

Black River News

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A garden evolves, much like life, and the changes are sometimes faster than you can believe and more than envisioned at its conception. Such is the case with the Community Garden at the Hall. It was being reclaimed by Mother Nature at an alarming rate and her layout was not in keeping with ideas, form, texture and colour of a traditional, practical and pleasing garden.

Fortunately we are lucky to have **Diane and Bryce Ells** living in the Community. They are volunteers who have stepped in to wrangle an out-of-control garden into a manageable, balanced and inspiring retreat. It is truly a thing of beauty. They have cleverly rejuvenated some plants, reformed and relocated others to exactly



the right place to show off their shape. At the same time they have left plenty of space for the plants to grow and new plants to be added.

It's not an easy job, gardening. But we, the community, will benefit from their hard work by having a space that adds to the dimensions of the Hall and allows us to experience a place to connect not only with ourselves but nature as well.

We cannot thank Diane and Bryce enough for their job well done.

Note: The Madonna will be returned when she has been repaired.

Sharon Lake

Community Social ...

The Community Socials are starting up again October 29 from 7pm-9pm. At the time of printing the focus of the evening was not pinned down. Look for the advertisement on our Facebook page for more information. It always is a fun time. All are welcome to attend.



<https://www.facebook.com/blackrivercommunityhall/>

Hello Neighbour

It seems that we live in a community, in whose rocks and roots, we grow the stuff that inspire writers. For a while I have been thinking we need a bookcase at the Hall dedicated to the work of local writers like Susan Haley, Gladys Long, Don Feltmate, Perry Munro and Carrie Spinney Grover to name a few. Books to be displayed for easy access, to be read and returned with ease. To this library shelf we should add **Lea Storry**. She has been writing for awhile but is new to me. The following is her introduction:



"Hi, I'm Lea Storry and I'm a writer. (Yes, Storry is my real last name.) I grew up in Black River Lake and even though I live in Edmonton now, Black River Lake will always be home. I return often, cycling up and down Porcupine Hill in the summer (most recently in July to the Black River Community Hall Library), walking gold and orange canopied trails in the fall, cross country skiing near Sunken Lake in the winter and watching the lambs run in the Gaspereau fields in spring.

One book that has Valley ties is my novel *The Summer of Mystery: A Katie Brunswick Whodunit*. It's a detective book for tweens and you can find it at Coles in

the County Fair Mall and online. I've written other books that you can find on my website, ourfamilylines.ca.

I also write family stories and memoirs for clients. Our lives move so quickly, we're always looking forward. Sharing our stories means future generations can learn from our experiences - like what life was like with party lines! (Our ring was three long rings.)

There's a wealth of talent in the Valley and I know there are some other writers out there who have yet to publish their stories. Get to it! I indie-published (independently published) my books so I could have more creative control and not have to wait for a publisher to judge my novel worthy. What are you waiting for?

Here are some of my books: *The Summer of Mystery* (Coles), *The Raven Named Flight* and *How She Learned to Fly*, *Saltwater Sorrows* and *Home for the Holidays* - online.

Contact by email these days is much more convenient: leastorry@ourfamilylines.ca.



Lea Storry

Black River

... from the Wolfville Acadian

This column was originally printed in the Wolfville Acadian and was printed without the wife's name, as was the practice of the time. Where it is known we have included it in brackets.

September 14-21, 1950

Victor Weir was rushed to E.K.M. Hospital Thursday where he was operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. Lenna Cunningham, Donna and Glenn have returned to Rhode Island after spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Lawson (Bessie) Atwell. They were accompanied by Mrs. Eliza Volker, Valley Falls, R.I., who has been spending the past three weeks with her brother, Leander Long.

Mrs. Harry (?) Rogers and Gloria and Sharon, Avonport, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir on Tuesday.

The Community Club met with Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell. The evening was spent quilting and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long.

Clyde McInnis and family, accompanied by Mrs. Ed (Pearl) McInnis, visited Mr. and Mrs. Francis (?) DeWolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil (?) Beckwith, Lockartville.

Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Allison (Verna) Chute, and Mr. Chute, Waterville. She was accompanied by Lorna and family, Lawrence Volker was also a visitor at the same home.

Morley Nowlin, Wolfville spent a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory (Vera) Nowlin. Mabel Nowlin is also spending a few days at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robie (Isabel) Long, New Minas and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo (Dorothy) Long, Kentville, spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie (Mae) Ells visited their daughter, Mrs. Gerald (Phyllis) Henderson, and Mr. Henderson, Wolfville.

Mrs. Kenneth (Ida Mae) Smith and Karen and Ashley, White Rock, are spending a short time with her brother, Arnel Levy. Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy, Melanson was a Sunday visitor also.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon (Verna) Long and Clara spent Sunday with Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. Irene Clem, Victoria Harbour. They were accompanied by Lois and Marion Mahar.

The Community Club met with Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long. The evening was spent in making a patchwork quilt. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Emory (Vera) Nowlin.

Mrs. Susie Long spent a few days visiting Mrs. Elsie Eagles, Gaspereau, and called on friends in Wolfville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Blanche) Smith motored to Bridgewater on Sunday.

Annapolis Valley High Speed Internet

We thank the AVHS for the complimentary internet at our community hall. CONTACT them at 902-692-9100 or annapolisvalleyhighspeed.com.

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October events ●●●



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2 Ways/Means & Maintenance 7pm	3 45's Card Game 7-9 Adm: \$4 50/50	4	5	6	7
8	9 Sewing/Crafts Meeting 11 am	10 45's Card Game 7-9 Adm: \$4 50/50	11	12 Card Making Classes 7:00	13	14 Harvest Ticket Auction 1-3 pm
15	16 Book Club 7pm-	17 45's Card Game 7-9 Adm: \$4 50/50	18	19	20	21
22 Annual General Meeting 7 pm	23 Sewing/Crafts Meeting 11 am	24 45's Card Game 7-9 Adm: \$4 50/50	25	26	27 Halloween Cemetery Walk 7-8 pm	28
29 Community Social 7-9	30 Heritage Meeting 7 pm	31				

• 45's card Games 7-9 pm. **Last card game is Oct. 24.**

• **Card Making Classes** - Diane Ells 902 542 5173 instructs classes in card making the 2nd Thursday evening of the month, at 7 pm, in the Hall. All are welcome.

• **Harvest Ticket Auction** - Oct 14 *Viewing takes place from 1-2. Auction Following.* Ticket auction is harvest themed with preserves, jams, vegetables, baked goods, handcrafts, Door Prize, Canteen, and more. We are looking forward to a fun time. This is a fundraiser for the upkeep of the Hall. **Tickets: 10 for \$2, and 30 for \$5.** Donations of produce, preserves, baked goods gladly accepted. Contact **Clara Spinney 902 542 3180** for donations or more info.

Guess Who?

The answer is Percy and Mildred Atwell. Gussed correctly by Clara Spinney, Zane Long, Phillip Long

• **Reminder - October 22 is our Annual General Meeting at 7:00pm. Interested in running for office? Please contact anyone on the executive or the board or sign up on the sign up sheet available at the Hall, by Oct 21. We always are pleased to see new faces and everyone is welcome to attend the election. At this meeting we will be dealing with the election only.**

• **5th Annual Halloween Cemetery Walk Friday, Oct. 27 7-8 pm. Must Pre-Register your Family or Group with Jessica 902 499 4265 or jess.myra@outlook.com. Note: Volunteers are greatly needed and any donations of pre-packaged treats are much appreciated.** Dress up and Join Us for the Family Friendly Halloween Treat Walk through the Black River Cemetery. Freewill Donation in support of the Black River Community Hall.

NEWSLETTER : The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month for the following month.

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LIVE LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTER & PODCASTS below:

<https://www.facebook.com/blackrivercommunityhall/>

<http://blackrivercommunityhall.weebly.com/>

<https://anchor.fm/storiesfromblackriver>

<https://open.spotify.com/show/1zMHYxDMwQ9uUjCNQSmN7U?si=m5N2VSSQQZufzbSNR96dyQ>

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Classifieds...

- **PORCUPINE CREEK PRODUCTIONS** - handcrafted by Nellie Schofield - nellieed.schofield@gmail.com. Tel: 902.542.5134
- **JESSICA MYRA - NATURAL FIBRE CREATIONS**-mothermuse@outlook.com
- **JACK SPINNEY** is offering **QUALITY, DRY KINDLING \$10** single, **\$8** five or more bags. **DROP-IN AT 85 UPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD** or **CALL 902.713.5094.**
- RETA SPINNEY'S Jams Jellies Pickles** - \$6 Jams & Jellies & \$8 Pickles
- **HUMBLE HILL HOMESTEAD** offering: farm fresh eggs in a variety of colours, frozen-fresh rabbit, veggies and transplants seasonally. Contact Facebook Farm Page or call/text 902.300.5482
- **FOR SALE: Locally grown lean ground beef** \$6/lb. Custom beef orders for sides and quarters \$5/lb. Call **Shawn Levy 902 300 4432**
- **Need a little help around the house or yard? Some cleaning, organizing or light yard work? If so, call Amber Hermie-Long at 1 (506) 280-1568. She can help you out!!**

Birthdays

Lily Chappus	Oct 6
Brad Long	Oct 7
SueAnne Russell	Oct 8
Dennis Attwell	Oct 9
Donna (Hank) Levy	Oct 10
Jack Spinney	Oct 11
Barbara Kingsley	Oct 12
Myrna Harper	Oct 17
Debbie Levy	Oct 19
Emily Harris	Oct 19
Sara Munro	Oct 20
Conrad Levy	Oct 21
Dawson Kaizer	Oct 23
Hank Levy	Oct 25
Paul Spinney	Oct 25
Theresa Feltmate	Oct 27
Ossie Harris	Oct 29
Darlene Weir	Oct 30
Cheryl Rector	Oct 30
Tina Gertridge	Oct 31
Issac Levy	Oct 31 (4)

Anniversary

Phillip & Tracey Pick	Oct 1
Perry & Sarah Levy	Oct 6
Blake & Clara Spinney	Oct 8
Leslie & Courtney Ells	Oct 23
Brian & Tammy Schofield	Oct 27

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Condolences

Belated condolences to Rick Tait (Pearl West) on the passing of Rick's mother, Sherry Noreen (MacNeil) Malcom in August. www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/172165

New Neighbours ...

- Phillip Turple and Phyllis Deforest have moved in to the home they built earlier this year on the Levy Hill. We extend a warm welcome to you both.
- Wade Levy and family have moved into their house on Corkum Burns Rd. Welcome home. It's lovely to see the house being lived in again.

Congratulations To...

- **Lorna Pick** graduated with Academic Excellence and Skills Excellence Awards from the Elevate Beauty School. She is fully employed with Head Shop, New Minas.
- **Keisha Levy & Brent Oulton** on the birth of their daughter Jonja Lillian September 16, a sister for Ava. Keisha is the daughter of Stephen and Donna Levy.

Help, Learn & Earn Some \$

- We could use the help of several teenage people, male or female to swamp (pull) Christmas trees and help load and stuff containers on short notice. If interested please call **Laurie or Judy Levy 902 599 0805.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ...

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Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by **Clara Spinney**

- Zelma Long is not only enjoying deer feeding on her lawn but now the deer are being joined by rabbits.

• This year there have been a lot of salamanders hatching. The water holes on the Moosehorn Lake Rd have proven to be a great spot for them. The wet summer has helped in their survival. Salamanders are known to return to the same spot to lay their eggs.



salamander

• It has been brought to my attention that an old cure for poison ivy rash is the sap of the jewel weed plant, also known as touch-me-not. Luckily, they grow close to one another. So for all you poor souls that have come in contact with poison ivy keep this in mind.



poison ivy

• While Byron Spinney was watching TV one evening last week he noticed movement outside his front door. He got up to look out and there stood a coyote just a couple of feet from his doorstep. So watch out for your pets.



coyote

• On Sat. the 16th, the day of the hurricane, the baby loons spent the day in front of my place. The wind wasn't bad in this little cove and they seemed to have found lots to eat. I call them babies but they are now full grown. The parents seemed to have left which is their usual habit. The young will soon follow as well. Most of our summer ducks have already left.

- The hummingbirds have gone. With all the migrations the lake seems to be empty without them.

Telephone Clara 902.542.3180 with any of your wildlife observations and she will add them to her own or email: claraspinnney123@gmail.com

HALL RENTAL:

- Daily Rental \$100 • Damage deposit \$50 Effective January 1, 2022

Hall Rental/Events Booking: Jayn Kenny
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Accepting bookings for Hall Rental Now