



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The Deuce is Loose!

Come join your neighbors every Tuesday at the Belfast Rec Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. Ticket sales and kitchen/bar opens at 6:00 pm, trivia with prizes starts at 7:30 pm. Advance tickets available at Cooper's.

Montague Community School

Registration and classes begin on Jan 8th at Montague Regional High School. Perhaps Montague is too far from the Belfast community to be considered for the newsletter? If so then perhaps a general article about PEI Community Schools could be included in the January newsletter and then readers could select the school they are interested in and so get the information on their computer. Murray Harbour and Montague are the closest community schools to the Belfast area for this winter.

<https://www.peicomunityschools.com/>

<https://peicomunityschools.com/schools/24001/montague-area/>

<https://www.facebook.com/montaguecommunityschool>

Islander Day

Mark your calendar! Monday, February 19th is Islander Day at the Wood Island Welcome Centre. Plan to spend the day with the people in your community. The WIADC is hosting a day of fun and camaraderie at the Wood Island Welcome Centre. There will be something for everyone. We will be meeting on January 9th at 7pm at the Welcome Centre to plan the activities. For further details come to the meeting, read the February Newsletter or just come on Islander Day and join the fun! For more information contact John at 902-962-2044.

Farmers Helping Farmers News for Belfast and Beyond

Belfast is such a historical farming community with connections around the world. One modern connection is with Kenya's farming community through links made by Farmers Helping Farmers (FHF). FHF is well known to some in Belfast. The P.E.I.-based organization has been working for over 35 years with farm families, schools and dairies in the Mount Kenya area, about a five hour drive from Nairobi. Islanders have gone to Kenya and Kenyans have visited us in P.E.I. One group visiting the Island from Kenya stopped for a coffee break at Cooper's Red and White in October 2016. They also visited Penny's Strawberry Farm for lunch and to see the crop of soy beans and the mixed farming that Penny's do so well. Now is the annual time to help FHF raise funds through the Holiday Campaign. One option is to fund vegetable seeds for a school garden for \$25. We also give gift cards that you can put into a Christmas stocking or Christmas card. A new option is to direct donations to make schools more disability-friendly with ramps, hand rails, and wide doorways. You can go online to donate gift cards, or donations in honour or in memory of someone. Look for our website for photos, news, and online donations at www.farmershelpingfarmers.ca. You'll also see our poster in the December Buzz! Thank you to everyone who can help.

- Liz Townsend, Mt Buchanan -

Belfast Consolidated School Report

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The Belfast Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the school from their very successful cash draw in November. We will use this money for the "extra activities" that are difficult for the school budget to cover. This would include field trips, music programming, athletic teams, and other great projects. At our Christmas Concert on December 13th we had a huge crowd! The biggest in a number of years! The community support the grade 9 bake sale and 50/50 draw. Overall, the two fundraisers brought in approximately \$675. We also had \$215 in donations at the door for the school. We truly appreciate the Lions', and community support. You can find photos of the event, on the school's website.

Interested in some inexpensive physical activity? We have started a very successful badminton night on Mondays. We have had between 6-20 participants on any given night. Everyone is more than welcome to try it! It is a great night of activity and fun! The cost of the evening is a nominal donation (\$1 or \$2) for the physical education program at the school. All you need for equipment is a change of sneakers for the gym floor (non-marking), but feel free to bring your own equipment. Age of participants will be 18+ years of age. Our last day of school will be Friday, December 22nd, 2017, and we will return to school on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018.

2017 was certainly a challenging year through the Schools Review Process, but it united everyone in the community behind the school and what it stands for. But stay tuned in 2018 as we will celebrate the School's 50 birthday in the 2018-2019 school year. Stay tuned!

You can follow us on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, or at <https://belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com/>.

Mr. John Munro Principal Belfast Consolidated School

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? Don't worry. We can get these things fixed up. Need help getting your lawn, garden or home ready for winter? **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 overwhelming. **Let us help.**

Send your requests to St. John's Presbyterian Church by contacting the church office at 902-659-2701 or call Irene Gillis at 902-394-0558 or e-mail at gillisiak@gmail.com. **It would be our joy to help!**

Wood Islands Welcome Centre

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. During this off-season, our administrator Audrey can be contacted at (902) 940-4784. Email: wadc@woodislands.ca. Web: www.woodislands.ca. Facebook: Wood Islands & Area Development Corporation; 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale; and Wood Islands Lighthouse and Museum pages.

Know that this truly 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!

Wood Islands Lighthouse and Museum Thanks to Mallard Painting, our Lighthouse dons a beautiful new stunning white coat to show off to all who travel near-by! Thank you to all who contributed by donations through our Lighthouse Pickle Jar campaign; tours; purchases in the gift shops; and support for our events! We thank all our staff and visitors who made 2017 a wonderful year for local history and tourist experiences.

Wood Islands Community Room Rentals (Above the Visitor Information Centre) Visit www.woodislands.ca for rates. Neutrally decorated, clean, and versatile. Seats 80. Great kitchen facilities. New projector and screen. Elevator lift to second floor. Book your winter and next summer dates early so as not to be disappointed.

The Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation is a supporter of the Big Belfast community plan and is now enthusiastically exploring its potential roles within the community plan.

Virtual Yard Sale

Lightening The Load In preparation for a move. Home décor, Electronics, kitchen ware, tools yard items, sports equipment, Christmas decorations, furniture. Web site is updated often with additional items so check frequently. Go to www.LTL4sale.blogspot.ca to see a list of items for sale with pictures or call Dorothy Oulton at 902-313-1100 to see if I have what you are looking for.

Yoga for Absolute Beginners 2018

February 7 – March 14: The yoga studio at 221 Pinette Road is offering a second introductory six-week session, Yoga for Absolute Beginners, on Wednesday evening at 5:45 pm beginning February 7th. New students who are interested in learning the basic fundamentals of the practice are encouraged to register. The focus will be on breath control, proper alignment, and relaxation techniques. There is space available for Senior's Chair Yoga which continues until the spring on Thursday morning at 9 am. The Thursday evening class starts at 5:45 pm and continues until the spring for anyone who has some experience in the practice. If you are interested in improving your health and vitality, contact Aileen at 902-659-2313 or e-mail: petrie@bellaliant.com to inquire and/or to register. All equipment is supplied and prices are reasonable.

Cooper's Red & White

New fall store hours: Monday – Saturday 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Please note the change in closing time! Closed Sundays

Big Belfast: A Rural Model Community:

Please, save this date: January 17, 2018 at 7:00 at the Belfast Recreation Centre. The Belfast Historical Society is holding its large Community Meeting to further promote our open process and to gather input and committed support for a community plan. ALL are welcome!

At the historic heart of our community is the 1803 story of Lord Selkirk who envisioned *what a community should look like* — and then, he made it happen. He intended that this Belfast settlement would be a *model* for his future settlements and for the emigration plans of other men of his day.

A plan for a renewed community would be the best legacy we could leave honouring Thomas Douglas, the fifth Earl of Selkirk while at the same time addressing some very real issues in our rural communities (Lots 57, 58, 60 and 62 from Orwell Cove to Little Sands.) We propose the creation of a contemporary *model* for rural and regional community development.

We have letters of support from the Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation; the Belfast Community Development Corporation; MLA Darlene Compton; the Mt. Buchanan/Point Prim Women's Institute; the Belfast Community Council; and more throughout Big Belfast. To assist in finding funds and in-kind support, we hope to get a letter from you, also. For more info, call Audrey at (902) 940-4784. We look forward to hearing your ideas on January 17th!

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REVOLUTION

Valentine's Dance, Featuring REVOLUTION

February 10th, 2018. Time: 8:00 pm - 12:00 am at the Belfast Rec. Centre. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.

Come dance the evening away with live music from Cory Levy, Tim Docherty, Jason Docherty, Luke Farnham, and Erik Wang. This is a charitable event with some of the proceeds from the evening going to The Heart & Stroke Foundation of PEI.

* First 25 ladies in the door will receive a Valentine from Revolution!

*Door Prizes & 50/50 tickets. Great entertainment for all ages! Bring your Valentine and we will see you there for the Happiest Valentine's event ever!

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