

# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER June 2020



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#### COVID-19

During these uncertain times, the Belfast Lions Club encourages our friends and neighbours to do all they can to stay safe and healthy by following the guidelines provided by Health PEI and the Chief Public Health Officer.

For more information and updates on the current pandemic situation, visit the PEI Government's COVID-19 information website - <a href="https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19">https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19</a>. Further information is also available on their Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/govpe/">https://www.facebook.com/govpe/</a>.

Be safe and stay healthy!

#### Belfast Consolidated School Report (as of Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Currently with the CO-VID pandemic, we will not be in school for the rest of this school year. Please follow the Public Schools Branch website at: <a href="https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/">https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/</a> and our website listed below for any further updates.

For our current grade 9 graduating students, there is no word on graduation ceremonies at this time. We will wait for more information as we get it. Also, the Grade 9 trip will not be happening during this school year. We will wait for more information from Dr. Morrison, and the Public School Branch for this event.

Our students have been doing lots of work from home. They are producing great work! Two of the initiatives classes have been a part or are our grade 5/6 homeroom class, under the supervision of Ms. Carpenter, wrote personalized letters to the Dr. John Gillis Lodge staff and residents, and to the staff of the Kings County Medical Center. Also, our grade 3/4 classes were asked by Premier Dennis King to write letters of thanks and appreciation to health care workers in Quebec and Ontario. The students wrote very kind letters to the workers, and invited them to visit PEI when the bans on travel are lifted. They sent a little bit of PEI to Ontario and Quebec to lift the workers spirits. Thanks to Mrs. MacKinnon and Ms. McKeeman for their support!

Also, we received the marks of last year's first term grade 10 (our last graduation class of 2019) and they passed all their credits in first term! Even more impressive, 80% of the class was on the honour roll! Well done grade 10's. We are proud of what you have accomplished in your first term at MRHS. For the past 10 years, I have been tracking high school marks of our graduates. I can tell you in grade 10, they have passed 98% of the attempted credits, and the percentage on the honour roll is impressive. I'm sure the same will happen for this year's graduation class as well.

For more information, follow us at https://www.belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com, **Twitter** @BelfastBulldog, on Facebook at Belfast Consolidated Home and School Association, on our YouTube Channel BelfastConsolidatedSchool.

Mr. John Munro, Principal Belfast Consolidated School (mjmunro@edu.pe.ca)

#### **Selkirk Millennium Club**

All activities of the Selkirk Millennium Club, including regularly scheduled meetings and events have been postponed until further notice.

#### **Belfast Historical Society**

So many things have come to a standstill during these past months, and our world is certainly making history. We are all about history...but these days are a giant step for us all!

Three people in our community who have made exceptional contributions, each in his/her own way have passed away and we extend our sympathy to their families: Elinor Murchison Gillis, whose creativity through her paintings has left a permanent record of many of Belfast's historic areas, Albert MacDonald, a WW2 veteran and a noted farmer (Big Point Farms), and Wilbur MacDonald, a former MP, MLA, and a wonderful supporter of rural PEI.

As we consider what this upcoming season will hold for our society, we have noticed that this time has drawn many people back to their kitchens. We plan to begin the process of celebrating our Belfast culinary history by collecting recipes that have been comfort foods in our homes and have passed down through the generations. We are asking our community for special recipes that you would like to submit for publication in a cookbook. Also, if you have 2-3 sentences with a memory of the person that it was received from, that would be appreciated. "Grandma's recipes that have stood the test of time" might get us started on our search! Please pass this request on to family/friends who may not live in the area. Recipes/comments may be dropped off to Eliza Gillis, South Pinette, Kathleen Ross. Pinette Road, and Donald P Macdonald, Glashvin Rd or email dorism@ pei.sympatico.ca This project has the potential to be a memory maker for us all, but we need your help to do it!

Please check out our BHS Facebook page for information on Croft House hiring for this summer.

#### **Belfast Days**



With the current COVID-19 restrictions for mass gatherings, Belfast Days has been put on hold. We hope everyone is healthy, and we hopefully will have a safe summer here on PEI. \* Stay tuned for a possible event this Fall to celebrate

our community and families. \* This will all depend on which way the pandemic wave flows.

Moving forward into 2021, we hope to present a bright and extensive Belfast Days! We will put all our planning efforts into making up for this year, and anticipate a high level of support from this amazing community for which we live in.

Cheers and Healthy Vibes to All! Lynn, Rebecca, and Elaine

#### **The Deuce is Loose**

The organizers of the Deuce Is Loose fundraiser have decided to postpone our weekly draw until further notice. The jackpot will hold steady until that time and we will resume where we left off.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Belfast Lions Club Belfast Fire Department Belfast Rec Centre Board

#### **Belfast and Area Watershed Group**

Annual General Meeting, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 7:00pm - online via Zoom. To participate please e-mail Sherry at <a href="mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com">bawgpei@gmail.com</a> (include name, and phone) to receive the invite link to the event. Online due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Volunteer Tree Planting, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – come out to help plant at Bradley and Lisa Davies, Nicholson Rd, Belle River. Number of volunteers allowed are limited, pre-register via e-mail. Note: you must bring your own shovel and a snack.

Fly-fishing Learning Series join Val Murray to learn how to successfully fly-fish. Again, limited numbers, pre-registration required. The series will run Mondays June  $8^{th}-29^{th}$ , Belfast Rec. Centre. Last evening to be held at Ben's Lake Campground & Adventure.

BAWG is excited to be back in the field for another summer season of restoration activities and thank all community members for your support. Please contact Sherry at <a href="mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com">bawgpei@gmail.com</a> to preregister for activities, if you have any questions, or to donate to our activities. 902-218-1582.

#### Cooper's Red and White

#### **Special COVID-19 Notice**

During these difficult times, the management of Cooper's Food Market are committed to helping slow the spread of this global pandemic. To help protect our amazing staff and loyal customers, we will be heeding the directives of our Chief Public Health Officer by implementing the following policies:

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#### **Belfast Rural Municipality Council Briefs**

Items of note for the Rural Municipality of Belfast for the month of June 2020:

#### Council Meetings On Again!

Please be advised that the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, is on starting at 7:00PM.

To enable physical distancing, the meeting will be held at the Upstairs Hall at Wood Islands Village. In addition to the physical distancing measures, surfaces will be sanitized and hand sanitizer will also be available.

The Agenda for the meeting will be announced at a later date and will be available on our website at: <a href="https://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com">www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com</a>.

#### Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!

#### **Municipal Office:**

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#### **Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation**



Sadly, we have decided to not hold the 70 Mile Yard Sale this year. This is based purely on the uncertainty of how things will progress this summer and the amount of time and effort that

goes into planning and organizing this event. We look forward to making the 2021-yard sale an even more spectacular event.

The Wood Island Liquor Store will open on June 6 from 10am to 6pm 7 days a week. We will have all required protocols in place.

The Whistle Stop restaurant will be opening to serve take out on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Visitor Information Centre will open the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.

Due to the constrained space inside the lighthouse we do not yet have an opening date but work is underway to prepare for the season.

We are looking for 2 students to work with us this summer. The role will be varied and include cleaning indoors and out as well as some yard work. Please send your resume directly to our email wiadc@woodislands.ca.

We wish good health and safe distancing to our community and our world.

Watch our Facebook page and web site <a href="www.woodislands.ca">www.woodislands.ca</a> for information on developments at The Wood Islands Village and Lighthouse.

#### Island Pride Garden Co

Island Pride Garden Co is now open for shopping and wandering in the nursery and the greenhouse. The shop will follow social distancing and other Covid-19 precautions. Stop in for some inspiration for your gardens. Monday-Saturday 9:00AM-5:00PM and Sunday afternoons, 902-962-2044.

#### **Beck's Furniture & Appliances**

After a long winter of rebuilding and restocking following a run in with Hurricane Dorian, we would like to invite everyone to come in to see our newly rebuilt showroom. Come see the latest styles and trends from leading furniture and appliance brands. We are working hard at providing a safe environment in this new normal shopping world. Stay on top of current events and promotions at <a href="mailto:beckshomefurniture.com">beckshomefurniture.com</a> and <a href="mailto:facebook.com/beckshomefurniture">facebook.com/beckshomefurniture</a>. See you Soon!

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#### K & A'S Dairy Bar

K & A'S Dairy Bar and take out will be opening May 26<sup>th</sup> for the season. Monday: Closed. Tuesday to Saturday: 11:00AM - 6:00PM. Sunday: 1:00PM - 6:00PM.

#### **Correction**

In the May edition of the Belfast Lions Community Newsletter, the Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program information was mistakenly placed under the heading of the Belfast and Area Watershed Group. *Any implied affiliation was unintended and inaccurate*. These groups are entirely separate entities and do not share programs and/or resources.

The editor of this Newsletter bears sole responsibility for the error and apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

Henry Kliner

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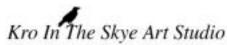


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