

# Black River News

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Father's Day is on the 16th this year. As hard as it is for me to believe my father died 31 years ago. I am now older than he lived to be.

Sometimes I fear I am loosing the ability to remember him. His face, the clomping of his "good" shoes on the floor as he got ready for church, his ability to yodel with the best of the country singers, those things I remember. It is the essence of him, that belongs to no other person, that I fear grows dim.

Recently our family has noticed that one of my brother's singing voice sounds very much like Dad's voice. How does that happen, I wonder? We never noticed it before.

When I heard my brother sing, Dad was in the room. That is a welcome thought, that he should be with us when we are together.

Our father was a singer. He would break into song driving in the car, working at the bakery. We kids learned our first songs listening to him. We know his voice.

I never heard him say he loved music. I don't think it would occur to him to say that or maybe even think it. My parents didn't come from a generation that

shared everything they thought.

As a child he pumped the organ in the church, but his voice was his instrument. I think in sharing his enjoyment of music his children received a wonderful gift.

Sharon Lake  
**The Farmer's Market and Cafe** takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. (9th & 23rd) Lunch includes a main, dessert and tea or coffee for \$8. 11 am - 1:30 pm. Local vendors exhibit their fine wares, making it a splendid way to eat and shop in the same place.

Every Wednesday 7pm-9pm we have a great evening **playing Auction 45's**. \$3 Admission. All are welcome and a lunch is provided.

In addition, at all events, our community hall has **free internet**. The Hall is open on Tuesdays 12-3.

**Father's Day Event** June 15th from 10-12.

**There will be a cleaning of the Hall June 8 @ 9 am.** *We appreciate any help you can provide for any length of time.*

**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 16, 1947*

Our school has reopened after Christmas holidays. Miss Coldwell is now boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long, Miss Everett at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Hattie) Ells.

Mr. Sheldon Levy, of Kentville, was calling on friends one day last week.

Mrs. George (Olive?) Knickle and daughter Shirley, of Halifax, were recent visitors at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir.

Benjamin Stultz has arrived home from Camp Hill Hospital where he underwent an operation for ulcers.

Eugene Schofield, of White Rock, is now employed with Clifford Long.

Stanley Levy, his two sons, Arnold [sic](Arnel) and Oran, also Kenneth Smith, have left for the lumber woods near Greenfield where they will carry on lumbering for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde (Florence) McInnes are congratulated on the birth of a daughter at E.K.M. Hospital. A sister of Mrs. McInnis, Mrs. Watson is caring for her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fitzgerald and small baby are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde (Florence) McInnis.

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Those who received Christmas boxes from the Club, or teachers and scholars, wish to express their most sincere thanks and wish the Club, Teachers and scholars a very prosperous New Year.

Our Sunday School has closed for the winter months. John Crowell, Kenneth Atwell, and Orvil Levy got 1st Prize having

attended every Sunday. Several received 2nd and 3rd prizes for good attendance. The prizes will be delivered when Sunday School reopens in the spring.

Blake Miner, who was employed with Clifford Long, has returned to his home in Port Williams.

## We Know Where The Daggerboard

Is by Gladys Long

I did not receive even one sailor gene from my mother's side of the family who were seafarers back many generations. Great-grand-father built ships. Grandfather was a ship's captain. One uncle was and two of my cousins were lobstermen. One uncle was a merchant mariner. When I was eight, my uncle took me with him when he went to check his lobster traps. That simultaneously put me firmly on the side of the lobsters and convinced me that I clearly took after my Scottish Highland side who were dyed in the wool land lubbers (and horse thieves, but that's another story for another day).

But we had a home on Sunken Lake. We had a canoe and our social circle of the day fancied ourselves pretty much back to the landers. One warm summer evening in August, 1975 or so, my husband and a friend took our 1974 brand new

Jeep Commando (colour Butterscotch - is it any wonder that model was discontinued rather rapidly and the colour never put on another vehicle ever?) and off they went. Very late that night, back they came towing a trailer on which were several canoes and one sailboat. Kinsac Canoes and Sailboats was a start-up company and somehow somebody got in touch with somebody else and there was to be a "sea trial" and promotional tour for this company's products. For whatever reason, we were hosting it. It all felt terribly special as I recall.

Waldo Long owned most of the land around the lake. He made sure that no motorized boat of greater than 5 horse power plied the waves of Sunken Lake. That being the case, the lake would provide a nice, a safe venue to try out the handling and floatability of the canoes and the lone sailboat. Painted in several bright colours, the canoes were unloaded and carted down to the water's edge where they made a festive display.

I remember Greg [redacted],

Scott [redacted], Perry [redacted] (names have been redacted but they know who they are) and Zane Long (a.k.a. hubby - there's no escape for him) were going to act as quality control and there may have been a couple of others. Memory fails. In any case, all afternoon the canoes were taken out on the lake, paddled around, testing for manoeuvrability, ease of paddling, and whether or not the darn things would float. Eventually it was the sailboat's turn.

It wasn't at all sure that any of those there congregated had even the slightest idea about sailboats and/or sailing, but what they may have lacked in experience they made up for in enthusiasm. They did manage to get the sail hoisted and, two by two, off they went. Made a lovely sight. Blue water, blue sky, white sail. Quite bucolic - the quintessential Nova Scotia summer day. All captured on Hubby's 8mm movie camera for posterity's sake.

I have long forgotten why I ever decided to get in that boat, but in I did get. I was to work the sail while Scott was to work the rudder or whatever that thing is that steers the boat. That all by itself should tell you all you need to know about my level of seamanship. We hadn't got too far when it was clear that we'd best change places.

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.



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# june events

## Schedule for June Quilting & Crafts ...

**June 3** - is an open Monday. You can bring a show and tell, a project to work on, or if there was something we've worked on that you would like to do or have some help with, let me know.

**June 10** -

• CHANGED TO A "CATCH UP" DAY TO WORK ON ANY PROJECTS NOT YET FINISHED OR THAT YOU MIGHT NEED HELP WITH.

**June 17**- Sock Bunnies - cute creation from children's socks. These creations can be used as ornaments, toys and even pincushions.cost \$2.00.

**June 24**- Whirly Gigs- made out of plastic canvas and coloured beads. These whirly gigs are fun to watch twirling around in the breeze. A very popular workshop last year. All materials are provided. Cost:\$5.00

**Please Note:** It is appreciated if you would indicate which workshop(s) you are interested in, as that gives us an idea of how many to prepare supplies for.

There will not be any classes over the Summer (July, August ). SEE JUDY'S CONTACT BELOW.

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.

**Dandelion Root Coffee Workshop:** bring some dandelion roots cleaned and we'll prepare them for roasting and grinding into coffee. Call Ed 902-542-5134 for more information. June 1 @ 1-3

**Father's Day Event:** June 15, 10 am-12 am. Join us with a hammer, and prepare for a mess to build some airplanes, make Father's Day cards, and show all of the dads in our community how much we truly cherish them! Pre-registration only! Spots are limited! See Victoria's email below to pre-register or send us a message on Facebook! Admission: Free will offering

| SUN  | MON   | TUE  | WED   | THUR   | FRI | SAT  |
|--|---|--|---|--|-----|--|
|  |   |  |   |  |     | 1 Dandelion Root Coffee Workshop<br>1pm-3pm<br>No Charge                   |
| 2  | 3 Quilting & Crafts 11-3<br><br>Ways & Means<br>7 pm-             | 4 Bookmobile 10:45-noon<br><br>Simply Computer<br>12-3. \$3    | 5 Card Party<br>7-9<br>\$3<br>50/50<br>Lunch  | 6 Card Making<br>7-9<br>\$10<br>Diane Ells<br>Instructor | 7   | 8 Cleaning Hall<br>9 am-<br><br>Jam<br>Session 7-10                        |
| 9<br><br>Farmer's Market & Cafe                      | 10 Quilting & Crafts 11-3<br>see information above                | 11 Simply Computer<br>12-3. \$3<br><br>Director's Meeting, 7-  | 12 Card Party<br>7-9<br>\$3<br>50/50<br>Lunch | 13   | 14  | 15 Father's Day Event<br>10 am-12 am<br>pre-register<br>free will offering |
| 16<br><br>Father's Day                               | 17 Quilting & Crafts 11-3<br><br>Book Club<br>7-9<br>refreshments | 18 Simply Computer<br>12-3. \$3<br><br>Maintenance Meeting, 7- | 19 Card Party<br>7-9<br>\$3<br>50/50<br>Lunch | 20   | 21  | 22   |
| 23 Farmer's Market & Cafe<br><br>Monthly Meeting, 7- | 24 Quilting & Crafts 11-3<br><br>Heritage Meeting. 7-             | 25 Bookmobile 10:45-noon<br><br>Simply Computer<br>12-3. \$3   | 26 Card Party<br>7-9<br>\$3<br>50/50<br>Lunch | 27   | 28  | 29   |
| 30   |   |  |   |  |     |  |

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# Classifieds...

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-**  
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**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

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Zane Long          | June 2  |
| Andrew Livingstone | June 5  |
| Tammy MacLellan    | June 6  |
| Pat Levy           | June 8  |
| Rick Tait          | June 8  |
| Harlan Spinney     | June 9  |
| Perry Munro        | June 16 |
| Leonard Levy       | June 19 |
| Keifer Levy        | June 19 |
| Jacob Long         | June 29 |
| Cameron Hoyt       | June 30 |
| Nicholas Ells      | June 30 |

### Birthdays

**Harlan Spinney**

June 9, 2019  
 All are welcome to come and celebrate his 90th Birthday.  
 Refreshments 2:30-4:30

• **Best Wishes Only**

## Anniversaries

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Gordon & Cathy Berry  | June 2  |
| Paul & Sherry Spinney | June 15 |
| Shane & Jenna Kaizer  | June 17 |
| Rick & Lynda King     | June 26 |

## Thank You

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time over the winter to help with the snow removal and maintenance at our hall. It is greatly appreciated. It is only with the help of volunteers like yourselves that our hall continues to survive.
- Thank you to the person who donated the gravel to fill in the potholes at the Hall.

**The Black River Fairy Finders** need your help. A new batch of baby fairies have just been born. They might be in your garden. If you think you have seen one of the fairies



please let us know. You can email the Black River News telling us of your sighting or draw a picture of the way your fairy looks.

## Congratulations

- Congratulations to Sara Munro and Eamon Clancy on the birth of their son, Patrick Dillon Clancy, born April 9. A brother for Leander and Alice.
- Congratulations to Rick Tait who graduated Bachelor of Business Administration from Acadia in May. Rick Tait, BA, BBA



**Frenchy's Fashion Show Models**



**Cooks for the 1st Farmers' Market & Cafe**

## 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

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