



OUR NEWS

BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The Belfast Lions Club regrets to inform our readers that the the Belfast Lions Community Newsletter printed version, after 16 years production will cease. This service can no longer be sustained due to the high costs involved.

Companies that have paid for advertising will be reimbursed. The online version will continue less advertisements.

Belfast Lions Senior Supper

This great community affair was again a success thanks to our many sponsors and the tunes of George Docherty, Stirling Wight and Ivan Nicholson. Our seniors had a great meal and time spent with old friends.

Pinette Raceway

Races will start on Wednesday May 18th at 6:00pm. and will be held each Wednesday evening.

This year we will also be having a farmers market at the same time. This is your raceway and your support is needed.

Card Party

Card Parties in the North Pinette School starting on Thursday May 19th at 7:30pm.

Cooper's Red & White

Beginning Sunday, May 22nd we will be open from 9:30 - 5:30 on Sundays.

Open Monday - Saturday 7 am - 8 pm

Our liquor store hours are Monday - Saturday 8 am -8 pm and Sundays 12 - 5:30pm.

Belfast Historical Society

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Our guest speaker for the evening will be Vivian Beer who is very active in the Clyde River area where there are also descendants of Selkirk settlers. She is the creator of a wonderful web site highlighting community events. Join us to see how we can showcase and promote our Belfast history in new and engaging ways.

You'll be noticing new signs going up for our Selkirk Scottish Heritage Centre. It's just our fancy name for the property that includes the Croft House, the Belle River Church of Scotland and the Ancient Acadian Cemetery. Our new tourism brochures are at all the tourist sites and our season begins on June 20th. Please drop by after that and bring your relatives and visitors to explore your roots here at the Croft House.

Yard Sale

Multi-family yard sale on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday May 29th from 9am. - 2pm. At 1634 Pleasant Valley Road, in Iris.

Home of Warren and Sandy MacLean on Route 202.

Partial list of items: Perennials, Canna Bulbs, dishes, books, pillows, linens, shoes and purses, pictures, frames, CD's, antique furniture, antique milk shake machine, baskets and crates, workshop items, Xmas items, other household items.

BELFAST KITCHEN PARTY/CEILIDH

Summer Fund Raiser for the Belfast Rec Centre

Every Friday Night 8 p.m.

Beginning June 3 to September 30, 2016 at the Belfast Rec Centre

\$5 at the door 50/50 draw

19 years or older Door Prizes

Hosted by "Just Friends"

(George Docherty, Stirling Wight and Ivan Nicholson)

with featured guests.

Card Parties at Pinette Raceway

Join us for action on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm and Crib

Saturday afternoon at 1:30pm. Everyone welcome.

The Deuce is Loose!

Congratulations to Val Murray, he won \$5500 plus the door prize April 18, 2016 at The Deuce is Loose. Come join your neighbours every Tuesday at the Belfast Rec centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. Ticket sales and kitchen opens at 6:00pm, trivia with prizes starts at 7:20. Ticket sales close at 8:00pm and the draw is 8:15. Tickets also available at Coopers.

St. John's Presbyterian Church Pastoral Care Program

When was the last time you had company? Are you struggling to hold it together emotionally, spiritually, physically, or mentally?

Would you like one of our members to visit you in your home for encouragement and prayer? Reach out and tell us.

Broken this or leaking that... We don't all have the tools or the talents to fix these little things. The wood needs to be put in, but you aren't able? Lawn needs mowing, but you still haven't recovered from surgery? Don't worry. We can get these things fixed up. Let us know what we can do.

During times of crisis, illness, bereavement, financial loss, or tragedy there are things we all need help with: meals, prayer, an ear to listen, finding government or community resources, wading through paperwork, and more. It can be so overwhelming. Let us help.

Send your requests to St. John's Presbyterian Church by contacting the church office at 902-6592703 or call Irene Gillis at 902-394-0558 or through their website at www.belfastchurch.ca/pastoral-care or email at pastoralcarebelfast@gmail.com. It would be our joy to help!

Mother's Day Gift Basket

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets during our recent fund-raiser for community causes and events. We extend a special thank you to the staff at Cooper's Store where tickets were sold for the final week before the draw took place at the Seniors' Tea on May 7th. The winning ticket was held by Rick Cameron, a teacher at Belfast Consolidated School. Elizabeth Hubley kindly delivered the basket to the Cameron family in time for Mothers' Day.

With our appreciation for your support,
Flat River-South Pinette Women's Institute.

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Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead

The homestead will be opening soon for the summer.

Reduced hours in June. In July and August we will open from Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm.

The Macphail Homestead Foundation will hold their Annual General Meeting on May 29th (Sunday) at the Homestead in Orwell.

2:00 - Reception and membership sign-up and renewal

2:30 - Dr. Sile Post will present on the topic of "Highlighting the Literary Heritage of the Macphail Homestead."

3:00 - Annual General Meeting

The Board of the Macphail Homestead Foundation welcomes new members. If you are interested in history and nature Macphails is a beautiful and interesting place to visit and get involved with.

Angela Jeffrey will be the Site Director this summer. As former owner of the restaurant in Belfast, she looks forward to welcoming you to the beautiful tearoom serving light lunches in the summer and for a tour through the well preserved homestead. The homestead can be booked for functions, meetings and events. Contact Angie at 902 651-2789 with any queries.

Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead Offers Community Garden Plots

Over the past several years the Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead has been working to establish an active program in sustainable farming and gardening. Through this Homestead Farm initiative, the Macphail Homestead honours the work of Sir Andrew and his brother Alexander.

The Macphail brothers introduced new varieties of seed potatoes and tobacco as part of their demonstration projects for local farmers in the early years of the 20th century. The Homestead Farm initiative also supports the recommendation of a 1990 Report by Dr. George McRobie, who envisioned that the Homestead be used to demonstrate sustainable agricultural and forestry practices.

As part of the Homestead Farm initiative, the Homestead has been operating a one-acre no-pesticide garden for three seasons, and worked with a local 4H group to establish a kitchen garden. The garden is an essential component of our Tea Room menu and our kitchen programming. The garden also offers U-Pick, and last year opened its own vegetable stand for the convenience of Homestead visitors. Past sponsors of the gardens have been Vessey's Seeds, Nabuur Garden Centre, and the PEI Heart and Stroke Foundation.

This year Macphail Homestead, as part of the Homestead Farm initiative, is introducing a 2016 Community Garden Pilot Project. The Homestead will offer ten community garden plots to interested gardeners. The plots will be about 10 feet by 20 feet and will be available for \$20.00. Please contact Scott Taylor at 902-651-2058 or Scotttaylor_23@Hotmail.com to reserve your plot.

Wood Islands Welcome Centre

Employment opportunities

Wood Islands has received notice that we will be granted one federal Canada Summer Job for a Student Tour Guide at our Wood Islands Lighthouse and Museum (8 weeks starting July 2, 2016). If you are a student between the ages of 15 and 30; interested in history, historical preservation, island culture and tourism; have an aptitude in guiding, pathfinding, promotion, and sales; and will not mind cleaning and some physical exercise and work, please submit your resume as soon as possible to Audrey Shillabeer at Wood islands Welcome Centre, 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE C0A 1B0 or via email wiadc@woodislands.ca We will train.

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC) has applied for a number of provincial employment grants as well. We have not yet heard that our applications have been successful; but we have faith that Wood islands will be seen as the important Gateway to PEI that it is and we will be smiled upon favourably grant-wise for positions of event planning, sales, tour guide interpretation and maintenance. To be considered under the provincial Employment Development Agency (EDAs) and Jobs for Youth (JFY) programmes, prospective employees must register with the PEI Job Registry. Google "PEI Job Registry" for instructions or find forms at Access PEI offices. Note, interested parties should also forward resumes to WIADC as soon as possible.

The Wood Islands Welcome Centre is owned and operated by the community via the Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC) -- a community "Not-for-Profit" organization. Address: 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE C0A 1B0. Our administrator, Audrey, can be contacted at (902) 962-3761 or in an emergency (902) 940-4784. Email: wiadc@woodislands.ca. Web: www.woodislands.ca Facebook: Wood Islands & Area Development Corporation; 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale; and Wood Islands Lighthouse pages.

Know that the Welcome Centre is your community space. You are welcome in it. Welcome your friends to it. Welcome those who come to our island via our ferry gateway. Welcome!

The Sweet Factory (ice cream, candy, souvenirs) is open 7 days a week from 9:00 to 4:30 now, until summer hours begin. Will that be one scoop or two?

Wood Islands Liquor Store is opening May 19 (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 10-6 and Sundays 12-6) and opening full-time for the summer on June 20th. This rural community --via our not-for-profit organization (WIADC) -- owns the Wood Islands liquor store agency and operates it seasonally. Your support is appreciated and helps to finance our lighthouse, our community room and its kitchen, our community activities, and contributes to our overall well-being here in rural PEI. You can make a difference. You make us community proud when you declare us YOUR liquor store.

This year, within the Wood Islands Liquor Store building, our Commissary will offer FRESH COFFEE and tea in addition to "provisions" for purchase. If you are in a pinch for BBQ, camping, food, party, and personal items — we can help you! Pop in and see what we've got. We will also carry local jams, jellies, honeys, and soaps. Commissary and liquor store phone number is (902) 962-3978.

The provincial government's Visitor Information Centre opens Friday, May 20 with hours 9:00 to 5:00 until summer hours begin. Pick up your 2016 Visitors' Guide!

Wood Islands Lighthouse opens Saturday June 11 at 9:30 a.m.. Hours: 9:30-6:00. (Last tour admission at 5:30.) Manager Bev Stewart is very busy receiving our 2016 inventory with many items created by local crafters and artisans. You'll be delighted. Lighthouse phone number is (902) 962-3110 after June 11.

Wood Islands Community Room Rentals (above the Visitor Information Centre) Visit our website www.woodislands.ca for rates. Neutrally decorated, versatile, very clean. Seats 80. Great kitchen facilities. New projector and screen. Elevator lift to second floor. Book your dates early so as not to be disappointed. Call or email WIADC numbers as above.

WIADC is pleased to provide space for the Taoist Tai Chi on Wednesday evenings for 14 weeks (for more information, call Kevin at [902] 962-3164.) We thank Northumberland Ferries and the Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute Society for their on-going support as well.

Wood Islands Business Opportunities
Wood Islands is a major gateway to the Island. Did you know that 350,000 passengers and 14,000 commercial vehicles entered our province via the ferry in 2014, and just released: ferry traffic was up 8% in 2015. By all accounts, this year will be stellar as well. Wood Islands Welcome Centre is highly visible and on a direct route to the rest of an island holiday: everyone of our ferry visitors is a potential customer.

We have options for your business. The replica Train Station can be rented as one entity or can be divided into 1/3, 2/3. We also have a lovely store front in our main visitor information centre building. There may be other opportunities as well such as "artist-in-residence" times; bike rentals at "Mile 0" of PEI's TransCanada Trail; food truck opportunities; pop-up stores; circus style events, fundraisers etc.

If you are excellent at what you do and want to discuss any great idea-- you are invited to call Audrey at (902) 940-4784; or email: wiadc@woodislands.ca

Wood Islands Sign Plaza: a good number of the 375,000+ visitors who arrive via Wood Islands Ferry each season stop at the government's Visitor Information Centre here at our Welcome Centre. At our sign plaza, tourists see your advertisement when they need to see it - right off the ferry. We

offer two rental agreements in our Plaza: ONE season is only \$220 plus HST; or TWO consecutive seasons at \$ 350 plus HST per sign. Offer details, printable form, and payment options through credit card/debit card (PayPal) are on our website (www.woodislands.ca, --go to the Community Information tab, then click on Sign Plaza and follow the prompts). If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make payment to WIADC (Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation); attach to a replicated application form found on our website and send to: Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation, 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE C0A 1B0. For more information, see the website as above, or call me if you have any questions, or need any help with the process. I'm here to help.

70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale is September 17th and 18th this year. Stay

abreast on Facebook: 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale. Mark your calendar today. Now is a good time to start cleaning out those closets, your basement, or that drive shed because somehow, September will be here before you know it!

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC)

WIADC is thankful for the many volunteers who pitch in to showcase Wood Islands as a Gateway to PEI. At this time of year —when utilities are reactivated and the grounds come to life, three dedicated volunteers come to mind: Mark Hansen whom I feel keeps the entire complex in his sights and performs some tedious and time-consuming tasks such as switching out pumps, monitoring security lighting, and assuring septic well-being; Zoe Hansen who has already spent hours in the gardens despite wind and chilly weather; and Jim Cook who services lawn mowers so they are at the ready. Thank you! And sometimes, volunteers are sneaky! We give thanks to someone unknown for the new tulips that presented themselves this spring— a real treat!

WIADC is a not-for-profit community organization whose overall objective is to create a climate that encourages a socially, environmentally and economically healthy community.

Our Specific Objectives are:

- to create a sense of community
- to utilize existing facilities to their fullest potential
- to expand facilities where necessary to meet our needs
- to develop and promote employment opportunities within our community
- to maintain and enhance the presence of the ferry service

For more info, to volunteer, or to share ideas, call: Audrey at (902) 962-3761.

Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program

The promise of spring - it means many things, such as enjoying the outdoors in beautiful weather. Spring also promises something darker-mosquito's! But spring offers hope in the form of the Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program.

Our beloved team of mosquito murderers are on the job. We have already done one treatment at the first of May with another underway at the time of this writing. Volunteers continue to put in dozens of hours in order to bring the population in our community down to a liveable level. If you have any doubt of what we are achieving, please come out on one of our treatment days to witness how millions of potential buzzers will never live to visit you in your bedroom as you attempt to have a peaceful summer sleep.

Here are a few things to remember:

- There will always be mosquito's, and we will never eliminate them all.
- Before the program started, going outside in the summer was miserable.
- We cannot continue without your continued financial support.
- Volunteers are the backbone of the program, and we can never have enough.

Many hands make light work!

Please drop off your \$100 contribution (cost of about 9 cans of mosquito spray) to Cooper's Red and White. Cheques or cash are accepted.

To join the team or for more information, please contact Kevin Ryan at 659-2677, Debbie Beck at 659-2111, or email belfastznosquitos@hotmail.com.

Join our Facebook group - Pinette & Flat River Mosquito Program - for updates and treatment calls.

We also wish to extend an enormous thank you to the Belfast Lion's Club for putting out the newsletter for so many years. It has been an invaluable tool to our organization as well as many others. To continue to receive mosquito updates, please join our email list at belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com or join the Facebook group. Updates will also be available at Cooper's Red and White. Thank you, The Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Committee

Burning Permits are Free

(Friendly reminder from your Fire Dept)

PLEASE READ THE PERMIT CAREFULLY, FRONT AND BACK UNDER SECTION 30.(3) A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT BECOME VALID UNTIL THE APPLICANT HAS NOTIFIED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE...AND GIVEN DETAILS OF THE FIRE.

FIRE CHIEF: WADE MACKENZIE: 659-2172
DEPUTY CHIEF: DONALD MACPHERSON 659-2488
PRESIDENT: RIKKI SCHOCK 659-2884

BUT many people still believe grass fires help the grass grow, these fires in fact destroy the organic matter that is essential for good soil fertility in grasslands. They also destroy the early nests of birds and other wildlife not to mention personal property, neighbour's property and forest areas. Responses to grass fires, which have gone out of control, are still a major problem for the Fire Department.

THE FIRE PREVENTION ACT, states from **March 15th to December 1st** of any year.... "there shall be NO OPEN FIRES (GRASS, BUSH ETC) WITH OUT A PERMIT"

Landowners, contractors, government/private projects are required to have burning permits which are available from the Dept of Energy & Forestry District Office, West Royalty on Beach Grove Road (368-4800). The permit holder is responsible for the care and control of the burning site until the fire is extinguished and any damage caused to adjoining properties etc as a result of the fire. (Refer to Section 27(1) and 27(2) of the Fire Prevention Act listed on the reverse side of the permit) Wind force, wind direction, fuel type and other factors affect the rate of spread of a wild fire and MUST be taken into consideration before burning is started. It is VERY IMPERATIVE that the landowner check the fire index via inter-net, local radio stations, TV and the newspaper also report the fire index each day through the summer month. If in doubt, contact the Forestry Dept. FAILURE TO HAVE A VALID BURNING PERMIT CAN RESULT IN A FINE OF -\$200.00 OR MORE. HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

Yoga in Belfast

Make fitness a top priority in 2016.

Beginner Yoga classes are held at 221 Pinette Road on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm. Senior's yoga is offered on Thursday mornings at 9 am. New students are welcome. No experience is required. Mats and props are provided. If you are interested in improving strength, balance, posture, breathing, flexibility and attitude, please call Aileen Petrie at 902-659-2313 for more information or to register. Gift certificates are available.

A reminder, Ads on this page are now pre-paid at a rate of \$60 per year. Only paid adds will appear here...

Island Pride Garden Co.

We are here for you with Seeds,annuals, perennials, nursery stock and garden maintenance service stop by when you want simple and sound advice. Check out our hours and specials on facebook, reach out to us at 902-962-2044, visit us at islandpride.ca, or on site in Wood Island, or in Hunter River.

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902 659-2104 or 393-5867

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Computer and Electronics Services

(902) 659-2447

Having difficulty with that misbehaving electronic device? Not sure which button to press? Need to setup that new Big Screen TV ? I can help. In-home assistance for these and other electronics needs is a phone call away. For help with e-mail, internet, virus removal, computer tune-ups, digital cameras, video recorders, custom website design and more please call to setup an appointment. **Henry Kliner (902) 659-2447**
henry@henrykliner.com www.henrykliner.com

Penny's Gardens

Rototilling service for your garden, contact Peter Penny At 902 659 2936 or 393 5027.

Deadline

Deadline for the next newsletter is **June 21, 2016, 06:00pm.**

All items can be dropped off at Cooper's Red & White, or call Robert at 361-2077. Email: robertsmibii@hotmail.ca

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