

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade."

-Charles Dickens

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## How to Move a Stove

All of us at one time or another have had to move furniture. It is a hard job, sometimes quite emotionally wrenching, always a physical workout. It requires strong muscles and, above all, a truck and some muscular friends, if possible. We have decamped several times and, adding in our children's and friends' relocations too numerous to mention (although I will in future columns), we have become fairly expert on how to make the best use of space with a minimum of effort and numbers of trips. Most of the time, things went along swimmingly and more or less according to accepted industry standards.

This wasn't one of those times.

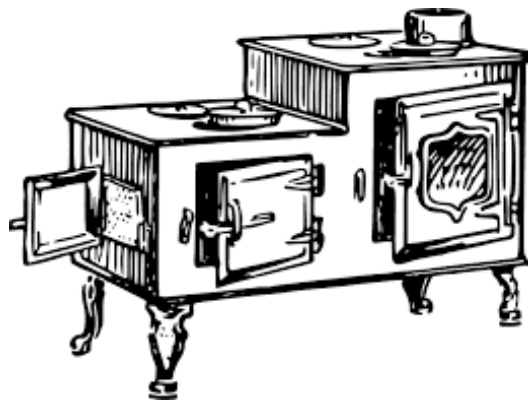
Nathan Levy was a good friend, a good farmer, a hard worker and one of the funniest people I have ever met. He had an infectious laugh and a sense of the absurd that translated itself into one whale of a good time. I could tell you stories of the things we did growing up in Black River that continue to bring chuckles to the corners of my heart all these years later.

Nate's mother, Lexie, had got a new kitchen range, so the old one needed to be removed. Nate was given the job and since I was with him at the time, I too got involved. That old cast iron wood stove was one heavy piece of equipment, I can tell you. With some

grunting and groaning, we managed to get it out of the kitchen, through the back porch and onto the tailgate of the half ton truck backed up to the door without taking the paint off door frames and keeping it off both the floor and our toes. We then pushed and shoved and "walked" it until it sat solidly on the truck bed.

In the days before bi-weekly garbage pick-up, spring clean-up or much in the way of environmentally sound practices, every household had a dump down in the pasture. On the other hand, people threw away a fraction of what gets put curbside nowadays, and when it was finally discarded, there was no use left in things as a rule. One still comes across old homesteads which boast their own rusting family histories. The stove in question was condemned to such a fate.

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# DIRECT FROM THE DIRECTORS...

The last General Meeting was held on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and many new and exciting things were discussed.

Canada Day 2017 plans are beginning to shape into quite the exciting Family Event! As of now, a Kids Fair is being organized by community member, Jessica Myra, which will take place on the morning of Canada Day at the Hall. Tentative time right now is 10am – 12pm and it will include Crafts, Face Painting, Cupcake Walk, Tree Planting and Black River's very first Time Capsule! We will also hold an official flag raising ceremony and festivities will continue throughout the day. Discussions of a Supper, Family Dance & Fireworks are in the final stages of organizing. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting Staycation Event!

The Heritage Committee, which includes Chairperson Clara

Spinney & Members Hank Levy, Sharon Lake, Laurie Levy, Ed Schofield & Drew Peck, brought attention to some of the exciting historical things they've been working on and also would like to take the opportunity to ask all, near and far, for any information. Such as deeds, documents, pictures, letters, maps, old holiday cards or post cards and genealogies. All or any information is welcome and worry not about losing your precious historical items. If you want to donate them, then that is fine, but they will also accept scanned items and can also accept items to be scanned and returned. You can contact Clara Spinney at (902) 542-3180 with your questions and/or items.

Your Community Club President, Tina Spinney, would like to extend a hand of welcome! It is often times forgotten by community members that Everyone

is a Community Member. If you live in Black River, you have an immediate say on what happens in your community and are welcome to join in on the meetings and discussions that shape our community. There are also paid members of the community. They receive a few perks that others do not. For example, a paid member of the community has a vote and an option to run in the election of our directors and Committee Heads. They will also receive certain perks regarding the rental of the hall, such as one gratis rental per year. It is an annual fee of 10\$ per member and 100% of the proceeds go directly towards the hall. With such funds, we've been able to hold events for you as well as help neighbouring communities in times of need.

The next General Meeting will take place at 7pm at the hall on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Hope to see you there.

## QUILTS & CRAFTS

At the Black River Community Hall, every Monday afternoon, from 11am until 3pm



Our next Workshop will take place on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be making "Peanut!" This is a warming bag, which you can warm in the microwave. You do not need material for this project and kits will be available at a cost of 4\$. If you can bring your sewing machine, then please do, however it is not required. A pair of sharp scissors and some dress making pins will be. A thimble is also useful. Do not forget to bring your lunch and plan to spend a few enjoyable hours.

We are currently working on a quilt and it will be set up for anyone interested in quilting or learning to quilt in a friendly atmosphere. If you do not want to quilt, feel free to bring any project you're working on and

enjoy a few hours of camaraderie. Bring a lunch and coffee and tea will be provided.

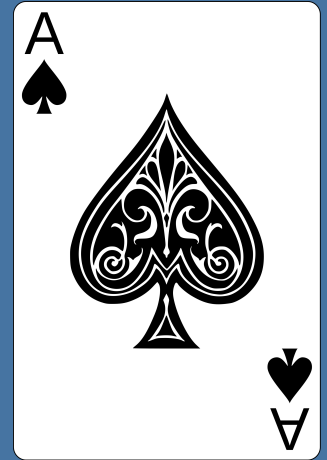
For questions and/or suggestions contact Judy Levy at (902) 542-5182 or [levy.judy3@gmail.com](mailto:levy.judy3@gmail.com)



**Black River**  
Preschool Playgroup

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>

We will be Making Crafts, having Story Time, enjoying an occasional Movie and Visiting the Bookmobile while it's parked at the hall. This will be a great opportunity for young local children and their guardians to get together.



Chase the Ace was a great success! Richard Irving was the lucky ticket winner on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, winning a total of \$47 that he generously donated to the hall. Neither Winner was successful in picking the Ace of Spades, so the jackpot grew to \$829.50! There are now 41 cards left. The next Chase the Ace dates are March 11th and 25th and will be from 2pm to 4pm. If the Ace of Spades is not picked before April the time will revert back to the evening, 6pm to 8 pm.

Everyone is invited to come to the hall for a very fun time and a chance to win some serious cash!! While you are waiting, enjoy something from the Café. There will be sandwiches, sweets, hot chocolate, tea and coffee. The Internet will be available as well as board games and decks of cards for people to enjoy while they wait for the draw.





I hopped in to the passenger side and Nate drove across the driveway, and down over the pasture until we came to the stone heap, which was the final resting place for the stove. He executed a perfect three-point turn and, to my surprise, put the truck in first and pulled away from the pile back the way we'd just come with the stove still on board. "Want me show you how to unload this thing?" Nate asked. With that he slammed the truck in reverse, floored the gas and the truck flew backwards. At the last moment before we crashed into the stone heap, Nate hit the brakes. The truck came to an abrupt stop throwing me forward to connect smartly with the (unpadded) dashboard. The effect on the stove was immediate and downright impressive. It flew off the back of the truck, cleared the junk pile by several feet and came to rest upside down with a mighty thud and pieces going all directions. "Easier on the back," Nate said, before we drove back to the house, dropped off the truck and got our bikes and took off to the lake for a well-deserved swim.

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black River Market & Café



Good news! Our Black River Market and Café returns for its THIRD season! Plans are being made to make this year the best so far. Most tables will be for market vendors, but a bit of space will be made for community small business operators to promote their products and there will be one "flea market" table.

Last year's market vendors sold everything from fresh produce, preserves, pickles and baked goods to jewelry, paintings, and bags. Market attendance really picked up last season and this year promises to be both varied and enjoyable. Suggestions are always welcome so we can

tailor our Market to meet local needs.

The market kicks off on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and will continue on every second and fourth Sundays until Christmas.

Volunteers are needed to help run our very popular Café. It is a wonderful way to spend a couple of hours - visiting with friends, eating and shopping local! If you have a suggestion or are interested in registering as a vendor or as a volunteer, please contact Reta Spinney at (902) 542-1552 or [gladys.zanelong@xplornet.com](mailto:gladys.zanelong@xplornet.com) See you at the market!

# BUY LOCAL ~ EAT LOCAL

## ANNUAL TICKET AUCTION

We will be having our annual Ticket Auction in April. If you have any items suitable for the auction such as, preserves, jams, jellies, pickles or household items or gift cards please drop them in to Mary Tanner-Long at 491 Sunken Lake Rd. We will also be calling upon members of the community to support the hall by means of baked goods on the day of the auction so if you are willing to donate a baked good to the auction please give Mary a call at 542-2511 or email her at [mary.tanner.long@hotmail.com](mailto:mary.tanner.long@hotmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support!!



Please note that now thanks to community member Donna Levy, a bucket is in place near the main entrance of the community hall for anyone who wishes to recycle used batteries, not car batteries!!! It all started when she saw this being done at the Centerville Hall and took it upon herself to implement it at our hall. The community and environment thanks you Donna Levy!

**BLACK RIVER EVENTS**

**Move-It Monday with Sharon**

Every Monday morning from 10-11am will be fitness classes with Sharon Lake.

**Quilts & Crafts – Monday afternoons**

Every Monday from 11am–3pm. See Page 3 for more details on projects and more.

**Card-Making Class – Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

At the Hall from 7-9pm Fee: \$10.

**Directors' Meeting – Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting will begin at 7pm at the Hall.

**Jam Session – Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Jam will start at 7pm at the Black River Hall. Shortest month but let's make it ring!

**Chase the Ace – Saturday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets go on sale from 2:00-3:45pm with the draw taking place at 4pm sharp! You must be at the Hall at 4:00pm if your ticket is drawn in order to participate.

**Bookmobile - Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Bookmobile will be at the Hall from 10-11am.

**General Meeting (BRCC) – Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Will begin at 7pm at the Hall

**Computers & More – Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Do you have questions about your PC, Mac, Tablet, Digital Camera or Smartphone? Drop by the hall with your equipment and questions and let's tame the Binary Beast together! Free Admission! 7-9pm at the Hall.

**LOCAL EVENTS**

**At the White Rock Community Centre**

**Community Breakfast- March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please watch signboard for start time and details.

**Line Dancing - March 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays**

Starts at 6:30-7:30pm. Any Questions call (902) 542-3109

**Paint Night- Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Starts at 6:30-8:30pm. 35\$ each or 30\$ each for group of 2 or more. Come out and discover the artist in you!

**Wolfville Ridge Baptist Church**

**Variety Show - March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Begins at 2pm at the Wolfville Lions Hall. There will be Live entertainment, Cake Draw, Pie Table, 50/50 Draw. Canteen available. Proceeds for Open Arms' Coldest Night Walk.

Do you have any information about Events, Birthdays, Anniversaries and more? Newsletter submissions must be sent to Raye-Anne at brch989@gmail.com or (902) 599-2474 before the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**FOR SALE...**

Remember that during this cold and damp weather it's always a good idea to have dry kindling on hand. Call Jack Spinney for all of your kindling needs - (902) 542-1552

**FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Larry Long, Mar. 2        | Jenna Scott, Mar. 15   |
| Suzan Haley, Mar. 3       | Richard Knott, Mar. 17 |
| Nancy Morton, Mar. 8      | Wendy Weisner, Mar. 18 |
| Keisha Levy, Mar. 12      | Levi Pick, Mar. 29     |
| Mary Tanner-Long, Mar. 13 | Clayton Pick, Mar. 31  |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Bernard & Sandra Forsythe - March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 49 Years  
 Richard Knott & Sharon Lake – March 29<sup>th</sup> – 42 Years

**OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES**



To the family of, Barbara Elizabeth McInnis, who passed away Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the age of 97. She enjoyed being a Homemaker and loved to knit, crochet, read and do puzzle books. She was Black River's oldest living resident and will forever be remembered. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends.

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