

# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER December 2020



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#### **Belfast Lions Cash Draw**

Here are the winners from the 32nd annual Belfast Lions Club Cash Draw:

#### \$100.00 Winners:

Bobby Cooper, Bobbie Byrne, Ryan Davies,
Joe Goesells, Andrew Skinner, Darlene Compton,
Amy Stewart, Danny MacKenzie, Pam Smith,
Eldon Legion & Ladies Auxiliary, Kathy & Jan Watt,
Stephen MacKinnon, Dean Nicholson,
Darlene White & John Laird, Evelyn Large,
Margie & Noel MacDougall, Wendy MacRae,
Wesley & Gwenneth Byrne, Tandi MacNeil,
Tommy Byrne, Jamie & Colleen Kelly, Len Durden.

\$400.00 Winner: Kimberley Stewart \$600.00 Winner: Craig MacMillan \$1,000.00 Winner: Jeff Bell

\$2,000.00 Winner: Jeannie Carey

\$3,000.00 Winner: Dwayne MacQuarrie \$10,000.00 Winner: Fort Augustus Lions Club

Congratulations to all the winners and "Thank you!" to everyone for supporting this year's Belfast Lions Cash Draw.

A special thank you goes to Ian Petrie {Master of Ceremonies} - a job Well done! Thank you to those who appeared oncamera; Lion Douglas MacKenzie (ticket recording), Greg Garret (ticket drawing), Lion Scott Gerritsen (drum turning) and Lion Victor Gosselin who presented a donation to Belfast Consolidated School Principal John Munro. Thank you also to off-camera volunteers; Lion Wayne Panton, Lion Victor Gosselin and Lion David Cooper for performing additional ticket recording and validation. Thank you to Lion Jeff Beck for providing space to host the event at Beck's Home Furniture & Appliances.

The Belfast Lions Club

#### 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 November 23<sup>rd</sup>)

A special thank you to the Belfast Lions Club for their donation to our school for \$1,000.00 through the community support of their \$100.00 ticket fundraiser on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This money will be used to support field trips, music, art, and sports teams. What an excellent supporter of our school, the Lions Club are for our children!

This winter, we will be having a girls' and boys' basketball team this winter! Exciting news! The students are looking forward to the season. The girls' team will be coached by community volunteers Lox and Shannin Metatawabin. The boys' team will be coached by community volunteers, Barrie Bennett, and Ryan Harcourt, as well as Mr. Munro.

If there are any volunteers interested in wrestling and gymnastics, please let us know at the school.

Although we didn't get a chance to share our Remembrance Day assembly in person, we did record it on YouTube. Mr. Munro didn't hit record until we were a few minutes into the assembly, and the sound is just fair with the singers in the gymnasium. If you wish to view the assembly, it can be found on this link: <a href="https://youtu.be/QwQCxDYq-IU">https://youtu.be/QwQCxDYq-IU</a>.

You will see the great effort students put into the assembly to remember the effort of our soldiers, peacekeepers, and those who supported the war effort.

We plan to share the Christmas Concert online this year as well. Stay tuned to our website for those details!

We also hope to have badminton and pickleball begin after the Christmas Break, but we will continue to watch the direction of Dr. Heather Morrison around COVID-19 protocol.

We will announce when we are starting on the website.

For more information, you can follow us at <a href="https://www.belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com">https://www.belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com</a>, on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, on Facebook at Belfast Consolidated Home and School Association, or on our YouTube Channel BelfastConsolidatedSchool.

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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.

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



Reminder that we will have ongoing yoga classes throughout the fall and winter with Joan Doucette as long as covid-19 protocols allow. Classes are

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Plough the Waves hall. Masks must be worn as you move into and out of the hall but are not required once you are at your mat which will be placed at the appropriate distance from others.

We are working on plans for our annual Family Day event at the WIWC (Wood Islands Welcome Centre). The activities will be centred around outdoor activities in keeping with public health considerations. The challenge of planning this event also gives us the initiative to develop new and interesting ways to celebrate together with distancing.

We are extremely disappointed that we will not be able to host a Christmas tree lighting event at the Wood Islands Welcome Centre this December. Covid-19 protocols with groups of people make this event impossible to consider this year.

Our beautiful and well-equipped hall is available for rent. Current covid-19 guidelines have it approved for 15 people appropriately distanced.

The electric car charging station is well lit and available 24/7 year-round.

Do you have a skill that you would like to share or learn through an "in hall" class? They could include painting, felting, repair workshops and re-purposing items. If you have an idea, please share it with us. You can contact us through a private message on Facebook, phone 902-962-3761 or email wiadc@woodisland.ca.

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

#### **Belfast Historical Society**

Those of us in the Belfast Historical Society are known for stressing the importance of being "Keepers of our History." This is one year on which we will be happy to close the books! The COVID Grinch may have "stolen" some things from us, but it can't take away the thankfulness that we feel in our community and indeed, across our island.

We want to thank the Belfast Lions Club and Henry Kliner for the ways that they have helped us connect and share through this newsletter.

We are grateful for the people who have supported us through our fundraising efforts during these past months. We look forward to continuing with our vision in 2021. We are stronger as we encourage each other.

Christmas Blessings Be kind to each other! Happy New Year—Yes Please!

#### **Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs**

Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast** for the month of December 2020:

#### **Councillor Vacancy By-Election**

As per the recent resignation of Councillor Audrey Shillabeer, as announced in October 2020, the Rural Municipality of Belfast will be holding a By-Election in the month of March 2021 to fill the vacancy for the remaining Councillor term to December 2022.

Notices and documentation will be made available starting in January 2021. Anyone interested in discussing the matter ahead of time, can contact your local Council Members, or contact the CAO at <a href="mailto:ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com">ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com</a> for more information.

#### **2021 Calendar of Council Meetings**

At the November 18, 2020 Council Meeting, Council confirmed the 2021 Calendar of Regular Council Meetings. The meetings will take place at the Wood Islands Village Meeting Hall, and are scheduled for:

1) January 20, 2021

2) February 17, 2021

3) March 17, 2021

4) April 21, 2021

5) May 19, 2021

6) June 16, 20218) September 15, 2021

7) August 18, 2021 9) October 20, 2021

10) November 17, 2021

The Public are welcome and encouraged to attend!

### **Next Scheduled Council Meeting**

There is no Council Meeting scheduled for the month of December – the next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on January 20, 2021. Agendas for the meeting will be announced and available on our Website, at least five days prior to the meeting at: www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com

Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!

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#### Cooper's Red & White

Due to the changes implemented by Premier Dennis King and Chief Public Officer Dr. Heather Morrison we at Cooper's Red & White are reminding everyone that masks will be mandatory.

We would also like to remind everyone of our pickup and delivery service. For more information please visit www.coopersredwhite.com/crw/pickup-delivery/.

Thank you for your cooperation!

#### **Belfast Community Development Corporation**

**Call for Directors:** Belfast Community Development Corporation (BCDC) is looking for new individuals to join our volunteer Board of Directors. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact us via e-mail at <a href="mailto:belfastcommunitydevcorp@gmail.com">belfastcommunitydevcorp@gmail.com</a>.

BCDC's mission is to improve the economy of the Belfast area and enhance the quality of life for its residents. The organization operates the Belfast Highland Greens Golf Course and Lord Selkirk Campground.

#### **The Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead**

The Sir Andrew Macphail Foundation wishes you all a very blessed Christmas season. We have been grateful for both provincial and federal funding that enabled us to be open to the public this summer as well as work on many projects to make the homestead an even more fascinating place to visit. Merry Christmas!

#### **Aspire PEI**

As a new, local non-profit **Aspire PEI** aims to support positive mental health for all Islanders by getting people actively engaged in nature. We are hosting **A Lakeside Christmas**, a public event for everyone to get outside and enjoy the fun of the holiday season. It will be held at Ben's Lake Nature Camping (2741 Murray Harbour Rd) on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00pm. Admission is by donation as this is a fundraising event to assist in designing and implementing our programming for next year. There will be a winter wonderland walking trail, visiting with Santa, ornament decorating, hot beverages, and horse and wagon rides (\$5 per person for ride). We are also asking for sponsors or donations in terms of lights and holiday decor. If anyone in the community or a local business is interested they can contact <a href="mailto:aspirepei@gmail.com">aspirepei@gmail.com</a> for further details.

Please find more current event info on the Aspire PEI Facebook event: <a href="https://fb.me/e/1tMdWzoO4">https://fb.me/e/1tMdWzoO4</a>.

#### **Thank You**

I would like to thank all who sent condolences, whether they were calls, cards or visits, after Blair passed away. Each and every one of you has, in your own way, helped me cope with the loss of Blair, and I cannot express how much it has been appreciated. On behalf of Patricia, Colleen and myself, Thank you so much.

Terry Morrison

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

During this season, we take time to reflect upon the progress we've made, and our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made it possible. BAWG appreciates the support of our members, volunteers, organizations and summer staff for their work and dedication in helping realize our goals of restoration and protection within our watershed. In this spirit of gratefulness, we wish everyone to be blessed with laughter, peace, and love during this holiday season.

To quote Norman Vincent Peale, "Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful". Have a safe holiday season.

#### **Point Prim Lighthouse**



All is well down at the Pt. Prim Lighthouse. We are closed up for winter, all cozy and tidy. It was a good season considering the times we are experiencing. We

were lucky to have many Island visitors and our friends from the other Atlantic Provinces. Guests were so appreciative that we were open and happy to support our artists. Our staff were amazing with their fabulous smiles and COVID-19 procedures. A huge thank you to Lighthouse Lori and the team.

The Chowder House Restaurant is all shut down and will reopen next season. We are so pleased that they had lots of hungry visitors. Best restaurant in the Island!

We are having loads of rock placed to continue to help stop erosion. Looks great and will keep us safe for many years to come. There is beach access for those who want to walk, canoe, kayak, beach comb, swim.

A great season and thanks to our neighbours for visiting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

#### **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!

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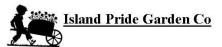
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