



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

October 2024

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The Deuce is Loose

Congratulations to our Jackpot winner, Eddy Arsenault! Eddy won both the nightly door prize and the Big Jackpot for a total of \$38,714.00 at the September 24th draw. A new Deuce is Loose draw begins October 1st, 2024, with a minimum Jackpot of \$6,000.00.

Come on out every Tuesday evening at the Belfast Rec. Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. You could be the lucky winner of the Big Jackpot! Advance tickets can be purchased at Cooper's Red & White. Tickets are also available at the door or for purchase online via e-transfer. For more information on how to purchase your Deuce tickets online, and when online ticket sales begin, please visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast.

Previous Winners:

Jonathan Vincent	September 17 th	\$ 857.00
Eddy Arsenault	September 24 th	\$ 38,714.00
	(Door prize and Jackpot!)	

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.

An Evening of Books, Music and Art

Please join Rocky Mountain Books author (and Cooper's Red & White's very own) Jamey Glasnovic for the release of his third travel memoir, *Everything Is Poa: One Man's Search For Peace and Purpose in East Africa*. In addition to sharing tales from Tanzania and Rwanda, Jamey will look back on his adventures in Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Canadian Mountain West, as he examines the impact a good wander has on the human soul.

This free event will also include performances by musical guests Todd MacLean, Amanda Jackson, Katie McGarry and Dan Currie, and feature a book and art table with Jacey Asnong and Kendre Jackson. Saturday, October 19th, 2024, from 7:30pm to 10:00pm. Belfast Rec. Centre (the rink), 3033 Garfield Road, Belfast, PEI. Cash only bar. Cash or credit cards at the book and art table.

Belfast Consolidated School Report

We are off to a great start at Belfast Consolidated School this year! We have 149 students grades K-9. Currently, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are off as they had a baby girl, Brooke, over the summer. Congratulations! In their place, Kyle Adams will be teaching grades 7-9 for the year, and Jack Munro will be teaching gr K-9 PE and Explorations until October 7th. Also, Tammy Davies is back with us full time working as an Education Assistant, and Youth Service Worker in the school. We would also like to thank Lana MacNeill for all her hard work at the school, including supporting the breakfast program. She has moved to Southern Kings Consolidated School. In her place, we have Kerry MacPhee. We are excited to have Kerry, Tammy, Jack, and Kyle joining our staff.

Over the past couple of years, we have had extensive improvements in our building. We have a new roof over the entire building, new boilers, new gymnasium floor, new HVAC system for air circulation and AC in one room, as well as new paving to the main doors.

The school's main fundraiser for the year will continue to be the Causable Gold Rush. If you would like to buy a lottery ticket and support the school, that would be greatly appreciated. A portion of your ticket goes directly to the school. The website is: <https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io/> You just need to select Belfast as your school.

You can follow us on Instagram at Belfast Bulldogs, or our web page is <https://belfast.edu.pe.ca/>.

Sincerely,

John Munro Principal Belfast Consolidated School

Belfast Lions Cash Draw - November 23rd, 2024

The Belfast Lions Club 36th annual Cash Draw will be happening Saturday, November 23rd, 2024. Cash prizes of \$10,000.00, \$3,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00, \$600.00, \$400.00, and 22 x \$100.00 will be awarded.

Tickets are \$100.00 each and a limit of only 325 tickets are available. *This event sells out quickly!* Please contact any Belfast Lions Club member (see the final page of this Newsletter for contact information) or request your ticket by e-mailing BelfastNewsletter@outlook.com.

We will be presenting this event Live and Online via our Belfast Lions Facebook page at: Facebook.com/BelfastLionsPEI. Live streaming will begin at 7:00pm with the Cash Draw beginning at 7:30pm.

Thank you for supporting this community fund raiser!

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)** for the month of **October 2024:**

Council Stops the RMB Annexation Exercise Process

September 18th, 2024: Following a report and discussion of the RMB Annexation Exercise, the RMB Council decided to put a halt to the process. With the preliminary research in hand from the previous Annexation Sub-Committee, Council Members felt that there were still too many unanswered questions from the Government of Prince Edward Island, and a lack of interest from affected residents. Council Members left the door open for any subsequent Councils to bring up the issue in the future, should the need or interest arise.

Council Holds Another Public Meeting on Official Plan & Development Bylaw

September 21st, 2024: To hear additional comments from the Public and Council Members, RMB convened a Special Council Meeting on September 21st at the Wood Islands Meeting Hall. To hear those comments, RMB invited two representatives from Fotenn Planning Inc. as well as a Rural Development Officer from Eastern Kings, PEI. Now that Council has heard more comments and clarifications Council will decide on Next Steps.

October 16th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm

At RMB's next Council Meeting, Council will discuss the options for moving forward. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Down-East Comic Expo October 26th, 2024 Wood Islands Market

Back for a second year! The Down-East Comic Expo hosts a large selection of vendors selling comics, collectibles, pop culture items, art, clothing and more. Admission is only \$2.00. And, as a treat for the kids, RMB will once-again be handing out Halloween Loot Bags! **Come-One, Come-All!**

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Selkirk Millenium Club

The Selkirk Millenium Seniors Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm in the Rec. room of the Belfast rink. Come join us.

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



A huge THANK YOU to everyone for making the 25th Annual 70 Mile Coastal Yardsale a huge success! The Wood Islands Market Team would like to thank Cooper's, Treena's Takeout, The Wood Islands Café Express, Bar Vela Pizzeria, Red Clay Construction, Galla Designs Studio, and the volunteers for their support. Congratulations to the winners of our 50/50 Draw:

- Grand Prize \$1840.00 – Chance White
- Northumberland Ferry Pass – Josephine MacNeil
- Northumberland Ferry Pass – Wendal MacMaster
- Bar Vela \$25.00 Gift Certificate – Wayne Devoe
- Wood Islands Café Express Dinner for Two – Virginia Higgenbotham
- Treena's Takeout \$40.00 Gift Certificate – Margo Stewart
- T-shirt and Hat from Red Clay Construction – Rick Kirkpatrick
- Salt Lamp Essential Oil Diffuser – Rachel Haygett
- Crystal Table Lamp – Ann MacDonald
- Space Heater – Christine Evans
- Juicing Machine – Johnny Herbert

The Down East Comic Expo is taking place Saturday October 26th, from 10:00am-4:00pm at the Plough the Waves Hall. Vendors will be selling comics (new and vintage) and other pop culture items. There will also be a BBQ to raise funds for the Wood Islands Lighthouse restoration. Vendor tables are \$10.00. Admission is \$2.00.

October Hall Events:

- Thursday, October 10th, 7:00-9:00pm: Island Nature Trust – Protecting Your Land
- Tuesday, October 22nd, 6:30pm: Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG) Strategic Planning Public Meeting
- Saturday, October 26th, 10:00am-4:00pm: Down East Comic Expo

October Operating Hours:

Visitor Information Center 8:30am-5:00pm daily

The Sweet Company 10:00am-6:00pm daily

The Wood Islands Saltwater Market & Liquor Store Thursday-Saturday 10:00am-7:00pm. Sunday 12:00-5:00pm. Last day of operation for the season will be October 19th.

For more information, please contact us:

Phone: 902-962-3761

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Wood Islands Women's Institute News

Join us Saturday October 19th, 2:00pm, A dramatic reading of Making it Home written by Angus Maclean, presented by Rob Maclean and Melissa Mullen.

Reservations are required for this event. It is a free event. Please call 902- 962-3760 to reserve your seat! Location: 822 Trans Canada Highway at the Wood Islands Schoolhouse.

Belfast Historical Society

October is a month to give “thanks”, and we are very thankful for many positive steps forward in the last few months.

We are delighted to welcome Glen Davies to our site as Groundskeeper and Maintenance Person. Glen’s cheery manner and his eye for jobs needing to be done are invaluable to us at this time of “moving forward!”

SAVE the DATE, October 24th @ 7:00 pm for our first fall meeting at the Belfast Rec Centre with well-known Island storyteller, folklorist, and CBC radio personality, Dutch Thompson. Along with his entertaining narrative, the hour-long presentation, entitled “Funny Stories from Old Pals” features both pictures and audio clips gleaned from his personal archival collection. Posters, Our BHS Facebook page as well as news media will remind you of this event in the coming days! Let’s Fill the Rec Centre!!! Admission by donation!

SAVE the DATE, October 26th, for a Fundraising Yard Sale at the Church of Scotland, (beside the Croft House) from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Now that the church has been moved and is sitting on a firm foundation, there is a lot of restoration work required. Funds will have to be raised to cover the cost of the required work. Several people from our community have already donated furniture and other items for us to sell. We will graciously accept other items for our sale. If you have any items that you wish to donate, please contact Donald/Doris MacDonald @ 902-659-2704 or 902-626-6442. Come out and see what might interest you in our sale!

Save the Date, November 30th, for our always popular Christmas in Belfast Event at the Belfast Rec Centre. For more information, or to inquire about booking a table, please contact Beth Fortune, bethfortune@gmail.com or Gerry MacWilliams, germacw@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Macphail Homestead

Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead is now closed for daily visits. The following events happening:

- Thanksgiving Lunch – Monday, October 14th, @ 1:00pm. Traditional Turkey dinner with pumpkin pie, cost \$45.00.
- “Ghosts of PEI” – Saturday, October 19th, @ 6:30pm. Nathan Sizemore will screen 2 of the episodes about Minnie McGee. Soup and biscuits served before the screening at 7:00pm, suggested donation \$10.00.
- Remembrance Day Talk by Simon Lloyd – Sunday, November 10th. Specific details to follow.
- Christmas Dinners on November 30th, December 6th and 9th.

To reserve for the Holiday Meals please use our website www.macphailhomestead.ca or contact Angela at macphailhomestead@gmail.com.

Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

We are thrilled to announce our first strategic planning venture and need your input. Your thoughts and ideas are crucial as we shape BAWG’s future, and we need to hear directly from you about your environmental concerns or wishes as we work to protect and enhance all our watersheds. We invite all members of the public within our watershed management area (Eldon to Beach Point) to our upcoming public engagement sessions. We can't wait to hear your thoughts and ideas, and we encourage you to share these dates with your neighbors. You are welcome to come to any of the following sessions.

BAWG Strategic Planning:

“Shape the Future of Your Watershed! Join Us for any of the following Strategic Planning Sessions”:

These sessions will begin at 6:30pm and are designed to be interactive. The session will start with a guest speaker and move to the interactive activity.

October 22nd (6:30pm) Wood Islands Market (upstairs hall)
Gary Schneider - Project Co-Coordinator, Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project - **The Vital Role of Healthy Riparian Zones in Watershed Health.**

October 23rd (6:30pm) Belfast Rec Centre
Scott Roloson, PhD, Aquatic Sciences Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans - **The Amazing Journeys of Migratory Fish: Connecting Rivers, Estuaries, and Coastal Waters.**

October 24th (6:30pm) Murray Harbour Community Centre
Karalee McAskill, Watershed Coordinator, PEI Forests, Fish & Wildlife - **Navigating Watersheds: Exploring Our Connection to Land and Water.**

Coffee and Card Games

Coffee and card games every Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Rec. room in the Belfast rink.

Notice from the Belfast Fire Department

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

Please 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 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.

Belfast Run Club

The Belfast run club meets at Belfast Consolidated school every Sunday morning at 8:30am and Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Open to all ages and paces. Hope to see you there!

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* The Community Vision Document * The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) * And much more

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