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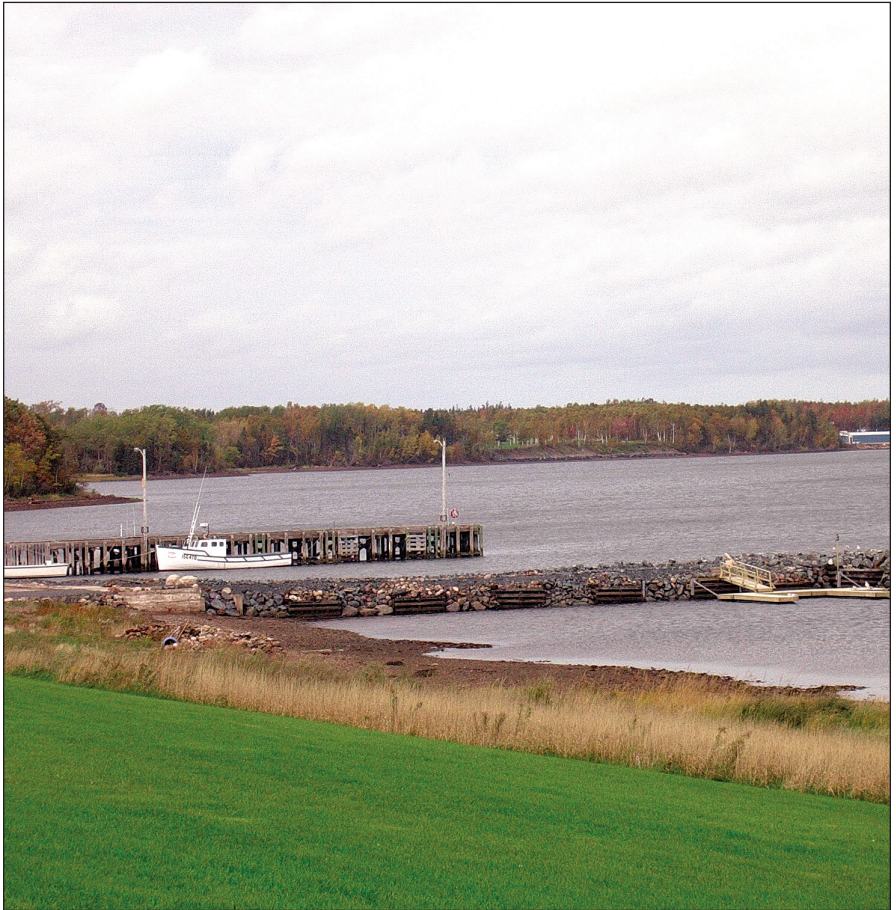


Photo – Simpsons Beach Wharf – Photo: Kathy Mattatall



Message from the Warden

by Robert Parker



Hello to all residents, full time and part time, in rural Pictou County. As I sit to write this piece, we have just celebrated another Thanksgiving Day and will soon honour those brave men and women who put their lives on the line and bravely fought for our great country. It is important that we all take time to remember how fortunate we are to live in this little corner of the world. We are free to make our own decisions on how we want to live and peacefully change governments when it is the will of the majority to do so. For the most part, we have plentiful food, beautiful nature all around us, moderate weather and a kind and generous community, always willing to step up to the plate to help our neighbours in need. If we compare our conditions with most other parts of the world, we are truly blessed.

Your Council has been busy since our last newsletter, with a natural slowdown over the summer months. Now that we are into fall, our working committees will be moving toward some concrete results, after some initial meetings to test the ground and discuss some goals. We have a new Recreation Committee with excellent participation by residents along with several councillors. This committee looks to draw up a new roadmap for recreation programs in our rural

communities for the next decade for all age groups and abilities. This will help align our municipality with new provincial and federal recreation strategies to address the changing demographics in our society. We all recognize the tremendous importance of looking after our mental health in today's fast moving society. Recreation, sometimes just for the sake of socialization, can play a huge role in ensuring good mental health.

Our Energy and Communications committees both hope to develop one or two solid goals this fall to work towards over the next year. Giving our rural residents some real and financially viable renewable energy options as well as greatly improved high speed internet and cell phone service are big challenges but I feel our joint council/resident committees are up to those challenges. Look for some interesting projects over the next year or so.

Our Council has formed a new committee, our Audit committee. We had actually moved quickly last fall, shortly after the municipal election, to bring in reforms to expense claims and safeguards on your (taxpayers) money. While we had no evidence of any misspent dollars in our municipality, it is never a bad idea to be making sure where every dollar is going when you are operating an organization with a 17 million dollar budget. Our Audit committee will be doing just that,

working closely with our auditors and senior financial staff as well as some non-council representatives.

Working jointly with our urban municipalities, some progress is being made to reduce the annual deficit at the Wellness Centre and to enhance its uses to serve all residents of Pictou County. We also are working jointly with the towns on the Municipal Alcohol Project which is also heading up preparation for the legalization of marijuana. While most of the regulations regarding this are at the provincial and federal levels, it will, no doubt, have financial implications as well as others on our local governments. We want to have our input now before it is up and running.

Our Municipal Economic Working Group, if approved by all Councils, will soon do like the caterpillar and go through a metamorphosis to the Pictou County REN (Regional Enterprise Network). This REN will be made up of a Board of Directors consisting of business people and others with councillors stepping back to an oversight role. This will allow the Board to do its job of building the number of good paying jobs in Pictou County, without the political interference that has often plagued us in the past. The Oversight Committee will ensure that

taxpayer dollars are only being used for what they were meant for. Municipal dollars are not meant to subsidize any particular business but to improve the overall business climate.

Our staff has had a busy season overseeing several large projects including a \$6.5 million wastewater project in Plymouth and MacLellan's Brook, which is now nearing completion and I'm sure, well appreciated by those residents. Similar but smaller projects in Abercrombie and Springfield Estates are just getting started. We also have a new municipal road at Green Acres in Sylvester, again much appreciated by residents. All of these projects are expensive, with the benefitting residents paying their fair share and most with significant contributions from both provincial and federal governments.

I know that is a lot for one newsletter but I wanted all residents to have a feel for what your Council is working on and hopefully these efforts will bear fruit that will benefit us all, not only for today, but well into the future. Winter well, take care of each other especially those with health needs and financial needs. On behalf of myself and my fellow councillors, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season.



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District 2

I am just completing Year 1 of my term in office since being re-elected by the residents of District 2. I continue to sit on various boards and committees associated with Council with my most active being the Municipal Alcohol Policy Committee and the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Board. These two boards have representatives from all our local municipalities sitting on them. Our MAP committee has worked very hard the past few years encouraging a change in the alcohol culture within Pictou County, especially among our Youth. We have been involved with a couple of Intergenerational workshops within our county and have had much success with the results from these events. We encouraged the various events held across our county to use CHAD for safe transportation home and this has gone very well with both The Riverfront Jubilee and Pictou Lobster Carnival taking advantage of this service to promote Safe Drives Home. We have recognized Management and Staff at The Thistle Pub in New Glasgow for offering transportation to and from their establishment. Currently we are championing a workshop for our fellow councillors concerning the Legalization of Cannabis and the effects this new legislation will have on our communities. I was able to participate in a Provincial Cannabis Symposium in Halifax put on by the Union of NS Municipalities (UNSM) & the Association of Municipal Administrators (AMANS) in partnership with Nova Scotia Health

Authority and the IWK. We were able to take what we learned from this workshop and after much discussion were able to put together a workshop for our own local councillors and added discussions which were more relevant to our own local area. There are many aspects to the legalization of cannabis and July 2018 is approaching quickly. If any of you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I would welcome the discussion.

It amazes me how the Library is so much more than just a place to get books. There is something constantly going on at our libraries and I encourage everyone to take a moment to see what is happening. Just go to "parl.ns.ca" and click on events and you will be amazed. There is never a dull moment at our Libraries and you will find something for everyone to do.

Our Municipality recognizes milestone birthdays and anniversaries. If you know someone celebrating a special milestone, please let me know and I will present them with our recognition certificate. Just give me a call or send me an email and I am only too happy to do this on your behalf.

Our Council will be putting together their goals and objectives for the upcoming year, so let me know if you have any ideas that you would like to see included for our area. Thanks to all those who participated in the 2 recreation days held this summer at the Little Harbour Community Centre. It would be great to see a more permanent summer recreation program in District

2. Let me know your thoughts on this as well. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any of your thoughts or ideas. I cannot stress how important it is for me to hear from you. I represent all off you at our Council table and I am only too pleased to let the voices of District 2 be heard, but I need to hear from you.

The Holiday Season is quickly

approaching so from our home to yours, Don and I would like to wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Debi Wadden

Councillor – District 2

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District 9

It's hard to believe that summer is over and fall has now arrived. Hope everyone gets a chance to view the beautiful foliage. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Linacy Fire Department for their tremendous service in all that they do for our District and to congratulate them on the purchase of their new fire truck. The Linacy Fire Department held

many other safety measures. To view great pictures of the firefighters letting the children use the fire hoses on them go to the Linacy Fire Department Facebook page. The firefighters certainly made learning fire safety fun. Everything was free. There was a fireman's boot out to collect donations and I would encourage everyone if able to contribute to the Linacy Fire



the open house for Fire Prevention Week/Canada 150 celebrations on Thanksgiving weekend. What a great event they hosted for the community. Everyone had a wonderful time; there were lots of smiles and laughter along with cotton candy, hot dogs, popcorn, bouncy houses! Children and adults were taught how to use a fire extinguisher properly, along with

Department.

I was honoured to be invited to Camp Connect by Steve and Dee Stewart who have been involved with this camp for 17 years. Camp Connect began in 1998, and has been operating out of its current location since 2000. The primary purpose of the camp is to provide an opportunity for burn survivors to come together in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy all the fun that a camp can provide. It's also an opportunity for the campers, if they wish, to join in discussions about being a burn survivor.

District 9 would like to congratulate

Chelsea Pettipas for receiving the 2017 INAP Special Achievement Award for Community Achievement. She has also been nominated for an Art Award next year. Great Job Chelsea!

On August 1st, Tim Houston the MLA for District 9 along with Transportation staff met with residents at the Little Harbour Community Centre to discuss the condition of our roads and the process that the Department of Transportation follows to determine what work is done on what road and when. Approximately sixty people attended to express their thoughts and concerns. Many questions were asked regarding the Five Year Paving Plan, how the condition of our roads are affecting business and tourism, the damage being done to our vehicles, response time when calling Department of Transportation and cutting of brush by the sides of our roads as a safety and tick concern. The condition of our roads is going to be an ongoing challenge and the residents are frustrated and concerned. I will continue to lobby for road and safety improvements.

Residents of Hillside have formed an action group to have a new community centre built in the Hillside community. The group is very enthusiastic and feels a community centre is a much needed resource in Hillside. I will keep you updated as plans proceed for the centre. Hillside Girls Club activities have resumed at the North End Recreation Centre.

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

This program is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. The program provides eligible homeowners with a 50% rebate of the actual residential municipal property taxes paid the previous year, up to a maximum of \$800.00 per year. Applications must be received by December 31st, 2017

2) Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP)

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) helps with the cost of home heating for low-income Nova Scotians who pay for their own heat. Rebates range from \$100 to \$200. To qualify for the rebate, you must pay for your own heat and meet 1 of the following criteria: have a net income of \$29,000 or less and live alone with no kids or dependents have a combined net income of \$44,000 or less and live with kids, dependents, or other adults. You can apply now until March 31, 2018. Contact Service Nova Scotia to find out if you qualify. If you have questions about the rebates, please call Service Nova Scotia toll free within Nova Scotia at 1-800-670-4357 or 902-424-5200.

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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A Few Good Reasons to Join 4-H

If you are between 7-21 years old, enjoy giving back to the community, making new friends, learning valuable skills and having lots of fun, give 4-H a try. This is exactly what 4-H is all about.

In the Salt Springs Club, the new year really starts in November by selecting the projects you want to take. One myth that we can bust is that you don't require an animal. In fact, some members only do life skills projects while others combine it with livestock.

Throughout the year we meet once a month for the general business and the rest is done with the project leaders. Members will be involved in fundraisers, highway clean up, secret friends, public speaking and so much more.

This goes on until July when we have



our Achievement Day. That's when we show case all of our projects and show any animals we have worked with during the year. Items and animals are then able to go to the Exhibition in September and if they win there, it's off to ProShow!

If you would like to know more about 4-H and learn how you can earn a high school credit for your work with the club, contact our general leader, Betty Lou Scott 902-925-2057.

*Hannah Moss
Club Reporter
Salt Springs 4-H*

Caribou River Community Hall

The Caribou River Community Hall is located on the Sunrise Trail. This a one-room schoolhouse has become a nice hall with a great kitchen.

We have a dedicated group who plan the popular "Lunch and Learn" program the fourth Thursday of each month. Watch for our Lunch and Learn's in the spring during April, May and June.

We offered two fitness classes for seniors this fall including a Chair Yoga class which has just finished. We are planning more classes in the spring.

Our Christmas Market will be held

on Saturday December 2nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm featuring local crafts and a pantry table. To book a table for \$10.00 please call 902-485-6818.

The Hall shuts down for the winter months of January, February and March, reopening in April for parties or meetings.

Watch for upcoming events on Facebook District 3 Community News.

For more information on Lunch and Learn, fitness classes or to book the Hall please contact Donna Bullerwell 902-485-1484.

District One News

There is something for everyone here in District One! To keep in touch with the many events and activities, District One has a new web site www.eastpictoucommunity.ca, and of course the ever popular District One Development Society Face Book Page. Our newsletter is still a favorite for those not connected to the internet.

This past summer our Summer Recreation Program had 40 registered children with thanks going out to Jessica, Danielle and Lauren who provided a great program. Thanks also go out to those who helped with improvements to the Lismore Ballfield and entertained folks with a Ball Tournament held this September. Canada 150 celebrations were held in various areas of District One with good food, activities, entertainment and the Fireworks in Lismore proved to be even more spectacular this year.

For the upcoming winter, folks of all ages will be able to participate in various activities throughout the District. Our District One Fitness Challenge will begin in Early December, followed by various Christmas Concerts and activities. All residents are urged to decorate their property and or home for the Christmas Decoration Contest and

our judges will be driving around on December 17 to pick our winner. Our Senior's Outreach will be starting again in January and continuing through February with weekly Lunch and Learn sessions at the Lismore Hall.

Monthly Concerts at the Lismore Hall are held on the last Friday of each month with proceeds going to the Karen Lynn MacDonald Allergy Awareness Society; the performers are starting to get ready for the Annual Lismore Wintertime Revue in March; at the Merigomish School House there are monthly concerts or Trivia Nights planned to entertain us through the winter months; and spring time welcomes in the ever popular events such as the Kenzieville Pancake Festival and the Annual Culloden Ceremony in Knoydart.

With many non-for-profit groups in our communities, volunteers are always needed for various fundraisers and functions. If you have some time throughout the month and would like to help a good cause, check out the District One News to see what's happening and join in to help their cause.

For further information please contact Heather at districtonenews@hotmail.ca.

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.

Harbour Authority of Pictou Landing

“The Great Trail” celebration took place on August 26, 2017 at Pictou Landing Wharf along with all across Canada that same day. We had a huge cake, BBQ, drinks and over 70 prizes given away to over 100 visitors we had attend. We also cut the ribbon to open our washrooms/office building we completed this year. Our commercial fleet was 20 vessels for lobster season and 10 fished herring from this wharf.

We thank all those who helped make this a successful year at HAPL and look forward to more improvements to

come in the New Year. Drop by to see and maybe use our new facilities.



150 Years Celebration at HAPL. Aug. 26/17. (l-r); Glenda Cameron, Don McCulloch (Board), Isabel MacPherson, Bill MacPherson (Board), Tim Brennan, Ross Cameron (Board).

Lyon's Brook Women's Institute

The Lyon's Brook Women's Institute has planned interesting sessions for the community and surrounding area. Three Lunch and Learn sessions have been planned for the fall. In September, Shelley Ballantyne, Laughter Yoga trainer, shared how laughter can improve your mind, body and spirit. In October, Courtney, in-store dietitian from Atlantic Superstore, shared information on learning about healthy eating for healthy aging. In November, Cindie from Caregivers Nova Scotia provided information on how they support care-givers. Lunch and Learn sessions will also be held in the spring so watch for further information.

For those in the community who can only attend sessions in the evening, the Women's Institute has opened its fall evening programs to the wider community. September found

members and guests enjoying ways to keep fit, under the leadership of Joan Clark. In October, Barb Smith, Pictou County Crime Prevention shared information on scams and frauds and how you can protect yourself.

All events are held in the Lyon's Brook Hall. The Lunch and Learn sessions begin at noon and the cost is a free-will donation. The evening programs are held on the third Thursday of most months beginning at 7:00 pm with a social time beginning at 6:45 pm. All are welcome.

The Lyon's Brook Women's Institute is a part of a local, national, and international organization that promotes women, families and communities. If interested in finding out more about WI contact Christine at cmackenz@eastlink.ca or Lynn at macleanj@eastlink.ca.

Barney's River Station School Museum

The summer of 2017 proved to be interesting and exciting. Nova Bannerman had not noticeably retired but she says that she will keep trying. Our dedicated and diligent Student Interpreter was Jacob Murray Burke from Avondale. His technical skills were certainly useful and the names and



comments to the Museum Facebook were greatly appreciated. It was interesting to see who was liking and sharing. Jacob is a Grade XI student at NNEC.

Two new additions to the museum attracted much attention. We received a frame photograph of 48 coal miners from Seam 19, Acadia Mine, 1934, in Thorburn with names provided. We also treasure a photocopy of the flight crews of Enola Gay and Bockscar, the plans which dropped the atomic bomb in 1945. This initial contribution came from Suzy VanPelt, wife of the navigator on both flights.

As usual our guests' appreciation of the museum made all efforts worthwhile. Special mention is given to John and Evelyn Sinclair, Hopewell, descendants of the internationally famous John "Bard" MacLean, also Tim Houston, MLA, Sam MacDonald

and Rosalie MacEachern of the New Glasgow News. But the highlight of the summer was a visit from Lynne and Mark Purkiss, Peterborough, England. Lynne is the daughter of Ronald Mizon the war evacuee who spent 3 years in Barney's River Station and attended the 1 room school. Lynne was overwhelmed when she entered the school room. Her father had spoken so warmly of his days in Barney's River that she had longed to follow his journey. The news coverage of this visit was widely read and eventually the article commanded attention on Facebook.

We issue an open invitation to visit this unique one of a kind building during the summer months or find us on Facebook.

www.barneysrivermuseum.org the building tells the story.

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, or visit our web site at www.parl.ns.ca/roots. You can also come in to our office at 182 Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

If you are looking for Judge Clyde Macdonald's latest book *Pictonians In and Out of Court* we have about 80 left. Great Christmas gift. You can pick the book up at our Office at 182 Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow which is located in the New Glasgow Library.

Also we have some of his other books left which are: (*Crimes, Trials, Duels, Accidents*), *Stories from Pictou County's Past*, *More Stories from Pictou County's Past*, *Notable Pictonians and More Notable Pictonians*.

Northumberland Karate

Program runs September to June
Scotsburn Location – John Gammon
Rec Center (beside Post Office)
Sunday

7-12 year old beginners/white belts
 6:30-7:00 pm
 7-12 year old yellow/orange belts
 7:00-7:30 pm
 7-12 year old green/blue/purple belts
 7:30-8:00 pm
 \$30.00 per month

Trenton Location: Trenton
Elementary School
Monday & Wednesday

7-12 year old beginners/white belts
 6:30-7:00 pm
 7-12 year old yellow - purple belts
 7:10-7:50 pm
 13+ to Adult - all belt levels 8:00-9:30
 pm
 \$25.00 per month

For further information or to register contact nkarate@eastlink.ca.

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.

Again our fundraisers were well supported by our community. Last year was the 15th year for our Planked Salmon Dinner. It was once again a sellout, thanks to the assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary and volunteers from the community. The April pancake breakfast, the 50/50 draw, and the Cape Breton Weekend Getaway fundraisers were also very successful. The Ladies Auxiliary gave us \$3000, as they continue to actively fundraise for the Department with events like the Fall Potluck Dinner. Their contribution is a great financial boost. Tickets for our fundraisers can be purchased from any firefighter.

The civic numbering system is very important to fire departments, police, ambulance, doctors etc. Make sure it is visible from the road in both directions and in low light conditions. 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 \$35.00.

We again participated in two Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drives and the Nova Scotia Burn Camp. Our Fire Department, along with 7 other Departments participated in Fire Prevention Week school classroom visitations at FH MacDonald, Thorburn and Pictou Landing Schools. We also held our Open House during Fire Prevention Week.

We will be hosting a Christmas Tree Lighting & LED Light Exchange with Efficiency Nova Scotia on December 1st from 6:30-8:00 pm. Residents bring two sets of traditional (incandescent) holiday lights to the event and receive one set of efficient LEDs from Efficiency Nova Scotia. Supplies are limited; therefore only one set of LEDs will be exchanged per family.

Representatives from Efficiency Nova Scotia will be present at each event to answer any questions about energy efficiency, the services we offer, and how we can help attendees save energy and money.

We received our new Pumper Truck in May and had a representative from the pump manufacturer come from Flagstaff Arizona put on a two day training session for us. It is now in service and performing well. All members are receiving training on its safe operation.

We had four members of the

community come forward and join the Department over the summer months. They are now taking Level One training through the Nova Scotia Firefighters School. The training will take place over the fall and winter months. We certainly appreciate them giving up their many hours to train to do this very important job safely. Training continues at the Fire Hall every Tuesday night year round with good attendance. We have just promoted two firefighters to officers, congratulations to Kevin Gratto & Erin Wadden.

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

“COOK WITH CAUTION” - Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.

Stay in the kitchen when you are

frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food. If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the kitchen while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.

For further information please contact Don Wadden at donwadden54@gmail.com.



On behalf of the Board of the Directors of the Pictou-North Colchester Exhibition, I would like to thank our exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers and anyone who donated monies to create our Exhibition.

A special thank you to the general public for their strong support at the door. It is all of these factors that contribute to this successful event.

Jack Ferguson
President

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Plymouth Community Centre



We no longer have to say, "It's the building up on the hill by the gazebo". Now, thanks to Gordon Sutherland and Betty Mae Madden, we have a beautiful sign that boldly and clearly denotes that we are indeed the PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE! Special thanks to Gordon and Betty!

After a summer filled with fun and special memories, the equipment and supplies are stored away and the kids are back in school. Our Summer Recreation Program was a perfect combination of all three levels of government combining with dedicated volunteers and terrific young leaders to provide fun and interactive programming for children in the East River Valley area. Special thanks to the leadership/support of Pictou County Recreation, Councillor Andy Thompson and the cooperative spirit of community leaders; Mike Hecimovich, Arlene MacGregor and Ellen MacDonald. We have heard so many positive comments about seeing

the children at play up on the hill or at the newly-restored Springville Ball Field. We finished off the season with our traditional "Movie Under the Stars" and a celebration with parents and kids including BBQ, cake and lots of fun with Northshore Events equipment!

It was a great summer but the fall season brings a change in plans and some new beginnings. The fall schedule of activities must begin with our special group of friends who make up the Golden Glen Seniors Club, the longest-running club in the province. They meet every Tuesday afternoon for cards and camaraderie and always welcome new members. A special member of the group will be missed by everyone at the Centre as we have had to say goodbye to our dear friend, Olive Ross. She will surely be missed as her spirit and enthusiasm could fill a room.

Cheryl Lays continues to lead the Adult Fitness Group on Mondays and Fridays at 9:00 am, Wednesdays at 4:30



pm and Saturday at 9:30 am. You can contact Cheryl at nanacher47@eastlink.ca to check times or other information.

Amanda MacLeod (902-695-6159) has tentatively scheduled her Yoga sessions for 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. So feel free to drop in to the studio and meet Amanda and consider joining in for an hour of restoration/relaxation.

Heather Cameron (Leeder) (902-695-5246) continues to bring music to the Centre. She planned a Cape Breton Square Dance in the Main Hall in November and we look forward to more dances in the coming months.

Musical events also included a special Maritime concert with 'Saltwater Joy' on October 1, thanks to the coordination of Mary Batchilder. Kitchen Rackets have become a regular event at the Centre, with the first for the season on November 12. Keep an eye on our FB page for these and other scheduled events.

Dave Ryan's First Aid session was held on the weekend of October 28-29 and will continue on comparable weekends in the coming months. Please contact Dave at davefirstaid@eastlink.ca to confirm details and to register.

"Dream Candy" has returned this fall with Deelle Hines and Camilla MacDonald in the lead...a special program for children. Please see their FB page for more information.

Candace Chisholm often offers card-making/craft classes in the Golden Glen Community Room. You can find Candace on FB as she posts upcoming plans on our Centre FB page.

Events/celebrations are often held at the Centre if time and space can be accommodated. Please contact Ruth at 902-752-2307 regarding rental arrangements.

Special year...special celebrations!! All across our great country throughout the year, we saw wonderful events and displays to honor the 150th birthday of

Canada! We are joining in the celebration by hosting a Canada 150 Tea.

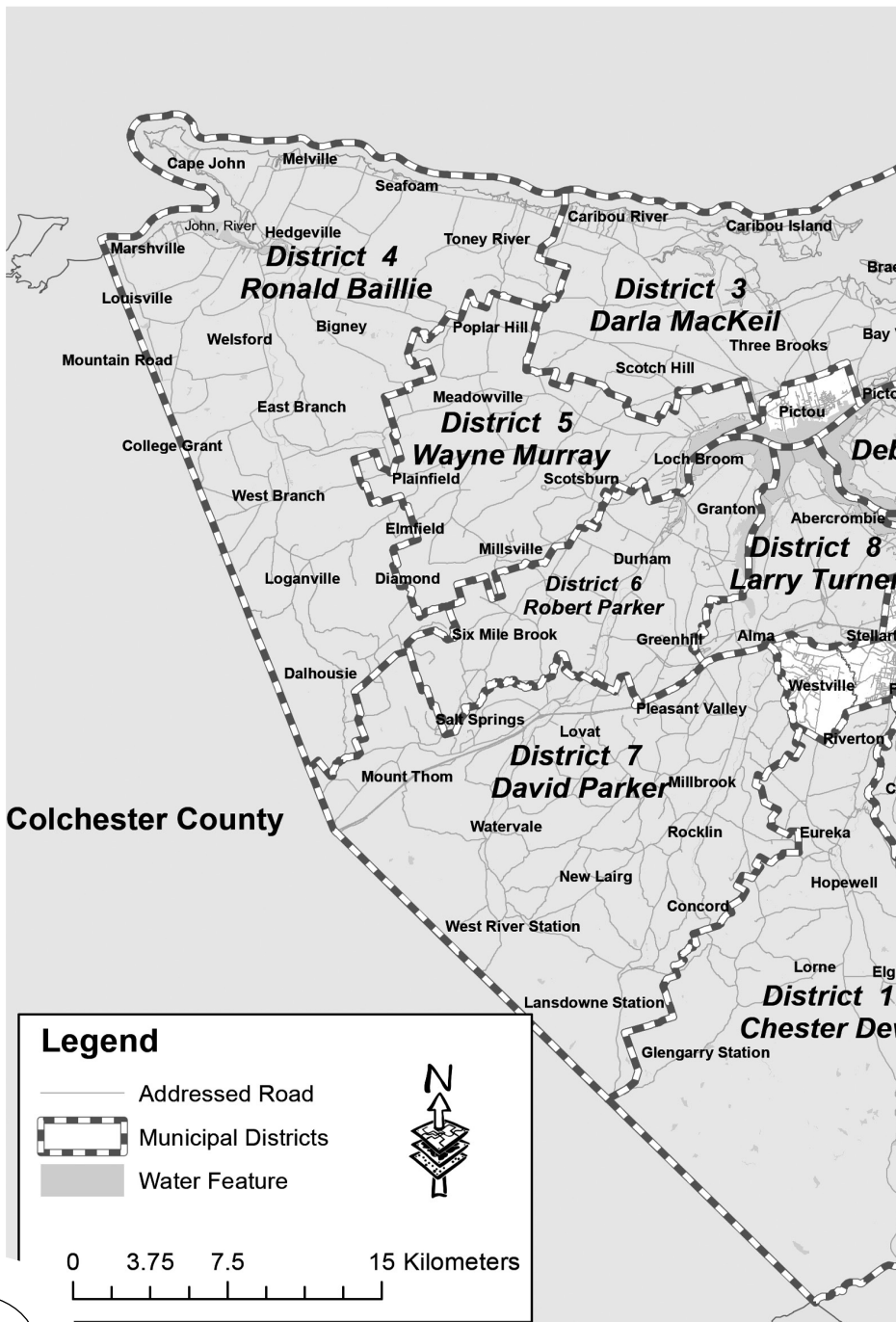
For several years now, we have been holding "Sing Away the Blues" events for our community seniors and their friends. We combine tea and lunch with great music and wonderful fun, led by the amazing musical talents of Jakki Rogue and Paul Tupper and hope to continue this tradition.

The Plymouth Community Annual Tree Lighting was held Friday, November 17, including all of our wonderful traditions in place with Dr. WA MacLeod School Choir, hot chocolate, a visit with our favorite Santa and, with luck, treats from Northshore Events!




As can be observed, many improvements have been made in and around the Centre. We continue to be appreciative to Peter Clark for his many mowing hours and the efforts of our maintenance supervisor, Rodney Bond, as he works every day to keep the building and property shiny and tidy. Cooperation with businesses is evident in our new and improved upper driveway constructed by Weeks Construction as they come to an end of their work on the sewer system along the River Road. We continually look to future plans and how we can make the building run more efficiently. There are applications and plans in action as we speak that, hopefully, will lead to a more sustainable building.


We encourage everyone to visit our Facebook Page for updates, being sure to share information with non-FB friends and family, please. We invite anyone with a little free time to offer assistance through volunteering as we are a small group of volunteers and would sincerely appreciate any offers of help or food with special occasions.

For more information please contact Janet MacDonald (Board Chair) at 902-752-1018.

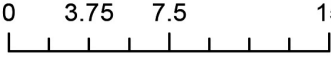


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-  Municipal Districts
-  Water Feature



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Abercrombie Community Centre

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



We held our Annual Christmas Tea & Sale Saturday, November 18th at the Centre and our Annual Night of Music will be held in the Spring.

Flea Markets ended on October 28th for this year. They will begin again on the last Saturday of the month in April, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Hall Rentals are available for Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. with a special rate for members. We provide free rentals for funeral receptions. The Centre will be closed for January, February & March. For rentals please phone Faye at 902-755-5447.

For further information please contact Marilyn at 902-752-8914.

Linacy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

The Linacy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is as busy as always meeting and discussing what fundraisers we can do this year to help our Department. Last year we had a dinner, a paint night and a grocery basket draw. We will be selling tickets on our annual grocery basket soon, so look for the tickets from any of our members, this is always a favorite!

We also cater some private events. Please feel free to call one of our members if you are looking for a small dinner to be catered throughout the year. We hope to host some fun activities this fall so listen for our advertisements. The Department

hosted an Open House on October 8th to see the new truck and get together as a community and have fun. We are always looking for new members. By being a member, you are able to play Friday night darts, play in the annual bowling tourney and be a part of a great organization who likes to have fun while raising funds for our Fire Department. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Attendance is appreciated but not mandatory, we are grateful for whatever help our members can donate throughout the year.

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

Abercrombie Women's Institute

The Abercrombie Women's Institute meets the second Tuesday in the month. We provide gifts to Senior Shut-Ins at Christmas and we provide a street light in the yard for the Abercrombie Community Centre. We also assist in the Craft Barn at the Exhibition in September and participate in the projects for Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia. This year we are hosting the

District Fall Rally at the Community Centre.

President - Pat Christensen
Vice Pres. - Norma Morse
Secretary - Elizabeth Palmer
Treasurer - Vivian Ingham

New members welcome! For more information please contact Secretary, Elizabeth Palmer at 902-752-3826.

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 Yard Sale, Brunch, Kids' Day with bouncy castles, Halloween Dance featuring Big Fish, 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 in 2016 also 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 everyone who volunteers their time to events. Your contributions made these

updates possible!

Our goal now is to purchase playground equipment to provide a gathering place for the growing number of young families in our community. We are in the planning stages, and will start fundraising for this endeavor soon.

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. 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!



Little Harbour Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary



The Little Harbour Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is an active, effective group whose goal is to raise funds to help support our Fire Department. We meet at the Fire Hall on the second Monday evening of each month from September to June. Any lady in the community is eligible to join our Auxiliary. Annual membership dues of \$5 are collected in September.

Although attendance is not mandatory, our business meetings are interesting and informative. Donations of time and fundraising opportunities are always appreciated. We enjoy a light lunch and try to have a guest speaker or social time after each meeting is adjourned.

To accomplish our fund raising goal we cater to weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, banquets, brunches, reunions, etc. throughout the year. Please contact any of our members if you are interested in hiring our auxiliary for your special occasion.

We are involved in other activities throughout the year, the September Firemen's Corn Boil, Fire Prevention Week, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, a community potluck, a bridge party lunch and bridge tournament lunch, ticket sales (50/50s), the Firemen's Weekend Get-Away Draw, a Christmas basket, a beautifully crafted mystery quilt donated by Bernice Tate, our Beans and Brown Bread Supper, a painting afternoon led by Helen Boucher,

the Firemen's Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, lunch for the Firemen's First aid course, support for the Shepherd's Lunchroom and the Firemen's Planked Salmon Supper.

The annual September Bowling Tournament had to be postponed this year. We encourage other Fire Department Auxiliaries to form teams and join us in September of 2018. This is a fun-filled community builder with no skill required. Merigomish and Thorburn Auxiliaries have offered to host in 2018.

The October meeting is always combined with our Anniversary Dinner. We are now in our 40th year. We enjoy an evening together celebrating friendships and accomplishments.

In December the Firemen host an Appreciation Dinner for the Ladies Auxiliary and their spouses. We bring Food Bank donations and hold a quick, informal meeting before the delicious meal after which we are pleased to present the department with our yearly contribution.

Be sure to check the Fire Department's roadside sign for upcoming events throughout the year. For more information or to book us for catering please contact Rita MacDonald, President at 902-755-2103 or Janet MacLean, Secretary at 902-396-8224. Any suggestions, donations and support are always welcome from our community.

Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena

Thorburn, Nova Scotia



SKATING SCHEDULE 2017-2018

PUBLIC SKATING

- **Saturday** from 7:00-8:00 pm -
ADMISSION FREE!
- Free Skate Sponsored by Active
Pictou County
- **Sunday** from 5:50-6:50 pm –
ADMISSION FREE!
- Free Skate Sponsored by District
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Commission

PRE-SCHOOL SKATING

- Tuesday-Thursday – 11:00 am to
12:00 noon – ADMISSION FREE!
****NOTE: No Pre-School Skating
during Christmas Break**

DAYTIME BOOKINGS

- Tuesday-Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Price per hour – \$ 65.00 Taxes
Included

PRIME TIME BOOKINGS

- Monday-Friday – 5:00 to 10:00 pm
- Saturday-Sunday – 8:00 am to 9:00
pm
- Price per hour – \$145.00 Taxes
Included

EVENING BOOKINGS

- Monday-Friday – 10:00 pm to
Midnight
- Saturday-Sunday – 9:00 pm to
Midnight
- Price per hour – \$65.00 Taxes
Included

For bookings and information please call 902-922-2680.

Pictou County Trails

Interested in getting out and beating old man winter at his own game?? Why not try a snowshoe hike this winter with Pictou County Trails Association and the Cape to Cape Trail Hikers

and Snowshoers? You can check our events tab at www.capetocapetrail.ca or contact Eric Wilson by e-mail at ericnosliw1@gmail.com and he will get you on the e-mail list.

Pictou County 4-H



Pictou County 4-H has had a busy and challenging summer 2017. In addition to the regular summer activities of the eight clubs in the County, including tours, achievement days and numerous workshop opportunities, on a County wide basis we have been involved in a major construction project. The old 'baby animal barn' which had seen better days, was deemed unsuitable for the ongoing needs of the 4-H program and was dismantled in early spring. Thanks to the efforts of Facility Committee co-chairs Sterling Heighton and Mark Firminger, the demolition, site preparation and the early stages of construction were completed by exhibition time this year. Bonnie Allan and Ruby MacKenzie, co-chairs for fund raising were extremely successful in their work and combined with the generosity of the Pictou County business community our building has reached its present stage of construction with all bills paid as it was constructed.

The River John Action Society played an integral part in the financial picture. Many, many items from the former River John School were donated to 4-H and will see a new life in the completion of the '4-H Legacy Building'. Without the support of the Municipality, Kings Mutual, Pictou Mutual Community Fund, the Sobeys Foundation, individual donors, club donations and our fund raising auction held in April we could not have done it. Many dollars' worth of 'in kind' donations have also played a part in our successful building project. Fund raising is ongoing and the building is expected to

be completed and in use by exhibition time 2018. THANK YOU TO ALL SUPPORTERS OF OUR BUILDING PROJECT.

In addition to our major building project during the summer, Pictou County 4-H also worked on a Canada 150 project linking 4-H, the community and agriculture. This culminated in an impressive 'agricultural awareness' component to the Pictou/North Colchester Exhibition in September. The agricultural awareness tent featured scrapbooks and memorabilia from Pictou County 4-H for over 70 years. Our two most senior 4-Hers in the County Jean Fraser of New Glasgow (formerly Mount Thom) and Jim Baillie of River John cut the symbolic Canada 150 Birthday cake. Throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday there were displays of 4-H activities, and local agricultural producers and sampling of such delicacies as strawberry shortcake and vegan soup in the tent.

October had the clubs carrying out their registration of members for the upcoming year. All reports indicate that 4-H continues to be a strong and viable youth group in our County. November was National 4-H month so lots of information about the 4-H program was circulated during the month, beginning with 'show your colours' day on November 1st. The annual 'Celebration Night' program was held on November 10th, recognizing the top 4-H members from 2017 and officially wrapping up the 2016-17 4-H year.

If you are interested in further

information on 4-H in the County contact Rhonda MacDougall at 902-863-7501 or one of the General Leaders of the 8 clubs:

Salt Springs – Betty Lou Scott
902-925-2057

Scotsburn – Cathy Lavers
902-485-8204

Sunrise Trail – Bonnie Allan
902-351-2766

River John – Margaret Cripps
902-759-4595 or

Christine Heighton
902-35-2061

SBI – Brenda Sharpe – 902-923-2167
Sutherlands River – Jo-Anne VanKessel
- 902-755-5507

Hopewell – Shanna Dunn-Hoare
902-923-2868 or
Christina MacMaster
902-923-1945

Middle River – Kelly McInnis
902-396-4262

Little Harbour Walking and Bicycling Trails Society

Our committee is pleased to announce that the majority of the work on Roy Island is now complete. Many people have been using the trail for a while now and have been enjoying our great outdoors.

The main trail now has signage by the orange gate that begins the trail. We are planning on putting a fence type entrance to the new trail leading to the look-off. The look-off now has a bench, donated and installed by committee members Allan and Bonnie MacLean. We are currently working with DNR on a sign for the look off that will display what you are looking at when standing there.

The trail has been well maintained this summer and fall. Walkers have been following the guidelines on the map sign encouraging people to park in the last parking lot of Melmerby, making sure their pet is leashed while on the trail and leaving a litter free trail.

The committee held their AGM on April 20, 2017 at the Little Harbour

Fire Department. A number of new members joined our committee.

For further information please contact Patsi Blaikie, President of the LHWBTS at patsiblaikie@hotmail.com.



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Dalhousie Mountain Snowmobile Club

We are about to embark on another season of winter recreation. Our club is busy performing regular maintenance and repairs to our groomers. The NS Community College has partnered with us for a couple of years in providing the use of their facility each fall. The first year heavy-duty mechanics students use our groomers as a training aid in the maintenance and repairs necessary to get the groomers ready for the trail. Operating groomers is a very expensive business and one that requires a lot of manpower and volunteer hours, so the help provided by the NS Community College is very much appreciated.

This year we have partnered with the many clubs across Nova Scotia to participate in a group purchase of sign posts. Signage is a very expensive part of the sport and is necessary for the safe and informed use of our trail system. We have purchased many thousands of sign posts and signs with grants from the Department of Community, Culture and Heritage and the SANS Small Grant Fund, which is provided by the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Infrastructure Fund which is created from the registration paid when OHV's, i.e. snowmobiles, ATV's and off road motorcycles purchase their Motor Vehicle Permit.

We recently acquired several of the MacDonald Bridge panels and are working on funding and preparations to replace two older bridges in the Porter Road area on the SANS Trail 551. Active Pictou County/



Pictou County Trails Association are providing funding to help accomplish this major project. The Halifax Bridge Commission donated the panels when removed from the bridge, provided SANS paid to have them transported and stored. These have been used in many bridge replacement and installations and are almost "ready-to-use" and require little maintenance and should provide long lasting and safe bridges on many multi-use trails throughout the province.

We are holding a member appreciation social meeting early this season to say thank you to our many wonderful members that provide countless numbers of volunteer hours to the maintenance of multi-use trails in Pictou and Colchester County.

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 community builds or maintains are multi-use and are used by outdoor enthusiasts, year-round. The OHV and snowmobile clubs throughout the province provide a vital service by maintaining trails, upgrading washed out trail surfaces, replacing or installing culverts and bridge maintenance.

This past summer we held our first

Ivan Cock Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of a great member and community supporter who recently passed away from prostate related cancer. Some of the funds raised by this were donated to the Pictou County Prostrate Cancer group and it was a great success. We plan to continue the golf tournament to raise awareness of prostate cancer and funds for this group.

We would like to thank all who support the club. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at the West River Fire Hall at 7:00 pm and welcome anyone interested in snowmobiling or trail related activities to attend. We are planning a number of fundraising

activities such as Snowmobile Rallies, a Golf Tournament and our Corporate Sponsorship Program. Any business that would like to participate and advertise on two large poster boards, strategically placed on our trail system, are asked to contact the club. DMSC is always looking for volunteers to help with grooming, trail work and club activities.

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

Submitted by: Reg Crewe, Past President/Director

Lunch and Learn at Caribou River - A Continuing Success

The program began in January of 2015 when our group was contacted by Mary McLellan of Seniors Outreach here in Pictou County. Mary has been having wonderful response getting Lunch and Learn Programs going all over the county as a way of bringing seniors together and reducing the isolation that many feel. Of course, with isolation comes vulnerability to illness, mental health issues, susceptibility to abuse, fraud, etc. We were also interested in bringing education programs to our younger seniors, those who are newly retired and wanting health and wellness sessions as well as other lifestyle topics. We were very glad to get the very much appreciated Caribou River Community Hall as our host location

and the Hall volunteers as caterers for the sessions. On May 28, 2015 we held our first session. Thirty-seven people attended and our planning group felt very good about the response to the first session. The speaker was excellent, he was informative and answered questions well into the lunch time. The choice of topic, Birds of Spring, as well as the speaker himself, who was most knowledgeable was a terrific way to start our series. The food: soup, biscuits, tea, coffee and squares was great and the Hall was more than adequate to hold the crowd yet to keep a very homey feel to the session. Evaluations (24 returned) were overwhelmingly positive about everything and the planning group received many good ideas for topics

as we go forward. Quotes: “Wonderful topic. I’ll be back...” and “Great job ladies!”

Subsequent sessions, four the first year and six during our second year and now with both Spring and Fall of our third year well under way we are grateful to all involved with this program. The topics of interest and the comradery which explodes each month when folks see each other have shown us that these sessions are of importance to our target group. The topics have included: Preventing Fraud, Writing your Will, Staying Healthy with Naturopathy, The One Room Schoolhouse Experience, An Introduction to Meditation, Information about Your Medications, and Container Gardening, just to name a few. We now have a listing of 65 people who are routinely contacted about coming to our Lunch and Learn programs and a reservation list each month of 35-45. We are almost at the point to bursting our seams at the Hall. One comment that keeps coming up on the evaluations as one of the benefits of this program is the chance to see neighbors and friends and for participants to have learning opportunities right in their own communities. One person stated that she is, “...so pleased that I am on the list!”

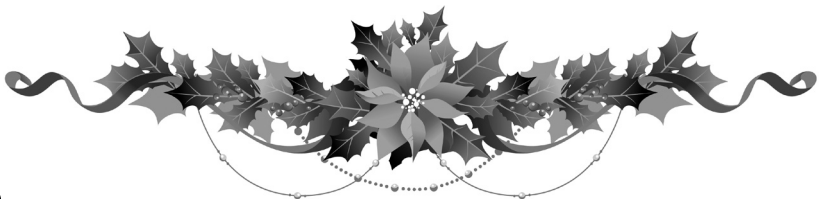
Our costs have been related to the use of the Hall, the catering done by the Hall volunteers and the food itself,

our publicity, and our speakers. Many of our speakers donate their honoraria back to the Hall Committee allowing us to utilize most of our funds to keep the Hall open now for 9 months of the year making it a wonderful space for family gatherings, music nights, community breakfasts, seasonal events and community meetings. This has been a wonderful revitalization of the hall and of the community. We have literally seen the community rebuilt out here in Caribou River through the program and the Hall use. Our most heartwarming session was just this past month when our topic “My New Home in Pictou County” brought many out on a very blustery and rainy day to share their stories and memories of moving to Pictou from the North, West and even from the USA. At the end of the hour all you could hear was laughter and talking coming from those people present.

We are most grateful for this opportunity to bring an education program like this to our community in the form of Lunch and Learn and with the continued support of Senior’s Outreach and of the incredible work they have begun here in Caribou River and continue to do in the whole of Pictou County.

Sincerely,

Angie Burns-Burrell, Donna Bullerwell, Sandra Landry and Anne Bulley for the Caribou River Lunch and Learn Planning Group.



Scotsburn Recreation Club

The SRC Board of Directors are working towards improvements to the building and recreation facilities and offering increased activities through the re-introduction of the Community School.

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. Find information on upcoming events/activities by following us on Facebook at Scotsburn Recreation Club, or email us at scotsburnrec@hotmail.com.

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 fourth Sunday of the month.

Here are some upcoming events to watch for:

Community School Activities - Anyone interested in offering future courses in the fall, or to make a suggestion for activities you'd like to try, or for info on current Fall/Winter Sessions, please contact Jennifer MacLennan at jenmaclen@gmail.com or 902-485-5448.

Book Exchange - A large selection of books are available to the public for free the first Sunday of every month from 1:00-3:00 pm, or anytime you are in the area and the building is

accessible. Please only donations of novels and children books.

CATCH Afterschool Program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) - For children attending Scotsburn Elementary there is a daily afterschool program that offers a nutritional snack, physical games, crafts and activities at the school and JPG Rec Center. For more information or to register contact CATCH Coordinator Julie Blais at catch.reccenter@yahoo.com or Alena at scotsburnrec@hotmail.com.

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.

Christmas Blind Silent Ticket Auction & Luncheon Fundraiser - November 18 - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the JP Gammon Rec Center; Admission \$5, Join us for an afternoon luncheon served by the 55+ Group; then purchase as many tickets as you'd like (\$1 each) to bid on the gift you'd like to win. Draw and distribution of gifts will begin at 12:30 pm with the presentation being made by a special guest.

Community Potluck & Christmas Carolling - December 22 - 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 2-4; 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 face book page.

Pictou County Basketball

My name is Peter Douthwright and I am the acting president for Pictou County Basketball Association, also known as Pictou County Lightning. We are an association that is 8 years old, and in those eight years we have seen the association start with 1 team of 13 girls, and last years season having 490 players registered from ages 5-17 both boys and girls. Last season we organized 23 competitive teams and they play teams from all over Nova Scotia and even some teams in New Brunswick. This season we are predicting we will hit over 500.

This season we kicked off with our 5 weeks of skills and drills sessions, where we divide the kids up into their age divisions and gender. Then we take them through a series of skill developments. From those sessions we proceed with team selections, placing each and every child that wants to play on a team. Which leads me to our club Mantra, we are an organization focused on provided an opportunity for each and every child of Pictou County to play on a team, build their fundamentals of the sport, provide a social environment where

they can be a part of a team and make for the most positive experience they could possibly have.

Our community is extremely important to us and we are completely structured on volunteers. We are apprised of 7 board members, 6 functional coordinators, approximately 36 coaches, 20 plus team managers and countless others pitching in when the time comes. Here is the best part - kids have the opportunity to play from September to February/March and the registration cost is only \$50 for the season.

How do you join? Well registrations for the 2017-18 season is complete. But we will be hosting a Spring League in April of 2018 for ages 7-12. We will be also hosting what is known as Jr NBA sessions which we place 25 5-7 year old boys/girls for a 12 week session. The times and dates will be announced soon and will be on local media.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. For further information please contact us at pclightning@eastlink.ca.

Mill Brook Community Club

Happy fall everyone – aren't the leaves gorgeous?? Our monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in 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 us.

We have an Exercise Group on Monday's at 6:30 pm. We walk 3 km every night and don't have to leave the building! Cost is \$2 per night.

The main fundraisers for the Club include:

1) Annual Christmas Craft Shoppe which is always held on the 3rd weekend in November - this is our 32nd year. We had several new crafters last year which helps provide variety of items available for sale. We are always looking for new crafters (and also thankful for our regulars which make our sale a success).

2) Annual Mother's Day Turkey Supper is held on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Takeout is available and we will deliver to some areas. Guaranteed, no one will go away hungry and you can pick up some tasty items from the pantry table to take home with you. As usual, this year we had a large turnout and the comments were very positive. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time to prepare/serve the food and to the faithful people who continue to support us by coming out to enjoy our dinner. Without your support, our Community Club would struggle to continue providing a meeting place for friends and neighbours.

3) Annual "pie-a-rama". This year our first pie making day was September 29th. On our 1st session we made 239 pies and in on our final session October 14th with an aim of 216 pies, we excelled and made 236 pies (and then ran out of pie plates). We had no problem with selling the extra pies and the remaining apples went home with the workers for apple sauce or some other culinary delight. Thanks to everyone (from the community and other areas) who came and helped. We have a small but dedicated group and it is a great fundraiser for the Club.

Thanks again to Debbie Greene from Atlantic Fabrics, the community was able to participate in the Share the Warmth Event. In this event, Atlantic Fabrics donates material to anyone who would like to make quilt tops. We have a couple of ladies that make the tops over the winter and the ladies in the community got together several mornings and assembled 32 wonderful quilts. These quilts will go to various local non-profit organizations to ensure there are warm quilts to keep out the winter chill. This is a great cause - giving back to the community and less fortunate people. It makes you feel good about yourself, and your community, knowing there are people who continue to donate their time and effort to help others.

Thanks to Alice Brown for continuing to organize Neighbour Watch meetings. We can all be part of an "unofficial" police system, watching for unusual activity or strange vehicles in our neighbourhood. By working as a team, we can create a safer and more

united community and become better neighbours in the process. For more information, contact Alice at 902-396-1903.

This year we were lucky to have the 144 Construction Engineering Flight group from Pictou do some work in our hall. They repaired the deck, replaced a section of a rotted sill, built some beautiful cabinets, replaced a single sink with a deep stainless steel sink and fitted it into the cupboards so it looks like it was always there. Then they refinished our hardwood floor and it looks AWESOME!! We are so pleased with the end result and want to say thanks to all the guys for their work.

Unfortunately, due to the construction, Middle River 4-H had to hold their Achievement Day somewhere else this year. If you are interested in 4-H, which is a great organization for young people, please contact Kelly McInnis at 902-396-4261 or Christy Fraser at 902-396-1937 for more information. It is not all agricultural based and you do not need to have animals since there are several other things you can take part in.

Christmas is the season for giving and last year we tried to live up to this message by providing Christmas goodies to our seniors in the neighbourhood. We also provided a donation to the Salt Springs School Breakfast Program through Rob Nelson. It is a proven fact that children learn better when they have a good breakfast and this program is tremendously important.

We are planning our 6th Community Fitness Program which will start in the New Year. Last year our goal was 35,000 km and we achieved almost

63,000 km with 38 participants!!! Stay tuned for more info in the New Year. Any kind of physical activity can be logged – reading, knitting, shoveling that white stuff that is bound to come - almost any activity can be converted into kilometers that will help in our journey in 2018. Who knows where we will go!

We held a 98th birthday party for Rose Gordon - our most “mature” member of the club in September. It was a great gathering of family, friends and neighbours, and in true country fashion there was enough food to feed a small army. Imagine the changes she has seen in 98 years. We will have a REALLY big bash in 2 years when she makes the 100 mark!

We have a Facebook page “Mill Brook Community Club”. Check it out and see what we are doing or contact us. 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. If you have an idea or would like to organize an event, please contact one of the members at one of the numbers below. We would like to have more people involved and make use of the Hall to ensure it will still be there in the future. For further information contact Snookie (Anna) Hirtle at 902-755-2820, Mary Chesnutt at 902-396-3798 or Faye Fraser at 902-396-4275.

Thanks for tuning into our report. We will be back in 2018. I am ALMOST wishing for cold weather so those pesky Asian beetles will be gone. Wishing you all an early Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Pictou County Recreation Departments

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