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Summers In the Pool

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The summer times of my childhood in Idaho were hot. The temperature regularly went to well over 90° fahrenheit and often a bit over the 100° mark. As I said it was hot.

Once we moved to Wolfville, my Nova Scotia-born and raised mother's oft repeated lament of, "I miss the water," made sense. In Idaho, water is a scarce commodity only to be found in irrigation ditches, the Portneuf River (a tributary of the Snake River, which was muddy brown with deadly eddies), swimming pools and the occasional lake. To swim required travel across the city to the one and only public pool or out of town - a long, hot drive across the desert. Cars had no air conditioning then and the car seats were usually some material that ensured our bare legs would stick firmly and uncomfortably. Of course, we kids were used to the heat so didn't mind it so much really. It being "dry" heat - another thing it took some getting used to once we arrived in Nova Scotia and discovered the concept of humidity.

Indian Springs. Right in the middle of the desert outside American Falls along the Snake River. A quick Google search says that the whole area is now a RV Park and Campground. Then it was a lone round building, open to the sky that surrounded a pool. The outside walls were change rooms.

Several times a week Mum would pack a lunch, round up towels, bathing suits and sweaty kids and into the car we'd go for the hot drive that seems to take ages although, again thanks to Google, was apparently only 30 minutes. Cars must have been slower then.

What a total ecstasy to finally get our things together, wait until Mum paid our admission and then that first plunge into the cool water. Heaven! We'd do what kids always do in water - splashed, jumped a million times off the side of the pool into the water only to get out and do it again and again. No pool slides in those days that I remember. We didn't seem to mind their absence.

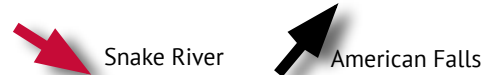
Noon came and the picnic basket was opened and we

ate everything. Afterwards Mum made us wait for one whole hour before we were allowed back in the water so we wouldn't get a cramp. When I tell you that time

stood still for that period, believe it! Must have been quite the tectonic shift as all the mums released us kids from the pool deck. After the initial cannonballs we played happily until that dreaded time when we had to go home.

Those days come back to my memory's heart now. Beyond the fun, though, is my awareness and understanding of all my

mother did several times every week, all summer. She bloomed where she was planted and found a way to share her love of the water while putting everything else on hold so she could take her children swimming. Why do we not appreciate as children all our mothers do rather than taking things as a given? I wish I had realized then what I know now. Mum has been gone a long time now, but not a day passes that I don't think of her and all she did for us. Such sweet memories to cherish.



Gladys Long



The team at **Benjamin Bridge** is always trying new and novel ways to bring the uniqueness of the people and the land together.

Last Fall, they celebrated the third annual edition of Beyond Terroir in friendship with Glooscap First Nation and in partnership with @NSCC. The full profits from this event were being donated to NSCC in the form of a bursary to support two Mi'kmaq students in attending the college's Tourism Hospitality or Culinary Skills program, and benefitting youth activities at Glooscap First Nation.

Chief Peters of Glooscap says about the event:

❗❗ *Mi'kmaq culture, just like Benjamin Bridge, is centred on family and community. This event beautifully encapsulates these relationships. When you come, you feel the warmth and hospitality, and when you leave, you leave with new friendships.* ❗❗

During this winter, an outdoor skating rink was constructed on the slopes of the vineyard. The question was asked: "Unsure what to take home as an après-skate wine? Our friendly team is happy to assist. What's your favourite après-ski, skate, hike, shovelling wine this year? How about trying something like this? The Underwater Quest project is a truly rare experiment: what will a sparkling wine aged under the sea taste like? That is, if the bottles survive the strong currents, harsh winters' feet of ice, daily tides, and the effects of saltwater on the bottles' corks.

Check the links on the Benjamin Bridge Facebook website and the video created by the amazing folks [New Brooklyn Media](#) to see how the adventure unfolds, as Benjamin Bridge's assistant winemaker Alexandre Morozov and our oyster farming friends, La Maison BeauSoleil's brothers Maxime and Jean-Francois Daigle search for the sunken bottles to determine whether this creates a beautiful wine, or if "every bottle will break". Well, the bottles were recovered but you must be a Benjamin Bridge Club member to get your hands on one, I believe. Sorry!

The Gaspereau Valley Wine Shop is open daily from 10am-5pm and guided tastings by appointment may be booked year round. The Benjamin Bridge team are makers of "Méthode Classique" sparkling wines, limited-edition wines as well as Nova 7. On fair weather days, enjoy a glass of sparkling wine on the open-air terrace overlooking the picturesque Gaspereau Valley. The menu features tasting flights for those who would like a variety, and a rotating by-the-glass menu of exciting seasonal small-lots. The winery is wheelchair accessible. Don't forget to check out the gift shop for some great ideas.



Wines from Benjamin Bridge have become favourites of wine lovers from all over. Their signature Nova 7 turns 15 this year. They have a great selection of Sparkling wines as well as Brut and Rosé. One of their most prestigious customers is the Gordon Ramsey Michelin Restaurants who serve Nova 7. What else can you expect from a winery that has won too many medals to count in Canada and abroad? Their wines are available directly from the winery and listed across the country on retailer shelves and soon on additional international markets.

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 24, 1949

The Black River School held a Valentine Party at the school house, February 14th. The pupils exchanged Valentines and played games afterwards. Fudge was passed as a treat. The program was supervised by Misses M.B. Guier and A.C. Lowe.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arnel (Helen) Levy on the birth of a son at Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital.

Ian Long and Claude Rogers played on the White Rock hockey team recently, when they defeated the Gaspereau team 9 to 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy and daughter Hope, spent the week end with Mrs. Levy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiltz, Lockhartville.

Clyde McInnis went to Halifax one day last week to see Mrs. McInnis who is still taking treatment in the V.G. Hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Ruth Long, of Halifax, spent Easter week end with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Long. On her return she was accompanied by her sister Grace who will spend some time in Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robie (Isabel) Long, New Minas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long were pleasantly surprised on Tuesday evening when their oldest son Alton, of Rhode Island, arrived by plane to spend a few days with them. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 13. A surprise party was given to them in the evening when some of the family, friends and neighbours gathered at their home. Their children gave them a frigidaire, and the community a trilight floor lamp. A very pleasant evening was spent and a bountiful lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Long have five sons and five daughters. Three daughters and their son Alton reside in the U.S.A.

Master Wayne Schofield, of White Rock, spent Monday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy.

Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long and daughter Linda, visited on Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Lillian) Smith.

NOTE: AT TIME OF PRINTING
THE CALENDAR IS AS ABOVE

MAY EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2 Sewing/Crafts 11-3pm Guest - Sherri Lund	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Sewing/Crafts 11-3pm Ways/Means 7pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm- Directors' Meeting 8:00 pm-	16 Sewing/Crafts 11-3pm Book Club 7pm-	17	18	19	20 Yard Sale 4-6 pm BBQ, Canteen Available	21 Yard Sale 8am-12pm BBQ, Canteen Available
22	23 Sewing/Crafts 11-3pm	24	25	26	27	28 Kitchen Party 7-9 free will offering
29	30 Sewing/Crafts 11-3pm Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	31				

• **Community Pot Luck** Bring your supper and share it with your neighbours. May 1 Sunday, 4:30 - 6:30.

• **Community Yard Sale- Friday May 20 4-6/Sat May 21 Sat 8-12** Tables: Inside \$5/Outside- Bring your own. Call 902 542 3180 for info. Wanted gently used donations for the Hall table. BBQ and Canteen Available

• **Kitchen Party May 28, Sat. 7-9 pm** Bring your instruments and your good time voices. Free Will Offering. Snacks available

• **Donate your refundable bottles to the Hall.** Drop off anytime **until the end of May** in the designated can at the Hall. **Money donated to the Ukraine Relief Fund.**

• Sewing and Crafts for May

All are welcome to attend from 11 am - 3 pm.

• **May 2** - Guest - **Sherri Lund** will introduce us to her new fabric shop opening in New Minas. All are welcome to attend.

• **WANTED Volunteers to help the Seniors' Connect Program. Starting in June on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm.** For more information 902 542 5125.

• **WANTED Carpenters/Labourers,** with or without experience to help build a home in Black River. Starting mid-April- Sept. Contact Thomas: twkrause@gmail.com

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

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<http://blackrivercommunityhall.weebly.com/>

<https://anchor.fm/storiesfromblackriver>

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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**
- **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

Beau Milligan	Apr 19
<i>Belated Happy Birthday</i>	
Livia Levy	May 4
Carla (Davies) Spidle	May 4
Kathy Berry	May 6
Amy Davies	May 7
Megan Ells	May 8
Judy McLearn	May 8
Jane Feindal	May 8
Anna Ells	May 9
Jeff England	May 9
Sandi Schofield	May 14
Lois Long	May 21
Deanna Schofield	May 23
Bryce Ells	May 24
Leland Harris	May 25
Richard Schofield	May 25
Sharon Lake	May 27
Clara Spinney	May 29
Jimmy Milligan	May 29
Aiden Schofield	May 29
Ford Spidle	May 29

Anniversary

Bernie & Charlene Davies	May 20
Brody Russell & Rebecca Collings	May 30

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Condolences

We are sorry to hear that **Stephen Harris** passed away in March. Sympathy is extended to his wife Valerie and their children, friends and family.
www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/161127

Condolences are sent to the family and friends of **Helen Cousins** who passed away in April.

www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/161373

With Appreciation

Thanks to everyone who helped out and supported the **Chili Take -Out** in April. It was a well attended fundraiser with a delicious chili and scrumptious desserts.

Retirement

After working 47 years with the Town of Wolfville **Ford Spidle** has retired. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by Clara Spinney

- Now that I am not feeding the birds it seems like such a void. The hummingbirds will be here within the next couple of weeks and I don't believe there will be any ban on feeding them.

- Lots of sightings of deer in fields around the neighbourhood. Always nice to see them. Zelma Long has her lawn ornaments back again this year. Three of them come to feed on her lawn night and day. Lucky for her as they are such beautiful animals.

- Every year I always notice the ducks in the ditch in the Deep Hollow Rd. Always thought I was the only one to gauge the start of spring in this manner. Well this year I have had many people tell me "The ducks are in the Deep Hollow." So nice to hear; now I know I am not alone.

- Since the last newsletter the ice has gone out of Sunken Lake and the water fowl have returned for the summer. I have a pair of mallards and a pair of black ducks preparing to nest up this little brook at the edge of my lawn. They go up the little brook to the swamp and nest. The males stay here at the lake until she brings her babies down. Then they leave all the upbringing to mother duck.

- The loons are back. They have changed much over the years I've been watching them (52 yrs). When I first started watching them they were very vocal, day and night. Now they are much quieter and they used to stay long into the fall, almost to freeze up and now they leave by the first part of September.

- Phil and Tracey Pick have a cock pheasant visiting them. He is such a beautiful bird maybe he'll bring a mate. While out walking in their woods they've seen several salamanders laying their eggs in water holes. They have also bard owls in their woods around their home.

- I still have squirrels. They found my box of solar lights, a long string of mini solar lights is now in pieces of about 4 in. in length. Need I say more?

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 • Damage deposit \$50
Effective January 1, 2022

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