

# Black River News

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Have you ever seen a fairy? You know, the supernatural beings that look like us, are tiny, have wings and possess magical powers. The Black River Fairy Finders are looking for stories or pictures of any encounters you may have had or think you may have had. We are planning a fairy tea at the Hall in the Fall and are hoping for some stories or pictures to get us in the mood.

Where does one look for a fairy? I had to do a little research. I found a book titled **Fairyopolis** by Cicely Mary Barker. In this she wrote of her search for fairies during her summer vacation from teaching school in 1920.

She notes the finding of tiny footprints first, then she heard singing "like the sound of tiny magical bells". Most of her sightings were in the garden. This seems right to me. As my friend, Mary says, "Life began in the Garden" and it is one of my favourite places.

Ms Barker suggests some equipment needed to find a fairy: binoculars, butterfly net, magnifying glass, jam jar, selection of mirrors, a comfortable chair and refreshments. *I believe refreshments are very important in a search for anything.*

"The best times to see fairies are at twilight, midnight, just before sunrise and midday. Once a fairy has been spotted, be sure to keep your eyes fixed upon it. The fairy will only be seen for as long as one looks at it unwaveringly."

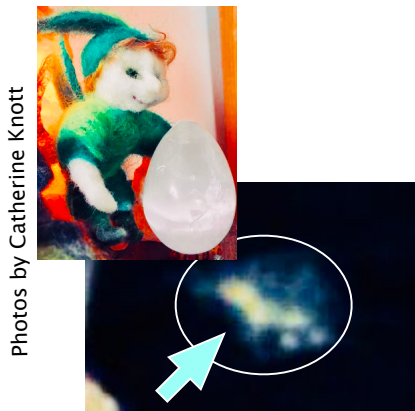
In **It's Amazing! Fairies** the author suggests if you see

a little bright light it might be a fairy. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds attract fairies and they need water.

As yet, no luck. I have viewed the illusive morning sun dancing on tiny unfurling fern fiddles, and spotted a twisted stalk (flower) blooming about 15 ft up in a pine tree. Usually they are ground growers. Found flowers on a striped maple and learned a new word for their winged seeds - samara. I've been deafened by peepers at twilight, watched birds harvest nesting material at midday and just at sunrise, I had a front row seat at spring's dawn chorus. I might just see a fairy someday, maybe by chance. It seems their habitat is my habitat.

Below is a picture of a fairy I made and a photo of a tiny bright light that might be a fairy. Please send us stories or pictures of your own sightings. We would like to print them in the newsletter.

Sharon Lake



Photos by Catherine Knott

**Please note the dates of meetings and events on the calendar on page 3.**

## Black River

... from the *Wolfville Acadian*

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

**January 23, 1947**

The Misses Irene and Olive Weir spent the week end at the home of their parents recently.

Messrs. Stanley Levy, Oran Levy, and Kenneth Smith, who are in the lumber woods in Greenfield, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long and family were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allison (Alice) Coldwell, Greenwich.

Miss Verna Clem, of Aylesford, is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long.

**March 13, 1947**

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin (Verna) Forsyth and son, of White Rock, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Ruby) Levy.

Mrs. Hedley (Merle) Schofield and family, of Hillaton, were recent visitors at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy. Mrs. Levy accompanied them home for a short visit.

Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long, who underwent a serious operation at E.K.M. Hospital, is reported as doing very nicely.

Mrs. Alvin (Ada) Ellis, of Victoria Beach, spent some time at the home of

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# **We Know Where**

## **The Daggerboard Is**

**by Gladys Long**

*continued from June's newsletter*

The wind caught the sail which billowed out above our heads beautifully. Occasionally Scott would yell, "Tack!" which I had been told meant for me to move the rudder handle one way and then the other. By this method we almost literally flew down the lake toward the public beach which proved to be our undoing the closer we got to it. All of a sudden the wind that had been filling our sails wrapped around our ears. I swear I heard Scott yell "Tack!" (we decided afterwards that he'd actually exclaimed something like, "A-A-A-A-K-K-K-K") so I swung the rudder hard over. The result was just that quick we were upside down in the water. I do not mean the boat was on its side. I mean totally upside down. As I hit the water, something went whizzing by my head. Turned out to be the daggerboard. What is a daggerboard, you might ask? According to my sources (Google), "A daggerboard is a retractable centreboard used by various sailing craft. While other types of centreboard may pivot to retract, a daggerboard slides in a casing. The shape of the daggerboard converts the forward motion into a windward lift, countering the leeward push of the sail." Who knew?

In any case, the part about the daggerboard sliding in a casing must have been right because the gravity of being upside down caused it to slide in reverse and straight to the bottom of Sunken Lake it went. I assume. Couldn't see it, although that wasn't the most pressing issue at that moment.

While all that was going on, I was

having a great deal of trouble seeing much at all. The life jackets of the day were big, puffy things that laced up the front. I had put on my life jacket, but I had just loosely tied it up so that I would have greater freedom of movement. As soon as I hit the water, the life jacket popped to the surface of the lake fetching up smartly under my jaw and forcing my head aloft so that all I could see was the bright blue sky.

Those back on shore had watched the whole event unfold so as soon as things went south, Perry and Zane grabbed their paddles and a canoe and plowed through the ripples toward us. We weren't sure which was more embarrassing - upending the sailboat in full view of everybody or being rescued by two people who would ensure we would never live it down.

They managed to right the sailboat (priorities being sailboat first, sailors second) and towed it back to our beach. Nobody else could go out in it because the daggerboard was missing. The boats were later returned from wherever it was they'd come from minus one critical piece of equipment. The company seemed a bit put off that we'd lost the daggerboard. Seemed to me they should have rewarded Scott and me for pointing out an obvious design deficiency. Perry bought one of the canoes and it really was a nice one. Sadly, the company didn't survive. I don't think it was our fault, but I have never really wanted to know.

The movie tape has somehow been mislaid. I have no idea where it could possibly be.

I recently saw a picture of the schooner Bluenose as she ran her final race. That boat was hard over on her side and it appeared in the grainy photo that her crew had their feet on the railing part. Made me nauseous.

Memories tend to fade in time. Those days are long ago now and we are all much older. But there are two people in the whole world who know for sure where the daggerboard to that Kinsac sailboat is. It amuses me to imagine some day in the future when somebody dives in Sunken Lake and comes up with an oddly-shaped piece of fiberglass over wood. Bet they'll wonder what it is and how it came to be at the bottom of the lake. Wherever I am in the long-ahead day, I will be waving my hand madly saying, "I know! I know! Pick me!"

### **Ad from Wolfville Acadian January 1947**

Development of a new spray, "Endrop" to prevent apples from dropping prematurely from the tree is announced in The Financial Post. The spray, in which oil serves as a carrier for alpha naphthalene acetic acid, is said to delay fruit drop 10 days, sometimes three weeks, after it would otherwise occur.

### **Black River** *continued from page 1*

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long. Alvin Ellis spent a week end at the home of L.W. (Mabel) Long. He and Ada left for the home on Monday last.

L.W. Long left for Methols where he has accepted a job with the Avon River Power company.

Mrs. Graeme (?) Stuart, of Hollow Bridge, is a patient at E.K.M. Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

# july events

## July Quilting & Crafts ...

There will not be any classes over the Summer (July, August ). We will start up on Monday, September 9. An email will come out mid August to let you know what is being offered this Fall.



**Canada Day Community Potluck Lunch:** July 1, Noon - 2 pm bring your lunch to the Hall. BBQ will be available to those who want to BBQ. Free-Tea, coffee, juice. We'll share our food, enjoy each others' company and celebrate Canada Day. Bring the family, all are welcome. Admission: No charge.

## Ice Cream Social & Pie Auction: July 21, 1-2:30



Beat the heat with a wonderful cool ice cream. We are offering cones, take outs, sundaes with various toppings. Ice Cream Cone \$2, Sundae \$4. Free coffee and tea.



**Pie Auction** - several pies to bid on with a minimum bid of \$5. Come one, come all to an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social & Pie Auction.

**Newsletter:** If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter let us know at the email below. If you wish to receive it online please go to [blackrivercommunityhall.weebly.com](http://blackrivercommunityhall.weebly.com). There are past and present newsletters at this site.

We welcome your input, please send submissions to: [sharonlake07@gmail.com](mailto:sharonlake07@gmail.com). The deadline for each month is the 15th.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> Canada Day Community Potluck Lunch 12-2 BBQ available	<b>2</b> Simply Computer 12-3. \$3	<b>3</b> Card Party 7-9 \$3 50/50 Lunch	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Ways & Means Meeting 7 pm	<b>9</b> Simply Computer 12-3. \$3 Director's Meeting, 7-	<b>10</b> Card Party 7-9 \$3 50/50 Lunch	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Jam Session 7-10
<b>14</b> Farmer's Market & Cafe 11-1:30 Monthly Meeting, 7-	<b>15</b> Book Club 7-9 refreshments	<b>16</b> Bookmobile 10:45-noon Simply Computer Maintenance Meeting, 7-	<b>17</b> Card Party 7-9 \$3 50/50 Lunch	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Ice Cream Social & Pie Auction 1-2:30	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Simply Computer 12-3. \$3	<b>24</b> Card Party 7-9 \$3 50/50 Lunch	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Farmer's Market & Cafe 11-1:30	<b>29</b> Heritage Meeting. 7-	<b>30</b> Simply Computer 12-3. \$3	<b>31</b> Card Party 7-9 \$3 50/50 Lunch			

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Looking for quality, dry kindling for the upcoming camping season? \$5 feedbag full. Call **Jack Spinney** Tel: 902.542.1552  
**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, Wolfville, B4P 2R2, Tel: 902.542.1552

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM**  
We are currently looking for Homestay families for this area to host students from another country. If interested please call or send me an e-mail. **Length of stay**-usually 5 mos or 10 months. **Students**-grades 6-12 **Family**-you don't have to have children in order to be a host family. We try to match you with a student who best fits your home situation. **Host Family Pay**-there is a monthly payment to the host to help with the costs involved. **The Home** - an international student must have their own bedroom in the house. **Jennifer Pineo-AVRSB Homestay Coordinator-** [jpineo@avrce.ca](mailto:jpineo@avrce.ca) 902.680.6958

## Birthdays

Zelma Long July 2  
Keigan Levy July 2  
Emily Levy July 6  
Charlene Davies July 7  
Diane Ells July 9  
Catherine How July 10  
Don Feltmate July 12  
Lucie Levy July 16  
Philip Pick July 17  
Gladys Long July 21  
Victoria Tait July 23  
Abby Davies July 25  
Shawn Munro July 26  
Morris Ells July 27  
Paul Russell July 29  
Cohen Munro July 29  
Justin Davies July 30

## Anniversaries

Rita & Jack Spinney July 14  
Leonard & Mildred Levy July 23

## Sunken Lake Journal of Wildlife Observations

**June 2** - Loons here today acting like they were looking for a place to nest.  
**June 3** - Excited - visited by two families of black ducks - so cute - fed them - they will be back.  
**June 4** - I have two hairy woodpeckers that believe they are hummingbirds, clinging to feeders trying to feed.  
**June 5** - Pair of mallard ducks here today, hope they nest.  
**June 7** - Woodpeckers still trying to be hummingbirds. When not doing that they beat and hammer on satellite dish or civic number sign.

**June 8** - Loons decided on real estate across the lake. Saw baby beaver this evening, so cute.  
**June 10** - Beaver here this evening, went up brookway.  
**June 12** - Checked on loon nest. It is gone, so sad.  
**June 13** - Small yellow float plane landed on lake today. Hope it comes again.  
**June 15** - Saw first swimmers today. Oh, the joy of youth!  
**June 20** - Woodpeckers taking a step back from being hummingbirds but still banging brains out on all things metal.  
**June 22** - First day of Summer, 3.75 inches rain fell today. Oh joy!  
**June 24** - Remember when I said I fed the families of ducks. Made friends for life. They follow me around telling me they are hungry constantly.

Clara Spinney

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## Tickets for One Day Family Pass to Oaklawn Farm Zoo

- On Sale now at the Black River Community Hall  
Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Draw Date - August 1, 2019  
Pick yours up any time the Hall is open.

## A Note From President, Tina Gertridge

Summer is here and school is out, have fun, make some summer memories and please be safe this summer. I wish you all a Happy Canada day!

## YOUR EVENT, OUR LOCATION

Meetings, Parties, Weddings, Anniversaries, Family-Get-Togethers & whenever you need a meeting place. Contact us for available Dates and Rates. Call Reta Spinney 902.542.1552