



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## April 2024

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### The Deuce is Loose

Come on out to the Belfast Rec. Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. You could be the lucky winner of the Big Jackpot, now estimated at more than \$24,500.00! Advance tickets can be purchased at Cooper's Red & White. Tickets will also be available for purchase online via e-transfer. For information on how to purchase your Deuce tickets online, please visit our Facebook page at: [facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast](https://facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

#### Recent Deuce Winners:

Dan Carey	March 5	\$ 548.00
Sandy Mills	March 12	\$ 551.00
Peggy MacRae	March 19	\$ 543.00

Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Doors open: 6:00PM  
Trivia starts: 7:30PM  
Draw begins: 8:00PM

*Thank you all for your continued support!*

Belfast Lions Club      Belfast Rec. Centre Board

Please watch our Facebook page for ongoing information and announcements - [facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast](https://facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

### Belfast Community Development Corporation

The BCDC would like to thank all who attended our recent AGM, your message was clear. We were given a lot to consider and will be guided by what we heard. We are excited to move forward and build our community together. We are excited to welcome Victor Gosselin, Matt Kenny, Luke Rooney and Dana Hancock to the board. As well as returning board members, Chris Profit, Frieda Billard, William McGuigan, Mark Booth, Alan Buchannan, and Sylvia Yuill. We can't thank David Cooper and Ian Petrie enough for their years of wisdom and hours dedicated to our community. **We invite all to attend our upcoming 2024 Forecasting Session at the Belfast Rink on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

We are entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Belfast Historical Society which will allow them to move ahead with a new project.

Don't forget about the Solar Eclipse Event on April 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by music with Taylor Johnson at the clubhouse. Eclipse glasses will be available, and BCDC is providing eclipse glasses for all students at Belfast Consolidated.

The golf course will be open soon but don't forget to try our golf simulators before you hit the greens this season!

### Belfast Consolidated School Principal's Report

Our school ran another very successful Toonies for Trayton fundraiser during the month of February. Our students and staff raised \$850.00 for Heart and Stroke in Trayton's name. We would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraiser. We will also be fundraising for Easter Seals in April.

Our grade 9 class will be running a Steerman Meat's fundraiser from April 10<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in buying local meats, please contact the school to place your order, or contact a current grade 9 student or parent for more information. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*

Congratulations to our basketball teams on successful seasons. The girls had a great season and had more wins this year than in past years. Best of luck to our grade 9 players who are off to play at MRHS next year: Winter Leal, Aurora Guignard, Jorja Creed, Kayley Carter, Abbie Bell, and Milla Beck. Thanks to coach Johnson! The boys' team also had a great season going 6-3! Congratulations to Lennon MacRae, Seamus Ryan, and Jackson Adam, our Gr 9 boys, who played well, and were excellent role models. I was fortunate to coach this great group of guys! Wrestling and badminton are happening in the month of April, and we will update you on those results in May. We are hoping you saw our great news on Compass regarding Pink Shirt Day. If you didn't see it, here is the link: <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2312861763574>

Mr. John Munro    Principal Belfast Consolidated School

### Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead

The Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead will be celebrating Mother's Day again with a lobster lunch in the beautiful dining room. It will take place on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm in Orwell (just behind Orwell Corner Village). To make a reservation please email [macphailhomestead@gmail.com](mailto:macphailhomestead@gmail.com).

### Belfast Lions Birthday Calendars 2024-2025 HAVE ARRIVED!

The 2024-2025 Birthday Calendars are here, and home delivery is underway. If you are a current subscriber and have not yet received your Calendar, a Belfast Lions Club member will be contacting you soon to arrange delivery. Calendars are also available for pick up at Cooper's Red & White Food Market.

If you are not contacted by a Lions Club Member regarding delivery in the next few weeks and are unable to pick up your Calendar at Cooper's Red & White, please call or text Henry Kliner at 902-978-2447. You may also e-mail [BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com](mailto:BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com).

*Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser!*

## Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs:

### Council Awards \$195,816.00 for 2024/25 Community Grants:

“With these allocations, Council recognizes that by providing these Community Grants to the various community groups, volunteer groups, facilities, sporting groups, and numerous miscellaneous groups; RMB is able to help support many integral services to the RMB residents.” (Councillor Billy Gamble – Chair – Community Grants Committee).

#### Congratulations go out to:

Belfast Rural Fire Department	\$ 115,000.00
Belfast Rec Centre (GPEI Rink Grant)	\$ 8,500.00
Belfast Rec Centre (Operations)	\$ 26,500.00
Belfast Rec Ctr (Warming Ctr Operations)	\$ 1,208.00
Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG)	\$ 7,000.00
Belfast Days	\$ 7,000.00
Belfast Historical Society	\$ 3,500.00
Belfast Minor Hockey	\$ 3,000.00
Belfast Wrestling Club	\$ 1,500.00
Pinette Raceway Inc.	\$ 2,000.00
Point Prim Lighthouse Society	\$ 3,000.00
St. John’s Presbyterian Church (200 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 1,000.00
Vernon River/Belfast Community Pantry	\$ 2,400.00
WIADC (Warming Ctr Operations)	\$ 1,208.00
WIADC Wood Islands Market (Operations)	\$ 10,000.00
WIADC Wood Islands Lighthouse	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 195,816.00</b>

**RMB Budget Passes for 2024/25:** RMB now has its marching orders for the 2024/25 fiscal year. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Council passed unanimously the funds that go into the annual operations, with a 2.5% increase. These funds allow RMB to:

- Allocate \$195,816.00 in Community Grants,
- Resume Official Community Plan and Development Bylaw discussions,
- Start on an Annexation Exercise for consideration,
- Complete numerous Strategic Plan tasks, and
- Much more.

#### Fantastic News: Two Vessel Ferry Service for Wood Islands

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024: During our March 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, Councillors Katherine Bryson and Trisha Carter were able to announce the latest Breaking News about securing a two-vessel service for this year’s ferry service (and beyond) at Wood Islands. In Minister Lawrence MacAulay’s email, he also assured residents that the work to refit the MV Fanafjord is well underway in Norway. For the complete news release check out the RMB Website.

**Next Meeting:** Regular Council Mtg – April 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm (Upstairs Wood Islands Market Mtg Hall)

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## Belfast Days June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Save the Date!



Belfast Days 2024

June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

More details to follow.

To add your business as a sponsor,

Please contact Lynn Docherty.

[lynndocherty1980@gmail.com](mailto:lynndocherty1980@gmail.com)

### Wood Islands Women’s Institute

Thank you to Alan and Janet Preston, (retired Hearts and Flowers Florists) for an amazing presentation of spring flower arranging. It’s a joy to have such members in our community.

Join your local community at the Wood islands School house hall:

- **April 16<sup>th</sup>** 7:00pm - We welcome John Keuper, from Island Pride Garden co. He will speak to us about the Trees and Forests in your backyard, a free talk to get your questions answered from a professional grower, followed by light refreshments.
- **June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Wood Islands Women’s Institute spring tea
- **July 1<sup>st</sup>** - Canada day at the Wood islands schoolhouse, 822 Trans Canada Highway

### Belfast Fire Department - AGM

The Belfast Fire Department will be holding their Annual General Meeting 8:00pm, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Belfast Fire Hall.

### Belfast Players

The Belfast Players will be presenting the three-act comedy, “Just a Little misunderstanding”, written by David Halliday.

Show times are Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>, for a matinee performance at 2:00pm and an evening performance at 7:00pm at the Belfast Rec. Centre.

Tickets will be available at Cooper’s Red & White and at the door.

- Adults \$ 20.00
- Children 12 and over \$ 10.00
- Children under 12 Free

For more information, call Margie Gallant at 902-393-3348.

*Come and enjoy a show of fun and laughter!!!*

### Coffee Club

Coffee Club meets every Tuesday morning at the Belfast Recreation Centre (9:00am - 11:00am).

### **St John's Presbyterian Church – 200 Year Celebration!**

St. John's Presbyterian Church, located at 2794 Garfield Rd. Belfast is celebrating 200 years since it was built. This historic wood-framed church is one of the oldest Presbyterian churches on PEI. It was built in 1824 by Robert Jones and established with the assistance from the Lord Selkirk settlers, pioneers who immigrated here in 1803 from the Highlands of Scotland.

The original shingles are still on the church, hand split and planed by a "Frow" used with a wooden mallet. Shingles were attached to the building with iron nails made by the local blacksmith. It is valued for its well-established Neoclassical architectural style and its contribution to the community.

This unique Church, built on the hill, remains a vibrant thriving church today. Plans are in the works to celebrate its history throughout the year, beginning with a Commemoration Tree Planting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, following the 11:00am church service. All are invited.

All other special activities will be announced.

### **Selkirk Millenium Club**

Selkirk Millenium Club meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Please call Sylvia at 902-659-2240 for time and place.

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



Spring is in the air! We are excited for the upcoming season and look forward to welcoming visitors to Wood Islands!

Sign Plaza: We still have room on our Sign Plaza for 2024! There's no better way to advertise your business! Its only \$100.00 to display your 16" X 44" sign. There's a handy online application form on our website: [www.woodislands.ca/sign-plaza/](http://www.woodislands.ca/sign-plaza/).

Food Truck: We are looking for Food Trucks to vend at our market this year from June-September as our restaurant will be closed for renovations. We offer excellent exposure to over 475,000 visitors who enter PEI from the ferry. Contact us for details.

Hall Rental: We offer the perfect venue for your event. The Plough the Waves Hall has everything you need to host business meetings, wedding receptions, birthday parties, training courses, or even a flea market! Check out [www.woodislands.ca/plough-the-waves/](http://www.woodislands.ca/plough-the-waves/) for details. There's even a handy online calendar to see what dates are available!

#### **April Hall Events:**

- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Rural Municipality of Belfast Council Meeting 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG). Earth Day Presentation 7:00pm – 9:00pm

All inquiries Email: [wiadc@woodislands.ca](mailto:wiadc@woodislands.ca)  
Phone: 902-962-3761 Website: [woodislands.ca](http://woodislands.ca)

### **Mount Buchanan-Point Prim W.I. - Annual Spring Luncheon**

Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute will be hosting their Annual Spring Luncheon on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, serving from 11:00am to 1:00pm, at the Belfast Recreation Centre, 3033 Garfield Road.

Lunch includes chili or corn chowder, roll, dessert and tea or coffee for \$15.00. Proceeds to QEH Foundation.

To reserve your lunch, please call Florence at 902-969-9157 or Rebecca 902-659-2647.

*Thank you for your support!*

Members of Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute

### **Belfast Historical Society**

#### **Welcome to April!!!**

Always keep moving forward

Pushing your limits, and

Remember each obstacle

Is a chance to grow to

Learn from your past and thrive.

Spring is a season of new beginnings! The Belfast Historical Society is delighted to announce that progress has been made on clearing out the area beside the Croft House to prepare for the moving of the Church of Scotland to its new location, as well as preparing for the installation of our new septic system and accessible washrooms. A big "THANK YOU" to Clifford McKenna for taking on this project for us. We are happy to be moving this project forward with the support of the BCDC.

This is indeed a year of historic celebrations! The BHS is celebrating 48 years of preserving and sharing family histories, as well as the history of the Scottish and Acadian people who settled our area. St. John's Presbyterian Church in Belfast is also celebrating 200 years of active ministry to people in Belfast and surrounding areas.

To celebrate these milestones, the BHS is bringing back the MacAulay Award which encourages students from our area to complete a project on a local history event... person, place or thing. Some suggestions might include an art project, essay, interview of a senior, a play, debate or comparative study of then and now, a character sketch of Dr. MacAulay with explanation, or research on the history of a favourite place or historical building. Perhaps some of the students live in an historic home and would like to find out some info about the home's past. The possibilities are endless!

The MacAulay Awards were named for Dr. Angus MacAulay, a principal agent for Lord Selkirk, who brought settlers from Scotland to the Belfast area in 1803. He tended to the various needs of the early Scottish pioneers as a lay preacher, having served as chaplain in the British Army, a medical doctor and teacher.

Submission date no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to Donald and/or Doris MacDonald, 151 Colonsay Lane, or e-mail to [dorismacdonald101@gmail.com](mailto:dorismacdonald101@gmail.com).

## **Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 6<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm – Belfast Rec Centre) **Songs for Our Streams**, a major fundraiser for BAWG, is back with an exciting local line-up of musicians. Enjoy us for an evening of music with **PEI Songwriter of the Year - Dylan Menzie, along with toe-tapping tunes from Norman Stewart and The Solid Line**. Music for everyone - bring your friends and support our watershed protection, monitoring, research, and field activities. Enjoy an Oyster Bar with oysters provided by Fortune Oysters (Bill and Stanley Oyster Company) and the always popular 50/50 and raffle basket draw! For ticket purchasing options, email Sherry at [exd@bawg.ca](mailto:exd@bawg.ca) or [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com). Some tickets are available at the door; however, advance purchasing is advised. The Belfast Rec Centre will be managing a bar that evening.
- **Earth Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup>** (7:00pm) – public presentation on the **PEI 2 Billion Trees program and the BAWG 2024 Workplan**. Are you interested in having trees planted on your property at no cost? In partnership with the PEI Watershed Alliance, we will host this presentation to inform all landowners about this program.
- Mark your calendar and have your fishing gear ready! **Roseberry Pond Family Fishing Day – Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. This popular event will be back with a great time of fishing and BBQ.
- **BAWG Annual General Meeting** May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Open to everyone. Watch next month for details on guest speaker.

### **Camp Buchan – Scouts Summer Camp**

Calling all young adventurers and outdoor enthusiasts! Scouts Canada Summer Camps are back and bigger and better than ever, promising an unforgettable week of outdoor adventure filled with excitement and friendship at beautiful Camp Buchan. You're invited to join us for an adventurous journey into the great outdoors, where lifelong memories and new friendships await. Scouts Canada is offering an extraordinary week of day camp with an optional “*camping under the stars*” overnight stay. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.scouts.ca/summercamp>. *Adventure awaits!*

### **Belfast Recreation Centre**

Game Night Fridays from 7:00pm – 10:30pm. Come join us for Ping Pong, Cards, Board Games, or bring your own! Canteen/Bar will be open (cash only).

Spring Flea Market April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00. Tables \$10.00 each. Message the Rec Centre for a table or more info.

## **Point Prim Lighthouse Society**

Point Prim Lighthouse is seeking staff for our 2024 season. Our Lighthouse and Gift Shop will be open from May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through to early November. We have some positions for the entire season, and some for high school's summer break.

**The Job:** Tour Guide and Gift Shop Clerk

**Hours:** min. of 32 hours per week, min. of 10 weeks

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**Deadline for application:** Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Please send your resume and cover letter to [pointprimlighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:pointprimlighthouse@gmail.com). Resumes will be reviewed, and applicants contacted by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are an equal opportunity employer and encourage any interested to apply.

### **Island Pride Garden co 854 TCH Wood Islands**

April Hours: Fridays 1:00pm-5:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am-12:00 noon at the Wood Islands Shop.

We have lots of trees that are ready to be planted during the month of April. Early spring is a great time to plant trees. In early spring, there is no heat or frost risk as the trees are dormant, reducing the overall risk. Planting now gives the roots a head start during the warming of the soil. The leaves will emerge as the available water allows.

We can be reached at our website [www.islandpride.ca](http://www.islandpride.ca), or by telephone 902-962-2044.

### **Notice from the Belfast Fire Department**

Fire season runs from March 15<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. There are new rules and categories that must be followed. Heavy fines can and will be issued.

You can call 1-800-237-5053 to find out about the current burning restrictions in place for the province of PEI. This number can be accessed 24 hours a day; 7 days a week.

For detailed information, please visit our website at [princeedwardisland.ca/fireinformation](http://princeedwardisland.ca/fireinformation) and be aware that there is no burning allowed between 8:00am and 2:00pm. There are 4 categories and a map that details when, and if, burning is allowed.

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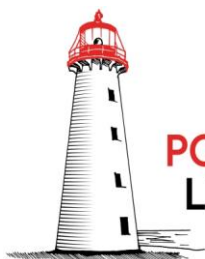


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Check out our Website for: \* Contacts \* Meeting Times and Dates \* Agendas and Notices \* The Community Emergency Plan  
\* The Community Vision Document \* The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) \* And much more

Check out our Facebook Page for: Activities, Issues, Discussions, Local Events, Photos and more

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