

Rural News and Views

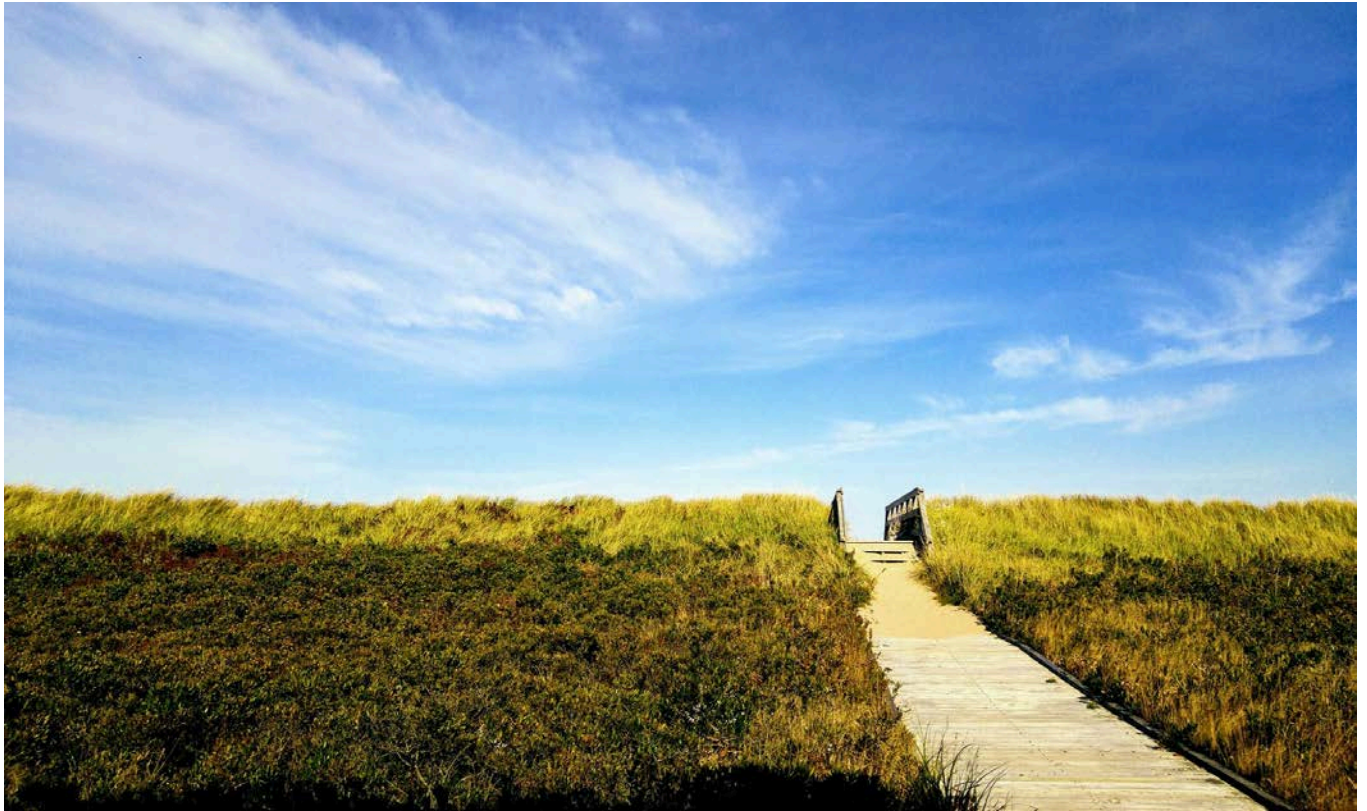


Photo of Melmerby Beach submitted by Joy Polley - SNAPS

A FRESH NEW LOOK. The Municipality of Pictou County has revised its Rural News and Views to provide its residents with timely council, municipal and community news. We will also be publishing our newsletter four times a year with the next edition coming out in mid-October. If your community group has any submissions for the fall and winter months please send them along to us by Sept. 30, 2019 to sueann.musick@munpict.ca or call 902-485-2238.



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Thank You Volunteers!



The Municipality of Pictou County's Community Group Volunteer Award winners include, from the left: Ralph and Faye Kinney, Lismore Dinner Theatre Group; Ruby MacDonald, Pictou County Recreation and Athletics; Alena Martin, Scotsburn Recreation Club, Warden Robert Parker, Volunteer of the Year Jim Crawford, Megan MacCarthy and Morgan Bezanson of Sunrise Trail 4-H Club.

140th Anniversary Celebrations



The Municipality of Pictou County recently celebrated its 140th Anniversary since Incorporation with past and present councillors as well as staff and residents. An open house was held in Council Chambers on April 14th to mark this historic occasion.



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Special Recognitions by Council

Nova Bannerman

The Municipality of Pictou County recognized Nova Bannerman for her dedication, foresight and leadership in her community and to the Barney's River Station School House Museum. District 1 Coun. Don Butler said Mrs. Bannerman is a true teacher at heart and gives testimony to the principle of lifelong learning through her work with the museum and her career as a schoolteacher.



Wayne Buttle

Municipality of Pictou County Warden Robert Parker, left, and District 10 Coun. Randy Palmer present Wayne Buttle with a plaque of recognition for his commitment and work with District 13 Recreation and Planning Commission as well as the Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena. Buttle has been arena manager for 41 years.



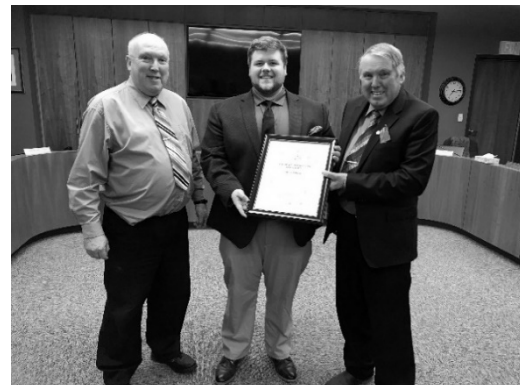
Bill MacEachern

The Municipality of Pictou County recognized the recreational efforts of Bill MacEachern of Lorne, Pictou County during its March Council Meeting. Mr. MacEachern recently participated in his 20th Polar Bear Swim on Jan. 1, 2019 at Melmerby Beach and will soon be competing in his 100th Marathon.



Myles O'Brien

District 7 Coun. David Parker, left, and Warden Robert Parker, right, present Myles O'Brien with a Community Recognition Certificate in recognition of his outstanding academic achievements.



Summer Recreation Programs Ready to Go!

The following are a list of the communities in Pictou County hosting summer recreation programs and the contact person:

Lismore: Don Butler – 902-926-2589 –

bultlerdon@live.ca

Plymouth – Janet MacDonald – 902-752-1018

– Plymouthrecreation@gmail.com

The program will be running at the Plymouth Community Centre from July 4th - August 16th. The cost of the summer day camp program will be \$150 per child or \$250 for 2 children.

River John – Joanne Wilkins – 902-351-2143

– bellwilk@hotmail.ca

Thorburn – Randy Palmer – 902-922-2277 –

Starts on Tuesday, July 2nd at the Thorburn Mohawk Ball Field from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

More information about the program will be given out at registration



The Municipality of Pictou County has hired four summer students this year who will be assisting with the summer recreation programs. They are, from the left: Sydney MacDonald and Joel MacNeil along with Kyle Sutherland testing out a recreation tunnel. Missing from the photo is Daniel Chisholm.

NEW PROGRAM: The East River Valley is excited to introduce a new recreation program for the Summer of 2019! The program will take place at the Springville Ball Field complex starting on July 2nd and will run until August 16th. This program is available to youth 12-15 years of age and will provide activity-based opportunities such as basketball, ball hockey, softball, soccer and more for those who attend. This program will be free to attend, however depending on the amount of interest there may only be a limited number of spaces available. For further information please contact Mike Hecimovich at (902) 923-2194 or mikehecimovichcla@gmail.com. Registration is June 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Springville Ball Field.

This summer, Pictou County Recreation is providing special events and trips for the listed programs. Some of these may include trips to Magic Mountain, Discovery Centre and Shubenacadie Wildlife Park to name a few. There will also be special themed days, beach days and special events for the recreation programs during the summer months.

LARK: Leisure and Active Recreation Programs

The Lark program offers the children the opportunity to get out into the community and become active during the summer months. LARK is available to areas that do not hire summer staff and offers low organized games, arts, crafts and sports to children. It is open to children ages 5 to 12 years and cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Cash only.

Salt Springs Elementary School - July 4 to Aug. 22 – Mondays and Thursdays – 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Caribou District Fire Hall – July 4 to Aug. 22 – Mondays and Thursdays – 12:30-3 p.m.

To Be Determined: Little Harbour Community Centre – July 5 to Aug. 23 – Tuesdays and Fridays – 9 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information contact Pictou County Recreation at 902-485-8528 or email recreation@munpict.ca

Check our website, Facebook and Twitter pages for regular recreation updates.

Just a click away...

HighlandConnect.ca is a simple, searchable, online guide to recreation opportunities in Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough Counties of Nova Scotia. Log into today to see what recreational opportunities are available in any of these areas.



Fun Packs for Loan

Do you need recreation equipment for an event? Did you know that Pictou County Recreation has all kinds of fun equipment available? A Fun Kit of everything from parachutes, frisbees, and pylons to ball hockey, soccer, and flag football equipment can be made available to you for loan. Contact Pictou County Recreation at 902-485-8528 or e-mail recreation@munpict.ca.

Are you Hungry?

On June 13, 11 a.m - 2 p.m., staff with The Municipality will be host a barbecue with proceeds going to Viola's Place. Come to our Administration Building, enjoy a BBQ and listen to local entertainment. Donations of garbage bags and laundry items such as soap and dryer sheets will be accepted.

Strategic Recreation Five Year Plan

The Municipality of Pictou County recently turned its focus to ways it can improve recreation for rural residents. A five-year strategic plan has been developed and available for viewing on our website at www.county.pictou.ns.ca



Making a Move

Strategic Recreation Plan
April 2019 - December 2024



We Listen. We Learn. We Grow.



The findings showed that people want to be able to be active in their communities, but there are common challenges in many districts including lack of volunteers, transportation and communication about programming. Council and staff will continue to achieve its goals to improve recreation and active living opportunities for Pictou County residents.

Funding Opportunities Available

KidSport and JumpStart

The Pictou County Chapters of KidSport and JumpStart are set up to financially assist children participate in sport and other recreation activities. These programs help users to overcome the



barriers preventing or limiting their participation. www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca and www.kidsportcanada.ca/nova-scotia/pictou/apply-for-assistance/



Gary Boone Leadership Development Fund:

Gary Boone Leadership Development Fund, a leadership development program, is one of many initiatives that have been established to increase the physical activity levels of children and youth in Nova Scotia. While this fund is directed to leadership development, financial support can be considered for creation of new programs as long as there is a leadership development component. For more information on any of these programs, contact Municipality of Pictou County Recreation Co-ordinator Cindy Fraser at cindy.fraser@munpict.ca or 902-485-8528.

Fire Departments

In case of an emergency,
always dial 911.

Fire Chiefs:

Abercrombie – Sandy MacPherson
Fire Hall - 902-752-4248

Alma – Roger MacLeod
Fire Hall - 902-396-3588

Barney's River – Joe MacDonald
Fire Hall - 902-924-2116

Blue Mountain

– Gregg MacDonald
Fire Hall - 902-922-2464

Caribou – Robert Weaver
Fire Hall - 902-485-8479

East River St. Mary's

– John Cameron
Fire Hall - 902-833-2450

East River Valley- Kevin Stuart
902-923-2954

Eureka – Bill Holley
Fire Hall - 902-923-2751

Linacy – Dale Pettipas
Fire Hall - 902-755-5595

Little Harbour – Kevin Gratto
Fire Hall - 902-752-5114

Merigomish – Paul Schnurr
Fire Hall - 902-926-2247

Pictou Island – Al MacDonald
Pictou Landing – Todd Jenkins

Fire Hall - 902-755-5798

Plymouth – Mike Conway
Fire Hall - 902-755-5441

River John – Dave Brown
Fire Hall - 902-351-2223

Scotsburn – Tim Van Veen
Fire Hall - 902-485-8446

Thorburn – Peter Fraser
Fire Hall - 902-922-3105

West River – Jason Pitts
Fire Hall - 902-925-2274

Lunch and Learn Sessions are popular in rural communities

More and more rural communities are hosting lunch and learn sessions where people can have a good meal followed by an informative talk by a guest speaker. Sessions are free of charge, but donations are accepted.



**Lyons Brook
Lunch and Learn**

**Little Harbour
Lunch and Learn**



**Lismore
Lunch and Learn**

**Caribou River
Lunch and Learn**



Are You Planning on Building This Year?

Before you begin most building or renovation projects, you will need a building permit from the Municipality of Pictou County.

When do you need a permit?

- New homes and mini homes
- Relocating a dwelling or mobile homes
- Building an addition onto any home or building
- Building a garage or storage shed more than 215 square feet
- Any structural renovation to an existing dwelling or building
- Any structure that requires a power connection
- A change of use in an existing building.

What do you need to apply for building permit for a new dwelling unit?

- An approved lot or subdivision plan that is drawn and stamped by a licenced surveyor.
- Where a central sewer system is not provided, approval from the Department of Environment for an onsite sewage disposal system is required.
- A sewer permit issued by the Municipal Engineer where lot is serviced by central sewer.
- An approved permit from the Department of Transportation is needed for all provincially owned roads should the erection of the structure be within 100 metres of the centre line of the listed highway.
- Proof of ownership of land is sometimes required by copy of legal deed, of if you are building on someone else's property, a signed declaration by the owner must be submitted, giving you approval to build on their land.
- When all of the above are requirements, bring a complete set of building plans and set backs to the building inspection office to fill out an application.



Travis Spears with the Municipality of Pictou County for obtained his Diploma of Certification in Residential Qualification from the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association. Travis was presented with the certificate by Mike McKenzie, right, who is a building inspector with the Municipality of Pictou County.

Landfill Vouchers Available

Landfill Vouchers are available to November 30 to people who have a residential assessment in the Municipality of Pictou County. Two vouchers will be made available for each residential assessment in rural Pictou County. Vouchers are given free of charge to people who own homes or cottages in rural Pictou County. Each voucher will cover the cost of disposal at the Mount William Transfer Station up to 1,000 pounds and must be used in accordance with the Municipality of Pictou County Solid Waste Resource Management Bylaw, the Pictou County Shared Services Mount William Transfer Station Policies and the Solid Waste Management Regulations of Nova Scotia. Vouchers can be picked up at the Municipality of Pictou County's Administration Building or they can be mailed to eligible residents.



Finance Dept employee Theresa Welsh holds a landfill voucher available at our administrative office.

New Members Always Welcome

The Municipality of Pictou County is rich with volunteers who are passionate about their community. Here are listing of a few community clubs actively meeting and always looking for new members.

The Abercrombie Community Centre holds monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month at the centre at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Marilyn at 902-752-8914.

Abercrombie Women's Institute meets the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact secretary Elizabeth Palmer at 902-752-3826.

Blue Mountain & District Fire Department is composed of community minded volunteers who perform fire suppression, medical and other related emergency services for local jurisdiction including Blue Mountain, Meiklefield, Garden of Eden, Woodfield, French River, Moose River, Eden Lake and all other adjoining areas. It takes great pride in its department and its hard-working members. It is always looking for like minded individuals to join its volunteer fire department. Please feel free to contact any member of the Blue Mountain & District Volunteer Fire Department for information.

Caribou Women's Institute – The Caribou Women's Institute meets the second Monday of each month at the Bayview Community Hall in spring and fall. From January to March, members meet Sunday afternoon in Pictou. For more information, contact Faustina Smith at 902-485-8212 or Ruth Wortman at 902-382-2009.

Durham Community Hall – 1679 Green Hill Road. The hall is wheelchair accessible and available for rentals. For more information contact Betty at 902-485-4917.

Hillside Girls Club – The Club had another successful year, with 40 girls participating in the program. The groups are open to girls who are four years of age (and in school) and older. The girls learn crafts, sewing, knitting etc. while forming lifelong friendships. The Hillside Girls Club also supports the local SPCA with donations for the shelter. Registration for the 2019-2020 season is October 22, 2019. The club always appreciate new leaders or helpers and welcomes anyone who would like to join. Anyone interested or looking for further information can contact Ellen Murphy at 902-755-1801.

Little Harbour Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary - The Ladies Auxiliary of the Little Harbour Fire Department has been raising funds for the Fire Department for more than 40 years. The group meets at 7 p.m. at the fire hall on the second Monday of each month from September to June. New members and guests are always welcome. Annual dues are \$5 collected by October. Monthly meetings include discussion about the fire department and community, a light lunch and guest speaker. Games or crafts are played at the meeting. For more information or to book for catering call Rita MacDonald at 902-755-2103 or 902-759-0212, ritamac@esatlink.ca or Janet MacLean at 902-396-8224, janetmehm@hotmail.com

Keep up to date on events at www.county.pictou.ns.ca or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Lyons Brook Women's Institute is part of a local, national and international organization that promotes women, families and communities. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. If interested in finding out more, contact Lynn at 902-485-9358.

Garden of Eden Women's Institute meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from September to June. Meetings are held in members' homes or the community hall at 1 p.m.

MacPherson's Mills Women's Institute meets the second Thursday of each month and include guest speakers or someone sharing a new craft, hobby and topic of interest. For more information, contact Secretary Lorraine Blakeney at 902-922-2059.

Meadowville-Poplar Hill Community Hall After a few idle years, the Meadowville-Poplar Hill Hall is providing the community with many events. Along with municipal grants, the fundraising and work of community members have enabled a good deal of needed repairs and upgrades to the hall. Community member Kristin Ross is piloting a new endeavor called the Community Project. This works like a time bank where community members match up needs in the community with resources available. The hope is that community members can help others with things they may be unable to accomplish on their own and they can also receive a hand when needed. For information on the hall, contact Thelma Cassie at 902-485-4647 or Alanna Murray at 902-485-8845.

Mill Brook Community Club - Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. on March, April, May, August, September, October (annual meeting) and November. For further information, you can contact Snookie (Anna) Hirtle at 902-755-2820, Faye Fraser at 902-396-4275 or Mary Chesnut at 902-396-3798.

National Association of Federal Retirees has a about 450 members made up retired members of public service, Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, judges and all other retired from the federal government. The association projects the pensions and benefits of all retirees. At each meeting there is a guest speaker and a health benefits officer in case members are having trouble with such benefits. It welcomes all federal retirees to its meetings. Margaret Thompson - margaret.thompson@bellaliant.net

Plymouth Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary meets at the fire hall on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., except for July and August. For more information, contact President Lynn Fenton at 902-755-1784.

Scotsburn Recreation Club – Meetings are held the third Sunday of the month at J.P. Gammon Recreation Centre at 7 p.m. For more information, contact scotsburnrec@hotmail.com.

Scotsburn 55+ Club Activities – To learn more about programs offered or for membership information, contact Sandra Malenfant at malenfant1@eastlink.ca or Joan Clark at jjclark@tncweb.ca

Springville Women's Institute meets the second Tuesday of each month. Its purpose is women learning, sharing and improving quality of life for all. For more information, contact Debbie White at 2twins1979@gmail.com or call 902-923-2416.

If you would like your community group's contact information and upcoming events listed on our website or the next newsletter, contact sueann.musick@munpict.ca

Council and Our Communities



Warden Robert Parker represented the Municipality of Pictou County at the proclamation signing for Marathon of Respect and Equality.

District 7 Coun. David Parker laid a wreath at the Day of Mourning Ceremony in Trenton on April 28 on behalf of the Municipality of Pictou County.



District 3 Coun. Darla MacKeil presented a cheque during the Pictou County Christmas Fund Telethon in December 2018 on behalf of the Municipality of Pictou County.

Council recognized Epilepsy Awareness Day in March. Council signed a proclamation and wore purple ribbons in support of the day.





The Municipality of Pictou County recently proclaimed Feb. 17 -23 as Women’s Institute Week. On hand for the proclamation signing were, from the left: Lynn MacLean, Betty Ann Battist, Provincial WI President Eleanor Lley, Warden Robert Parker, Lyons Brook WI Branch President Ruth Mackay, Shelia Reynolds and Betty Doucet.

Municipality of Pictou County Warden Robert Parker, left, attended a ceremony in March that honoured former Pictou County Military Museum Manager Vincent Joyce with a prestigious Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers from the Governor General of Canada.



Kim Hill, centre, owner of the Highlander Beverage Room accepts a plaque from Pictou Coun. Dan Currie, left, and Municipality of Pictou County Coun. Debi Wadden in recognition of its Safe Drive Home initiative. A second plaque was given to Tony Dolan, owner of Fat Tony’s in Pictou for a similar Safe Drive Home program.

District 9 Coun. Peter Boyle presented Spurgeon MacDonald with a certificate on behalf of the Warden, and Council for his dedication to sports and the children of Pictou County on February 22, 2019.



District One Meals on Wheels



CONTEST WINNER

Delrosa Stewart of Linacy was the winner of a recent contest in honour of the Municipality of Pictou County's 140th Incorporation. Congrats Delrosa and we hope you enjoy your \$140 Gift Card to the Pictou Lodge and Resort.

We want to hear about your upcoming event!

The Municipality of Pictou County has its own website, Facebook and Twitter pages that keep local residents up to date on Council News, Community Events. Contact us today so we can advertise your event free of charge on our sites.



If you would like an event or group contact information posted, contact Sueann Musick at sueann.musick@munpict.ca.



- Operates from September to June.
- Delivers Wednesdays at noon.
- The kitchen volunteers begin at 8 a.m. (Wed.) and the drivers arrive at 11:15 a.m.
- It's current area is the entire Shore Road (Hwy #245) from Lismore to Sutherland's River (and area), Barney's River Station, Bailey's Brook and more.
- The cost is \$7 per meal and all meals are prepared fresh, from basic ingredients, not processed food. Volunteers try to use as much local produce as they can be obtained, and local Gov't inspected meat when available. It also accepts donations of food.
- It welcomes new volunteers, especially from French River/Telford/ Woodfield areas to serve those communities (delivery). Call Heather, 902-926-2574, if you are interested or have questions.

Barney's River School House Museum open for Season

Directions:

Take Exit 29 between New Glasgow and Antigonish off the Trans Canada Highway.

Hours of Operation:

July 1st – August 25th

Tuesday to Saturday

Noon to 5 p.m.

Monday Closed

Visits by appointment after August 26 by calling 902-924-2271.



Murray Quintuplets Recognized



Descendants of the Murray Quintuplets attended a special ceremony in their honour in Council Chambers. Warden Robert Parker, left, and District 9 Coun. Peter Boyles unveil a plaque dedicated to the birth of the Murray Quintuplets. The arrival of the three girls and two boys, all weighing less than 4lbs each, marked the first recorded birth of quintuplets in Canada. Unfortunately, the children died shortly after their birth. The plaque is hanging in the foyer of the Administration Building for the Municipality of Pictou County. Local historians Clyde Macdonald and Philip MacKenzie presented a photo of the quintuplets which will hang in the new community centre being built in the Hillside area.



Council Purchases AED Machines for Local Community Centres

The Municipality of Pictou County has invested in life saving devices for local community buildings. Council recently approved the purchase of eight automated external defibrillators (AED) that will be placed in local community centres as well as one arena. The machines are portable devices that check heart rhythm. If needed, it can send an electric shock to the heart to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs can be used to treat sudden cardiac arrest which is a condition when the heart suddenly stops beating. A training video is provided with each machine for volunteers or staff to watch. Each device will be mounted to a wall and the portable devices can be removed for use. Seven districts were selected in a random draw and in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the remaining districts will have machines.



Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena Manager Wayne Buttler and District 10 Coun. Randy Palmer hang an AED machine purchased by the Municipality in the arena.

Safety Concerns Addressed at Trenton Connector Meeting

District 8 Coun. Larry Turner held a public meeting to address safety concerns about the Abercrombie Road/Trenton



Connector. The Department of Transportation has since made improvements to the area that include larger light standards and changing to the light sequencing. A traffic count is also being conducted. A traffic study is planned for the future.

Pictou County Regional Enterprise Network Established



Sarah MacIntosh-Wiseman is the CEO of the newly formed Pictou County Regional Enterprise Network. The PCREN is a not-for-profit organization tasked with driving economic development in Pictou County. Through a partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, the municipalities and Pictou Landing First Nation, the PCREN aims to increase the prosperity of region through innovative approaches to economic development and partnership building.

**112 Provost Street, Suite C
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Mobile: (782)440-2255**

Community Flags Welcome

The Municipality of Pictou County has a new flagpole in front of its administration building. The pole can be used by community groups celebrating special events or awareness months. For more information, contact the Municipality of Pictou County at 902-485-4311.

Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame



The Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame is looking for volunteer for the following activities: General accounting duties such as banking and preparing financials, paying bills. Minimum time estimated two to three hours every two months. New board members are welcome. A recording secretary is also needed. Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. If you are interested, contact the hall at 902-755-1755.

Pictou County Gymnastics Club's

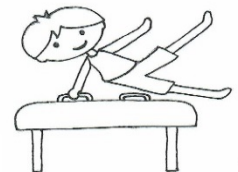
Summer Day Camp Programs

Open to members and non-members



Fun filled weeks of gymnastics, crafts, games and more.

Fridays are Trenton Park days for weekly Day Camps.



Daily Rate - \$35

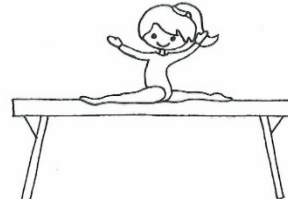
Weekly Themes:
Amazing race/Ninja Warrior Day - July 2-5 (4 days - \$130)
Holidays/Disney - July 8-12 (5 days - \$160)
Cool/Crazy Science - July 15-19 (5 days - \$160)
Treasure Hunters - July 22- 26 (5 days - \$160)
Olympics/ Movin & Groovin - July 29 - Aug 2 (5 days - \$160)
Survivor - Aug 6 - 9 (4 days - \$130)

Day Camps (ages 5-13)
Mon/Tues - Fri, 8am - 4pm

Preschool Camps (ages 3-5)
Mon/Tues - Thurs, 8am - 12pm
(weekly- \$65/\$50 or daily- \$20)

Summer Rec (ages 5-13) Hourly Rec classes Tues & Thurs from 4pm-8pm
\$15/hr per athlete. (24hr notice required)

Registration taking place at the Pictou County Gymnastics Club, during hours of operation.
pictoucountygymnasticsclub.com for more information.



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New Glasgow
902-695-3699



East Pictou High School Reunion



Councillors who attended East Pictou Rural High School include, from the front left: Chester Dewar, Andy Thompson and Randy Palmer. Back, left: Don Butler, Darla MacKeil and Peter Boyles

JULY 19, 2019

EPRH Alumni Best Ball Golf Tournament

1 p.m. tee off at Glen Lovat Golf Course, Fraser's Mountain. Pre-registration mandatory.

Meet and Greet – 6-10 p.m.

EPRHS, Sutherland's River

This is a 19+ Event

Kitchen Party with host Comedian Peter White (Class '01) and East Coast Entertainment

730-930 p.m. at EPRHS

19+ Event with cash bar

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019

Open House of EPRHS

Outdoor entertainment, food trucks – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EPRHS. This is family friendly event.

Closing Ceremonies

4-430 p.m.

Rink Dance featuring Rawlin's Cross (with opening act River Rat) 9p.m.-1 a.m.

Ivor MacDonald Memorial Rink

Upcoming Events

June 21 – 22: Music Mountain Weekend – Thorburn

June 22: 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. LORDA Park will be hosting its Fish for a Wish fundraiser for the Children's Wish.

June 22: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pictou County Walk for Muscular Dystrophy - Scotsburn Fire Department - Join us for the Walk for Muscular Dystrophy and help raise funds to support Canadians impacted by neuromuscular disorders. The Walk for Muscular Dystrophy is a fully accessible community event that is fun for families, friends and all community members!

June 23: Merigomish Schoolhouse Concert - Daniel Lapp and Stephanie Cadman. Workshop at 3 p.m., Barbecue at 5 p.m. and Concert at 7 p.m. These are two of the original cast of BowFire that featured 10 of the finest virtuoso violinists of all styles.

June 30-September 1: River John Sunday Market. Every Sunday at the Lismore Sheep Farm in River John.

July 1-7: Pride Pictou County

July 3: Children's Literary Festival, Word Play, at Mable Murple's Book Shop and Dreamery, River John.

July 5-7: Pictou Lobster Carnival, Pictou

July 6: Read by the Sea, River John

July 7: River John Lions Club Chicken BBQ

July 12-14: 50th Anniversary Celebrations for the RJs. For info call Lynn at 902-351-2640/Carol at 902-351-2897

July 14: The Strawberry Tea will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the Durham Community Hall, 1679 Green Hill Road. The tea features strawberry shortcake, sandwiches and tea/coffee.

July 13: Lobster Supper at Salem United Church, River John

July 19-20: Music Mountain Blues Weekend, Thorburn

July 21: The 5th Annual Poker Run for Burn Survivors' Camp Connect is set for Bible Hill on July 21st. Motorcycles will be coming through our area on Sunday for the inaugural Poker Run to support the camp for burn survivors.

Registration is from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The cost is \$10 a hand. There will be a BBQ, 50/50, best hand and prizes. For more information contact: Steve or Dee Stewart 902-752-8334 or Dave: 902-471-4328.

By-Law Enforcement

The Municipality of Pictou County has a By-Law Enforcement Officer that oversees the enforcement of the County's By-Laws that include dangerous and unsightly properties, animals at large, removal of deceased whales and seals from beaches as well as dog control. The By-Law Enforcement Officer can be reached at 902-485-8640.

Long Time Service

The Municipality of Pictou County recognized employees with long service awards which started at five years of service and increased by increments of five up to 40-plus years. staff who were recognized for their years of service included:

10 years

Kevin Burley
Jennifer Boyce
Brian Cullen
Richard Daley
Angela Graham
Anne MacCarthy

15 years

Jane Johnson

20 years

Dan Fortune
Mike McKenzie
Ebon MacMillan

25 years

Cindy Fraser

30 years

Theresa Welsh

35 years

Kenda Grant

40 years

Carolyn MacIntosh

40-plus years

Karen Cornish

July 19-21: River John Festival Days

July 20-21: Melmerby Triathlon, Melmerby Beach, Little Harbour

July 21: 8th Annual Seafoam Lavender Festival Seafoam Lavender Company & Gardens, 3768 Route 6 (Seafoam), River John

July 21: Sheep and Wool Day of Lismore Sheep Farm

July 26: Dragon Boat Festival, New Glasgow

August 2-4: New Glasgow Riverfront Jubilee, Glasgow Square, New Glasgow

Aug 3-4: Northumberland Quilt Guild Annual Show and Sale

Aug. 8-10: Pictou County Seniors Festival

Aug. 9-10: Black Top Ball, The Ponds, Merigomish

Aug 10: JDRF Ride for a Cure, Pictou

Aug. 16-17: Music Mountain Rock Weekend, Thorburn

Aug. 17: Pictou Motorcycle Show

Aug. 31 – Sept. 1: Big Cove YMCA Camp, 130th Celebrations Sutherland's River

Sept. 3: Exercise classes are held every Tuesday and Friday at the Durham Comm. Hall from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Sept. 4: Fraser MacLeod Memorial Show and Shine, Westville

Sept. 4-8: Pictou North Colchester Exhibition, Pictou.

Sept. 7: Pictou County Kennel Club, all Breed Show, Stellarton

Sept. 11: Nova Scotia Harbour Swim. Take the plunge in support of the United Way. Pictou Swim will take place at 5 p.m. Contact marylou.burke@novascotia.ca

Sept. 11: Jam session begin at the Durham Community Hall from 7-9 p.m. Silver collection and a shared lunch.

Sept. 15: Terry Fox Run

Oct. 19: Roast Beef Dinner, Plymouth Fire Hall – 4 to 6 p.m. (or until sold out) Price \$12 Eat in or take out available for tickets. Call 902-752-8657.

Nov. 5-10: Pinty's International Curling Event, Pictou County Wellness Centre

Nov. 16: Coffee Party Plymouth Fire Hall – 10 a.m. to Noon. Adults \$8, child \$4. Bake table, New to You table.

Position Available on Planning Advisory Committee

The Municipality of the County of Pictou currently has a vacancy for the following volunteer position:

Planning Advisory Committee (1 position)

2-year term, expiring November 2021.

The Committee is responsible to advise Municipal Council respecting the preparation or amendment of planning documents and planning matters generally. The Municipality will also be undertaking a process to comply with minimum planning standards for the province of Nova Scotia over the next three years. Residents of the Municipality interested in serving in this volunteer capacity should submit a letter of application to the Municipality of Pictou County. Letters can be mailed to PO Box 910, Pictou, NS, B0K 1H0, dropped off at 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou, or e-mailed to carolyn.macintosh@munpict.ca To be considered eligible for consideration, applicants must be a resident of the Municipality and must have lived in the Municipality for a minimum of six (6) months. Applications should include a brief biography which details any previous or related experience and skills that would be an asset to this position and must supply three professional and/or volunteer related references.



Linacy School Demolished

The former Linacy School has been taken down and the land is in the process of being conveyed to the Linacy Fire Department. Verhagen Demolition had the lowest bid of \$42,000 for the project. The Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education recently declared the former Linacy School as surplus property and it was turned back over to the Municipality of Pictou County. The County made the decision to demolish the building.

Work complete on MacLellan's Brook Road Water Line

About 30 homeowners on MacLellans Brook Road will soon be hooked to a new water line. The water main replacement project began in November by S.W. Weeks Construction and stretched a kilometre and a half along the road. The work is an addition to the Plymouth and MacLellan's Brook Water Project which took place in districts 10 and 11 in 2017 that allowed residents to receive wastewater services. The cost of this phase of the project is \$432,976.35 which was shared between the federal government and the Municipality of Pictou County.

Water and Sewer Hook Ups Available

The Municipality of Pictou County recently completed a \$2.1 million project for the 25 residents of Alma-Springfield Estates that will allow them to connect to the Municipality's new wastewater and water services. The Municipality of Pictou County recently competed a \$1.6 million project in Abercrombie that will allow 35 houses on Granton Abercrombie Road as well as those located on Ash Lane and South Hill Drive to connect to its new wastewater service. For more information on whether your property is serviced by wastewater infrastructure, please contact our GIS Department at (902) 485-1201.

District 9 News

On behalf of District 9, I want to thank all the volunteers, you are the heart of our community and are highly valued.

The Linacy Fire Department will host District 9's Annual Family Fun Day in September. This is such an awesome event for families along with being a great teaching opportunity. The firefighters use interactive strategies to teach fire safety and fire prevention to all ages. Once again thank you to the Linacy Fire Department for their tremendous service to our community.



The Linacy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary had several successful projects with the latest being their Ham and Salad Dinners. A big thank you to this group of ladies who conduct many projects every year in support of the Linacy Fire Department. They welcome new members. Hillside Community Society is planning several fundraisers this summer. They will be hosting numerous BBQ's and a couple of yard sales. The dates of these events will be announced soon. Please support this worthy cause. The group has purchased the land and are now working hard to raise funds for construction. If you have some time to volunteer and would like to join the group call Sadie Boyles at 902-755-3938. Thank you, Hillside Community Society for all your hard work and dedication to improving our community.

On February 2, 2019, I witnessed a piece of District 9 history being secured. The historic birth of the Murray Quintuplets was commemorated with a plaque in the presence of 40 descendants of the Murray Quintuplet's family and local residents. I brought the motion of having a plaque to commemorate the birth of the country's first documented set of quintuplets forward to Council after speaking with Cory Hartling. He did considerable research

regarding the Murray Quintuplets and had suggested that their birth should be commemorated.

Many residents have voiced their concerns, frustrations and fears to me regarding our current health care system, our mental health care crisis, long wait times and the shortage of primary care physicians. I share your same concerns. Pictou County Warden Robert Parker, Pictou Mayor Jim Ryan and New Glasgow Mayor Nancy Dicks have been appointed by Shared Services to look at the current status of mental health services in the county and have met with Nova Scotia Health Authority. Please note the walk-in clinic will be closed for 4 weeks this summer and when the clinic reopens the hours of operation will have changed. I will relay your concerns to the Nova Scotia Health Authority and Nova Scotia Health and Wellness.

The condition of our roads continues to be an ongoing challenge. Most roads in our rural areas are under provincial control. However, I will continue to lobby for road and safety improvements and will bring your concern to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Please call me with any road issues and I will do my best to assist. Many residents expressed to me road safety concerns regarding the Trenton Connector intersection area because of the number of traffic collisions that have taken place there in the past. A public meeting was held in January in Pictou County and some improvements have been made at the busy intersection to help ease traffic safety concerns in the area. If you have any ideas of how we can continue to improve our communities or have any issues or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Congratulations to all the university, college and Grade 12 graduates on the completion of their studies and to all other students, congratulations on a successful year.

**Coun. Peter Boyles – peter.boyles@munpict.ca
902-755-3938**

Streetlight Repairs

A streetlight outside of the home is now dark. Who do you call to have the light repaired?

The Municipality of Pictou County currently owns and maintains 2250 streetlights, but there are many in rural Pictou County that it doesn't own because they are privately or provincially owned and are maintained by Nova Scotia Power.

What to do if a streetlight is not working in your district:

- Call the Municipality of Pictou County at **902-485-1201** to report the non-working streetlight.
- The Municipality will take your information and determine if it is a streetlight it owns or if it is maintained by Nova Scotia Power.
- If it is owned by the Municipality of Pictou, its contractors will be notified, and a repair request will be submitted. Repair time depends on availability of contractors and the availability of equipment.
- If it is maintained by Nova Scotia Power, the homeowner will be asked to contact NSP directly.

District 8 News

There has been a lot activity in District 8 since our last newsletter. We are continuing to build value into our communities. Both the Springfield Estates and the Abercrombie sewer and water projects have been completed. These communities are well positioned for growth as sewer and water are certainly desirable when planning to build. Our community centres and fire departments are very active in District 8. Our volunteers are continuing to do a great job. As council moves forward, we are undertaking several impactful initiatives. Council has embarked on a new recreation strategy. This initiative will enhance recreation activity throughout the county. Along with this initiative we are pursuing a high-speed internet project. This is extremely important to the economic, educational and social fabric of the county. The intersection in Abercrombie has long been a concern of the residents in the county. It is certainly a top priority in our council. We are striving to bring the intersection to safer interchange. We are continuing to supply support to our community through our grants. Our municipality continues to be in a good financial position. If you have any specific issues that you would like to speak to me about, please feel free to contact me. Enjoy your summer.

**Coun. Larry Turner - larry.turner@munpict.ca
902-921-1227**



Municipality of Pictou County Approves \$17 Million Budget for 2019-2020

The Municipality of Pictou County has approved a \$17 million budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Tax rates of .81 cents residential and \$1.82 commercial will remain unchanged which is good news for residents and businesses operating in rural Pictou County.

Council has also made an \$8 million investment in improving rural internet service. In 2017, the Municipality formed an ad-hoc communications committee to identify and address communications issues faced by its residents. The committee's mandate is to facilitate for the residents of the Municipality of the County of Pictou an accountable, affordable, and high-quality telecommunications network that serves anticipated residential and commercial needs. This essential service will be fundamental to the future economic prosperity, social development and educational needs. More information on this will follow as the project progresses in 2019.



Ray Strickland - SNAPS



Wendy Doggett - SNAPS

SNAPS Provides Unique Views of Pictou County

The Scotsburn Northumberland Amateur Photography Society (SNAPS) was started seven years ago by David Hache and his wife Christine Whelan. The group now meets the first Wednesday of every month at Northumberland High School from Sept to June at 7 p.m. Each meeting, there are guest speakers talking and displaying various photography topics. It has over 60 active members and over 700 followers on Facebook. Throughout the year, it has a monthly photo outing on weekends for members to learn and develop their skills with the help of more advanced members.

Municipality Purchases Tick Kits to Protect its Employees

The Municipality of Pictou County is taking an extra step to protect its employees from ticks. Councillors approved a motion during May's meeting to purchase AtlanTick Kits which will be used by its staff and summer recreation students. District 9 Coun. Peter Boyles said the kits are used by Nova Scotia Power employees and it would be beneficial to have them on hand for municipal employees who work outdoors.

"So many people that could use them. It would be nice if we get some kits to put out for the summer programs," he said.



Warden Robert Parker signs a proclamation declaring May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month

The AtlanTick kits were developed in partnership with Acadia University and include a magnifying glass, a pair of painted tweezers, two AtlanTick TickPicks, bandages, alcohol swabs, a pair of latex gloves, a tick identification card, a vial to put ticks in once removed and a bonus 10 ml sample bottle of AtlanTick Outdoor Spray.

More information on the AltanTick Kits and its outdoor spray can be found on its website <https://www.atlantick.ca/the-science-behind-atlantick> or [county.pictou.ns.ca](https://www.county.pictou.ns.ca)