



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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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 - <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19>. Further information is also available on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/govpe/>.

*Be safe and stay healthy!*

## **Belfast Historical Society**

As the days get longer, our thoughts turn to sunny days, green grass, and exciting times ahead for the BHS. Depending upon funding, our goal is to employ three "arts, culture, heritage, and history loving" staff members this summer.

We are planning to hire a Museum Manager/Supervisor, a Groundskeeper, Maintenance, and Small Project Worker, and a History Interpreter(student). The first 2 jobs depend upon provincial funding AND you must register with the Provincial Job Registry as soon as possible. Please check out our Belfast Historical Society Facebook page for job descriptions for each position.

For all three positions, you should immediately provide a resume addressed to treasurer, Gordon Furness at 7336 Trans Canada Hwy, Vernon Bridge, COA 2E0; by email: [bhs@bellaliant.com](mailto:bhs@bellaliant.com), or drop off at Donald/Doris MacDonald's, 151 Colonsay Lane, Glashvin Road.

Our COVID-19 world requires flexibility and adaptive behaviors. The people hired will need to understand that all of our museum and cultural centre operations must be fluid as we react to our new realities. Creative solutions will be the order of the season.

Previous employees have come to love our wee museum and our unique community history. Who wouldn't like to be part of the activity at the beautiful Selkirk Park in the summer?

## **Belfast and Area Watershed Group**

Are you a member of the Belfast Area Watershed Group yet? If not, we invite you to join us and stay informed of our conservation, restoration and advocacy work, including educational and volunteer opportunities. Help us care for our land and water resources, and wildlife communities, together. Email Sherry at [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com) – Subject: membership. Include: full name, email & mailing address, phone number.

*Thank you!*

## **Belfast Consolidated School Report (As of February 20<sup>th</sup>)**

You are invited to attend adult badminton (+18 years of age) at Belfast School on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00, and pickle ball (+35 years of age) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30. You don't need to have any equipment, just sneakers for the gym. The cost is \$1.00 or \$2.00. The money goes to school athletics (new equipment, jerseys, etc.). To date, we have had 17 different badminton players, and 15 pickle ball players. If you are interested, please contact the main office to register. To date, the groups have raised about \$225.00 for the PE department.

We want to thank the students, staff, and community for your support of Toonies4Trayton this year. This is the third annual event, and this year we raised approximately \$7,700.00 for Heart and Stroke PEI! Thanks to Lynn Docherty for her work in coordinating this event with us.

We want to thank our Home and School for organizing staff appreciation week food for us this year. We were spoiled with some great food!

We want to thank the Mt. Buchanan/Point Prim Women's Institute for providing a number of pairs of mitts for our students. Sometimes students forget, or don't have mittens on those cold winter days. They certainly get put to use!

We are looking forward to another successful badminton season. If you are interested in helping coach, please touch base with Mr. Taylor Johnson at the school.

We currently have 18 students registered for Kindergarten next year! It will be our biggest class in a number of years. If you know of any children who have not yet registered for kindergarten, please make sure they do so ASAP, as the number of teachers we hire are based on these numbers. We want to ensure we have an accurate number on our class list.

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

On Facebook at Belfast Consolidated Home and School Association.

On YouTube Channel BelfastConsolidatedSchool.

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

## **Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute**

Tentative plans are being made for our Annual Spring Luncheon later this spring. Watch for up-dates in future newsletters.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our WI in the past, and pending Covid-19 restrictions we hope to see everyone later this spring. *Stay well and stay safe!*

### **Valentine's Online Auction & Toonies for Trayton Campaign**

We had an amazing and very successful event held for two weeks!!!! The Valentine's Heart and Stroke Online Auction was held from January 29th until Feb 11th, and it had many amazing items donated by Island Businesses!

We received Canada wide recognition on the Heart and Stroke Canada Website for our efforts. Along with the online auction, we had money collection at the Belfast school, as well as the wonderful students and staff of Georgetown Elementary and Vernon River Consolidated who joined our fundraising train this year!!!!!! Local musical band, The Solid Line did a great job performing for an online mini concert in support and awareness of Heart Month. They are Tim Docherty, Jason Docherty, Luke Farnham, and Ben Foreman.

Due to Covid19, the fundraising experience has to be different and creative. Charities are needing volunteers and donations now more than ever to help fight heart disease, stroke and other vascular impairments. These funds are essential for moving forward with materials and equipment to help Canadians live better lives.

In total, we have successfully raised \$8,200.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of PEI!!!! All the combined events have made this a very prosperous year for us! The school was rewarded with 2 sets of floor hockey gear and sticks for their physical education Program.

The most important aspect of this Annual endeavor is not only promoting heart health, but remembering Trayton Acton... A little boy who will always live in our Hearts. Trayton's siblings, Jackson, Ally, Auston, Harlow, Declan, and Griffon have made their own spectacular donation of \$600.00 in memory of their brother to be added to the event! This is a reminder of how children are very capable of making a difference in a short span of time!

Mitch Crouse with the Heart and Stroke Foundation was at the Belfast school on February 12<sup>th</sup> during a presentation held in the lobby. There was a small series of speeches by the Grade 6 class as well. This was live streamed to all the classrooms in the school so everyone could join in and watch.

In the photos are Trayton Acton's siblings, Jackson, Ally, Harlow, Auston, Declan, and Griffon. (Their parents were also in attendance for the presentation. Tracy Know, Ricky Myers, and Jeff Acton.)

In the presentation photo is Mitch Crouse with Heart and Stroke as well as Lynn Docherty, volunteer and organizer of the event. Lynn's sister, Elaine Fraser also was a vital part of the event organizing and set up.

Thanks so much for all the effort and support for this important project!

We hope to make this an even larger success next year!

Thanks to everyone involved! So much love and appreciation. ❤️

*Lynn Docherty*

### **Point Prim Lighthouse**



The Point Prim Lighthouse Society is holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Wood Islands, 13056 Shore Road, second floor.

We will be following strict COVID-19 guidelines of wearing masks and 2 metre distancing.

Please understand that we are limited to 21 people.

If you would like to attend, you must submit your name and we will add you to the list and let you know if there is room. *Thank you for your understanding.*

If you would like to submit your name, have any questions or concerns, please email [pointprimlighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:pointprimlighthouse@gmail.com)

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

Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast** for the month of March 2021:

#### **By-Election – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Rural Municipality of Belfast will be holding a By-Election on March 15, 2021 to fill one Councillor vacancy for the remaining Council term to Dec. 2022.

Notices and documentation are available on the Municipality Website at: [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com).

Anyone interested in discussing the matter, or wishing further information, can contact your local Council Members, or contact the CAO at [ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com](mailto:ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com).

### **New Municipal Office**

Please be advised that the Municipal Office for the Rural Municipality of Belfast is now located at 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands (in the Wood Islands Village). At this time, we would like to thank the Belfast Firehall for generously housing our Municipal Office for the past few years. *Thankyou!*

### **2021/2022 Community Grants Program**

Please be advised that the Rural Municipality of Belfast is now accepting applications for this year's Community Grants. Deadline for Applications is March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Applications and eligibility can be found on the Municipal Website at: [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com) and thankyou to everyone for your commitment to the Municipality!

### **Notice of 2021/2022 Budget and Financial Plan Consultations**

Notice is hereby given, that the Municipality will be holding public meetings on February 17<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss and ratify the Municipality's 2021/2022 Budget and Financial Plan. Public input is welcome and encouraged. Agendas will be posted on our website.

### **Municipal Office**

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### **Belfast Lions Community Spirit Calendar 2021 – Update**

Thank you for your patience as we work through this difficult period of starting over with a new publisher!

The 2021 Calendar information has been submitted to the publisher and we are awaiting confirmation of printing and shipment.

Please watch the Belfast Lions Club Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/belfastlionspei/](http://www.facebook.com/belfastlionspei/) for further information. If you have any questions regarding the Calendar, please contact Henry Kliner by e-mail at [BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com](mailto:BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com) or call 902-978-2447.

### **Thank You**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who kept us in their thoughts and prayers during Dan's hospitalization, and now as his recovery continues. Every text, card, message, phone call, offers of help, and kindness shown to us, were truly appreciated.

Many thanks,

*Dan, Judy, and family*

### **A Note of Thanks!**

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has reached out to us during this very difficult time.

Thank you to the wonderful staff at Belfast Consolidated for your support and generosity. Thank you to Sylvain's colleagues and friends at the Montague Post Office. Thank you to those who have blessed our family with your friendship and made this whole journey easier.

We are so fortunate to be a part of this amazing community!

*Sylvie, Seychelle & Syrianna*

### **Thank You**

Thank you, very much, to friends, family and community members, for your support and good wishes following Elliot's accident; he continues to improve every day.

We are so appreciative of the excellent care and support he has received every step of the way - we are so fortunate to live in Canada!

We look forward to spring and the warmer weather, when we can visit with everyone on our front deck. Thanks again!

### **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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### **Country Taste Kitchen and Bakery - Now open!**

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I am excited to announce the new 130' x 60' indoor riding arena and stabling is currently under construction and will be opening April 1/2021. Clinics, horse shows, and camps are also on the agenda for Summer 2021.

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to discuss your horseback riding goals and to reserve your spot as they are filling up quickly!



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