

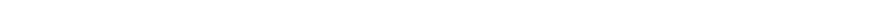
Municipality of Pictou County



Rural News & Views

May 2016

Municipal Administration Building





Message from the Warden

by *Ronnie Baillie*

Hello again,
As we head into the summer months and hopefully more enjoyable weather, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the activities and news from Council.



This past March, we lost a friend and community advocate with the passing of Councilor Edward MacMaster. Ed served the residents of District 3 for 40 years. He worked tirelessly to better the lives of his constituents and his improve community. He will be missed by all.

A bi-election to fill the vacancy in District 3 will be held on May 28, 2016.

The Municipality completed the LED street light installation project last month. The Municipality now owns the street lights and simply buys electricity from Nova Scotia Power. If there is a street light in your area that has not been replaced with an LED style light, please call 902-485-4311 and let us know, so we

may investigate to determine if it is a municipal or private light.

Congratulations to Rita Herron on being chosen as the Municipality's Volunteer of the Year. The Council congratulates Ms. Heron and wishes to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers in our municipality. It is because of your commitment, dedication and hard work that all of us enjoy Pictou County as a great place to live.

It is hard to believe that the current council term is nearing an end. This October, regardless of how the amalgamation decision ends up, a new council will take office. On behalf of my fellow council members, I wish to express our thanks to our residents for your support and to our staff that do an exceptional job in very challenging times.

On behalf of my Council colleagues I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all university, college and grade 12 graduates on the completion of their studies and to all other students' congratulations on a successful year.

The Municipality wishes everyone a safe and happy summer.

Pictou County Municipalities Crime Prevention Association



If you see something happening, report it. “But, I don’t want to get involved. I don’t want to “rat” somebody out.” Therefore, I will allow something to happen even though I know it is wrong. And it won’t just happen once. It will happen over and over again. That’s something that our police should look after anyway.

This scenario occurs far too often in our communities right here in Pictou County. Our police will be the first to say “protect and serve” is their responsibility but they can’t do it all alone. Nor should they have to. As conscientious and responsible citizens of Pictou County, we also have the responsibility to keep our communities safer places to live and work.

There is an inherent pride in our Pictou County roots. Unfortunately, it occasionally becomes tarnished with crime. Just check court news for reports on theft, fraud, abuse, impaired driving, sexual abuse, domestic abuse, arson, illegal tobacco, drug and alcohol offences. This is when the public needs to step up and help our police agencies. Crime seldom happens in a vacuum and often someone sees these crimes

happening or has some knowledge of them. This piece of information someone has could be the missing piece of a puzzle that could help the police solve a crime. We have a tool that we can use to help communicate information to police and remain totally anonymous. It’s called Crime Stoppers. If you see something that you know is not legal you can call 1-800-222-TIPS (1-800-222-8477) any time. You report what you know but give no personal information. You will be given a Tipster # and will have to initiate subsequent contact identifying yourself only by your number. If your tip leads to an arrest or conviction, you are eligible for a cash award between \$500 and \$2000. You never have to deal with police or courts because your identity is not known.

Perhaps the next time you are faced with a situation like this, you would consider submitting a tip by phone or internet to help those officers who work so hard for us. Pictou County Crime Stoppers encourages you to exercise your civic responsibility and make our communities safer places to live and work.

Pictou County 4-H Needs Your Input

Pictou County



CANADA
4-H Nova Scotia

Pictou County 4-H is planning on replacing the 120 X 30 building on the Exhibition Grounds in Pictou. This is the building that presently houses the 4-H canteen, Club displays and Baby Animal barn. The building was built in the 1940s to the best of our knowledge. It has certainly met our needs in the past.

Pictou County 4-H has been around for a long time and continues to thrive, helping our youth acquire skills that will continue with them for a lifetime. We see more members taking more projects and taking pride in their accomplishments.

Our planning at present involves a cement floor, kitchen (up to code) and

wheelchair accessible bathrooms. Beyond this, we want to hear

from the community as to what you see the building being used for. What do we need to include in our plans that would make it a facility that 4-H as well as other community groups and organizations would make use of?

Please feel free to contact the following with your ideas and input. Bonnie Allan - Replacement Facility Committee Chair - 902-351-2766 or allansea49@gmail.com or Brenda Sharpe - President- Pictou County 4-H - 902-923-2197 or brenda_sharpe@hotmail.com.

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LARK Program

(Leisure & Active Recreation for Kids)



The Leisure & Active Recreation for Kids (LARK) Program will once again taking place in rural Pictou County. LARK gives children the chance to get out into the community and be active in the summer time. The program includes lots of fun and games, cool crafts, awesome activities and surprises. It is open to children ages 5-12, and will provide recreation in their communit-ity twice a week.

Tentative plans are to have LARK in three communities this summer.

If your Community Organization is interested in hosting a LARK Program next summer, or would like any further information please contact the Pictou County Recreation Office at 902-485-8528 or cindy.fraser@municip.ca.

Garden of Eden Community Hall



At a recent planning meeting, it was decided to once again have the Community Market Days at the Hall. The first one was held on Saturday, May 21st and then monthly ending in October. The tentative date for the Christmas Market is December 10th. Anyone wishing to book a table for the markets can contact Sue Roch at 902-922-2481.

Our Annual Meeting was held on

May 10th at the Hall. This is your community facility and is available to community residents at no charge. The Hall is also available for a nominal fee for anyone outside the community.

Reserve Saturday, September 17th from 4:00-6:00 pm for our annual Hall Supper. All are welcome! For further information please contact Glenda Fraser at 902-922-2739 or Boyd MacDonald at 902-922-3359.

2016 Volunteer Week

The Provincial Volunteer Awards Day was held in Halifax at the Westin on April 4th. At this reception each Municipality from throughout the province selected a representative volunteer to attend. The Municipality of Pictou County's volunteer representative was Reta Heron of Durham. Reta was unable to attend but Warden Baillie was on hand to accept the award on her behalf. She was then presented the plaques from both the Province and County at the May Council meeting on May 2nd.

Reta has been volunteering for most of her life, starting at approximately 12 years of age - 75 years ago! There have been so many groups over a lifetime of volunteering, but a few she has touched include Palliative Care at both the Sutherland Harris Memorial Hospital in Pictou and Aberdeen

Hospital in New Glasgow, the Pictou County Helpline, Tearmann House, the Veterans Unit at Sutherland Harris Memorial Hospital in Pictou, the Durham Community Hall, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Kidney Foundation, Rebekah Lodge, St. Luke's United Church in Salt Springs, UCW - United Church, and AMS - Presbyterian Church. She is still volunteering for most of these groups today!

The Municipality of Pictou County would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Reta for being selected as the representative for recognition during the 2016 Provincial Volunteer Week Activities. We would also like to thank her for her years of volunteer service.



Andy Thompson - Deputy Warden, Reta Heron - Provincial Rep, and Ron Baillie - Warden



Pictou County Volunteer Appreciation

The Pictou County Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was held on April 16th at the Plymouth Fire Department. This banquet is held each year honouring the many groups and individuals who give so freely of their time. This volunteer effort is what makes Pictou County so great. Forty volunteer groups and organizations were recognized this year for their volunteer efforts and Jan Keefe was the guest speaker for the evening. The Municipality would once again like to express appreciation to all volunteers, especially those who were unable to attend the banquet. We extend our deepest gratitude for your unselfish giving of yourselves, our heartfelt

appreciation for volunteers making Pictou County a better place to live, and our wish that all volunteers continue to enjoy good health and to be able to continue with their community efforts.

Following are the award recipients recognized at the banquet;

**Volunteer Group (with a facility) –
*Little Harbour Fire Department***

**Volunteer Group (without a facility)
– *Plymouth Golden Glen Seniors***

**Volunteer Youth Group – *Pictou
County 4-H***

**Volunteer Sport Group – *Pictou
County Basketball Association***

Volunteer of the Year – *Reta Heron*



Andy Thompson - Deputy Warden, Brian MacLeod – Pictou County Basketball, Jan Keefe – Guest Speaker, Paula Murray – Pictou County 4-H, and Ron Baillie – Warden

Scotsburn Recreation Club

Meetings are held once a month at the John P Gammon Centre and all are welcome to attend. Meeting dates and times will be posted on our Facebook page.

Many programs are already underway at the Hall. On Sundays at 6:30 pm, Karate is offered by Chris Chruikshank. For more info you can e-mail nkarate@eastlink.ca. Griselda does drop-in Yoga at lunch time on Thursdays. The 55+ Club is a very active group. They hold exercise classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 am. Their Wheels-to-Meals program, which ensures seniors get out and socialize while receiving a home cooked meal, begins Wednesday April 13th at 12:00 pm and will go for 8 weeks. The club also takes part in many other activities, such as hiking, biking and crafts.

Our monthly Book Exchange takes place the first Sunday of the month upstairs at the hall from 1:00-3:00 pm. Bring out book donations if you have them and take any books home for free. Come enjoy our little library space and then if the weather cooperates make it a family day on the trails or in the park.

The Catch after-school program was another success this year. Some days we had over 14 children participating in the program. Thanks to Michelle Read, our program leader, Megan Little and Cynthia Corbett for also helping out when

needed. If anyone is interested in volunteering or wants more info on this program please contact Amber Manning at amberlynnemanning@gmail.com

Once again Recreation will be offering Summer Day Camps at the Hall for children ages 5-10 years. It will be offered 4 days a week starting from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The Summer Leaders, along with Junior Leaders, will provide fun-filled days through various activities.

Another event coming up at the Hall will be our clothing swap meet, where you can come and fill a garbage bag full of used clothing for only \$10.00. This event has been very successful for us in the past. If you would like to donate any clothing to this event, please contact amberlynnemanning@gmail.com or alenadawn@gmail.com.

The Hall is available to rent for birthday and anniversary parties, baby and wedding showers, family gatherings etc. Anyone wishing to use the hall can book it by calling Jennifer at 902-485-5448 or e-mail jennifermaclean@scotsburn.com.

For more information on any programs or events taking place please follow us on our Facebook page or email us at scotsburnrec@hotmail.com. Thank you again to all who support our active community, and encourage you to stay tuned for future programs and events.

Hillside Girls Club

Activities for Hillside Girls Club for 2015-16 began in October with the first meeting being our Annual Halloween Costume Party. Games were played and prizes awarded for costumes. Classes got underway, and everyone was busy learning new crafts and skills, while the leaders were also preparing for the Annual Christmas Tea and Sale, our major fund-raiser. The event was a big success, several girls and Moms were available to help out on the very busy day of the event, a big help to everyone, and our thanks to everyone who supported us that day. The girls were given a list of goodies that could be used at the SPCA, and they were encouraged to bring donations for the animals. A member of the SPCA comes to collect the goodies prior to the last meeting in May.

Classes continued over the winter and with our very large registration

our leaders were challenged to keep the girls busy and find new and fun projects for them to do. We always appreciate new leaders or helpers, and welcome anyone who could join us on Monday from 6:00-8:00 pm. It is very rewarding to see the smiles and looks of satisfaction when the girls finish their projects.

Plans are underway for our Talent Night when everyone is encouraged to take part and have fun. Everyone enjoys our PJ Nights when we have hot chocolate and cookies. Our year will end with the Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet and the awarding of medals for the Junior and Senior Girls of the Year. Our activities will resume in October, leading to our 74th Anniversary of H.G.G. in 2017!

Anyone interested or looking for further information can contact Ellen Murphy at 902-755-1801. Enjoy Summer!!

Summer Recreation Programs

Once again communities around Pictou County will be providing Children's Summer Recreation Programs. Each area will have its own unique program for the summer, with activities ranging from sports, crafts and theme days to low organized games and environmental

games. As well, there will be exciting trips, tournaments, beach days and much more provided throughout the summer.

For more information on what is being offered in your area contact Pictou County Recreation at cindy.fraser@munpict.ca or 902-485-8528.

District One News

It is almost safe to say that there is always something happening here in District One and with summer soon around the bend, there will be plenty more to keep everybody busy!

This past winter, we enjoyed the ever popular Fitness Challenge with over 100 folks who participated and reached 45,180 kms; Senior's Outreach, with about 40 people who came for lunch and to listen to a different guest speaker each week; The sold out Annual Lismore Wintertime Revue; Monthly Farm Markets in Merigomish; VON Foot Clinics; our first District One Meals On Wheels program: and some really great concerts. By the time this publication is out, the ever popular Culloden Celebration and Kenzieville Pancake Festival will have taken place as well as the start of a new Quilting Class. Various fitness groups give residents a chance to be active: Shore Road Run/ Walk Group, Zumba with Mickey, Karate, and Yoga.

This summer we will have various Summer Recreation Programs, Swimming Lessons, more concerts,

Workshops in Gaelic & Celtic Music, Natal Day Fireworks & Beach BBQ, MARSAs Family Funfest, and more. To keep up to date of the various activities we have the monthly District One News, which is delivered to Canada Post mailboxes or is available via e-mail (contact us at districtonenews@hotmail.ca).

Finally, we would like to thank community volunteers, Don Butler and Faye Kinney, who received a Recognition Award, in April, by the Municipality, for their ongoing continuous dedication to our communities. Remember, volunteers are often the glue that hold the community together!



Don Butler, Deputy Warden Andy Thompson, Faye Kinney, and Warden Ron Baillie

Garden of Eden Women's Institute

The Garden of Eden branch of the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia (W.I.N.S.) meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month, September until June. Meetings are held at 3:00 pm in the members' homes.

Our activities range from packing Christmas boxes for community

members, providing prize money at the Pictou Exhibition, hosting at the Exhibition, and having our own Terry Fox fundraiser.

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



Upcoming Programs & Events

PCGC ANNUAL FUN MEET June 10th & 11th

Our Annual Fun Meet provides a chance for families, friends and the general public to come into the gym area as the audience. Rec classes, up to Competitive, our athletes are working on routines to demonstrate the skills they have been working on during the year.

Registration is now open at the front desk. Cost is \$40 per participant.

SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Week 1 – July 4th – 8th
 Week 2 – July 11th – 15th
 Week 3 – July 18th – 22nd
 Week 4 – July 25th – 29th
 Week 5 – August 1st – 5th



PRESCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Week 1 – July 5, 6, 7
 Week 2 – July 12, 13, 14
 Week 3 – July 19, 20, 21
 Week 4 – July 26, 27, 28
 Week 5 – August 2, 3, 4

SUMMER REC CLASSES (8 WEEKS)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
 Times: 4:00-5:00, 5:00-6:00,
 6:00-7:00, 7:00-8:00 pm
 July 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20,
 21, 26, 27 & 28
 August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17,
 18, 23, 24 & 25

Cost: \$ 12 per hour – sign up in advance or call ahead for available spots
 ** Require 24 hours notice**

For further information on any of these programs please contact Pictou County Gymnastics at 902-695-3699 or through our Facebook page “Pictou County Gymnastics Club”.

Kelli Cruikshank Fitness

Kelli Cruikshank offers fitness classes for all ages and fitness levels at the Pictou Oddfellows Home every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00-8:00 pm. Mats and weights are available, so

just bring your sneakers. Investment is \$6 per class, or you can buy a ten class punch card for \$55. For further information please contact Kelli at www.KelliCruikshank.com.

Plymouth Community Centre



Happy spring, everyone!! Time for new beginnings...

Here, at the Plymouth Community Centre, we are looking forward to planning our Summer Recreation program for 2016. The program extends from early July to the third week in August and is offered to children with school experience, ages 5 to 12. More information will be available any day now as we hope to have exciting new plans!! Questions can be referred to our FB page or e-mail at plymouthrecreation@gmail.com.

The Centre continues to be a hub of activity for community members of all ages. You may meet up with people going to or from; dance or music lessons, fitness or yoga, Scottish country or square dancing, amateur artists, First Aid courses, workplace training or classes, musical events and celebrations....

The Golden Glen group meets every Tuesday afternoon for social time, sharing a meal and a game or two of cards. Feel free to drop by as the group members welcome new friends. Our 'Sing Away the Blues' monthly gatherings for seniors are a wonderful time to socialize, enjoy lunch together and our joyful sing-alongs!! Thanks to the PCHA Community Health Board, we have received a grant that will help to subsidize costs for this project.



Our Adult Fitness Group, led by Cheryl Lays, usually meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm and on Saturday at 10:00 am. To check times or gain more information, you can e-mail Cheryl at nanacher@eastlink.ca.

On Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm, you will find Amanda MacLeod leading a relaxing yoga session in the fitness studio. For more information, Amanda's number is 902-695-6159.

Every Thursday afternoon, Hazel Hughes and Joanne MacDonald host an amateur art group in the Golden Glen room, beginning at 2:00 pm. They are suspending the sessions for the summer months but plan to regroup in the fall. Check out their FB page called Plymouth Art Group.

Music continues to play an important role in centre activities... our Kitchen Racket gatherings have become a popular event and, for those of you who are bluegrass fans, we have exciting news!!! On Sunday, June 5th at 2:00 pm, the well-known group, RUSTIC HARMONY, will be IN CONCERT at

the Plymouth Community Centre. Call Joyce at 902-923-2368 or Mary at 902-752-7332 to book your tickets (\$10).

For people that enjoy square dancing (or would like to give it a try) you might want to stop by the Centre on Saturday evenings from 7:00-11:00 pm. Call Heather Cameron at 902-396-5473 for

more information.

For rental information, please contact Ruth Thompson at 902-752-2307. For more information on any topic, please message us on our FB page or call Janet MacDonald at 902-752-1018.

Linacy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary



The Linacy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is always eager to welcome new members. We are a group of ladies who support the Fire Department in their fund raising, community involvement projects and emergency situations. It is free to join and we meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall.

The Auxiliary has 2-3 fund raisers throughout the year which may include a Spring Pancake Breakfast or a Winter/Christmas Tea and Craft Sale. We participate in an annual bowling tournament which is always a lot of fun. We are also trying to set up an annual women's dart shoot as well. We

held our first one last May.

As a member, you and your spouse can also play darts at the Fire Hall on Friday nights. This is a great easy night out and close to home!!

Please come out and see us at the Linacy Fire Hall. We just held a successful Pancake and Sausage Breakfast in March. We usually try to have a BBQ in June so look for dates and times around the community and come out to support your local Fire Hall.

For further information please contact Tanya Roode, President at troode77@hotmail.com.

7th Annual "FAMILY" Fishing Derby

The 7th Annual "FAMILY" Fishing Derby will be held at the CUB CAMP RODERICK on MacKinnon Lake in Sunny Brae, Pictou County on Saturday June 11th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a breakfast being served, the cost is a donation. Also a Barbeque on site in the afternoon. The cost is \$20.00 for 16 to adults, 6-15 year olds \$10.00, and children 5 and under are free.

There will be trophies and prizes in three categories as well as door prizes. If Adults want to fish they must bring at least one youth 15 years or under. If

adults show up without a youth they can't fish in the derby. You can bring your own boat and life jackets for all that will be using the boat. All proceeds will go to help repair the camp. Nova Scotia fishing rules will apply for the derby.

We are taking bookings from organizations if they want to rent Camp Roderick this year 2016. For further information please contact Scott Murdoch, Area Commissioner at 902-922-2805 or scott.sherill@live.ca.

Lyon's Brook Women's Institute

The Lyon's Brook Women's Institute meets at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month, September through May. Curious about the goals and outcomes of WI in today's world? You are welcome

to attend meetings as a guest at any time. New members are welcome.

For further information please contact President Patty Thomas at 902-485-4719 or Secretary Betty Doucet at 902-485-5462.

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Pictou County Heartland Tour 2016

Thursday - July 14

Pictou County Wellness Centre

Welcome to Heartland Tour Pictou County, 2016. We are even more excited than usual this year, as we prepare to celebrate 10 years of participation in this event!

Our day begins at the Pictou County Wellness Centre at 8:30 am, with an Opening Ceremony, hosted by the YMCA staff and members. We hope to see adults and children joining us for welcome messages, warm up exercises, and an exciting send off.

Our morning ride takes cyclists through scenic rural Pictou County. We leave the PCWC, travel to Alma, and on to the bike route through Lyons Brook to Pictou. Time spent in Pictou will be determined by the pace of the ride. Cyclists will then leave Pictou and travel back to the Wellness Centre. While cyclists are on the ride, the Annual HLT Walk, partnering with Heart and Stroke NS, will leave the PCWC at 11:00 am. The route will use the sidewalks and quiet surroundings of the Stellarton Industrial Park.

Walkers can expect to be outside for 30-60 minutes. Parents are welcome to bring children in strollers or small bikes.

At noon cyclists and walkers will all be welcomed to a free lunch and Anniversary Celebration. There will be the usual popular Subway sandwiches and more for all participants. We will have draw prizes, including BMO donated bicycles.

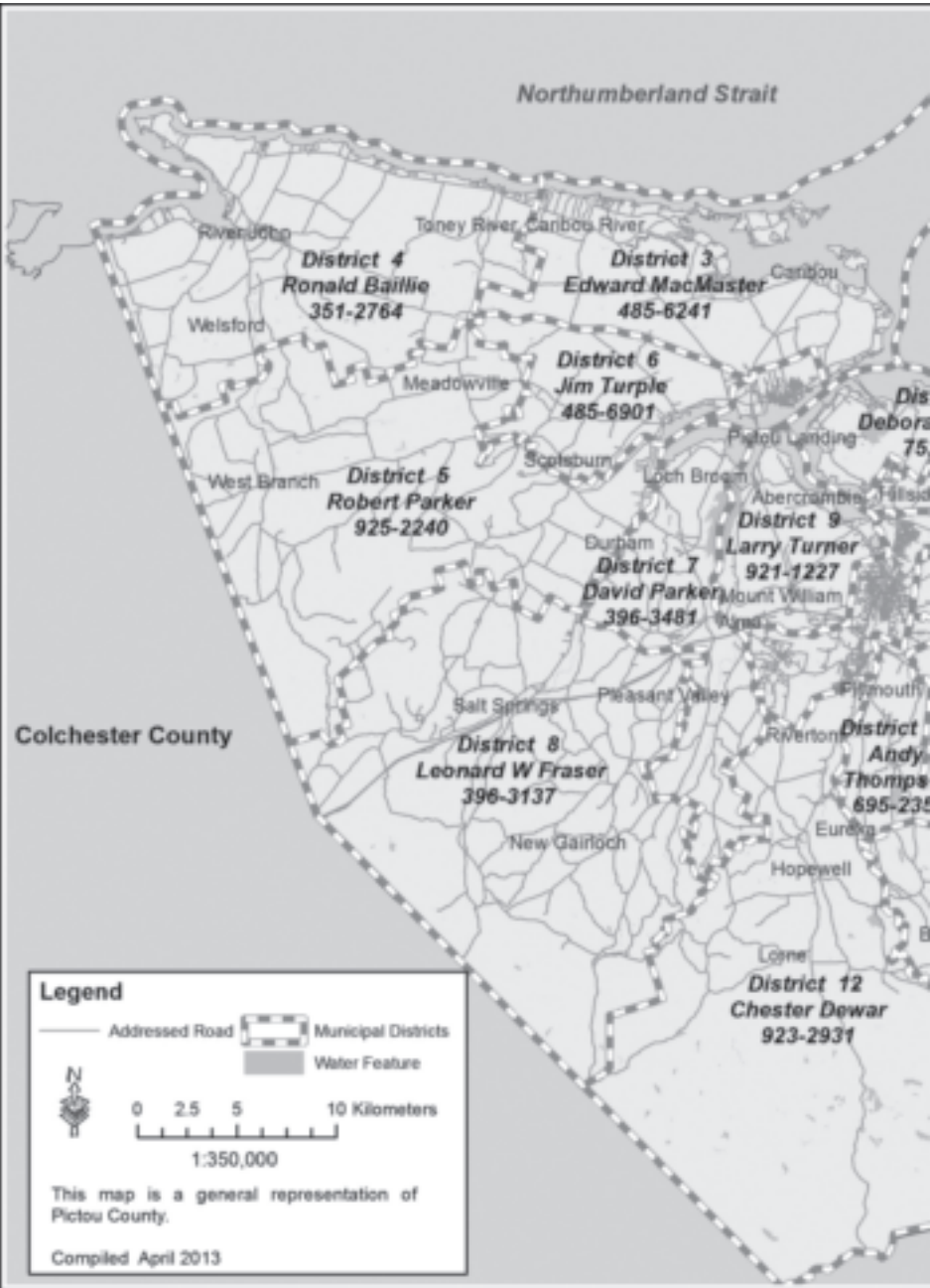
The afternoon will feature a police escort to the Museum of Industry, where cyclists will enjoy a trail ride along the scenic Samson Trail. Riders can turn around at any point, with the farthest point being the Kinsmen Lookoff.

Our 10th Anniversary will feature 10 new cyclists, 10 helmet giveaways, and birthday cake for all!

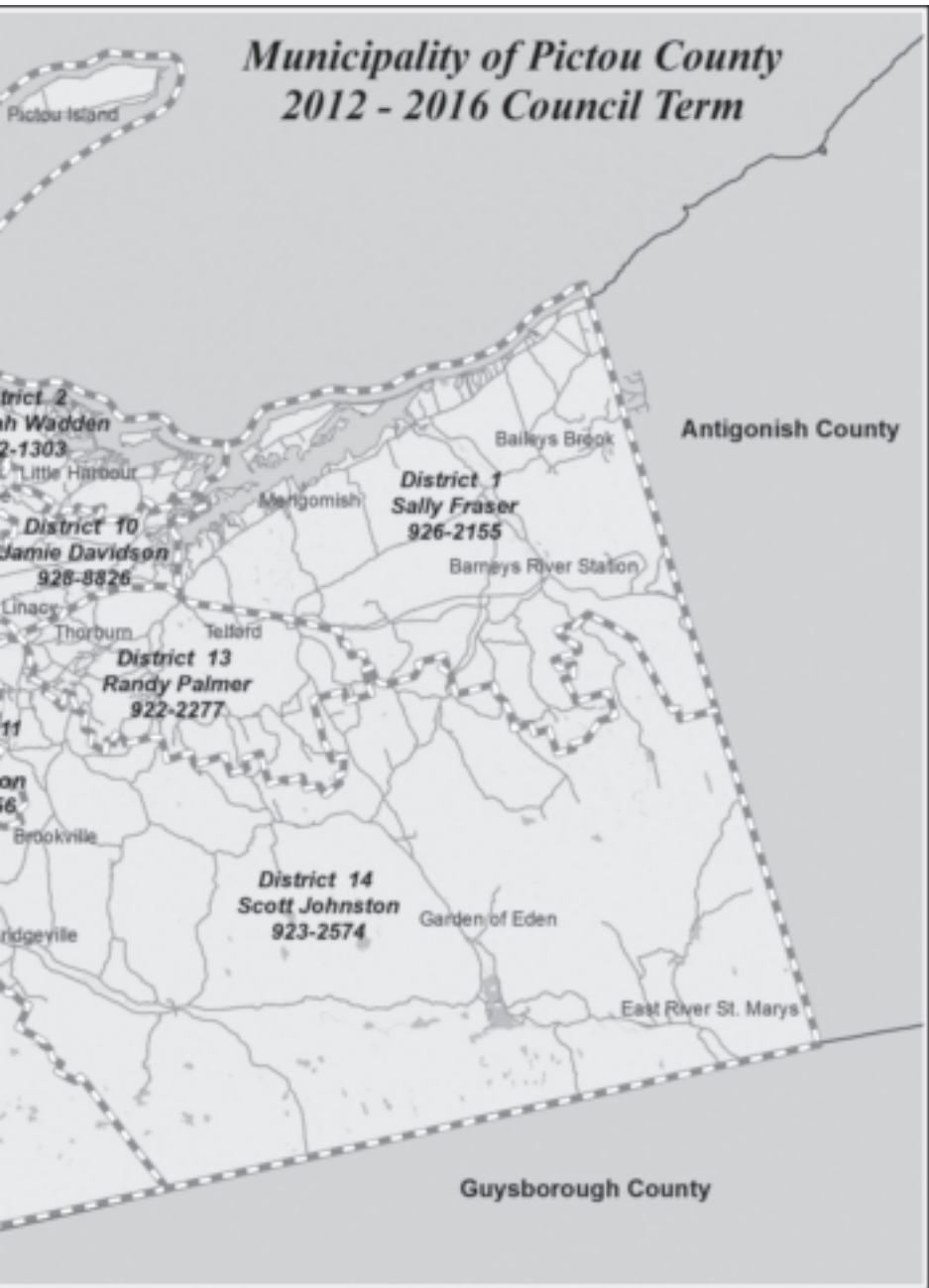
Please join us as we continue on our mission to “create a healthier you, one kilometer at a time!”

For further information please check out the web-site at heartlandtour.ca.





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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.

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 or applications for these funding opportunities please contact Cindy Fraser at the Pictou County Recreation Office at 902-485-8528 or cindy.fraser@munpict.ca.



MacPherson's Mills Women's Institute

Our branch meet on the second Thursday of each month either in our Community Hall or in one of our members' homes. It is usually an afternoon meeting due to the fact that most of our members are retirees. However, we do have evening meetings on occasion to include our working members. We do not meet in July or August.

The motto of the Women's Institute is, "For Home and Country" and our vision statement is "Learning, sharing and improving the quality of life for all". We have monthly programs with speakers or someone sharing a new craft, hobby or topic of interest.

One of our ongoing projects is to

support Book Awards at Thorburn Consolidated school. We have a turkey supper in November with most of the proceeds going to support our community hall and other worthy projects. We hold an auction at our January meeting with proceeds going to the Granton SPCA.

New members are always welcome. We are a rural community and it is a great way to keep in touch with neighbours.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending one of our meetings, please call our secretary, Lorraine Blakeney at 902-922-2059 for details.

Barney's River Station School Museum



This season we are preparing to congratulate ourselves as we make plans to celebrate our 20th anniversary of being a schoolhouse museum.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of our interested supporters we continue to add to our extensive collection of memorabilia.

Now included in our collection of World War II artifacts and publications is a Book of Memories written by a former navigator in the RCAF. He tells of his flights with the crew of the Liberator aircraft and of the after effects experienced during post war years.

Also of extreme interest is a letter written from war torn Italy by a soldier who had been a former student in the one room school. This letter to his sister refers to news that he had received from various family letters and he also speaks of a promotion. He refers to hospitality received in Italian

homes where Canadian soldiers were apparently made quite welcome.

A thank you to Ian and Jean Robertson for sharing this invaluable material.

We thank Jeff William for his contribution, A History of Merigomish.

Adding to our collection depicting royalty is a framed picture of Prince Charles and wife Camilla on arrival at Trenton Airport, May 2015.

It is always exciting to plan for the coming season. What will it bring?



Mill Brook Community Club

Hello again everyone. What a great winter we had, especially when you compare it to last year! Here it is the 3rd day of spring but it seems that no one has told Mother Nature because it keeps snowing. I know some people have seen robins but I have yet to see one. However, the crocus are growing up through the brush on my flower beds so that is definitely a good sign. Everyone is more than ready for some nice weather.

We would like to thank Jim Baird for keeping the yard at the Community Club clear during the winter months. This ensured our regulars for Monday night exercise did not have to wade through the snow to have some exercise and social time. Exercise is held on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$2 per night.

In October we have our pie making venture – lots of work, even more laughs and a great fund raiser for the club. In total we made 397 apple pies – bagged, boxed and ready for the freezer. We make the pies on 2 separate Saturday's in October. Thanks to all our volunteers from the community & beyond for all their hard work. That's a lot of dough to make & roll out plus over 300 pounds of apples to peel! Emma Marshall is our youngest recruit and works really hard – we are so grateful for her help. We would also like to thank the faithful people who purchase these pies – you are wonderful!! Nothing beats the smell of fresh baked apple pie – from your freezer to the oven in 1 easy step. Cooking instructions are even included on the box.

Our annual Christmas Craft

Sale was held the 3rd weekend in November and was a tremendous success! We had several new crafters and a great selection of things for the early Christmas shoppers. Thanks to all the crafters that supplied the items and to all our faithful friends (new & old) who come out to support us in this fundraiser. If you are interested in putting crafts in the sale in November, please contact one of the members below.

One of Santa's elves delivered cookies to the seniors in the community and some who have relocated to New Glasgow & Pictou – we don't forget our old neighbours, especially at Christmas. We also contributed to the Salt Springs School Breakfast program which helps ensure the children start the day right. There is a lot of truth in the saying that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Everyone has heard the commercial that says "You're not yourself when you are hungry – have a Snicker's chocolate bar" and miraculously the person becomes Marilyn Munroe or some other celebrity. I wouldn't suggest chocolate for breakfast but good nutritious food helps children learn better.

We held our 4th Community Fitness Challenge from January 12th to April 16th with a goal of 35,000 km. This year we had approximately 40 participants from age 5 to 92. In previous years we have had great participation and success – surpassing our goal each time. This year was no exception! The first count around mid-February was approximately 18,655 km so we knew we were well on our way. The

final windup was held at the Club on Saturday, April 16th with a potluck and social and to celebrate our final tally of 56,763.7 km! This is a wonderful incentive to keep us moving and active through the long winter months. It's amazing that by following your normal routine, you can accumulate so many kilometers.

We continue to be involved with the Share the Warmth Program which is the making of quilts for nonprofit organizations. Atlantic Fabrics manager Debbie Green helps coordinate the program. They provide the material to create warm quilts for less fortunate people. Last fall, our group got together several times and made 17 tie quilts of various sizes. It's a great way of getting the community involved – drop in when you can for as long as you can spare, no time is too little. Some members are busy making quilt tops to be used in the fall for more quilts. It helps pass the time in the winter when you think it is too cold to be outside – old bones mind the cold more than younger ones. This is a wonderful program for communities to get involved in. It gives one a sense of accomplishment & pride, knowing that the quilts you made will provide physical warmth for someone and hopefully, a lasting impression of knowing that there are people who care. It feels amazing to know we can make a difference in someone's life. We would like to thank Debbie for being so co-operative to our group.

May was a busy month for us as we held our annual Mother's Day Turkey Supper. This year was a great success, we sold 243 dinners. Thanks to everyone for all the help and our

faithful supporters who come to enjoy the meal. Kudos to Mike T for helping spread the word at the Y. We have been told numerous times that we have the best turkey dinner in the area. The one thing we guarantee is no one goes away hungry.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm – March, April, May, August, September, October (annual meeting) and November. Special meetings are held when necessary to plan upcoming events. A genuine WELCOME is extended to anyone in the community and area who would like to join.

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 us 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 please 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 endeavors. Working together we will make a better community & better neighbours.

River John 4-H

River John



CANADA
4-H Nova Scotia

The River John 4-H Club has started out with another great year with many new and returning members. Our leaders again step up to the plate to make sure the members get a great experience and volunteer their time to help them learn new skills.

On February 17th, the Club tried something new and held a Baked Bean Supper followed by apple crisp for dessert during River John Winter Carnival. It was well received and plans are in the works to do it again last year. From this, the club donated \$250 to St. George's Presbyterian Church as a thank you for allowing the club to host many events there over the years.

The Annual Club Rally was held March 19th with a great number participating. The speeches done by the Cloverbuds (Christena MacLean, Ria Suidgeest & Jolie Bezanson) especially stood out. A huge thank you to Robert Heighton and Jackie Ross our judges for taking the time out of their busy schedules to help out. The results were as follows:

Junior Speaker - Telsey Smith

Junior Introducer -
Madison Langille

Junior Thanker -
Jennie MacLean

Junior Demonstration - Megan
McDonald

Intermediate Speech - Kaitlyn
Heighton

Senior Speech - Morgyn Hynes

Senior Team Demonstration -

Elizabeth Heighton & Hayley Murray.

Those who moved on had an excellent night at the County Rally and Jennie MacLean and Megan McDonald succeeded in going to regionals. Congratulations to all of our members for a job well done.

Some Club activities to keep an eye for in the near future are Achievement Day - July 21st where the members show off their hard work from the year and July 26th for the breakfast put on during River John Festival Days.

The club meets the first Monday of the month at the River John HUB. For more information please contact Margaret Cripps, General Leader at marge_rj@hotmail.ca.



Christena MacLean serving some delicious homemade baked beans

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

*Your local library,
wherever you are!*



In Pictou County, the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) has six local library branches (New Glasgow, Pictou, River John, Stellarton, Trenton and Westville), a rural access site on Pictou Island, Books by Mail service to rural patrons, Seniors Home Delivery, and 24-7 Virtual Library services through our website at www.parl.ns.ca. With your free library card, you can borrow from a wide-selection of magazine titles, downloadable e-books & audio books, audiobooks on CD, Playaways, DVDs, books and Large Print books.

Through the Nova Scotia Community Access Program (NSC@P), which provides communities with affordable access to technology in over 200 sites across Nova Scotia, our libraries have computer stations with free access to the internet and other computer software.

Books by Mail

This service allows library card holders, who are rural residents of Pictou County, to borrow books delivered to their mailboxes (with return postage), free of charge. To find out if you qualify, email us at BBM@nsngp.library.ns.ca or call us toll-free at 1-866-779-7761.

Free programs and events for the kids, grown-ups and young-at-heart! We have over 100 free programs and special events for kids, grown-ups

and the 'young-at-heart,' ranging from Preschool Storytimes to Seniors Cafés.

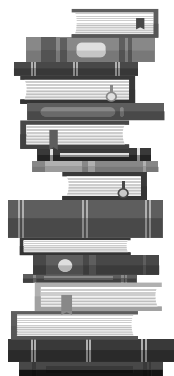
New to the library - Play Packs! These kits with books and play equipment are now available to borrow through your public library. This initiative is made possible with support from the Antigonish Town & County, Active Pictou County and surrounding Community Health Boards.

How to find us!

For more information, please check our website www.parl.ns.ca, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter at @PARLevents. If you'd like the library to speak at one of your community events, please contact Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library headquarters at (902) 755-6031. To find out what's going on in your local library, please see the contact information below. Hours of operation for each library may vary.

Library branch contact information:

New Glasgow
Public Library:
(902) 752-8233
Pictou Library:
(902) 485-5021
River John Library:
(902) 351-2599
Stellarton Library:
(902) 755-1638
Trenton Library:
(902) 752-5181
Westville Library:
(902) 396-5022



Caribou Women's Institute

Caribou Women's Institute meets on the second Monday of each month, September, to November, April to June. In winter, January to March meetings are on Sunday at 2:00 pm at various venues.

We support the Pictou Colchester Exhibition with volunteers and prize money and provide bursaries to the local high schools as well as support the scholarship fund of our provincial

organization.

Each month the Caribou WI has a planned program ranging from crafts to speakers discussing health, local history, issues of public interest and more. We also have an in-house book club.

Guests and/or new members are warmly welcomed. Please call Caribou WI Secretary, Faustina Smith at 902-485-8212 for more information.

New Glasgow Karate Club

The New Glasgow Karate meets on Monday and Wednesday nights, upstairs in the New Glasgow Fire Station.

Junior and adult classes begin at 6:30 pm, with the Junior class ending at 7:30 pm and the adults finishing at 9:00 pm. Junior class is 7-12 year olds and adult class is age 13 and over. One of

our members is now 70 so we have no upper age limit!! Junior classes take the summer months off, while adult class continues year round.

For more information please contact Cherry Whitaker at 925-2042 or find us on Facebook under New Glasgow Karate Club.

Landfill Vouchers

Once again the Municipality is offering its residential property owners the opportunity to receive two vouchers to deposit garbage at the Mount William Transfer Station free of charge.

Vouchers are available at the Municipal Administration Building, 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou, or by calling 902-485-4311 or 902-752-1530. The vouchers will allow 2 free deposits at the site any time between now and October 31st. A weight restriction of 1,000 lbs of garbage per voucher will

be enforced. Residents must show their vouchers upon entering the site. Vouchers will be issued only once during the coverage period.

All normal regulations at the Transfer Station will apply to voucher holders, including the use of clear garbage bags.

**PROVIDING YOUR TAX ACCOUNT
NUMBER WHEN CALLING TO
REQUEST YOUR VOUCHERS WILL
EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING
PERIOD**

START Program for Employers

The START program offers financial incentives to small and medium sized enterprises to help you hire Nova Scotians who need work experience.

Who can apply?

Any small or medium sized organization that is located in Nova Scotia AND whose employees work in the province, including

- businesses
- not-for-profit organizations
- social enterprises
- companies whose headquarters are outside Nova Scotia but who have a physical location in the province and have employees working in the province

How long must I employ someone to be eligible for START?

The length of your START agreement depends on the work that you, as the employer, require AND the needs of the employee. Preference is given to employers who can offer full-time, sustainable employment.

How much is the incentive?

The amount of the incentive depends on the kind of employment you offer and the skill level of the employee.

Can employers have more than one START agreement?

Yes but there are conditions. See *How do I find out more?* at the end of this fact sheet.

How to apply

1. Call 1-877-223-0888 and ask for a LaMPSS registration package. (If you are already registered with LaMPSS you can skip this step).
2. Apply for the START program online using the LaMPSS system.
3. Employment Nova Scotia staff will review your application and help you with the application if you need it.

How do I find out more?

Visit: novascotia.ca/employmentnovascotia
Call: 1-877-223-0888

Employment Nova Scotia manages employment-related programming funded by the Canada-Nova Scotia Labour Market Development Agreement, the Canada-Nova Scotia Job Fund Agreement, and the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers.



What's a great way for your child to get some exercise and meet new friends this summer? It's soccer, of course!



Northern Nova United (NNU), a soccer club operating in Pictou County, offers programming for players three years and older. We have competitive and recreational options, starting in late May and continuing into the summer.

We offer a MINI PROGRAM for U3-U6 and it's about having fun with

and without the soccer ball! Our RECREATIONAL PROGRAM, from U8-U12, continues to develop players in the areas of agility, balance and coordination, while focusing on the important skills required to play the game, such as ball master.

Our ACADEMY PROGRAM is the training ground for our competitive soccer program. Players who have notable promise in their development in the sport are encouraged to join our Academy program. At this level, competition is emphasized while having fun and getting kids to fall in love with the game.

Programs start at \$70 for 10 weeks. Late registration will be considered on certain programs. Visit our website (nnusc.com) for more information or email admin@nnusc.com.

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West Branch Community Hall

Upcoming Events for 2016

JAM SESSIONS

Wed evenings 7-10PM, Except 3rd Wed of the month. Begins May 4th thru summer. Music Circle Jam. Non-musicians \$2.50. Light refreshments offered.

Fourth Saturday Monthly OLD TIME DANCE

7:30 to 11:00 PM Admission \$7.00
Old Time Dances are held monthly on the fourth, but not necessarily the last Saturday of the month.

Music at West Branch musicatwestbranch.com

The best in local and regional music in an intimate setting with the great acoustics at our Hall.

Seniors Luncheon

Join Elizabeth for **Senior's Relay** from 11to 2PM every third Thursday of the month for good food, companionship and information important to seniors. No charge. 351-2087

OCTOBER 1, 2016 HARVEST POT LUCK SUPPER

4:00 to 6:00 PM. Reeaally good casseroles. Plenty to eat, new dishes all day. \$10.00 adults, \$5.00

DECEMBER 3, 2016

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Free Admission but donations to Pictou County Food Bank gladly accepted. It is our food drive day also.

Our Hall is available to rent for social events such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, etc. We have a fully equipped kitchen and modern washrooms. Open, level grounds for outdoor events. In addition our Hall has great acoustics for musical performances. Contact Denise, 351-2260



Alma FD Ladies Auxilliary



Those living in rural communities served by a volunteer fire department understand the importance of community support and efforts by volunteers to assist in that support. For many years, members of the Ladies Auxilliary have sponsored events throughout the year to aid the Alma Fire Dept. in purchasing turnout gear for its volunteers. The Auxilliary meets on the third Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 pm at the fire hall and new members are always welcome. Membership is open to anyone residing in the department's fire service area. The

fire hall is located at the rear of the fire station, is wheelchair accessible and can accommodate events such as receptions, birthday and anniversary parties, meetings and other events. The Auxilliary will provide catering services on a request basis.

Upcoming events for 2016 include a Community Yard Sale, scheduled for Saturday, May 28th and the popular annual Christmas Craft Bazaar scheduled for November 25th and 26th. Anyone wishing additional information about the Auxilliary is invited to contact Valerie MacDonald at 396-5427.

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Green Hill-Alma United Church as Community Space

Yes, there are still folks who worship on Sundays at Green Hill-Alma United Church but there are other things to do there on other days as well. The little church on Alma Loop, next to the Alma Fire Department, loves to share its space with others in the community.

At the present time, Yoga classes are held on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings. Instruction is by Dorothy Boutilier who moved back to her home community within the past year. Also, check out the Fall Fun Fair which is held in October; it's a fun family event. And soon, you will be able to check out the GHA Historical Kiosk that some of our community friends have been working on during the past year(s).

The church is also the venue for Monday Music Concert Series. The music series was started in the summer of 2015 as a weekly event and then moved to a monthly concert through

the fall, winter and spring. Concerts will continue into the summer of 2016 with the hope that there will be at least two concerts a month from June to September. The concerts have featured a variety of music types and a wide range of musicians. Some of the musicians have been from the local area while some are visiting from other parts of Nova Scotia or even further afield. The building has good acoustic properties and is perfect for a small, intimate concert experience; some have said it is very much like a house concert.

You can check out what's happening at the Facebook pages for either Monday Music in Alma or Green Hill Alma United Church. For further information please contact Gwen MacLean at gwenmaclean@live.ca or call 902-396-5648.

Dalhousie Mountain Snowmobile Club (DMSC)

Dalhousie Mountain Snowmobile Club (DMSC) was incorporated in 2001 and is a not-for-profit society and member of the Snowmobilers Association of NS (SANS). DMSC meets the first Tuesday of the month during snowmobile season and have approximately 80 members.

This past snowmobile season has seen an increased presence of enforcement officers on our trails throughout the province. The provincial snowmobile organization, SANS, and all the clubs in the province depend on the sale of trail permits and registrations to fund trail maintenance and grooming. We appreciate the effort made by the RCMP and DNR Enforcement to ensure compliance to the regulations. This not only encourages permit, insurance and registration purchase but also ensures the trails are much safer for all users. Our mission statement is: "The Dalhousie Mountain Snowmobile Club wishes to be recognized as providing high quality, safe, enjoyable and fun trail experiences for snowmobilers."

We were successful in receiving funds to repair and upgrade trails cooperatively with the Pictou County ATV Club. The Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund and National Trails Coalition provided funding to upgrade the NS104 SANS Trail from Mt. Thom to Highway 289.

Once again the NS Health and Wellness Trail Maintenance Fund provided funding to help with groomer maintenance and Active Pictou County, through the Pictou County Trails

Association provided grants for many of our worthwhile trail projects.

The club recently standardized our groomers by selling our New Holland Groomer and purchasing a second Lamtrac Groomer. This is a better suited groomer for our type of trails and standardizes our operator training, maintenance and parts. We are currently looking at obtaining some property to house the groomers, as we have to store them outside over the summer and so far, have been very fortunate to have the use of George Chisholm's facilities in Plainfield to perform maintenance and repairs during the winter season. Our own property and garage would provide a much better facility for our needs.

We have placed two sponsor sign boards at each of our two warming huts: one on the old railbed trail and the other near Gully Lake Wilderness Area. This will allow local businesses and groups to advertise by purchasing poster space. Anyone interested in advertising is encouraged to contact the club for our very reasonable rates and packages.

This past winter the club held a very successful snowmobile rally from the John Gammon Recreational and Community Centre, Scotsburn and raised a substantial amount of funds for club work. We also revised our by-laws and produced a Policy Manual to better manage the club's affairs.

DMSC always welcomes new members. We actively support NS Youth Snowmobilers (NSYS), a snowmobile

program aimed at the youth of NS. We welcome all avid snowmobilers to participate in the club and all our memberships are family inclusive.

We wish all residents a great summer season and remember to participate in outdoor activities as Pictou County

offers many spectacular trails and activities to explore. Have a safe and adventurous year!

We have a great website: www.dalhousiemountainsnowmobileclub.ca and if interested in more info please email: dmscsecretary@gmail.com.

Looking for a summer soccer camp? British Soccer is back in Stellarton!



Northern Nova United Soccer Club is excited to partner again with Challenger Sports to offer a British Soccer camp July 25-July 29 in Stellarton!

Players will be coached by a member of Challenger's British coaching staff flown to Canada exclusively for these programs for ages 3-18. Challenger coaches have helped develop one of the most innovative approaches to coaching youth soccer camps in Canada. Their experienced staff has identified the key techniques and skills that players need to work on and master to reach their potential.

Each day includes individual

foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, coached scrimmages, and a daily World Cup tournament. In addition, players will be treated to a rich cultural experience and lessons on respect, responsibility, integrity, leadership and sportsmanship. Each camper will receive a FREE camp T-shirt, soccer ball, soccer poster, individual skills performance evaluation and free access to an educational soccer website. Register before June 10 to receive a genuine British Soccer replica jersey! Visit NNU's website (nnusc.com) for more information and to register!

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.

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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 October 11th, 2016. The next issue will be distributed in late November. 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 250 words to allow enough space for all volunteer groups.**

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Errors? Omissions?



If any of the contacts or groups in this newsletter have changed, please contact Cindy Fraser at the Pictou County Recreation Office at 902-485-8528 or 902-752-1530.