

Black River News

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October is a busy month for our community. It seems so especially as we have not had much activity at the Hall in recent months. If COVID conditions change we may have to make adjustments in our events. Our **Annual Election of the Executive and Board of Directors** takes place October 17 at 7 pm. We are looking forward to an enthusiastic crowd. If you are 18 yrs. or older and would like to run for office or be on the board of directors please let one of us know your intentions - open to all.

Harvest Chili Take-Out Fundraiser is on Friday, October 15. Pick up from 4 -6 pm. Let us cook your supper! As the poster below indicates this is a fundraiser and take-

out. On the menu - a mild meat chili with hamburger and sausage, roll and a choice of a variety of homemade fruit crisps for \$10/plate. To pre-order please call 902 542 5125 or 902 542 7913 or email: sharonlake07@gmail.com

Don't miss our **3rd Annual Halloween Treat Walk** on Thursday October 28 6:30 -8:00 pm. This is always a great time for the whole family - a memorable evening spent in our Black River Cemetery with stories and treats. To pre-register your family or group call Jessica at 902 499 4265 or email: jess.myra@outlook.com. *Wanted:* Volunteers and donations of pre-packaged treats. A free will donation will be accepted in support of The Hall. See poster below.

It's Friday Night - Let us cook your supper!



Harvest Chili Take-Out

FUNDRAISER

BLACK RIVER COMMUNITY HALL
989 DEEP HOLLOW RD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Pick up between 4 and 6 pm

**MENU: mild meat chili, roll,
dessert - choice of fruit crisps**

\$10

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Family Friendly
Halloween Treat Walk
Through The Black River Cemetery
Thursday October 28th, 2021
6:30 - 8:00 PM
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THE BLACK RIVER COMMUNITY HALL**
Please Pre-Register Your Family or Group
With Jessica at (902)499-4265
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VOLUNTEERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED AND ANY DONATIONS OF
PRE-PACKAGED TREATS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN PLACE

Hello, Neighbour!

DABRO FARM MARKET

This month we are going to visit our neighbour in the western end of the Gaspereau Valley.

I had the pleasure of speaking with Shawn and Laura Davidson about Dabro Farm Market early in September. I interviewed Shawn at the roadside market amid the steady stream of customers. Wonderful!



Dabro Farm Market started around 2008 when Laura Davidson started raising hens for fresh eggs. The surplus was sold at a small stand across from their home. During the beginning of the Mad Cow period, Shawn wound up with some excess beef on his hands and added ground beef to the offerings. They soon realized that more room was needed so the old shed was renovated and this provided more space, which in turn resulted in a true farm market feel.

Besides the large number of local customers, they currently have regular customers from as far away as Halifax.

When I asked Shawn how the pandemic has affected business, he said that there was an increase almost from the first day of the shutdown. We agreed that perhaps it could have been better for the government to support the local markets during this time.

From inside the market you may get to see some of the animals and birds that call this place home. It may be sheep, a donkey, a horse and of course, chickens.

Meat offerings at the market include beef, lamb, chickens and turkeys and geese in season. These are all raised



on the farm and are government inspected. A short list of products include: ground beef, beef sausages of different flavours, lamb, chicken, meatballs, stew meat, chicken and eggs. Do you have a special meat request? Check with Shawn.

When looking for products to help fill the shelves, Shawn's focus is on local suppliers. Most are suppliers from the areas of White Rock, Greenwich, Black River and surrounding areas. These products include vegetables, honey, preserves, baked goods and kindling. The market is now carrying a Dirkhauser frozen yogurt that must be tried!

So now that the fall season is near, perhaps you have the hankering for a good stew. Stop by the market and pick up everything that you need. (And watch out for the chickens!)

Ed Schofield

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.

July 15, 1948

Master Wayne Schofield, White Rock, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Ruby) Levy.

Mrs. Lenna Cunningham and children, of Rhode Island, arrived on Friday to spend the summer with her mother Mrs. Lawson (Bessie) Atwell. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Buckley who will visit a few weeks with her son Arthur and family.

Miss Grace Long and Jack Allen, Grand Pre, spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. Jennie Long.

Mrs. Ben (?) Stultz is a patient at E.K.M. Hospital following an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison (Verna) Chute and family, of Waterville, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long. Robie Long was a week end guest at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis (?) Weir and family and Gordon Weir, of Greenwich, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir on Sunday.

Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy and family accompanied by Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir and Beverley visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiltz, West Brooklyn on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawbolt and daughter, of Halifax, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (Lova) Schofield and Heather, of White Rock, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leverett (Mabel) Long. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe (?) Schofield, New Minas, and Clarence Atwell, of Davison Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar (?) Levy and family of White Rock, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman (Lexie) Levy, on Sunday evening.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. John Schofield is not so well, but her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Freeman (?) Ells and Gladys, Gaspereau, visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Hattie) Ells.

July 29, 1948

Congratulations to the newly-weds Mr. and Mrs. Robie Long (nee Isabell Atwell) who were recently married, and are spending a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long.

Miss Ruth Long returned to Halifax to resume her duties on Monday Morning, after spending a week with her mother.

October Events

COVID 19 Prevention Guidelines
in Effect

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 Director's Meeting 7:00-8 pm Ways & Means 8:00-9 pm	4 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm	5 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$4 drop in fee	6 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	7	8	9
10	11 Thanksgiving NO SEWING	12 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$4 drop in fee	13 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	14	15 Harvest Chili Take Out 4-6 pm \$10	16
17 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION 7:00-8 pm	18 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm Book Club 7:00-	19 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$4 drop in fee	20 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	21	22	23
24	25 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	26 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$4 drop in fee	27 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	28 Halloween Treat Walk 6:30 - 8:00	29	30
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Annual General Meeting ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REMINDER: Our yearly election of the executive and board of directors takes place **October 17**. Members and the community at large are encouraged to attend. At this time there will be only the election of the new executive and board of directors on the agenda.

NEW THIS YEAR: Any one who is 18 years of age and older, has an interest in our community's welfare, and would like to run in the election for a position on the executive or a seat on the board of directors is welcome - **being a member is not necessary**. Just let one of the contact people (on the back of the newsletter) know of your intentions. We hope that you will feel moved to do so.

Seniors Connect

Please join us at the Hall on Wednesdays 1-3 pm. to meet with friends and neighbours to play cards, board games or just socialize. A light lunch provided. Covid Prevention Guidelines in effect.

45's Card Games

45's Every Tuesday 7-9pm at Community Hall. Drop-in fee \$4.00 which includes cards and a lunch. 50/50 Draw Available. Covid Prevention Guidelines in effect. For more information please email Zelma Long: sunkenhaven@gmail.com

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

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LIVE LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTER & PODCASTS

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<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 BRAIDED RUGS - local and handmade, 85 Upper Sunken Lake Road, Sunken Lake B4P 2R2 Tel: 902.542.1552 **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**

Looking for KINDLING for the winter season? Look no further. **Jack Spinney is offering QUALITY, DRY KINDLING** at the great price of \$5 for a full feed bag. **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**

Birthdays

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 (2)

Anniversaries

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

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Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jim McInnis whose daughter Lesley passed away in September as a result of a car accident.

Births

Congratulations to **Noah Tait and Shay Stubbart** on the birth of their son, Casey Elliot Stubbart-Tait, August 27. Grandparents are Rick Tait and Pearl West and Leisa and Mike McNeil. Great-grand parents Zane and Gladys Long.

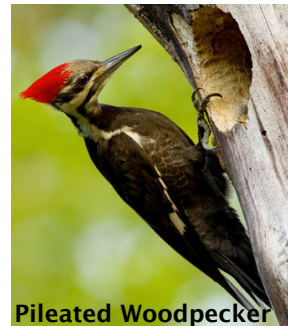
Congratulations to **Paige Milligan and Andrew Guthro** on the birth of their daughter Sofia Heather born in August 28. Grandparents are Heather and Bill Milligan and big sister is Riley Guthro.

Craft Fair

The **Craft Fair** scheduled for **November 13** has been cancelled due to the uncertainty of COVID and its restrictions. Crafts and Sewing is a go for each Monday in October 11am-3pm except for Oct. 11-Thanksgiving Monday

Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations recorded by Clara Spinney

Aug 22 - Jack and Reta Spinney enjoyed watching five young pileated woodpeckers. Apparently they were enjoying the berries on the dogwoods.



Pileated Woodpecker

Aug 29-30 - The hummingbirds are gone. Never have I known them to leave quite this early. I enjoy them so much; it seems like such a short time for them to be here.

Also the same week the ducks left although three have come back from time to time. They have never gone this early.

Sept 2 - Philip and Clayton Pick got a surprise on their way to work. They were travelling down the north side of the lake. There was five bear in the road, mama bear with four babies. Surely she was babysitting.

Sept 5 - Noticed the hazel nuts are gone. They have been harvested by the squirrels. I don't know if this is early or not, but they just disappear overnight.



Raccoons

Sept 12 - Sharon Lake was telling me that when she was going home from the directors' meeting she met a group of five raccoons who were having a conference in the middle of the road. Fortunately they broke up the meeting and went their separate ways.

Sept 14 - There are so many birds lined up on the power lines waiting to go south. I am a warm weather person so I find this sad but it has been going on since the beginning of time - not on the power lines but the birds going south.

Some of my wildlife sitings come from people in the community. Please feel free to contact me with your sitings, I would love to hear from you first hand.

Has anyone ever seen a fall when there are so many chipmunks scurrying about. I suppose they are busy storing for winter. Maybe it is a sign of a harsh winter.

Telephone Clara 902.542.3180 with any of your wildlife observations and she will add them to her own or email: claraspinney123@gmail.com