

Black River News

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Black River Community Hall 2006 -2007

It has now been 16 years since Community members banded together to revive the old schoolhouse as a community hall. Several members met with Mr. Paul Collins, Manager, Strategic Development Initiative, Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage regarding the preservation of the Black River School House. The building was deemed worth preserving and was in remarkable shape due to the good efforts of the ladies of The Black River Community Club taking care of it.

Two letters went out the community to attend an open meeting of all those interested in restoring the building and to find out what support would be available. The 1st meeting was Oct. 22, 2006 at the old Schoolhouse. The 2nd meeting took place November 5, 2006 at Trina Long's. With new officers elected and registered with Registry of Joint Stocks for the province of Nova Scotia plans could be developed for the school house and community activities.

*I thought I would share some minutes taken unofficially by **Mary Ann Long** during those early days, to refresh our memories.*

President: Lian Hetteema **Vice President:** Judi Atwell Munro
Secretary/Treasurer: Trina Long

There have been two meetings and another one today Dec. 3, 2006 so I decided to follow up a little with this information.

There has been a great support of people in the community to put the Black River Community Hall back into existence.

Dec. 1, 2006 the stove was in, and the fire was started Friday evening. Zane (Long), Lian (Hetteema), Perry (Munro) and myself were there - it was great. Larry (Long) donated 1/2 cord of wood, also Blake Spinney. Larry took car to vineyard, Trina Long, Bruce Long and I hauled the wood, then Zane, Bruce, Trina and I tore the floor covering up and Bruce and I hauled it to the dump. Bruce and I split kindling and took it down, supplied by Bruce. Helen Long, Shirley Carter and I sold ticket's on wreath donated by Laurie Levy. Total amount \$101.00. More to be sold.

Dec. 2/06 - was cleaning day at the hall several people showed up to make the job easier. It was fun. Blake and Perry hauled wood (Blake's), several helped put that in. Lian worked on the roof (patched for now), Zane put up light fixtures, fixed lock on door. So was a busy day by all but fun. Tonight Larry and I went to New Minas and got a few things for Hall.

Dec. 3/06-Meeting at Hall approx. 42 present. As of today 51 signed up for membership. Money clear \$1645 calendars made by Sharon Lake, more to be sold also tickets on wreath, lunch served, also birthday cake for Lian as his birthday is Dec. 4. -Wishes sang by all to Bruce Long and Lian. Great time had by all. Helen Long volunteered to do cards for sick, newcomers, etc. Lunch prepared by many hands. Tickets, memberships sold by Clara Spinney, Mary Ann, Tammy Schofield, Tracey Pick.



Members of the Community at the meeting in 2006.

Laurie Levy 2006.

Mary Ann Long
(to be continued)



NATURE'S PANTRY AND PHARMACY

Start Your Seeds Now...

Well here we are once again in the spring of a new year. This last year has been an interesting one for all. One of the notable things that has occurred in the last year, has been the renewed interest in home gardening. With people having to spend more time at home last spring and summer, it was a natural thing to try their hand at gardening of some kind. Planters, raised beds, small plot gardens; we saw it all. One of the things that I have heard comments about was the success or failure at starting plants indoors for transplanting later on. Raising transplants can be challenging. What can I start from seed? Can everything be transplanted or must some things be planted right in the garden? From long time gardeners and my own experiences, there is one basic guide to follow-you will find it very difficult to transplant root vegetables. In other words, plants like carrots, turnips, potatoes, parsnips, etc. should only be transplanted when very young and small. They do not like their roots disturbed when the plants are older. In most cases these are plants that do fine in the garden anyway so don't bother. Some of the most successful plants to start indoors are: tomatoes, peppers and herbs. Here is a list of vegetables you might want to try this year. Remember to use good quality soil and follow instructions on the seed package.



PLANT	WKS TO TRANSPLANT
Artichoke	8
Basil	6
Beets	4 to 6
Broccoli	4 to 6
Cabbage	4 to 6
Cauliflower	4 to 6
Celery & Celeriac	10 to 12
Collards	4 to 6
Corn Salad/Mache	4 to 6
Corn	2 to 4
Cucumber	3 to 4
Eggplant	8 to 10
Kale	4 to 6
Kohlrabi	4 to 6
Leeks	8 to 10
lettuce	4 to 5
Melons	3 to 4
Mustard	4 to 6
Okra	4 to 6
Onions	8 to 10
Parsley	9 to 10
Peas	3 to 4
Peppers	8
Pumpkins	3 to 4
Spinach	4 to 6
Squash	3 to 4
Swiss Chard	4 to 6
Tomatoes	6 to 8
Watermelon	3 to 4

Beets, Corn, Kohlrabi, Mustard, Okra, Peas, Parsley can be sown directly to garden.

Happy Gardening!

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.

May 27, 1948

Charlton Levy was home from Wolfville for the holidays.

Miss Grace Long, who has been in Wolfville for the past few months, is home for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold (Ruby) Davison visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie (Mae) Ells on Sunday.

June 3, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. John (?) Schofield spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold (?) Schofield, Greenwich.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Ruby) Levy were Mrs. Kenneth (Ida Mae) Smith and son Ashley, and Mr. and Mrs. Hedley (Merle) Schofield and family, all of White Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Long are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter (Clara) at Blanchard Fraser Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy visited relatives in Kentville on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward (?) Stuart and sons Keith and Tommy, of Windsor, visited in the community on Sunday.

Mrs. George (?) Knickle and daughter, Shirley, Miss Hazel Weir, and Miss Evelyn Weir, all of Halifax, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir on Sunday. They motored to New Minas accompanied by Mrs. Weir and Beverly, where they visited Mrs. Leslie (?) Stivers.

Charlton Levy and Ivan Levy spent Sunday at their home.

Those participating in the Kings County Musical Festival were Ferne Nowlin, Jean Nowlin, Jean Scogtt, Alva McInnis, Ruby Nowlin, Pauline Schofield and Connie Atwell. they sang two choruses with Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell as accompanist.

The Community Club held its bi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Leverett (Mabel) Long with a fairly large attendance. There was some business discussion and a very enjoyable social evening was terminated by delicious refreshments served by the hostess. The next meeting shall be held at Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long's home.

Mr. Byron Long spent the week end at Victoria Harbour, visiting his wife and infant daughter.

April Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Ways & Means & Directors Meeting 7:00-8 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 Monthly Meeting 7:00-8 pm	19 Book Club 7-8 pm	20	21	22	23	24  Take-Out Supper 4-6 pm See Ad Below
25	26 Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	27	28	29	30	

Take-Out Ham Supper

Menu

Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Baked beans

Dessert

**\$10
each**

Black River Community Hall
989 Deep Hollow Road

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Pick up between 4 and 6 pm

Pre-Order Recommended

**To pre-order call 902 542 5125 or 902 542 7913 or
email: sharonlake07@gmail.com**

COVID 19 Prevention Guidelines in Effect

Masks Must Be Worn

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

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Birthdays

Clayton Pick	
(Belated Happy Birthday)	Mar. 31
Nancy Morse	Apr. 1
Todd Schofield	Apr. 1
Joyce Carnell	Apr. 2
Donna (Stephen) Levy	Apr. 5
Patrick Clancey	Apr. 9
Sarah Levy	Apr. 11
Brittany Gertridge	Apr. 14
Shane Kaizer	Apr. 17
Pam Schofield	Apr. 20
Francis McLearn	Apr. 20
Josh McLearn	Apr. 21
Paul Levy	Apr. 22
Kyle Chappus	Apr. 23
Evan Ells	Apr. 24
Blair Schofield	Apr. 24
Tracey Pick	Apr. 26
Nellie Schofield	Apr. 27
Joel McLearn	Apr. 29
Aaron Levy	Apr. 30

Anniversaries

Paul & Sueanne Russell Apr. 9

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

Feb. 25 - Hank & Donna Levy had their first cardinal at their feeder - been there two days now.



Feb. 28 - Laurie Levy called to say there are two pair of mallard ducks in the ditch of the Deep Hollow Road, White Rock. This is early.



Mar. 3 - Fewer and fewer birds at the feeders. Still lots of chickadees, doves and woodpeckers.

Mar. 8 - More geese flying north, such exciting times. Just think two months time we should have hummingbirds at our feeders.

Mar. 9 - Not many birds at my main feeders

Mar. 10 - Tracey & Phil Pick have a mink visiting their yard.

Mink



Mar. 11 - A flock of around 100 geese flew over the lake - south to north - yeah

Mar. 14 - Am sure I have two merlins here, one for sure, am 85% sure it had a mate. No wonder my bird count is down.

The noise here can be entertaining- the ravens are setting up housekeeping and the crows disapprove, the noise is something else but the aerial performances are beautiful to watch.

Mar. 15 - Just noticed



two Juncos at my feeder. I have missed them all winter so this is reason for me to celebrate.

Mar. 17 - Wow! Two red polls at the feeder.

Redpoll



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