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Believe It Or Not

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I have the skeletal remains as indisputable proof. Let's not get too far ahead in the story.

It was before the Covid pandemic had struck our little corner of the globe here in Black River. I had gone to the barn to lock up for the night having had a full day at work.

At dusk that evening there was a shroud of low lying fog about and an unexplainable feeling that something strange could happen anytime. Several times during the afternoon on the day in question my "spider sense" made me feel uncomfortable. By quitting time fog laid dense and close to the ground causing visibility to be limited to a few dozen meters at best. I had just stepped out of the back building when a small brilliant light caught my attention, coming at a crash angle between the house and shop, just over the oak that my two boys and I had raised from an acorn. There was no place to hide from view or for protection. Thinking it might be a small meteorite that made its way from the heavens to our planet and finally my back yard.

I followed the crash trajectory of the yellow-orange object on rapid descent to the ground just a few paces in front of me. The ground transferred a small shock wave causing me to tense even further. Approaching the crash site I could see colour changing rapidly to cooler colour bands.

It appeared to be about the size of two tea cup saucers placed concave to concave making it look like a discus. I was stunned! What a find for the amateur geologist! However, within fractions of a second, although it seemed much longer, a small hatch, about thumb nail size, popped open. A small creature emerged, as smoke billowed from the exit portal. I could not identify nor compare it to any creature I knew here on our blue planet earth. Clearly this was not a meteorite.

What a scientific coup! My excitement would be crushed. Before the miniature creature had a chance to remove itself from the burning saucer there was a series of very small intense explosions. Massive by comparison to the size of the "space craft". The poor explorer and vehicle disappeared in an envelope of flame before my eyes. It all happened so quickly I was regrettably unable to try and extinguish the inferno.

I stayed transfixed by what I was witnessing. Who these days would believe me without a cell phone video? A few moments passed as the site cooled rapidly. Obviously I had witnessed a technology far above ours. I approached with excitement and caution. What if there were radioactive contaminants?

As I scanned the crash site nothing appeared to have survived - no cadaver, no 'space craft' - only a miniature crater, a small pothole, by standards of spring thaw in Nova Scotia.

I got down on my knees to look more closely. There on the outer rim of the pothole were tiny skeletal remains, which miraculously survived the inferno. I collected the bones in a small pill bottle as evidence of the strange events I had witnessed (photo below). I kept this evidence to prove to the nonbeliever that extraterrestrial life forms do exist. I feel privileged as very few earthlings have had the opportunity to witness such events.

Several years have lapsed without me thinking much more of that evening until recently,

during trips between house and barn I had a feeling of being watched. Knowing that the little creature's remains were tucked away I looked around. Day break provided the first opportunity for me to discover the cause of my "paranoia". It took some time to locate evidence of the second spooky creature. This time with my camera ready.

Perhaps this spooky creature was left behind or perhaps it is trapped here to observe; maybe, under the laws of the "Prime Directive". This creature can be seen in the photo to the right.

Clearly not everything was destroyed that evening several years earlier!

Facts have been presented for you to choose. Believe this story as spun or not!

Laurie Levy



Photo by Laurie Levy



Photo by Laurie Levy

Hello Neighbour

I started making jams and jellies the year after we moved in to the house in White Rock. We had an abundance of green tomatoes. Since neither Jack nor I like tomato chow Cookie (Jack's mother) suggested we make green tomato jams with jello. After a couple of years, and a move to Black River, we made strawberry jam with fresh berries but we have never gone back to jams made from tomatoes.

We pick a lot of fruit ourselves and a fair amount is free from nature. Jack is a great help. He picks and cleans the fruit and helps with the making and selling of jams and is also hands on at pickling time. As we became more involved with preserving, pickling produce and jamming fruit it occurred to me that they would make great Christmas gifts and then we were away to the races. We began selling at the flea market in Port Williams and after that for the Black River Community Hall's Farmers' Market and Cafe. Presently our items may be found at Dabro's Farmers' Market in the Gaspereau Valley.



We have sold our products at different Christmas Markets in the local area. It's a lot of schlepping and the crates seem to be getting heavier every year. Even so, I enjoy making a new variety when I come across something different. We make upwards of 30 varieties of jams and jellies. We also preserve bread and butter pickles, mustard pickles, pickled beets, sweet pickle

relish and tomato chow (which Jack and I still don't care for).

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to all the family and friends who give us the extras from their gardens. Hope to see some of you at the Black River Community Hall for our next Mountain Treasures Sale on August 27th.

To contact us please call 902 713 5094, email us at spinvolk@gmail.com. or visit us at 85 Upper Sunken Lake Road.



Roswitha (Reta) Spinney

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 7, 1949

We are glad to report that Larry Long, who has been sick for the past two weeks is able to be out and around, but sorry to report that his brother Bruce has pneumonia and pleurisy. We all wish him a speedy recovery. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long.

Mr. and Mrs. David (?) Frasher and son Jackie were supper guests of the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long. At the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (Neva) Schofield and three children, of White Rock.

Mrs. Frank (Hattie) Ells spent Monday with her son Freeman and Mrs. Ells.

Mrs. Clyde (Florence) McInnis, V.G. Hospital, Halifax, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Joe (Blanche) Smith spent part of Monday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Annie Schofield, Gaspereau.

The Community Club was held at the schoolhouse on Thursday last - a pleasant evening was spent. Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long and Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell were hostesses. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell.

Supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy were Mr. and Mrs. Merton (?) Levy and daughter Claudia and granddaughter Patsy, from Greenfield, and Mrs. Clara McNear, Dawn Tryder from Lewiston, Maine.

Miss Mauriel Coldwell, of Halifax spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy. Gordon McNab, of Halifax, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir. Mrs. McNab has been spending a few weeks at her home here.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory (Vera) Nowlin were Mr. and Mrs. Frank (?) Reid and family, Melanson and Mrs. Cyril (?) Coldwell and family, Gaspereau, and Richard Allen, Grand Pre.

We wish to congratulate our pastor on his success in catching a two pound trout at Sunken Lake on July 2.

We are glad to report that Bruce Long who has been sick for two weeks is able to be up again and feeling much better.

AUGUST EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	3	4	5	6
7	8 Ways/Means 7pm	9 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	10	11	12	13
14	15 Book Club 7pm-	16 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	17	18	19	20
21 Monthly/Directors Meeting 7pm-	22	23 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	24	25	26	27 Mountain Treasures Sale 9am-2pm Kitchen Party 7-9
28	29 Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	30 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	31			

• **Auction 45's Cards:** 7pm - 9pm Tuesdays.
Admission: \$4. 50/50 Tickets - light lunch included. Call Zelma 902 542 2842 or email: sunkenhaven@gmail.com for more information.

• **Mountain Treasures Sale Sat., Aug. 27, Sept. 17**
9am-2pm Bakery Goods, Plants, Crafters, Flea Market Items Vendors Wanted. Tables \$5.00/ Canteen Available/Free Will Offering Admission. Call 902 542 4152 or email: tinagertridge@gmail.com to reserve a space. Volunteers wanted to help run the program.

• **Kitchen Party AUGUST 27, Sat. 7-9 pm** Bring your instruments. Free Will Offering. Snacks available

Congratulations

- Quade Myra, formerly of Black River, son of Jessica and Shawn Myra has graduated Grade 5 at Gaspereau Elementary School. He will be off to Wolfville School in the fall. Proud grandparents are Nellie and Ed Schofield.
- Hannah King received a subject award for Citizenship and Honours with Distinction for Grade 9. Hannah is the daughter of Matthew and Kimberley Levy King and granddaughter of Leonard and Mildred Levy.

• **Thank you** to all those who donated salads, their time and support to the **Take Out Cold Cut Dinner Fundraiser** at the Hall. It was a great success and the money raised goes toward the upkeep of our Community Hall.

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

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- **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: 902.713.5094 or **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**
- **LOOKING FOR KINDLING ?** Jack Spinney is offering **QUALITY, DRY KINDLING** at the great price of \$6 for a full feed bag. **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD or CALL 902.713.5094.**
- **HUMBLE HILL HOMESTEAD** offering: farm fresh eggs in a variety of colours, frozen-fresh rabbit, veggies and transplants seasonally. Contact via Facebook Farm Page or **call/text 902.300.5482**

Birthdays

Courtney Ells	Aug 1
Kinsey Levy	Aug 3
Ken Byland	Aug 10
Debbie Hancock	Aug 13
Brody Russell	Aug 16
Natasha Schofield	Aug 22
Casey Stubbart-Tait	Aug 27
Sofia Heather Guthro	Aug 28
Joe McInnis	Aug 30
Leslie Ells	Aug 30

Anniversary

Zane & Gladys Long	Aug 1
Bryce & Diane Ells	Aug 2
Jeff & Debbie England	Aug 6
Frank & Shelley Hill	Aug 6
Justin & Amy Davies	Aug 15
Don & Theresa Feltmate	Aug 17
Jeff & Mary Tanner Long	Aug 20
Todd & Pam Schofield	Aug 24
Rick & Pearl Tait	Aug 30

- Our friend and neighbour **Larry Long**, a long time resident of Black River, has moved to the Wolfville Elms.

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Condolences

- **Eldon "Eddy" Hancock** passed away in June. We extend our sympathy to his son Budd & daughter-in-law Debbie, their family, friends and neighbours.

www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/162738.

- **Carlotta (McInnis) Comeau** passed away in June. Carlotta grew up in Black River and was a daughter of Clyde and Florence McInnis. Condolences to her family and friends.

www.eastcoastmemorial.ca/obituary/Caralotta-Comeau?fbclid=IwAR3hPMn0IPWEJYnbZ2LvZD_1nt9ePK4oJKcJYtY3dRCjJhvevodWBxSG5_o

- **Pearl Schofield**, a long time resident of Black River passed away in July. Our sympathies are extended to her family, friends and neighbours.

- **Carlton Davison** passed away in July. We extend our sympathies to her family, loved ones and neighbours.

serenityfuneralhome.ca/tribute/details/8796/Carlton-Davison/obituary.html#tribute-

- Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Stella Golar** who passed away in July.

Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by Clara Spinney

So far we are all having a beautiful summer.

- A short while ago I was fortunate to see a beautiful doe deer. She was unusual to me - very red and slick, like an otter and so shiny. If I thought I would see her again I would go to that same spot more often.

- At the beginning of the summer I had a many as twenty-six baby ducks, now I have seven. I blame the eagles but I've been told that the snapping turtles are taking some of them.

- This year there seems to be a larger number of kingfishers than normally but that is okay by me. I love watching them.
- I have been enjoying the hummingbirds at my feeders. I hope you are doing the same. The hairy woodpecker has given up trying to feed from the the hummingbird feeders.

- The bull frogs are way more vocal in their nightly singing. The cannot carry a tune and there are more this year. But what would summer be without them.

- July 9 - Laurie Levy reported a beautiful red fox with black tipped tail in the Fielding field this evening.

- July 15 - The loons are the proud parents of one chick that hatched off today. They have been showing it off along the shore here, but we've had an eagle watching it intently. It is scary.

- July 19 - Raining today so the blue jays are here in a great number, haven't seen them in a while.

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

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bull frog

