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Sports Sparkler

Geneva Bond is an award winning canoe sprint paddler. She is the granddaughter of Carl and Carol Bond and paddles out of the Maskwa Aquatic Club in Halifax.

In August 2021 Geneva won the under-18 women's C-1 500-metre race beating out Ava Carew of the Senobe Aquatic Club in Dartmouth. With this win she was able to take part in the world championships in Portugal joining fourteen other Nova Scotia paddlers named to Canada's Junior Men's/Women's and Under -23 teams.

Geneva hasn't just waltzed her way into the sport; she has been training for it since she was a pre-teen. She loves the sport of canoe paddling but it takes the dedication of training 6 days a week, many hours a day and month long training camps in Florida and Germany to achieve the awards she has earned.

Canoe sprint racing takes place on a flatwater course and the paddler competes in a striding position using a single-blade paddle. Competitive canoe sprint racing is an old sport founded in England in 1869 and made its debut at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. Twelve years later the first women's race was at the London Olympic games.

Geneva has achieved gold medals at Nationals and set new Atlantic and National records while representing Canada in the C1 500m race at Junior World Championship in Portugal last fall. She placed fourth just missing the podium by mere seconds. Her accomplishments were recognized at the Nova Scotia **Support4Sport** where she was awarded Junior Female Athlete of the Year for Canoe Kayak.

Geneva is a strong competitor not just in paddling but other sports as well. Before she was training for canoe races she was taking Taekwon-Do. In 2015 Geneva received a black belt. She competed in Quebec and went on to Vancouver winning a gold medal in both places. Over the years she has won many medals and since she is now going in another direction she told her grandmother that she "went out with a bang".

Currently Geneva is concentrating on her studies at Acadia University. Taking mechanical engineering she finished

her first year on the Dean's List.

Her proud grandmother says, "She is one amazing girl" and we think so too. **Carol Bond & Sharon Lake**



Some medals won by Geneva Bond

2022 Kyle Levy Pride in Logging Bursary

Awarded by A.F. Timber Co. Ltd., this year's bursary recipients are Roah Levy and Kieron Sorenson who both submitted outstanding applications such that this year the bursary was awarded to both of them. **The Kyle Levy Pride in Logging Bursary**, in honour of Kyle Levy, who is the father of Roah, is an annual bursary since 2014. Roah has decided to work in the resource industry as a machine operator as did her father.

The training program provides instruction in all aspects of the workplace as well as extensive hands-on training on the heavy equipment. It is ITA certified and graduates can earn an Interprovincial Red Seal Certification.

Roah Nori Levy graduated from High School in Nelson, BC this year. She prefers outdoor activities such as skiing, canoeing, mountain biking, gardening and a lifestyle which can be enjoyed in the Kootenay area. She is the



Roah Levy with Erin Fitchett of A.F. Timber

daughter of Kyle Levy and Melissa Bryan and the granddaughter of Laurie and Judy Levy.

"Roah is proud to be a woman going into this trade. There are less than 1.5% of machine operators who are women. She would like to be a leader in this field and to demonstrate to women that they can work in any field."
Taken from Facebook - www.aftimber.com

A Gift For The Hall

Sometime ago we received from Catherine Stewart a gift of an oak table and two benches (heavy as lead) which were made by E.A. Stewart.

Edward Alonzo Stewart was born January 1903 to Charles and Bessie (Atwell) Stewart in Black River and he died in 1984 at 81 years of age. He was employed by the Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd. as hydro superintendent. After retirement he became well-known for his craft and gunsmithing skills. He was involved in many clubs, The Rotary Club, The Annapolis Valley Gun Club, director of the VON and Commissioner of the social assistance appeal board among a few.

In 2021 Catherine sent a small brass plaque to be afixed to the table, with the following inscribed on the plaque :

Handcrafted by E. A. Stewart.

Catherine goes on to write the following about Ed Stewart:

" [He] could make anything from a gun (from scratch) to a great pot of beans. He never wasted anything. So this table and benches were made from the Oak Water Tunnel ending at Hell's Gate.

He told stories of himself and his siblings Don, Shirley & Graeme, who coasted in hand-made go-carts to school, down "Vesuvius" and on Saturday he ran to Wolfville to get 5¢ worth of nails for building anything.

He loved the community of Black River and once was heard to say at a family gathering "my what a lot of good looking people!"

Ed Stewart really knew how to live and participate. His grandchildren are proud to be part of him. Kennedy is Mayor of Vancouver at present and hopes to serve another term. Evan works with treaties and Aboriginal Land Claims and is a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) in Vancouver. Julia is the director of the Public Library in Fredericton, NB."

We were very pleased to be gifted the table and benches because of who made it and his ties with the history of our area. It is a fine table and we use it all the time inside the Hall. Thanks to Catherine for the gift.

Sewing /Crafts

We finally got back to regular sessions in March and it is already time to break for the summer. All of our sessions this term were instructed by participants from the community. We are very fortunate to have so much talent and people willing to share with others. Some of these activities were: decorating felted eggs, with needle felted designs, beeswax wraps for container covers, decorated felt needle cases, project cases using material covers and ziploc bags. We also finished up a number of small quilts started when the pandemic closed things down. These quilts (pictured to the right) will be donated to a local charity group. Our last session is crocheting small blankets, which some of us will need the summer to complete.

Sessions wil start up in the Fall, usually after school starts. The actual date will be in the newsletter. Hope some of you will join us in September.

Have a safe and happy Summer!



Judy Levy

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.

June 23, 1949

Mr. and Mr.s D.C. Clark and daughter Jacky, also granddaughter Nancy, of Port Williams, were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long, Bruce and Linda, called on Mrs. and Mrs. Howard (Lillian) Smith, White Rock, on Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Larry Long is sick. We all wish him well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Ruby) Levy and two children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Milford (Leta) Schofield, White Rock.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir were Mr. and Mrs. George (?) Knickle and daughter, Shirlie, Evelyn Weir and Mr. and Mr Hyland and two children, also Mrs. McNab and one child, all of Halifax.

Frank Davis, Halifax, spent the week end at the same home. Mrs. Davis and little daughter have been helping her mother since her return from the E.K.M. Hospital.

July 7, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie (Mae) Ells and son Morris spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Gerald Anderson and Mrs. Anderson in Lower Wolfville.

Mrs. Bessie Atwell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Graeme (?) Stewart and son to Nictaux on Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald (?) Stewart, and family.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy were Mrs. Smeltzer and son Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. George (?) Kerr and baby Judy, Lower Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Archie (?) Kerr and three children, Mrs. Roland Faulkner and daughter Evelyn, Hantsport, and Sheldon Levy, of Kentville.

Miss Grace Long and Jack Allen were visitors over the week end of the former's mother, Mrs. Jennie Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron (Verna) Long and daughter Clara spend the week end with Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. Clem, of Victoria Harbour.

The Community Club met at the school house on Thursday evening to quilt. The next meeting will be there also. Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir and Mrs. Arnel (Helen) Levy were hostesses for the evening.

NOTE: AT TIME OF PRINTING
THE CALENDAR IS AS ABOVE

JULY EVENTS

• Still accepting moneyback bottles for the Ukraine until September.

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

• **50+ Community Connect Program.** Wednesdays 1-3 pm. Come out and enjoy games/light lunch. Free

• **Auction 45's Card Games: at 7:00 pm**

NOTE: Admission: \$4 • 50/50 tickets Available
For more information: Zelma 902 542 2842 or email: sunkenhaven@gmail.com

• **Baby Shower Sunday July 17 from 2-4 pm at the** Black River Community Hall. Proud parents to be are Samantha Gertridge & Dyllon Cuthill-Levy.

With Appreciation

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Yard & Plant Sale in May and the Mountain Treasures Sale in June. All the proceeds go toward the up keep of the Hall so we appreciate your help.

• **Cold Plate Take Out: Friday, July 15, 4-6 pm**

Cold Plate: cold cuts, salads, roll, cold drink & cookies \$10.
To preorder please call 902 542 5125 or 902 542 7913 or email: sharonlake07@gmail.com

• **Mountain Treasures Sale Sat., July 16, 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 July 23, Sat. 7-9 pm** Bring your instruments.

Free Will Offering. Snacks available

Get Well Soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jeremy Rector who has been hospitalized after a motorcycle accident.

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>

• **CONTACTS: Hall Rental/Events Booking: Daily Rental-**

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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: 902.713.5094 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 \$5 for a full feed bag. **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD or CALL 902.713.5094. New price starting August of \$6.**
- **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

Leander Clancey	July 1
Zelma Long	July 2
Keigan Levy	July 2
Emily Levy	July 6
Charlene Davies	July 7
David Milligan	July 7
Diane Ells	July 9
Don Feltmate	July 12
Alyssa Gee	July 14
Glenn Hawkesworth	July 15
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

Condolences

- We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Cathy Porter who passed away in May. Cathy was a long time resident of Black River Lake. www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/162316
- Our condolences to the family, friends of Ricky Hancock who passed away in May. Ricky lived part-time at Little River Lake. www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/162374
- Geneva Long passed away in May. We send our sympathies to her husband Phillip, their family and friends. www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/162988
- Our sympathy is extended to Nellie Schofield, her family and friends on the passing of her sister Thelma Bishop, in June. www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/162988

Anniversary

Jack & Rita Spinney	July 14
Wayne & Sandi Schofield	July 20
Leonard & Mildred Levy	July 23

Congratulations

Congratulations to Laurie and Judy Levy on the birth of their grandson Riggs Kyle Levy born to their son Robbie and his wife Rebecca Levy. Riggs is a brother for Nash.

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Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by Clara Spinney

- This is the time of year I feel so fortunate to be living on the shore of the lake. The loon must be setting although I don't know where she has her nest. We have a lot of baby ducks, all sizes. Of course we have the bull frog making his noises all night. We must not forget the beaver, so far they just pass by but I know of the destruction they are doing at some places on the lake. So I'm sure my time will come. Oh, yes, the hatching of the dragonflies has been super this year. I love watching them hatch. When you take the time there is so much to enjoy. There are lots of hummingbirds. I have five feeders out and they still have to fight over them. Great fun to watch. This year there is a female hairy woodpecker that thinks she is a hummingbird. She hogs the feeder most of the time trying to get her beak in the small holes.

There have been reports of bears seen on the back side of the lake. I too was fortunate to see two, a mother with last years cub. The best story came from Tina Gertridge. While driving her mother Leora Spinney around the lake two bear crossed the road in front of them. It was the first time either one had seen a bear in the wild. Leora has lived in the neighbourhood for sixty-seven years so seeing her first bear was a reason for lots of excitement.

Laurie and Judy Levy have been the latest residents to be visited by cardinals. Lucky them. Robin Armitage told me of an interesting evening she had this past week. The loons were just off shore, plus twenty-two ducks, mothers with babies on her lawn plus a flock of small birds making a lot of noise so she stepped out to see if there was an eagle around when an owl swooped down from a limb in front of her livingroom window. To say the least that close encounter took her breath away. Many reports of deer sightings. Love hearing from you - keep them coming. The squirrel has eaten five of six heads of pegs on a long shelf. Why?

Telephone Clara 902.542.3180 with any of your wildlife observations and she will add them to her own or email: claraspinner123@gmail.com

HALL RENTAL:

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

Hall Rental/Events Booking: Tina Gertridge
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Accepting bookings for Hall Rental Now