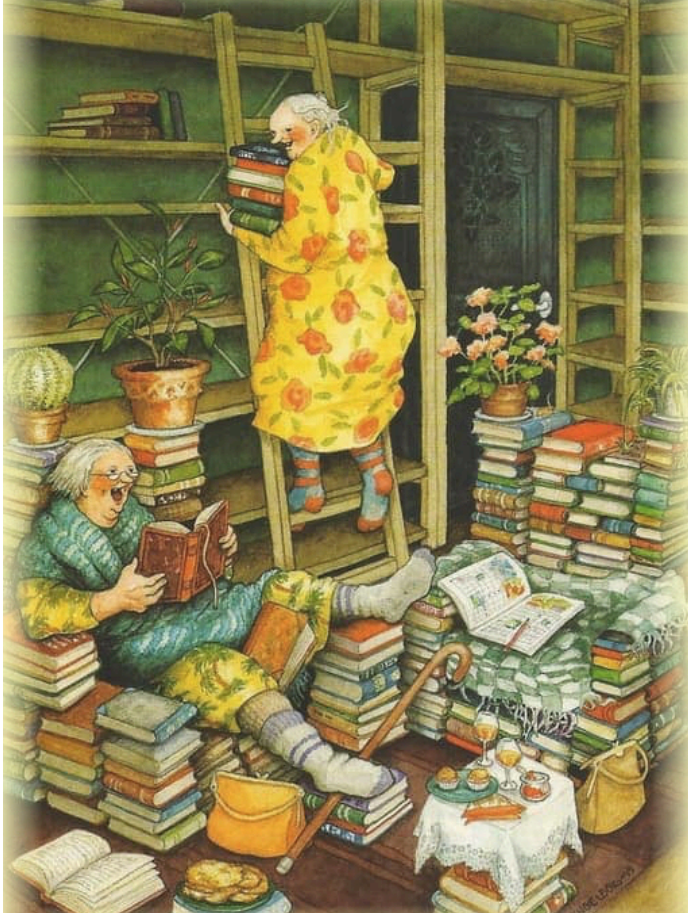


# Black River News

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Take a **Look**, you won't be blue.

It's all fun in 2022.

The pictures on this page are by the artist and illustrator **Inge Look**. Her depictions of the "aunties" have squeezed a laugh out of me many times.

To be able to pick out the joy in life is a real skill and the "aunties" are inspirational as they embrace life in all its seasons, usually with their purses nearby and a lunch.

**Inge Look** is both a gardener and an illustrator and lives in Pernaja, Finland. To experience more of life the "aunties" way click on the livelink and go to: [www.ingelook.com](http://www.ingelook.com)



# *Hello, Neighbour!* Porcupine Creek PRODUCTS

This month we are looking at a crafter who has combined her talents with the CNIB VisionMate Program. The result has been a 6 year partnership and the creation of **Porcupine Creek Products**. I'll now let Nellie Schofield provide some details about her vision issues, the CNIB VisionMate Program and some of the products that are produced.

“ I was diagnosed with low pressure glaucoma about 25 years ago. This will eventually cause permanent vision loss. I was directed to the CNIB because of my condition and this resulted in the first partnership in the VisionMate Program in Nova Scotia.

The VisionMate Program pairs up a visually challenged individual with a CNIB approved volunteer partner that allows for activities that may not be possible otherwise. This program allows a partner to share a minimum of 2 hours a week with a visually challenged individual; my VisionMate partner volunteer is Angela Clair.

Our partnership resulted in the creation of **Porcupine Creek Products**. Angela spends Wednesday evenings cutting fabric so I can sew bags during the week. Our products include wine bags, car seat ponchos, reversible large grocery bags and our signature stiff sided tote bags.

Most of **Porcupine Creek Products** are sold at local markets. That has been a challenge in the last couple of years but we have been lucky to have a presence on Facebook and that allows me to create, post and sell from this platform.

I can now make a bag in a day if all goes well and I have a "good sight day". On average, it takes about 2 days to complete a bag. All bags are washer and dryer safe and will maintain their shape despite repeated washing and drying. Many have water resistant bottoms.

**Porcupine Creek** has bags in Dubai, Alaska, Nunavut, England, Scotland, Bahamas and many other States in the USA, as well as most of the provinces in Canada. Our largest order was from a local company that ordered forty bags as gifts for their clients!

Community support has been marvelous. Many people in the area have "Nellie Bags" and some have more than one. Several bags have been donated to local fundraisers.

Currently, I have a great variety of bags in stock at home. Visit us on Facebook or just drop in. “

The CNIB is always looking for volunteers for the VisionMate Program in all areas of the province but especially the Valley area. As Nellie says " ***This program enlarges the world of the visually impaired person.***"



Ed Schofield

## 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.

### *February 2, 1949*

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh (Abbie) Ells, who have been visiting the past three weeks with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long, left on Monday for their home in North Attleboro, Mass.

Mrs. Parmer (Goldie) Schofield was a Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Ruby) Levy.

Lloyd Levy returned home on Thursday from E.K.M. Hospital, after being there for a week following his accident. It will be some time before he can be out again, as his foot is in a cast.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy returned from the hospital on Sunday, much improved. She was a patient there for a week.

Miss Mabel Nowlin is working in Hantsport for a short time.

Miss Ann Lowe spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Perley (Helen) Saltzman, White Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Phyllis) Young and baby Joyce called on Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long on Tuesday.

Our church service was cancelled on Sunday due to the icy roads.

### *February 10, 1949*

The two old friendly rivals, the White Rock Rabbit Hounds and the Black River Wood Chucks have come to grips again at the White Rock Rink and have given us a pretty good brand of pond hockey. At the first game the Rabbit Hounds were victorious to the count of 5-0. The game was sharp with Clyde Pick and Eddie Hancock handling the whistles. The Wood Chucks seemed unable to get through the White Rock defense.

At the second game the Wood Chucks seemed to benefit by the coaching of Ian Long, a member of the old White Rock Bull Dogs, and came back to defeat the Rabbit Hounds 11-1. But the game was not as one sided as the score would denote. It was hockey all the way with everybody good tempered. John Pick handling the whistle.

Miss Joann Smith, White Rock, spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Sewing/Crafts 11-3pm Ways/Means 7pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Sewing/Crafts 11-3pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm- Directors' Meeting 8:00 pm	21 Sewing/Crafts 11-3pm Book Club 7pm-	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	29	30	31	Chili Take-Out Sat. Apr. 2 pick up 4-6 pm	

NOTE: EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID or THE WEATHER. AT TIME OF PRINTING THE CALENDAR IS AS ABOVE



## Chili Take-Out Fundraiser

Saturday, April 2  
pick up 4-6 pm.

\$10 includes:  
Chili, Roll, Dessert  
Enjoy Saturday Night  
Supper with a  
delicious Chili Take-  
Out from our kitchen.

To preorder please call 902 542 5125 or  
email: sharonlake07@gmail.com

\* **FYI:** Those of you who usually get the Black River News delivered by Larry Long can pick it up at the Hall inside the outdoor library by the front door. THIS IS A TEMPORARY MEASURE FOR THE REST OF THE WINTER.

\* **FYI:** Our winter session of the Sewing & Crafts begins again on Monday, March 7. All are welcome to attend from 11 am - 3 pm. We will be discussing some ideas of what we want to do in the coming months. Bring along some of the crafts you have been working on at home and we can sip tea and coffee and share each other's handiwork.

**NEWSLETTER** The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.

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**CONTACTS: Hall Rental/Events Booking: Daily Rental- \$100, Damage Deposit \$50 Contact: Tina Gertridge tinagertridge@gmail.com, 902 542 4152**

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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 ?** Look no further. *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**

## Birthdays

Larry Long	Mar 2
Susan Haley	Mar 3
Nancy Morton	Mar 8
Alice Clancey	Mar 9
Keisha Levy	Mar 12
Mary Tanner Long	Mar 13
Richard Knott	Mar 17
Wendy Weisner	Mar 18
Millie Whiston	Mar 21
Levi Pick	Mar 29
Ethan Levy	Mar 29
Clayton Pick	Mar 31

## Anniversary

Richard Knott & Sharon Lake Mar 29

## With Appreciation

Thanks to those who have removed the snow from the Hall's deck, steps and parking area this winter. We appreciate your dedication and hard work in making it possible for us to get into the Hall without scaling the snow drifts. The insurance for the Hall stipulates that the entrances to the building must be unencumbered and access readily available.

## Get Well Soon

- Best wishes are sent out to **Nancy Morton** who fell and broke her shoulder. We very much wish you a speedy recovery.
  - **Jim McInnis** has returned home from the hospital after having a heart attack. He required some stints. Get well soon, Jim.
  - **Wendy Weisner** has been stricken with pneumonia. We hope you are feeling better soon and look forward to seeing you at sewing and crafts.
- \* Update on **Harlan Spinney**. He is at home and ready to play cards.

## Change of Address

- A couple of long time residents of Black River/White Rock area have moved. **Pearl Schofield** has moved to Musquodoboit to be with her daughter.
- **Larry Long** has moved to his daughter Taryn's house on Sunken Lake Road.

## Volunteer Wanted

- We are looking for a young person who would volunteer to cut the grass around the Hall. We have a grass whipper and a mower so we just need the volunteer. Hank Levy has been doing a great job for many years and is retiring.

### EXECUTIVE ...

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## Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by Clara Spinney

**Jan 23** - A nice pair of red winged blackbirds at my feeder. Really odd for this time of year.

**Jan 28** - Talking with Donna Levy who was telling me that she and Hank have lots of juncos at their feeder. Also they have one lone cardinal which is the only sighting I have heard of this year.

**Feb 1** - Well as anyone who reads these Nature Notes will recall me saying I haven't seen any squirrels - that has changed. I now have one here constantly, with two cats that couldn't care less. They look at one another through the windows until they get bored.

Philip and Tracey Pick are fortunate to have partridges enjoying their shrubs around their house.

The crows are starting to build a nest in the trees up the road from here. Seems too cold for hatching little ones

**Feb 12** - Have had lots of reports of robins - one of my neighbours even baked an apple pie so she could put the peelings out for them.

**Feb 17** - Took my feeder down due to the avian virus which has been found in various places in Nova Scotia. It is recommended that due to the infectious nature of the virus that we not feed the birds now.

**Feb.20** - a long-tailed red squirrel was seen at Gladys and Zane Long's which is much bigger than our common red-tailed squirrel.



Robin

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

### HALL RENTAL:

Daily Rental \$100.00

Damage deposit \$50.

Effective January 1, 2022

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