

## Reconciliation Recognition Award Recipient



Strengthening Relationships Through Collaboration 

Olive Crane is recognized for her ongoing commitment to advancing reconciliation through community and relationship-building with Abegweit First Nation.

Through senior leadership roles in intergovernmental affairs and strategic planning, she has helped foster meaningful partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous governments and organizations.

Her collaborative approach continues to support initiatives that advance reconciliation in action.

Her work strengthens relationships that support long-term community development and understanding.



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## EMO - Multilateral Emergency Management Agreement



This year's Emergency Preparedness Week marks a historical milestone for Abegweit First Nation

We are incredibly proud to share that on May 4th, 2026, Chief Gould signed a first-of-its-kind multilateral emergency management agreement with the GCIIndigenous and Prince Edward Island Government, making Epekwitk the first in Canada to enter into such an agreement!

"Abegweit First Nation is proud to be formally recognized as an equal and full partner in emergency management service delivery. Working collaboratively with the federal and provincial governments allows us to provide exemplary emergency services that are culturally grounded and managed by our own community. This partnership represents meaningful progress on our path toward self-determination." - Chief Gould

## Education Update

### Post-Secondary Graduates

We would like to extend our congratulations to our recent post-secondary graduates!

- **Brad Cahill**, Culinary Arts, Holland College
- **Malachi MacMillan**, Photography and Videography, Holland College
- **John Ryan Francis**, Bachelor of Social Work, St. Thomas University

We are proud of your achievements and wish you continued success and exciting opportunities as you move forward into your next chapter. If you would like your child highlighted next month please contact Michelle Marshall.



### Important Dates: Graduations

- Morell Family of Schools
- Morell Regional High School: **June 23rd**
  - Mount Stewart Consolidated: **June 24th**
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- Bluefield Family of Schools
- Eliot River Elementary: **June 22nd**
  - East Wiltshire Intermediate: **June 23rd**
  - Bluefield High School: **June 24th**



Post-Secondary Education Assistance Program  
 Deadline June 30th. No application accepted after this date.  
 Email [education@abegweit.ca](mailto:education@abegweit.ca) for more information



# The Abegweit Update

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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED

May 2026

## Health Update



**Elder Wills and Estates Lunch and Learn** - Community members gathered for an informative Lunch & Learn led by lawyer Justin Milne on the importance of wills and estate planning. Participants learned basic information about wills, planning ahead, and the importance of ensuring their wishes are properly documented for the future.

**Elder Bingo Hypertension Lunch and Learn** - Our Elders gathered for an informative Lunch & Learn focused on hypertension, including information on symptoms, risk factors, and ways to support heart health. Following the discussion, everyone enjoyed an afternoon of bingo, laughter, and socializing.



**Women's Group - Game Social, Sewing** - Women's Group continued this month with a relaxing Game Social where participants gathered to play board games, cribbage, and Waltes, a traditional Mi'kmaw game. The group also took part in a sewing session where participants created aprons to use during future Luskini sessions, keep for themselves, or give as gifts. These sessions provided a welcoming space for creativity, conversation, and connection.



**Little Buds - Sun Safety and Flower Pot Painting** - The Little Buds group learned about the importance of sun safety, including sunscreen guidelines and safe sun exposure practices for children. Participants also enjoyed painting flower pots that will be used at the greenhouse, where families will have the opportunity to plant flowers, herbs, or vegetables of their choice.

**MyHealthPEI Lunch and Learn** - We hosted a MyHealthPEI Lunch & Learn led by Health PEI representatives Jessica Doyle, Adam Peters, and Sally Sentner. Participants learned how to access and navigate their MyHealthPEI accounts, along with the many features and services available through the platform. Assistance was also provided to help participants verify and log into their accounts.



**Mother's Day Brunch** - We celebrated the mothers in our community with a special Mother's Day Brunch. Guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast, a fun photo booth, tulips, and small gifts in recognition and appreciation of all the wonderful moms in our community. It was a lovely morning filled with laughter, connection, and celebration.

**Abegweit Learn to Run 5K Program** - This month marked the beginning of our Learn to Run 5K Program. Participants completed their first week of training and are looking forward to building their confidence, endurance, and fitness levels together over the coming weeks.

