38



TENDERFLAKE PIE CRUST/TART SHELLS
255-393G
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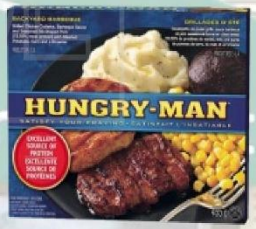

HUNGRY MAN FROZEN DINNERS
360-455G
$2.98

VH DIPPING SAUCE
341-355ML
$1.98

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