

## Salutes To Dad

*Besides the tools and socks we give our Dads for Father's Day here are some more gifts for Him.*

### **David Crowe**

Grandson of a clipper ship's captain, and of a Methodist minister, son of a man who grew up on board that clipper ship and the very religious lady who became the first licensed music teacher in Nova Scotia, my dad's moral and work ethics have always been strong. World War II allowed him to escape the farm, and the GI Bill gave him the education to build a career at the Research Station in Kentville. He retired, with "encouragement", well after his 70th birthday. A man of his era, his extremely polite nature prevents him from verbalizing, in public, his dismay with many of the changes he has seen in the world. Not noted for "play", he nevertheless built us a tree fort, let us play in the mud, ensured that we had a, then rare, second car, so our mom could take us swimming after a morning of earning that privilege through working on the farm. Much to our mother's horror, he sometimes stood by and watched our somewhat reckless behaviour, as a tool for learning about consequences. One of his favourite sayings, repeated frequently to us kids, was "At the end of the day, you are the one that has to look at yourself in the mirror". At the ripe old age of 96, he is still very much the captain of his own ship. Happy Fathers' Day!

*- Phyllis Crowe*

### **William (Bill) Mapplebeck**

My Dad was a quiet man with a very keen, dry sense of humour. He loved to tease all of us, Mom included. One thing that made my Dad different from other Dads was that my Dad played with us. Marbles, baseball, badminton, cards, board games, he would play whatever was available. When I look back on my years with my Dad and Mom, I've come to realize that not only did they love us as their children, but they genuinely liked us as well. Not to say they didn't get upset with us or annoyed at times, they sure did! But they really enjoyed our company. We as children, could never figure out why other Dads didn't do things like this with their children. It was our normal. My Dad died

when I was 17. I like to think that I learned to love children and their company from him. It is part of my normal.

*- Nellie Schofield*

### **Leo Spinney**

My Dad (Leo) was a hard worker, loved his children and adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren. I'm sure a lot of you remember my father watching Grand Prix wrestling on Saturday. (You didn't sit on the sofa because you might have to jump out of the way when there was a good match!) He enjoyed playing 45s and was often seen playing solitaire at the kitchen table. He would give you a straight up no beating around the bush answer when asked his opinion. Miss you Dad, Happy Father's Day in heaven. xoxo

*- Tina Gertridge*

### **Murray Tanner**

My Dad ... Murray Tanner

Well, where to start? His life has certainly not always been easy as he has lost lots of loved ones and has loved and cared for three wives until their last day. At one point he had 10 children living in his home and most nights at least one extra friend at the supper table. But throughout any and all hardships he remained strong and always continues to care for others. Dad has always been a great cook and baker and still frequently shares meals and baked goods with family, friends and neighbours. If anyone ever needed a drive anywhere, especially to Halifax for a doctor's appointment, he was the one to take them. When any of us kids were building or renovating, he was there to help whenever possible. And car repairs, well let's just say he certainly helped keep a lot of vehicles on the road over the years. He may not be able to tackle some these physical tasks anymore but you can still count on him to support any fundraiser, cook and bake anything, enjoy a nice visit and cup of tea and you can be guaranteed he has never, and will never lose his sense of humour and love for teasing! Happy Father's Day, Dad!

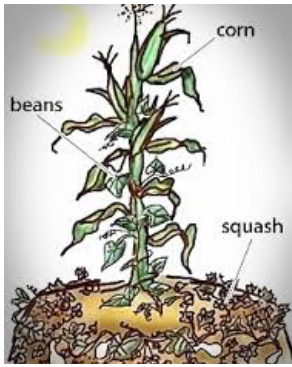
*- Mary Tanner Long*

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## NATURE'S PANTRY AND PHARMACY

### Three Sisters

This month I thought I would highlight some companion plantings. The most "famous" of these is the "**Three Sisters**"- Corn, Beans, and Squash. A number of Native American tribes interplanted this trio because they thrive together and deter weeds and pests, enrich the soil, and support each other. This method of interplanting introduced biodiversity - from attracting pollinators to making the land richer instead of stripping it of nutrients. In a sense, we take no more from nature than what we give back. Before the first settlers came to America in the 1600's the Iroquois had been growing the "three sisters" for over three centuries. It sustained them both physically and spiritually. Considered a gift from the gods, always to be grown together, eaten together and celebrated together.



Also together the sisters provide a balanced diet from a single planting. For example, the corn offers support for the pole beans, the beans pull nitrogen from the air and bring it to the soil for the benefit of all three. As the beans grow through the tangle of squash vines and up the cornstalks into the sunlight, they hold the sisters together. The squash leaves provide a living mulch that shades the soil, keeping it cool and moist preventing weeds. The prickly squash leaves kept away pests who don't like to step on them. Together they provide both sustainable soil fertility and a healthy diet. **Suggested varieties include:**

**Pole beans** (not bush beans) such as Scarlet Runner or Italian Snap.

**Corn** such as sweet corn, dent corn, or popcorn or a combination.

**Small-leafed Squash** such as summer squash (zucchini) or winter squash (Hubbard). **Note:** Pumpkins are too vigorous and heavy; plant in a separate bed.

**Preparation:** In the spring prepare soil with plenty of organic matter and weed-free compost.

-Make a mound of soil about 1 ft high and 3-4 ft wide with a flat top that is approx. 10 in. across. Space multiple mounds 4 ft apart.

-Plant corn first after last frost nighttime temp 12°C and not later than June 1 as corn requires a long growing season.

-Sow six kernels of corn 1" deep in flat part of mound, 10" apart in a circle of about 2 ft in diameter.

-When corn is about 6 in. - 1ft tall plant beans and squash. The beans role is to fix nitrogen in soil, which is needed for strong corn production. Plant one variety in each hill, if planting several varieties. (**Tip:** If planting corn transplants, plant at same time as beans.) Plant 4 bean seeds, evenly spaced around each stalk. (**Tip:** If you coat your bean seeds with an inoculant before planting, you will fix nitrogen in the soil and that will benefit all of the plants.)

-About a week later, plant six squash seeds, evenly spaced, around the perimeter of the mound. About 18 in. apart. You may wish to put 2 seeds in each hole to ensure germination.

-Sometimes a 4th sister is included, such as a sunflower or amaranth, which attracts pollinators and lures birds away from the seeds. Sunflowers can be planted at the cross section of the spaces between the corn hills and harvested for seeds. Amaranth could come up among the squash and be harvested for seeds and greens. See [www.almanac.com/content/three-sisters-corn-bean-and-squash](http://www.almanac.com/content/three-sisters-corn-bean-and-squash).

Ed Schofield

## Black River

... from the *Wolfville Acadian*

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

**September 4, 1947**

Mrs. Hedley (Merle) Schofield and two sons and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy have returned after spending the past week visiting in Chester.

Mrs. G. Knickle and daughter Shirley, of Halifax, returned to their home on Monday after spending the past six weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir.

Mr. Harvey Taylor, of Truro, spent the week end and holiday the guest of his sister, Mrs. Clifford (Ada) Long and Mr. Long.

Mrs. Lenna Cunningham and two children and Mrs. Liza Volker, of R.I., who have spent the past few weeks visiting here, returned to their home on Thursday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell, who will visit in Boston for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie (?) Atwell of Wolfville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Freeman (Lexie) Levy, on Sunday.

Alva and Virginia McInnis, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde (Florence) McInnis, returned home after paying a visit to their grandmother, in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah and family, who have been visiting the latter's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long, left for their home in R.I., on Tuesday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Long who will visit there for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh (Abbie) Eagles, of Greenwich, and Mrs. Conrad, of Port Williams, visited on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Hazel) Smith were supper guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard (?) Smith, of White Rock.

Mrs. Allison (Verna) Chute and baby Marilyn, of Waterville, spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long.

We are glad to report that Mervin Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy, is better after being sick with pleurisy.

# June Events ○○○

**ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, RENTALS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS. CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON THE BLACK RIVER COMMUNITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE or WEBSITE.**

*WHITE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED FOR NOW. ANY CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON THE WHITE ROCK FACEBOOK PAGE.*

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### **Byron Long**

My father Byron Long passed away two years ago at the age of 96. He was born here in Black River and resided here until 1966. Then he, my mother and three brothers moved to British Columbia. After my children were grown I would visit them for six weeks every summer. Every evening when all was done for the day we would sit out on his patio and talk which always lead to stories of his growing up here. Stories of his going to school, the people that lived here, logging camps, going to war, etc. but mostly of the people and their way of life then. Those stories are my treasures. They have given me an understanding of what has made this neighbourhood so special. Those stories will always be with me. Thank you Dad, my hero.

*- Clara Spinney*

### **Larry Long**

Given this is Father's Day Month - a very special Father's Day, Dad! You have been such a rock as always in my life and I love you dearly. Everyday is Father's Day because you have been a father, to the best of your ability everyday since I was born.

*- Trina Long*

### **Richard Knott**

It might have been the chocolate cakes, baked from scratch, waiting in the pantry when I returned from school; possibly it was stories, read aloud, about ancient kingdoms and brilliant heroines; the now-and-then impatience as we growled and sulked our way through years of homework; or the influence of a heart and mind capable of great magic. The odds whirl and spin in unpredictable ways - and sometimes we get very lucky.

*- Catherine Knott*

### **Philip Pick**

My favourite memories with my dad, Philip Pick, were snake and salamander hunting. He may not have liked snakes, but he would always be the one to lift up the big rocks for me. My Dad is my rock and I don't know what I would do without him.

*- Lorna Pick*

### **Blake Spinney**

My favourite memories of my dad, Blake Spinney are walking in through the woods with him and snowshoeing. I will also always remember all the water fights at the lake that he most always instigated.

*- Tracey Pick*

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### **Thanks**

I would like to take this time to thank the very many people who have been so kind and caring during this time in my life, of not only cancer, but during a pandemic as well. I know you are all very anxious to see your families and friends, to be able to go do necessary errands without having to worry so much, to "get on" with life. Please, please I urge you all, continue to stay strong and stay positive. As our province (our world) slowly begins to open again follow the health regulations so we can transform into a "new normal" as soon as possible. It has been surreal seeing this up close, as my treatments are in Halifax. I am determined to walk away from this alive and healthy so I can hug my incredible kids and grandkids. I know you all want to do the same with all your loved ones.

*- Trina Long*

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## Birthdays

Zane Long	June 2
Andrew Livingstone	June 5
Tammy MacLellan	June 6
Pat Levy	June 8
Rick Tait	June 8
Harlan Spinney (91)	June 9
Leslie Ann Levy	June 9
Dylan Schofield	June 12
Perry Munro	June 16
Leonard Levy	June 19
Keifer Levy	June 19
Jacob Long	June 29
Cameron Hoyt	June 30
Nicholas Ells	June 30

## Anniversaries

Gordon and Kathy Berry	June 2
Paul and Sherry Spinney	June 15
Shane and Jenna Kaizer	June 17
Ken and Brenda Bylund (46)	June 22
Rick and Lynda King	June 26

## Get Well Wishes

We hope that **Zane Long** is feeling better soon.

We send best wishes to **Trina Long** with hopes that she makes a complete and speedy recovery.

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## Sunken Lake Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by Clara Spinney

**Apr. 24** - Beaver here this evening - Must say it was a beautiful picture - the water red and still, with the beaver swimming in it.



beaver

**Apr. 27** - Thought of taking the bird feeders down. Always take them down so the humming-bird feeders can be up by May 1st. But cooler than normal and feeders are busy.

**Apr. 28** - Snow and lots of it. Had so many birds.

**May 1** - Took feeders down and put hummingbird feeders up.

**May 3** - Had a pair of common flickers on the lawn today. Loons are very quiet so far this year. Unusual for this time of year.



common flicker

**May 9** - Had to put feeders up again - so much snow, birds are hungry!

Hawkesworth's had 2 hummingbirds at feeders on Black River Lake.

**May 11** - Took feeder down again and of course no hummingbirds but have had a kingfisher diving just off shore.



kingfisher

**May 13** - Snowed again overnight, back up went the feeders. Had what looks like a female rose-breasted grosbeak at the feeder today. Nancy Morse phoned to say she had a hummingbird on Little River Lake - so there is hope.



rose-breasted grobeak

**May 14** - Male Hummingbird at Lake-Knott's.

**May 15** - So far no hummingbird at my feeder.

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