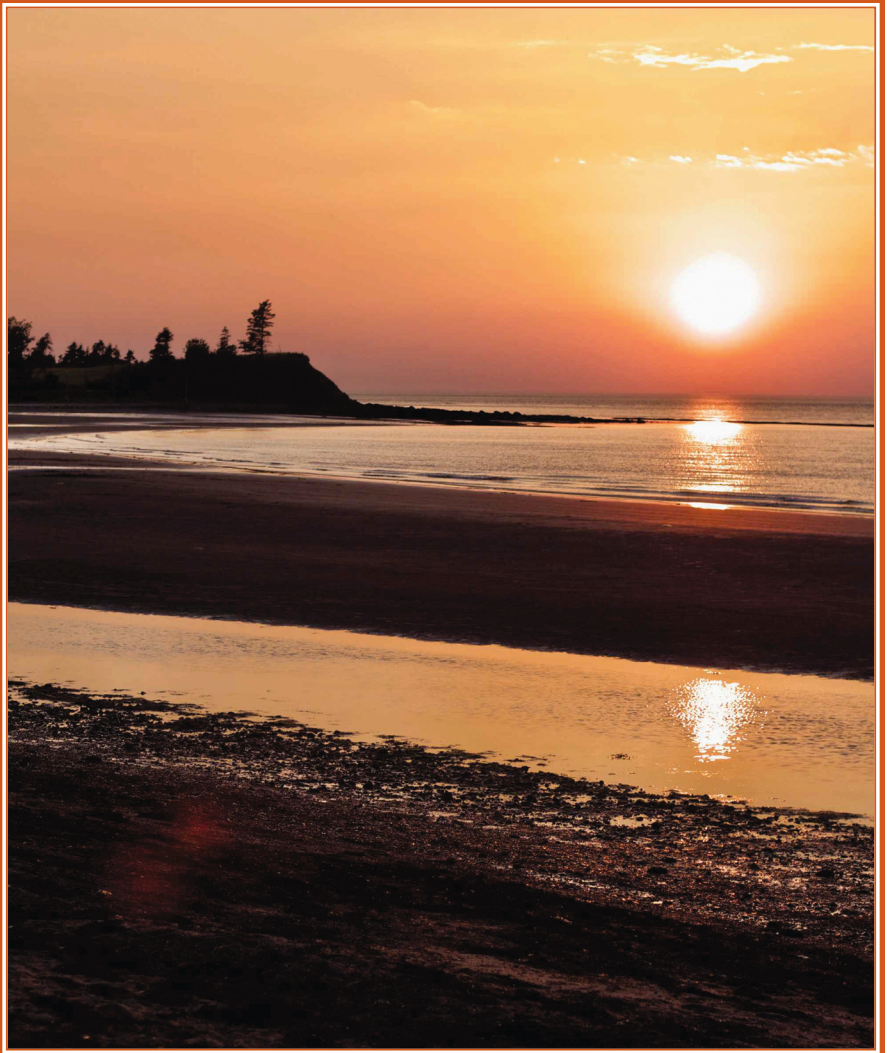


**Municipality of Pictou County**



# *Rural News & Views*

**Winter 2018**



*Photo – Waterside Beach*

*Photo by John Musick*



# Message from the Warden

by Robert Parker



Greetings from your Municipal Council as we mark the half way point of our four year term for this Council.

Our Council meets at twice a month – at our regular Council meeting on the first Monday of the month, and our regular committee meeting on the third Monday of each month. Other meetings are held on an ‘as needed’ basis usually on Mondays but this schedule is flexible. All meetings are ‘open’ public meetings and we would like to have more people attend, as the decisions made, will often affect you directly. We know that many of you lead busy lives and cannot attend, so we are doing a couple of things to help keep you better informed of your Council’s activities and decisions. Our new improved website was launched a few months back and you will find it informative and easier to use. In addition, we have hired a new ‘communications officer’, whose main focus will be to better inform our tax-paying residents and businesses about Council policies, decisions and future activities. This will allow you to be better informed so you can provide feedback through your councillor on what you would like to see happening in our beautiful rural municipality.

Not unlike any level of government,

jobs and healthcare are major items on our agenda; although in many cases, decisions rest with the two senior levels of government.

On the jobs front, our Municipal Economic Working Group, comprised of councillors from all six municipalities, has officially been transformed into a REN (Regional Economic Network); and is made up of a Board of Directors who will soon hire a CEO to lead their efforts on a daily basis. This group will be led by business and community representatives and their main task is to attract business (and thus, jobs) to Pictou County. The REN was fortunate to find seven very capable individuals willing to devote their time and energy to serve on this volunteer board. The Province and the six Municipalities, along with Pictou Landing First Nations will share in paying the expenses for this REN with all parties committed for a start-up period of five years.

On the healthcare front, our Municipality has agreed to pay its share (approximately 50% of 1/3 Municipal Contribution) \$24,100 for the next five years to employ a specialist to help recruit more doctors to Pictou County. This is a Nova Scotia Health Authority responsibility so this person will be assisting the Northern Zone recruiter, but will be specifically focused on Pictou

County. On the mental health front, the Mayors and Warden have set up an ad-hoc committee to investigate and help find solutions to the many concerns expressed by our residents about mental health services in Pictou County, specifically at the Aberdeen Hospital. We realize this is not a 'municipal' responsibility but we feel an obligation to speak to senior levels of government about the troubling stories we hear from our constituents. Hopefully, these two efforts will help lead to better healthcare in our County.

Your Council's committees continue to work hard on communications (high speed internet and cellular), energy and recreation. I am optimistic that their efforts will lead to positive

results in the last two years of our mandate. Listen for updates over the next few months.

There are many other topics that I would like to update you on, but space does not permit. That is why I am pleased to announce that Sueann Musick will be our new 'Communications Officer'. Sueann's main task will be to keep you informed, but also for you to inform her, so that 'YOUR' Council can do a better job for 'YOU'.

Remember to honour our Veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

A wish, from myself and my fellow eleven councillors on your rural municipal government, for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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## East Pictou Rural High School

"EPRH – Together Forever" is the theme for the celebration of East Pictou Rural High School as the life of the school draws to a close. The big event will take place on the weekend of July 19th, 2019. The organizing committee encourages all who had

any connection to the school over the years to circle this weekend on their calendars and plan to attend. Also help us to spread the word through a variety of modern means of communications. A detailed program will be released in the near future.

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## Friends of Iona Park Association

The Iona Park is a natural green space on Route 374 between New Glasgow and Sheet Harbour. It provides a place for travelers to rest and utilize local facilities i.e. Service Station and Post Office. It is also to be used by the local population as a gathering place for picnics, nature walks and community events. This

would encourage visitors to come and enjoy our rural area and the beauty it has to offer and again utilize our facilities. The Iona Park restoration is a spin off in the ongoing development of the East River Valley.

For further information please contact Betty Dwyer at [bettyd63@gmail.com](mailto:bettyd63@gmail.com).

## District 9

Greetings from District 9

We had a hot hot summer and a beautiful fall; hopefully winter will also be kind to you. Here is an update of some of the activities that have taken place in District 9 over the last several months.

The Linacy Fire Department held their Annual Family Fun Day. This is really an awesome event for families along with being a great chance to reconnect with neighbours and make new friends. Everyone had a fantastic time. The cotton candy and bouncy houses are always a big hit but this year the new Fire Simulator really captured everyone's attention. The Linacy Firemen taught the children and adults alike many fire safety measures to prevent fires and strategies that could save a life. The Linacy Firemen host this fun and educational community event free of charge. I would encourage everyone if you are able to contribute to the Linacy Fire Department when you see their fireman's boot out to collect donations. The Linacy Firemen did the barbequing at the Seniors Festival in Trenton. I hear the pork chops were delicious. District 9 takes this opportunity to thank the Linacy Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary for all their service to our community.

District 9 would like to congratulate Steve and Dee Stewart on being recognized by the residents of Pictou County for all their tremendous work for the Burn Treatment Society, camp and burn survivors. For over 17 years the Stewarts have volunteered their

service in support of the Nova Scotia Fire Fighters Burn Treatment Society which provides opportunities for burn survivors. Steve and Dee, you make Pictou County proud!

The Hillside Community Society held its first fundraiser this June and it was very successful. The group continues to work hard to raise funds to improve our community with a much needed community center in Hillside. Presently, the group has just purchased the land for the Community Center. If you have some time to volunteer and would like to join the group please contact Sadie Boyles at 902-755-3938.

The Hillside Girls Club celebrated its 75th anniversary in July. Past and present members came together to share stories, reminisce and reacquaint. I attended the anniversary party; one could just feel the spirit of the club in the room. My wife and daughter were both members of the Hillside Girls Club. The club was originally started by founder Anna Carmichael and continues to operate today under the leadership of Ellen Murphy and Sandra Hattie. Anyone interested in being a leader or helper are welcome to join! The Hillside Girls Club has resumed their activities at the North End Recreation Center.

This summer I participated in the information sessions with the Advisory Council for the implementation of a National Pharmacare Program. In Canada, we have a publicly funded health care system that is based on need



and not one's ability to pay. However, prescription drugs are not covered in a consistent way across the country and too many of us cannot afford the medications we need. Currently, Canada is the ONLY country with a national Medicare program that does not have a National Pharmacare Program. I believe strongly in this program and will continue to advocate for improvements to our health care system.

The Municipality of Pictou County will be placing a plaque to commemorate the birth of the country's first documented set of quintuplets born in Pictou County on February 15th, 1880. These historic babies were born to Mr. & Mrs. Adam Murray of Little Egypt Road. The babies, two boys and three girls, were delivered by Dr. William Fraser and all died within days of their birth.

On November 11th we gathered together to commemorate the courageous men and women, past and present, for their service to our country, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It is important to take time to remember and thank our Canadian heroes year round.

I would like to remind the residents of District 9 of the following two rebate programs as they have a timeline.

1. Property Tax Rebate for Seniors – Applications must be received by December 31, 2018.
2. The Heating Assistance Rebate Program – Applications must be received by March 31, 2019.

If you have any questions about the rebates, please call Service Nova Scotia toll free within Nova Scotia at 1-800-

670-4357 or 902-424-5200.

On a personal note, I would like to share two events from my life. My grandson Nolan Chisholm suffered an eye injury which has left him completely blind in his left eye. Nolan took this traumatic life event and turned it into an opportunity to raise awareness and to educate others regarding eye safety. Nolan, in partnership with MacGregor's custom Machining and S. Stewart's Excavation and Construction, presented Pictou County Habitat for Humanity with 50 pairs of safety glasses to be used during the first build which is expected to take place next year. We are so proud of this young man.

Also in August, our daughter Morgan was married to Pat DeWolfe. The wedding was beautiful and quite emotional for me. Although it was overwhelming to present my daughter to her groom, it helps to know that she is marrying a good man. So now Sadie and I are empty nesters except for our fur baby Ollie the dog.

Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, input or concerns at any time. On behalf of Sadie and myself, I extend to everyone our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

All the best to you and yours

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# District 11

It's with pride and pleasure to provide this update on projects happening in District 11. Working with community groups to make improvements to their halls and recreational facilities is rewarding for myself and the greater community. Our greatest strength is our volunteers.

The Plymouth/McLellan's Brook Wastewater Project is now complete. Many of the properties in this area are hooking into the central sewer. This infrastructure was much-needed in the area.

New home construction of houses and accessible rental properties are proof this is a growing community.

One final piece of infrastructure to complete is the McLellan's Brook water line extension. The contract to complete this work has been awarded to SW Weeks. Presently we are awaiting the NS Utilities & Review Board to approve the Municipality taking over the water main from the Town of New Glasgow. The reason New Glasgow's Water Utility owns this section is at the time installed in the mid-1970s the Municipality didn't have a water utility. Upon approval, the work on this section will start. When the waterline is installed the remainder of the road will be resurfaced.

As well, I am lobbying for a more accessible access for pedestrians in Blue Acres. Presently the section doesn't have a cement side walk. This area has a lot of active walkers, joggers and pedestrians who require a safer

way to travel. Costing, becoming a capital priority discussions will happen for a future budget season.

This year also saw a lot of community capital projects take place throughout District 11. Working with volunteer organizations we were successful in a number of grant applications to the three levels of government

The Garden of Eden Community Centre was successful in getting funding for their \$100,000 accessibility project. They received funding from all levels of government and is currently working on the addition to the building which will house two accessible washrooms. This community worked hard to make this a reality and they should be commended for this.

The Bridgeville Community Club was also successful in getting funding for their accessibility project. They received \$35,000 from the provincial Community Facilities Improvement Program (CFIP). The Municipality contributed \$20,000 for this project. When complete the community hall will have a new addition which will house the washrooms and a kitchen area. Along with this a new septic field will be installed.

The MacDonald Rebekah Lodge #108 recently completed a roofing project which was funded through a CFIP grant of \$8,400 and a Council grant of \$5,600. The funding went towards replacing the south side of the roof, and the installation of soffits, fascia and gutters around the

entire building which is located in Sunnybrae.

The East River Valley Recreation Association also experienced a number of improvements and investments in this Springville-based property. Through the hard work of community volunteers, a new backstop was installed on the ballfield, areas were cleared of small trees and alders to extend the outdoor play area and extend the walking track. Blaine McLane Excavating levelled off the area, built a berm to protect the walking track from washing out and seeded the area.

Recently, the volunteer association resurfaced the tennis/basketball courts. This work was funded by Municipal Service Grants from both District 11 and 12, a provincial Community Recreation Capital Grant \$5,000, community donations and funds raised by the Association through bottle drives, pizza fundraiser. The group will continue to fundraise for future capital improvements at this Recreation Complex.

The Plymouth Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary are presently adding a two bay piece onto the building which will accommodate the larger trucks. As well an addition on the back of the building will provide an entryway and add much needed storage for the many functions they have.

The Plymouth Community Centre was fortunate to receive a \$22,500 CFIP grant to repair the floor in the main hall and install an accessible front entrance. This is important work to make the building accessible to everyone. More recently the Association was successful in the

Solar for Community Building Pilot Program with their application for a solar system. This 22 kW photovoltaic (PV) will sell electricity back to Nova Scotia Power at a preferred rate. This will solve the energy operating costs and make the property sustainable for the long term. This will allow the volunteers to focus on the task of providing recreation to the broader community.

The communities within District 11 are receiving much needed attention. In total, over \$207,000 was awarded to community non-profits in the District. The projects listed above are only those receiving grants from the three levels of government. Halls like Churchville, Glencoe and the Springville Church Hall are also working to improve their halls. Other community groups are working on future projects.

Please stay tuned as I will be announcing some Community Days in some of the halls throughout District 11. These meetings will be in the new year. This will be an opportunity for residents to share their ideas to make our communities better places to live work and play. I look forward to meeting with you. Please stay tuned to community updates on my Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/andy4District11/?ref=bookmarks#>)

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## Mill Brook Community Club

It has been a busy year for members of the Mill Brook Community Club with three major fundraisers that included the Annual Mother's Day Turkey Dinner in May, apple pie making in October and Annual Christmas Craft Sale in November. These fundraisers allow the club to continue to operate as a community club and provide assistance to various organizations.

The Mother's Day Turkey Dinner involves two sittings and take outs are available. We have been told numerous times that we have the best turkey dinner in the area. The thing we can guarantee is that no one will go hungry.

Apple pie baking was a lot of work and a lot of fun. In total, we made 423 apple pies, bagged, boxed and ready for freezer. The pies are made on two separate Saturdays in October. That's a lot of dough to make and roll and more than 300 apples to peel. Emma Marshall was our youngest recruit and works really hard and we are grateful for her help. We would also like to thank the faithful people who purchase these pies.

The Annual Christmas Craft Sale in November is always a great success. Christmas music is playing and people go away with smiles on their faces. Thanks to all the crafters who supply items and to all our faithful friends, both old and new, who support the fundraiser.

We also contributed to the Salt Springs School breakfast program which helps ensure the children start the day right with a healthy, nutritious

breakfast.

The Mill Brook Community Club also hosted its Community Fitness Challenge from January to April and we surpassed our goal. This year, we had about 37 participants from age five and up. The challenge ended with a potluck at the community club and a final tally of 62,229 kms. This is a wonderful incentive to keep us moving and active through the long winter months.

The club continues to be involved with the Share the Warmth program which is the making of quilts for non-profit organizations. Atlantic Fabrics manager Debbie Greencorn helps coordinate the program and it provides the material to create warm quilts for less fortunate people. Last fall, our group got together several times and made 23 tie quilts for various sizes. This is a wonderful program for communities to get involved in. It is a wonderful feeling to know we are doing our part and maybe someday down the road, the good deed can be paid forward to someone else who is less fortunate.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in March, April, May, August, September, October (annual meeting) and November. Special meetings are held when necessary to plan upcoming events.

If you are a Facebook user, you can query Mill Brook Community and come up with our web page. We will try to post upcoming events and news about what is happening in the community.

The Hall is available to members and the community for birthday and anniversary parties, baby and wedding showers, family gatherings, etc. We have a very nice hall and we would love to see it being used for more events with more people involved. If you have an idea or would like to see a particular activity at the club, please let me know. The more active the community club is, the stronger

the community will be and this will ensure the future of the club. For further information you can contact Snookie (Anna) Hirtle at 902-755-2820, Faye Fraser at 902-396-4275 or Mary Chesnutt at 902-396-3798.

Thanks again for everyone's support in all our endeavours. By working/playing together we will have a stronger and happier community.

## Hillside Girls Club



2018 has been a memorable year for Hillside Girls Club! We celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club which was founded by the late Anna Carmichael, and has continually provided activities for the girls attending. A Meet and Greet was held in July, and was well attended by former and present members, many of whom shared their memories of the good times at HGC, and some even brought along projects they had made so many years ago.

Councillor Peter Boyles and Warden Robert Parker were present and both acknowledged Ellen Murphy and Sandra Hattie for their dedication

to HGC for 50+ years. Warden Parker made a presentation of a plaque to both and wished them many more years with the group.

The groups is open to girls who are four years of age (and in school) and older. The leaders teach age-appropriate crafts, sewing and knitting, etc. while having fun and learning to be kind and respectful of each other. We also support the local SPCA with donations for the local shelter.

Anyone interested in being a leader or helper are most welcome! For further information please contact Ellen Murphy at 902-755-1801.

# Little Harbour Fire Department

Once again, we remind you to check that your smoke alarm is working and has good batteries. It is a good idea to change your batteries when you change your clocks, spring and fall. It is recommended

that you replace your smoke alarms every 10 years. For those with alarms answered by alarm companies, it is important that they have your proper civic address, as some alarms are answered outside of Nova Scotia and do not work with 911, and sometimes the alarm company gives the wrong address or wrong Fire Department coverage.

This year was the 19th year doing fire prevention week classroom visitation to FH MacDonald and Thorburn schools. It involves six Fire Departments doing a different presentation to individual classes from Primary to Grade Five. Thanks must go out to these departments for their commitment over the past 19 years - Barney's River, Blue Mountain, Merigomish, Pictou Landing, Linacy and Little Harbour. Most of the presenters have to take time off work to help with this. Again this year, we also had assistance from Little Harbour Fire Auxiliary.

This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is Look, Listen, Learn. With look, people should look for potential fire dangers in their



home. For example, people who smoke should be aware of things like dry grass and leaves when they discard cigarette butts. When it comes to listen, people need to keep an ear out for any alarms in their home. Families should also learn two ways out of each room in their home. With new construction methods and modern furnishing today's homes burn faster and hotter than those of the pre 1970's. We encourage you to draw up an escape plan and practice it so everyone knows the two ways out of each room and where the meeting place is. If your escape involves using a ladder make sure you practice that as well. It's better to find out that someone won't climb down a ladder before an emergency happens so you can come up with an alternative plan.

The civic numbering system is very important to fire departments, police, ambulance, etc. Make sure it is visible from the road in both directions and in low light conditions. With days getting shorter and summer growth, it is more difficult to find the signs. If you require a civic number or repairs to existing numbers, please contact

any member of the Fire Department. The cost per sign including post and installation is the same as last year \$40.00.

We have a trailer at the Fire Hall collecting refundable containers with funds going to the food bank. We will be hosting a Christmas Tree Lighting and Open House on December 4th at 6:30 pm, with tree lighting at 7:00 pm. Hot apple cider, hot chocolate and sweets will be supplied by the Ladies Auxiliary. This event is open to all residents of Little Harbour Fire District. Santa will be there with treats for the children.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Pancake Breakfast –**

**April 14, 2019 – 10:00 am**

**Salmon Supper –**

**August 11, 2019 – 3:00 pm**

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and leave you with the following tips:

1. Install several smoke/heat detectors on each floor. Be sure there is one in the garage as well. It is recommended that you replace these alarms every 10 years. For those with home alarms systems answered by alarm companies it is important that the alarm company have your proper civic address, as some alarms are answered outside of Nova Scotia and do not work with 911. This can result in delays responding and the wrong fire department being dispatched.

2. Make sure there is a fire extinguisher in the kitchen where it can be

reached for a stove fire, but not next to the stove.

3. If you have a wood stove, be sure you have a metal container for emptying the ashes. Do not store the container on the porch. It needs to be 5 feet away from any structure.

4. If you have people that smoke on the porch outside, the butt container should be 5 feet away from any structure.

5. Gas cans for the mowers and saws should not be stored in the home or near any heat or fire ignition source.

6. Propane barbeques should not be used on a porch with a roof. If you have one on a deck it should be on the side away from the house.

7. If you have a circuit breaker in the house that often trips when you use certain appliances, the circuit is overloaded and could start a fire. Get an electrician to install a separate circuit.

8. Post your house numbers on the street visible from both directions. Clear away brush that may be blocking the sign. The fire truck or ambulance may not be coming from the direction you normally travel.

## **SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES**

**MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS PERFORM AS INTENDED  
– WHEN YOU NEED THEM THE MOST**

- **TEST** smoke alarms monthly
- Change the **BATTERIES** every year
- Beware of **CHIRPING** smoke alarms – it's time to replace the batteries
- Replace older smoke alarms – **REPLACE** alarms that are more than 10 years old
- Know the **SOUND** of the smoke alarm and what to do if the alarm goes off



**REMEMBER, ONLY WORKING SMOKE  
ALARMS CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

# Little Harbour Community Centre



We have had another very busy year at the Community Centre, and wish to thank everyone in the community for continuing to support our events. Over the past few months, we have had various fundraisers and events including: a Christmas Dinner, Chef's Night, Yard Sale, Pub Days, Brunch, Kids' Days, Halloween Dance, Halloween party for kids, a Craft Sale, and many more bookings! Seniors' Luncheons are now taking place monthly and continue to be successful. We are so thankful to be able to offer these events.

In the past few years, we have updated the exterior of the Community Centre, including landscaping. We also completely renovated the bar, added a fully-accessible family washroom (with baby-change station), and completely renovated both of our other washrooms! It is a lovely, air-conditioned facility with a full kitchen and capacity of 200 people. We would really like to thank our dedicated volunteers who give so freely of their time and skills. Your contributions made these updates possible!

Over the past year, we were actively fundraising for a new playground at the Community Center, and are extremely proud to have raised enough money and completed the project in October! The playground is a wonderful addition to our community and will be enjoyed for many years to come.

Our biggest annual fundraiser is coming up on December 3rd: The Christmas In The Harbour Turkey Dinner! We also have Seniors' Luncheons happening on the last Thursday of each month (except for December). Come join us for darts every Friday evening at 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

For up to date information on all of our events, booking rates, and contact information, follow us on Facebook, or visit [www.LittleHarbourNS.com](http://www.LittleHarbourNS.com). If you would like to book an event, please contact Freda Hepditch at 902-752-3768. New volunteers are always welcome, and we would love to have new members join our Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact us!



# Thorburn Fire Department

The Thorburn Fire Department has responded to 40 emergency calls as of mid-October. This will probably evolve to about 50 calls for the year, which has been our average for the past few years.

We are constantly trying to upgrade our capabilities to serve our coverage area. One of these upgrades was the purchase of a new set of battery-powered “extrication tools”, commonly known as “jaws of life”. These new tools are more user friendly, and much quicker to put in service.

Upon arriving on scene, we don our turn-out gear, take the tools out of their cabinet, flip a switch, and we are ready to perform the job required. No more pump and hoses, and much less noise. Another upgrade has been the purchase of a pre-owned fire service utility truck from a fire truck dealer in Alberta. It is a 2015 Ford 250, 4 x 4, 5 person cab, fully equipped with a cap, pull-out trays, full complement of emergency lights, reflective stripping, and our own department decals. It replaces a smaller 2005 GMC pick-up, which has been sold. Known as Utility 18, this truck responds to all calls. It carries our Medical First Response

gear, traffic control signs, extra air paks, and other pieces of equipment. It also tows the trailer carrying our “Off-Road Rescue Unit”.

As winter approaches, we ask that anyone who burns wood, in their homes or shops, to clean their chimneys and all smoke piping to ensure they are clear of any soot and creosote from the previous heating season. They should also check the condition of their chimneys, and replace any defective smoke piping.

Further along will be the Christmas season decorating chores. Please make sure all electrical wires and cords are in good condition, and that your circuits are not over-loaded. Practice good ladder safety when installing your decorations, and keep fire safety in mind, especially regarding Christmas trees inside the home.

We are always looking for new members. We meet at the Fire Hall located at 736 Marsh Road in Thorburn every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. If you would like to learn more about what is involved in being a volunteer firefighter, drop in for a chat.

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## Caribou Women’s Institute

The Caribou Women’s Institute meets on the second Monday of each month at the Bayview Community Hall in spring and fall. January through March (winter) we meet on Sunday afternoon in Pictou. As we meet new and old friends we try new

crafts, listen to guest speakers or plan a volunteer project. Come join us.

For further information please contact Faustina Smith at 902-485-8212 or Ruth Wortman at 902-382-2009.

## District One News

With the inconvenience of having the Sutherland's Bridge closed for the summer, residents here are once again happy to be travelling on a safe new structure to join us with the western part of the county. During this closure, movement within our communities stayed busy as Summer Recreation Programs, Foot Clinics, various concerts and other events were able to continue.

Coming up this fall and winter, we will be looking forward to our usual winter activities taking place at the Merigomish School House, Lismore Community Centre, and various Churches.

- The Annual Fitness Challenge began on November 25th at the Lismore Hall. This year's challenge will be in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One. We will challenge other districts and groups in Pictou County to, "get fit!" Call Don Butler at 902-926-2589 for more information.
- Meals On Wheels is in its 4th year

and is still open to new clients and volunteers to serve those clients. Delivery is Wednesday at noon at a cost of \$7.00 per meal. Call Heather at 902-926-2574 if you are interested.

- Plans are being made for the upcoming Senior's Outreach, beginning in January at the Lismore Hall.
- The Annual Karen Lynn MacDonald Allergy Awareness Society Variety Concert will take place November 30th at 7:30 pm at the Lismore Hall. Everyone is welcome to come! \$5.00 admission.
- Residents are urged to decorate their properties for the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest.

Do you have a few hours to spare? We have many non for profit groups in the area which are in need of volunteers. Many of these groups make our communities a better place to live. So much more is taking place and to keep up on these events, find them in our District One Newsletter and on our [www.eastpictoucommunity.ca](http://www.eastpictoucommunity.ca) web page.

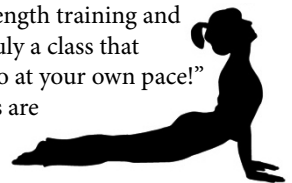
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**Tuesdays**  
**Scotsburn Rec Hall - 6:00 pm**

This yoga practice will be an all levels hatha vinyasa class. Class is a balance of movement and meditation, so participants may comfortably begin, or enhance their practice. Please wear comfortable clothing, and a mat if you have one, some mats will be available.

**Tuesdays & Thursday**  
**Scotsburn Rec Hall - 7:00 pm**

This fitness class is for all shapes, sizes and ages. A well rounded class of cardio, strength training and toning. Truly a class that you can "go at your own pace!" Some mats are available.



## Abercrombie Community Center



The Abercrombie Community Centre holds monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month at the Centre at 1:00 pm. New members always welcome.

Our Annual Night of Music will be held May 4, 2019.

Our last Flea Market for 2018 took place at the end of October. We will start again with the Flea Markets on the last Saturday of the Month, April

27th, 2019. We close down January, February and March.

Hall Rentals are available for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. with a special rate for members. We provide free rentals for funeral receptions. For rentals please contact Faye at 902-755-5447 and for further information please contact Marilyn at 902-752-8914.

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## Abercrombie Women's Institute

The Abercrombie Women's Institute meets the second Tuesday in the month.

We give gifts to Senior Shut-Ins at Christmas and we provide a street light in the yard for the Abercrombie Community Centre. We assist in the Craft Barn at the Exhibition in September each year and participate in

the projects for Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia. New Members Welcome!

President - Pat Christensen

Vice Pres. - Norma Morse

Secretary - Elizabeth Palmer

Treasurer - Vivian Ingham

For more information please contact Secretary, Elizabeth Palmer at 902-752-3826.

## *The Story of* **Pictou County Volunteer Ground Search And Rescue**

There are volunteers in Pictou County that are dedicated, trained, and skilled to find individuals who may find themselves “lost”. They are the Pictou County Volunteer Ground Search And Rescue (PCVGSAR). The team have been operating in Pictou County since 1996, but they are a behind-the-scenes organization as can only be called into action by the police.

So how do we know they exist? Currently, they do have a building with their name on it, purchased from the Little Harbour Fire Department, where they house their vehicle and equipment. The team has a general meeting the second Wednesday of the month held at Alma Fire Hall at 7:00 pm as the building in Little Harbour does not have meeting facilities or areas to train. We encourage people who wish to join to come to the meeting or email [pcvgsar@gmail.com](mailto:pcvgsar@gmail.com) for information as unfortunately we cannot publicize a phone number as people may think they can call us directly for a search.

As well PCVGSAR is a registered charity, meaning we are dependent on fundraising, donations and grants to buy equipment and vehicles. In 22 years, the team has been able to purchase a logistics vehicle, 4x4 Truck and an ICP trailer (that houses all the equipment, maps, and radios), while at the same time training Searchers, Team Leaders, Radio Operators

and Search Managers. All these positions take various levels of time commitment and practice to function well during a search. All positions are volunteer.

Then there is the volunteer commitment on the searches themselves. Searches can vary in time and location. A few may be just a call out and a stand down, which means someone has been thankfully found. Most times, volunteers answer to an automated call out, starting with SEARCH, SEARCH, SEARCH, and drive to a designated rendezvous point to meet search vehicles. From the rendezvous point, the team must drive to the search location, given by the police, then begin the search or support another GSAR team at a search already in progress. All searches require team resources, equipment and consumable items, like gas, water, food. Each volunteer must be dressed ready to go in any weather. The PCVGSAR team members are responsible for their own clothing and basic equipment like compasses and flashlights. No one is allowed to search without basic required equipment as the safety of the volunteers is paramount.

These are volunteers, who once summoned, put their training and experience to work, to help bring a loved one home. Our goal is always to bring the lost person home safe and sound to their family, but we have



to plan and be ready for all results from any search. Unfortunately not all searches have happy endings but providing closure is important to the families. There is Critical Incident Stress debriefing and counselling offered for those searches.

Besides searching some team members are trained to present Hug-A-Tree. This is a program to teach younger children how to avoid getting lost and what to do if they are lost in order to survive. Schools and community groups use this service which is offered free of charge to the community.

Some team members are Project Lifesaver Technicians. These specially trained members respond 24/7. Clients of this service who are at risk of wandering or becoming lost wear a radio transmitter bracelet. If a client

is missing, our technicians track the bracelet and find them.

So who are the members of Pictou County Volunteer Ground Search And Rescue? They are people of your community helping others. So please help them do their jobs by offering your talents. Join the team. If you cannot search we can use you for other positions. Apply at the address or use the email address in this article.

Financial help is very necessary to continue this public service. We would appreciate any community, corporate, or individual donations. Please advocate on the teams behalf to your councillors and provincial members of parliament in order to support our continued service. Our mailing address is PO Box 1144, Trenton, NS, B0K 1X1 or use the email address above to reach us.

## French River

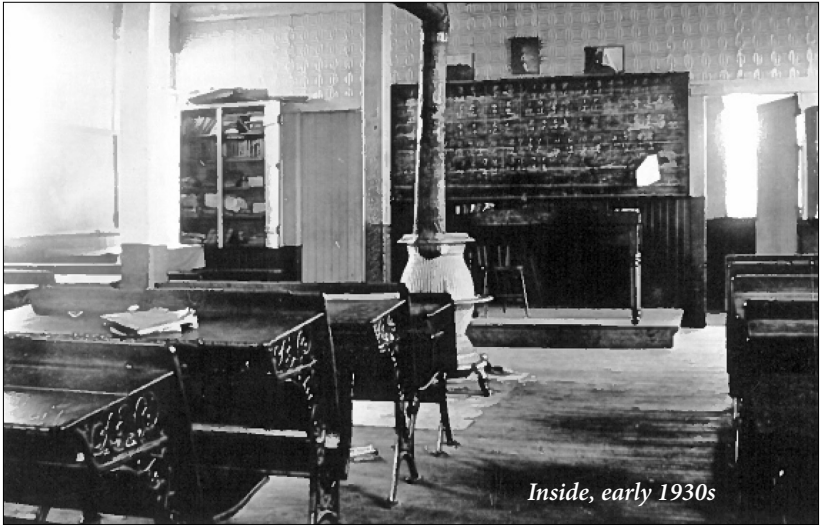
Come join the folks of French River and area on December 1st, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm as they host Warden Robert Parker to a meet and greet social. This will be a great opportunity to meet the Warden and to express any concerns you might have as well as to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea.

The former Presbyterian Church will provide a wonderful atmosphere as it will be decorated for the season and also feature the sale of baked goods, yard sale items and the opportunity to purchase items to enhance your home for the Christmas season.

## Bridgeville Community Club

It is not known when the first school was built or who the first teacher was, but there was evidence of at least three log schools around the community.

in this building in the early 1950's and they could still see evidence of a blackboard. The next school (the present building) was built on the same corner. It was a one room school



*Inside, early 1930s*

The first school built in the village was on the corner where Diane Swain lives now. It was built around 1840 by residents who volunteered their time and materials. Each family paid a certain amount towards the teacher's salary. The subjects taught were reading, writing and arithmetic. Clergymen and parents visited the school and conducted examinations. Even night classes were held for adults and included singing. When the district decided to sell this school in the 1870's it was moved to the property between the Bridgeville Church (now) and the East River. It was used as a slaughterhouse and later a blacksmith shop. My husband says he and his buddies used to play

with one teacher. In the winter of 1872-1873 Spelling Bees were started by teacher Mr. T.D. MacDonald. Schools in the area competed with small prizes awarded. When the iron ore mines opened in the 1890's the one room school could not accommodate all the pupils (125) so classes were held in the hall above the school. The ceiling in the hall was quite low so the roof was raised in the meantime.

In 1898, a larger school property was deeded from John A. & Margaret Cameron to the School Trustees and the school on the corner was moved about 500 feet to the present location. Another room (called the little room) was built on the south side of the building. One room had Grades 1

to 6 and the other room had Grade 7 and up. The population got smaller after the mines closed (1890's) and the little room no longer needed was torn down and sold in 1920.

Arbor Day was held around the middle of May and was a highlight of the year. No classes were held and there was a cleanup in the morning. My mother-in-law was teacher (while a teenager) at Bridgeville School in 1932-1933 and she told us about taking her students to the "cave" to make ice cream on Arbor Day. A hand turned freezer along with the last ice of the season found in the crevices of the cave was used to make the ice cream.

School fairs were held at Bridgeville for a number of years with competitions in sports, singing, public speaking, drills, banners and baking.

1942. In the 1950's the outhouse was replaced with two chemical toilets (still in use in 2017), the potbellied stove was replaced with a furnace and a well was dug.

There were many teachers who sat behind the desk in Bridgeville. One of note was Mrs. Donald (Effie) Fraser who taught here for 22 years before the Dr. W.A. MacLeod School was built. Mrs. Fraser was greatly respected by her many students far and wide.

In 1974 Bridgeville School, land and premises was deeded to the Trustees of Bridgeville Community Club and their successors in office. For over 40 years numerous members of the community have taken office and have faithfully tried to keep the Community Club going. The first of several country fairs and picnics was



*School Fair Outside, 1932*

The last school fair was in 1939.

Through the years, the school was used for Sunday School classes and a polling station for both Federal and Provincial elections. Many Christmas concerts were held in the hall above the school. Electricity was installed in

held at the Community Club on July 12 & 13, 1985. These events drew great crowds with parades, woodsmen competitions, men's fashion shows, games, bingo, concerts with local talent and dances under the stars. There were always enough children for

a ball game.

Over the years, the building was well used for community club meetings, card parties, art classes, ceramic classes, exercise classes, sewing and quilting groups, pre-school group, tea and sales, concerts, birthday parties, prize bingo and a polling station at election times.

Over the last 10-15 years the activities and fundraisers have diminished. A few grants have been obtained for some alterations and repairs. Within the last year or so, a few members of the community got together to spark a little interest. At that meeting some members felt that with a few modern updates the building can be used more frequently by people in our community and beyond.

The Bridgeville Community Club is now registered with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies as a



Outhouse 1950s

nonprofit society.

We have received municipal and provincial grants to install an on-site sewage disposal system, construction of a new 14 X 24 kitchen and accessible washroom addition and wheel chair accessible entrance for the club. This project is to start soon. The project will take approximately 20 weeks to complete.

We are so excited with this project and already have attracted new people.

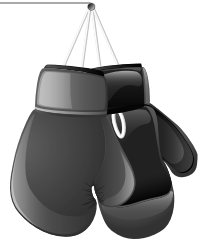
*Anne Cameron - Secretary*

## Albion Boxing Club

Discover the ultimate fitness challenge for WOMEN. Join the Albion Boxing Club's Ladies Division Classes are held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 pm.

41 Main Street -  
Trenton

For further  
information please  
call 902-771-1876  
or e-mail: [albionboxing@hotmail.com](mailto:albionboxing@hotmail.com)



## Springville Women's Institute

The Springville Women's Institute meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Our purpose is women learning, sharing, and improving the quality of life for all. New members are urged to join us!

For further information please contact Debbie White by e-mailing [2twins1979@gmail.com](mailto:2twins1979@gmail.com) or Joanne Smith at [smithmj@seasidehighspeed.com](mailto:smithmj@seasidehighspeed.com).



## Lyon's Brook Hall



The Lyon's Brook Hall, located on Hwy 376, was established in 1884 as a multi purpose building. It offers both small and large meeting space as well as a fully equipped kitchen. Located about ten minutes from Pictou, the Hall makes a great location for workshops, meetings, weddings, birthday or anniversary parties.

Check out the website for details on rates and availability at [www.lyonsbrookhall.ca](http://www.lyonsbrookhall.ca) or call 902 485 8358.

## Lyon's Brook Women's Institute

The Lyon's Brook Women's Institute has planned an interesting and varied program and activities for members and the community. Lunch and Learn Sessions were again scheduled for the fall. In October, Bob Parker, West River Greenhouse, shared tips on how to winterize your gardens. In November, Barb Smith shared information on the Vial of Life program and on December 5<sup>th</sup>, information will be presented on "Preparing for the Season", in particular the Home Warming Program. All sessions are held in the Lyon's Brook Hall at noon. Cost is a free will donation and those interested are asked to register in advance.

The Branch holds its regular meetings in the evening and the programs are open to the public. In October the members learned about the Mi'kmaq culture and basket making while November found the members making Christmas cards. In January the program will consider "How can we help the hospital?"

The Lyon's 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 about WI please contact Lynn at 902-485-8358.



# Pictou County Gymnastics

Pictou County



Gymnastics Club

The Pictou County Gymnastics Club will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> term open registration in late November. We are currently running adult classes (ages 18 and up), teen gym (ages 13 and up), and parkour classes (ages 9 and up). Our March break camp will also be

going on again and is \$160 for 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Contact us at (902) 695-3699 or our Facebook at PictouCountyGymnastics

Also check out our website! <https://pictoucountygymnasticsclub.com/>

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## Kids Sewing Base

Sewing classes are for kids 6 & up, 1 hour per week, 4 students per class, use my sewing machines and one sewing machine per child.

For more information call Gladys at 902-485-1676; e-mail: [gladyknowles@eastlink.ca](mailto:gladyknowles@eastlink.ca) or Facebook.

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## Are you a Genealogy Enthusiast?

**Pictou County Roots Society** (PCRS) is a registered non-profit organization. The society held its first monthly meeting on November 11, 1998 for the purpose of assisting the public in genealogical research and preserving historical records so that they may be available for public use.

To further these aims, the society has formed working partnerships with the New Glasgow Branch of the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library, the Town of New Glasgow and the Pictou County Historical Society.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Program Room of the New Glasgow Library. Members and guests are

always welcome. For information on membership contact the office at the address/phone number below.

The Pictou County Roots Society has many resources available for genealogy researchers. The PCRS has over 100 cemeteries recorded and a collection of over 60,000 obituaries of the Pictou County area. Volunteers and staff are happy to assist the visitors.

For more information please call (902-752-9543) e-mail [roots@parl.ns.ca](mailto:roots@parl.ns.ca), or visit our web site at [www.parl.ns.ca/roots](http://www.parl.ns.ca/roots). You can also come in to our office at 182 Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

# Elmfield Community Hall

Elmfield, in West Pictou County was first settled in 1796 by James McCara, a loyalist soldier.

The Elmfield Community Hall, located at 446 Elmfield Road was formerly the community schoolhouse built in 1872 and was the third schoolhouse built in Elmfield. The schoolhouse was built on lands belonging to

Andrew Graham and John Graham.

The first teacher in this school from 1872-1873, was Alexander H. MacKay, Diamond, who became Superintendent of Education for NS from 1891-1936.

The first Christmas tree in the school was 1912 when Estelle MacKenzie was teacher and it was decorated with 12 candles with clips, obtained from Eaton's catalogue.

The first Elmfield Home and School Association was formed.



Many organizations used the school and many events took place in the school including the Junior Red Cross, Stead Burns Mission Band, Sons of Temperance, Christian Endeavor, Church Services, Sunday School, Pie Socials, Singing School, Agriculture Society, Missionary Meetings, Card Parties and Elections.

The school played an integral part in the community until it closed in 1967 and became the Elmfield Community Hall.

## Pictou County Recreation "Fun Kits"

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 is available. To reserve your Fun Kit please contact Pictou County Recreation at 902-485-8528 or e-mail [cindy.fraser@munpict.ca](mailto:cindy.fraser@munpict.ca).

## East River Valley Recreation

Our recreation field has been busy over the past summer. Plymouth Recreation used the field again this year as part of their Summer Recreation Program. Pictou County Orioles baseball team used the field for its practices, as well as Friday night ball with parents and kids. Many parents brought their kids to the field for some recreation fun. The Springville Presbyterian Church held their picnic celebrating their 165th anniversary on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The rebuild of our recreation field has been ongoing this summer. Our wish list for this year was to resurface our tennis/basketball/road hockey court, replace siding and windows on our rec. building and build a dyke along the brook to prevent flooding and washing out our walking track.

I am happy to report that two out of three have been achieved. The dyke has been built by the brook along with the leveling of the area where our walking track will be extended in the future, hopefully next year. Many thanks to Blaine MacLaine Excavation and his excavator operator Robert Meyer for a job well done.

Also our tennis/basketball/road hockey court was repaved by Weeks Construction. Many thanks to Mike McCulloch, Gordon Sutherland and Richard Thompson for helping in

taking one end of the court fencing down to prepare the court for repaving. Thanks to Weeks for a job well done.

We are now waiting for Eastern Fencing to put the end fencing back up and find someone to repaint the lines on the surface for tennis and basketball.

These two projects were brought about by funding help from our community who supported us in our bottle drive, pizza sales, and our bottle barn where people drop off returnables anytime during the year.

Thanks also to our councillor Andy Thompson who helped us with finding and helping me in applying for grants and also to councillor Chester Dewar for giving us a little extra this year.

Thanks also to community people who stepped forward with donations to help fund these costly projects.

Our future projects will be to put siding and windows on our recreation building and extend our walking track along with obtaining some playground equipment.

Visit our East River Valley Facebook page to view pictures of the projects that have been done this year.

For future information please contact Michael Hecimovich at 902-923-2194.

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# Pictou County 4-H

2018 has been a busy, productive year for the 4-H members, leaders and parents of Pictou County. The highlight of our year would have to be the official opening of our new 'Legacy Building'. The opening and use of our new building during the 2018 Exhibition was the culmination of a major fund raising effort on the part of the County, spearheaded by co-chairs Bonnie Allan and Ruby MacKenzie and supported by the business community and citizenship of the County and beyond. Anyone who visited the Legacy Building during the exhibition had to be impressed with the showcase of the 4-H member's projects and they then could see the reason for the whole endeavor. 4-H owes a huge debt to the many, many individuals and businesses that made the dream a reality. Past newsletters have detailed the rationale for the name and the demise of the River John School certainly lives on in the 4-H Legacy Building.

While meeting, planning, working, and collaborating on the building was top of the list for the year, the eight clubs in the County maintained their regular 4-H program of achievement days, tours, workshops and project completion. Following the amazing display at the Pictou/North Colchester exhibition, many of the members and their projects moved on to the Provincial 4-H Show in Bridgewater, bringing home an impressive number of Champion and Reserve Awards and having one member move on to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

As one 4-H year came to an

impressive close, a new 4-H year was taking place with club registrations for all eight clubs. The official conclusion of the year will be the annual 'Celebration Night' program on November 9<sup>th</sup> when top members will receive much sought after awards in Livestock, Non-Livestock and Homemaking categories as well as Rookie, Top Junior and Top Senior member trophies.

Further information on any club may be obtained from:

- ☘ Agricultural Leadership Coordinator – Rhonda MacDougall – 902-893-7501 or Rhonda.MacDougall@ns.ca
- ☘ Sunrise Trail Club – Bonnie Allan – 902-351-2755 or allansea49@gmail.com
- ☘ River John Club – Christine Heighton – 902-351-2061 or heighton@bellaliant.net or Margaret Cripps 902-759-4595 or marj\_rj@hotmail.ca
- ☘ Scotsburn Club – Cathy Lavers – 902-485-8204 or redangus@seasidehighspeed.com
- ☘ Salt Springs – Betty Lou Scott – 902-925-2057 or windcrest.farm@ns.sympatico.ca
- ☘ Middle River – Kelly McInnis – 902-396-4262 or kelly.mcinnis@sobeys.com
- ☘ Hopewell Club – Christina MacMaster – 902-923-1945 or christinamacmaster@hotmail.com or Shanna Dunn-Hoare – 902-923-2868 or shanna.dunnhoare@sobeys.com
- ☘ SBI Club – Brenda Sharpe – 902-923-2197 or sharpe\_brenda@hotmail.com
- ☘ Sutherlands River Club – JoAnne VanKessel – 902-755-5507 or vankessel@eastlink.ca

**Betty Lou Scott**

**Corresponding Secretary**

**Pictou County 4-H Leaders Council**

# Dalhousie Mountain Snowmobile Club



The snowmobile club has been working on and completed a strategic plan to identify the future direction and needs of the club. Some of the key long-term areas or issues identified in our strategic planning sessions were to obtain a building to house our groomers and trail equipment, a clubhouse/meeting place, and a trailhead for our trail system.

This winter season is very exciting because the Board of Directors of the Elmfield Community Hall have gifted their hall to our snowmobile club. The Community Hall had experienced dwindling interest and activities and felt there was not enough interest or ability in the aging population of the community to maintain, manage and renovate the hall because of some significant building issues. The hall has been vacant and unused for most of the last two years and will require improvements going forward.

The Elmfield Community Hall will provide the beginning of a future site that will provide a facility and land to build a groomer shed. The other issue that this venture will solve is the long-term viability of the historic Elmfield Community Hall. The building was built in the late 19th century and has served the community in many capacities from its beginnings as a school, a place for many various and interesting groups to meet and a community center where members of the community could hold socials, card games, dances, fund-raisers and a rental facility for other groups' use.

The club intends to keep the hall as a community center for the residents of Elmfield, with active consultation from residents and to renovate it to bring its bathrooms, kitchen, heating and electrical system up to an acceptable standard in compliance with current building and accessibility codes.

The club has been quite busy fund-raising for our new venture with an annual golf tournament, snowmobile and ATV rallies and other small events. So far, we have raised over \$8,000 just this past summer. In order to access the hall from our trail system, a local landowner has graciously given permission and access to their land so we can connect the hall to the SANS/DMSC provincial trail system. We have already started the process of installing a bridge to cross a large drainage ditch and provide mapping to indicate the location and services this will provide to all trail users.

Dalhousie Mountain Snowmobile Club (DMSC) has been very active over the last 30 years developing and maintaining the 300 kms of trails in Pictou and Colchester Counties. Most of the trails the snowmobile club maintains are multi-use and are used by many outdoor enthusiasts, year-round.

We would like to thank all who support the club. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Elmfield Community Hall, 446 Elmfield Road, Elmfield at 7:00 pm and welcome

anyone interested in snowmobiling or trail related activities to attend. DMSC is always looking for volunteers to help with grooming, trail work and club activities.

Please visit our website: [www.dalhousiemountainsnowmobileclub.ca](http://www.dalhousiemountainsnowmobileclub.ca) and if interested in more information please e-mail [dalhousiemountiansc@gmail.com](mailto:dalhousiemountiansc@gmail.com).

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## MacPherson's Mills Women's Institute

The MacPherson's Mills Women's Institute is one of nine branches in Pictou County. We are a group for all women. Members have the opportunity to meet new people, make connections and learn new skills. We support activities in our community, families, schools, and have a voice in helping make our province, nation and world a better place to live. The Women's Institute members also like to have fun.

Some of MacPherson's Mills Branch projects include:

- support the Book Award and breakfast program at Thorburn Consolidated
- contribute to a bursary fund made available to graduating students planning to further their education
- support our community hall
- provide lunch and learn for the seniors in our community
- donate prize money to the Pictou

County North Colchester Exhibition

- donate year end prize money to the local schools
- donate old towels, mats and other supplies to the SPCA in Granton
- participate in the Adopt-A Highway clean up yearly

Our branch meet on the second Thursday of each month. We take a break during the summer months. At our meetings, we have programs with speakers or someone sharing a new craft, hobby or topic of interest.

If you would like to have more information or are interested in attending one of our meetings please contact Secretary Lorraine Blakeney at 902-922-2059.

To learn more about Women's Institutes you can go on line at:

[www.winovascotia.ca](http://www.winovascotia.ca)  
[www.fwic.ca](http://www.fwic.ca)  
[www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk)

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## Miss Carla's Dance

### *Sinclair Choreography*

This year we are putting on a "Christmas Spectacular" where we hope to have everything leaving with that special Christmas feeling celebrated through dance. The show will be at the North Nova Education Centre with public showings on

December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be bought through Miss Carla's Dance for \$15/adult and \$10/12 & under. The show is geared toward all ages!

For further information please e-mail [sinclairchoreography@gmail.com](mailto:sinclairchoreography@gmail.com).

# Barney's River Station School Museum

Again, we have successfully completed another year at the School Museum our 24th as a matter of fact.

Jacob Murray-Burke, a Grade 12 student at NNEC, returned as our student interpreter and continued involving our wider public in our Facebook "Finds". We counted our hits tabulated our likes and celebrated our sharings. Facebook proved to be a popular method of informing about this museum, this amazing treasure trove of history.

As always, we would welcome more guests but agreed that this past season, our visitors appeared to be most appreciative and enthusiastic.

We were pleasantly surprised at the interest shown in the earlier published booklets relating to school and community history. These were purchased for the cost of photocopying and postage.

We are now faced with the pleasant problem of how to celebrate our 25th anniversary of both educating and entertaining the public.

Plan to join us at the Barney's River Station School Museum where we:

- (1) Celebrate the past
- (2) Enjoy the present and
- (3) Anticipate the future

Or find us:

[www.barneysrivermuseum.org](http://www.barneysrivermuseum.org)

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## National Association of Federal Retirees (formerly FSNA)

Federal Retirees have a local branch which takes in the Counties of Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough Counties. It is called NS80 – North Nova Branch. North Nova Branch has approximately 450 members – it is made up of people retired from Armed Forces, RCMP, Public Services and now open to Armed Forces Reserves – they strive to protect the pensions and benefits of their members. They hold two meetings per year – one in spring and one in fall. At our meetings, we strive to keep them interesting by having various guest speakers – among them have been Hearing Life, ADT for senior security,

plus naturopathic Dr. Lisa McNiven, a Foot Care Nurse, and a Life Saving Instructor giving pointers on choking. On our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we had a sit down roast beef dinner for our members.

The Executive are:

President – Margaret Thompson  
1st Vice President – Marie Murray  
Secretary/Treasurer – Terri Fleury  
Membership – Cathy Gibson  
Glen Alexander – Director

If you are a retired federal employee why not come and see what we are all about. For further information please contact Margaret Thompson at [margaret.thompson@bellaliant.net](mailto:margaret.thompson@bellaliant.net).



## Garden of Eden Women's Institute

The Garden of Eden branch of the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia (WINS) meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from September to June. Meetings are held in members' homes or the Community Hall at 1:00 pm.

Our activities range from packing Christmas boxes for community members to providing prize money at the Pictou Exhibition. Members also

help out at the EX on Monday the set up day and also take a turn hosting visitors to the Kinsmen Building.

Our own version of a Terry Fox Relay starts of the year in September.

We are always happy to welcome new members and guests. For more information please contact Ann Munro at 902-922-2093.

## Plymouth Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary to Plymouth Fire Department meets at the Fire Hall the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm (except July & August). We, the ladies, are always busy discussing what new fundraisers we can do this year. We spend much of our time supporting our firefighters. We work hard catering for banquets, anniversaries, funeral receptions and any other function that comes our way.

We do a spring and fall Roast Beef Supper, also a Breakfast in the spring and a Tea in the fall. This year we added two new bays for our fire trucks and a large entrance with a coat and storage room at the back. We are going to have an Open House to show off our new truck and addition to our Hall. Residents of Plymouth and surrounding area watch for our date for our Open House. Our auxiliary has been saving for this addition for many years and were able to give the Fire Department \$100,000. Annually,

we have been lucky to be able to give the firefighters \$10,000 towards a new truck, equipment for the firefighters or hall maintenance.

Fire Chief Mike Conway is always looking for new members. The firefighters meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm for their monthly meeting and every other Monday for training at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall. The Fire Department has just paid off the new fire truck which we are all very proud.

We the ladies are always looking for new members to help prepare and serve meals. If you are willing to volunteer at any time please call:

- Lynn Fenton, President, 902-755-1784
- Joanne Cumming, Vice-President, 902-752-8657
- Sheila Conway, Catering & Hall Rentals, 902-752-3900
- Mike Conway, Fire Chief, 902-759-0153

# Scotsburn Recreation Club

The SRC Board of Directors is working towards improvements to the building (both structural and accessible) and recreation facilities while offering many programs and events. We encourage residents from near and far to participate in many of the events that we support to be able to make the community vibrant yet again.

We always welcome assistance/feedback on activities you'd like to see in your community. Please feel free to contact us or join us to share ideas. Meetings are generally held at 7:00 pm at John P. Gammon Recreation Center (4136 Scotsburn Road) on the third Sunday of the month.

**Here are some upcoming events to watch for:**

**Community Library** – A large selection of books are available to the public for free the first Sunday of every month from 1:00-2:30 pm, or anytime you are in the area and the building is accessible. Please only donations of novels and children books.

**55+ Club Activities** - To learn more about programs offered or for membership information please contact: Sandra Malenfant at malenfant1@eastlink.ca or Joan Clark at jjclark@TNCweb.ca. Activities are also listed through the Community School Newsletter.

**Community Potluck & Christmas Carolling** – December 21st at 5:30 pm at the JP Gammon Rec Center. Bring your favourite dish to share with other community members before touring the local community to sing some favourite Christmas Carols to the local neighbours. Come back for some hot

chocolate and sweets and a story from a special guest.

**Winter Carnival** – February 1-3; Get out for some winter fun throughout the village while supporting community groups. Watch for additional information on events and activities (usually coasting, breakfast & supper meals, dodgeball, winter hikes) on our Facebook page.

**The Kids Table:** cooking and gardening classes – Look for more information on this coming February 2019.

**Lotto 10/49** – tickets will be on sale again this February, tickets at \$20 each with a 1 in 50 odds of winning the \$500 cash prize.

Check out our Facebook page for frequent updates and information on bring you own sewing nights, family game nights, Northumberland Karate classes, Yoga and exercise with Kelli and advance lunch time yoga with Griselda.

For further information on upcoming events/activities follow us on Facebook at “Scotsburn Recreation Club” or e-mail us at scotsburnrec@hotmail.com.



# Merigomish and Barney's River Fire Departments

Our volunteers have been busy this past season, not only with emergency calls, but with the preparations for a Community Day, held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Merigomish Fire Department as part of a kick off for Fire Prevention Week. Volunteers from both Departments participated in various demonstrations which gave our residents a taste of what our volunteers sometimes have to deal with during an emergency, whether at someone's home or at a motor vehicle accident. The new smokehouse, a practice facility replicating a home, was a hit for the children to experience a walk through and being given the opportunity to, "put out the fire." Vehicle extraction demonstrations, hose handling, a free BBQ, Door Prizes, and giveaways were part of the fun as well as promotion of 911 signs, smoke detectors, and the need for new volunteers. Both

Fire Departments would like to thank everyone who pitched in to help make this day a success; local businesses who made donations; and the community for coming out for the day.

It is still encouraged that all residents make sure they have a 911 sign. When seconds count, if we can't find you, we can't help you! Please contact your local Fire Department if you need a new sign. Merigomish - 902-926-2247 (Leave Message) or Barney's River 902-754-8422.

Also, with the recent time change, have you checked your batteries in your smoke detector? Remember that working smoke alarms save lives!

And finally, both Departments are always looking for new volunteers to fill different roles within each Department. To find out more, drop in to either department on Monday nights to see what it's all about!

## Northumberland Karate



**SCOTSBURN** - John P. Gammon  
Recreation and Community Center,  
4136 Scotsburn Road  
Sunday 6:30 to 7:00 pm for  
beginners aged 7-12 years

**TRENTON** - Trenton Elementary  
School, 10 Sixth Street  
Monday & Wednesday Evenings  
Beginner Kids 7-12 years - 6:30 to 7:00 pm  
Juvenile 13 - 18 years - 8:00 to 9:30 pm  
Adults 19+ years - 8:00 to 9:30 pm  
\$25.00 per month age 7 - 18 years  
\$30.00 per month age 19+ years  
Fees are paid in 2 month increments

\$30.00 per month paid  
in 3 month increments

Kids program runs from  
September - June

Kids program runs September to June  
Juvenile & Adult program runs all year  
Our website and Facebook links are  
below.  
[www.Northumberlandkarate.com](http://www.Northumberlandkarate.com)  
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### Don't Be Left Out of the Next Newsletter!

Pictou County Recreation will be accepting information to be included in the next newsletter until April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The next issue will be distributed in late May. Any group or organization wishing to submit information can do so via mail, fax or e-mail. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Recreation Office. **Please limit submissions to 500 words to allow enough space for all volunteer groups.**

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