

# Black River News

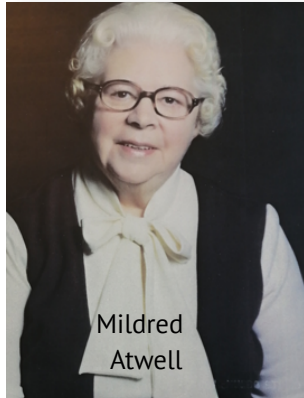
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My Mother

MAY 2024

Mildred Clara Jackson Atwell, as she was known in the community, but to Connie, Jackie, Judi and me she was Mum and the best mother we could have asked for. Mum grew up in an era where all girls were taught to be young ladies. She could play the piano and sing, crochet and embroider, prepare meals and bake wonderful desserts - all skills she tried to pass on to us. I can remember how we loved the doughnut making days or the Easter chocolates we made for years.



Mildred Atwell

Mum filled many other roles in her life in Black River. She was a teacher for many years in the Black River school where, in addition to teaching the 3R's, she passed along her love of reading to many of her students.

In those days weather forecasts weren't as reliable and being caught at school as a winter storm swept in could sometimes leave Mum to walk home in blizzard conditions, especially bad when you consider the dreaded "Spinney" hill.

She attended church regularly and later took over as organist from Mabel Long. Mum sat facing the congregation while the sermon was being given which gave her the opportunity to make sure her "girls" were



Mildred's "girls" and sons-in-law  
l-r: Judi & Perry Munro, Dianne, Bob & Jackie Clifford, John & Connie Hudson

behaving appropriately. Often I was not. She believed in The Good Book, the Ten Commandments and The Golden Rule, all of which she tried to live by.

Looking back I can see that our childhood days were happy. Mum had given us so many ways to fill the hours especially in the long winter nights. There were card games, especially cribbage and 45's, board games like Monopoly, Chinese Checkers and Scrabble and of course, books were always loved. After some of us had moved away Mum and Dad continued with nightly cribbage or Scrabble games, keeping a friendly tally of who had won each night.

She was a good neighbour, always willing to assist in any way she could. She was a firm believer that all people were created equal and she helped whoever needed her help. She was a member of the Community Club for years and enjoyed participating in their activities.

And I remember the summer birthday parties, Connie and Judi born in July, card tables under the trees by our house, egg salad sandwiches and Koolaid and birthday cake, our cousins from the States home for the summer and we were so happy.

Years go by in the blink of an eye. We grew up and moved on or away, had our own families and children, visiting on weekends when we could, and then suddenly Dad died. Mum was left on her own in the house he had built for us in the 50's. Mum was able to live out her days in the home she loved with the help of Judi and Perry and her friends in the community.

Just a special word to her grandchildren, Mum loved you all from the day you were born. Your visits gave her such joy and happiness all her life. You were cherished.

*Dianne Allen*

## The Frugal Kitchen by Trina Long

The following recipe has to be one of my favourites. It is the First Rite of Spring. I love it for its golden colour and delicate honey flavour. It also has benefits such as high in potassium and some other vitamins, can help detoxify the liver, and also aid in digestion. Avoid picking these petals in the proximity of traffic and pesticides as they may be toxic. Once you have tasted this I believe you will understand why I consider it a pantry must.



<b>Dandelion Jelly</b>	2 tbsp lemon juice
2 cups dandelion petals	1 box pectin
4 cups water	4 cups sugar

Clean dandelion petals removing any green.

Heat petals in the water until just about to boil, remove from heat and let sit until cool. Place in the fridge for 24 hours.

Strain well squeezing out as much liquid as possible.

Measure out 4 cups of liquid and pour into a large pot, add 2 tbsp of lemon juice and pectin and bring to a boil.

Add sugar, stir well and return to a boil. Boil the jelly for 1-2 minutes, stirring constantly, and remove from heat. Pour jelly into hot jars leaving 1/4 inch of headspace.

Place the lids on finger tight. Place the jars in a water bath canner for 10 minutes. Let sit for 24 hours. Enjoy!

# Hello Neighbour ...

## Highways and Blackflies

Well, we are well into the muddy roads and pothole season. Each year it is the major point of conversation. Each Spring, the Department of Highways and Infrastructure Renewal releases a 5 year improvement plan. It can be found at <http://novascotia.ca/tran/highways/>. There are a number of new projects, paving and gravel road work slated for Kings County. We all have roads that we feel should be "looked at" as soon as possible, of course, and I am pleased to see a couple of them on this year's list.

I'd like to bring your attention to the works scheduled for:

- **Sunken Lake Road:** from end of asphalt westerly 3 km - Kings Gravel Road Program
- **Deep Hollow Road:** from Black River Lake Road northerly 1.8 km - Kings Gravel Road Program.

On Monday, April 8th saw road marking taking place on the Deep Hollow Road project. Let's hope they don't take all summer to complete these jobs. Following is a partial list of the 2024-25 project list. The complete list for the province can be found at the above link.

### Highway Improvement Plan Kings County. Projects Planned for 2024 - 25

#### Major Construction Projects for 2024-25 County Type

**Highway 101 :** Cambridge Interchange and Connector (multiple year project) Kings 100 Series Expansion & Other Major Road Upgrades

**Orchard Street:** Orchard Street and Trunk 1 intersection improvements 0.2 km - Kings County- Construction Local Road

**Route 221:** from Tory Lane Clark Road easterly km. Kings Repaving Arterial/ Collectors

**North River Road:** from Prospect Quarry to Rogers Lane 7- Kings County - Repaving Local Roads

**Collins Road:** from Starrs Point Road to Church Street 1.6 km - Kings Maintenance Paving

**Gospel Woods Road:** from Route 359 easterly to Black Hole Road 6.5 km - Kings Maintenance Paving

**Harmony Road:** from Palmer Road easterly 1.6 km - Kings Maintenance Paving

**Saxon Street:** from Canning Aboiteau Road to Canard Street 2.1 km - Kings Maintenance Paving

#### Gravel Road Projects for 2024-25 Km County Type

**Burgess Mountain Road:** from end of pavement northerly to Hiltz Road 2.6 km - Kings Gravel Road Program

**Deep Hollow Road:** *see previous information*

**East Torbrook Road:** from Tremont Mountain Road easterly 1.7 km - Kings Gravel Road Program

**Hamilton Road:** from Barley Street northerly 2.5 km - Kings Gravel Road Program

**Hiltz Road:** from Burgess Mountain Road to Chipman Brook road 1.3 km - Kings Gravel Road Program

**Sunken Lake Road:** *see previous information*

Now, about those blackflies ...

*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.

## April 26, 1951

Miss Marie Smith, Wolfville and Victor Weir, Greenwich, were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir.

Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy, Melanson, called on Mrs. Arnel (Helen) Levy.

Mrs. Arnel (Helen) Levy, Mrs. Hedley (Merle) Schofield and Lloyd Levy attended the sing song at Merton Levy's Tuesday night.

Mrs. Murray (?) Smith, White Rock visited Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long Saturday and Mrs. Waldo (Dorothy) Long spent the week end with Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long.

Glad to report Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long much improved in health.

## May 10-17, 1951

Mrs. Edward (?) Smeltzer returned from Windsor Forks Sunday after being a guest of Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy.

Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir spent Tuesday in Kentville with her mother, Mrs. Creelman (Lydia) Schofield.

The Community Club held its meeting with Mrs. Clifford (Ada) Long. The 10¢ tea was served by the hostesses Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long. Plans were made for a crokinole party in aid of church repairs.

We are sorry to report Frank Ells is on the sick list.

Jack Allen, who is employed in Grand Pre, spent the week end with Mrs. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith (?) Perry and two children, Hantsport, visited Mr. and Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell on Sunday.

The crokinole party held Friday night was very successful with \$19.51 raised for church purposes. The first prizes went to Miss Ethel Longley and Hartley Smith, Mary Eagles and Ernest McInnis won consolation prizes and Elmer Pick won the Mystery box contest.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Walter (Mildred) Schofield, Mrs. Lawson (Bessie) Atwell and Frank Ells are still on the sick list.

Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell returned to her duties as primary teacher after an absence of several days while ill with flu.

## Annapolis Valley High Speed Internet

We thank the AVHS for the complimentary internet at our community hall. CONTACT them at 902-692-9100 or [annapolisvalleyhighspeed.com](http://annapolisvalleyhighspeed.com).  
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# May events ●●●



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Sewing/Crafts Meeting 11 am Ways/Means & Maintenance 7pm	7 45's Card Party 7 pm- 9 pm \$4	8	9 Card Making 7-9 pm	10	11 Mother's Day Tea 1 pm-3 pm See details below
12	13	14 45's Card Party 7 pm- 9 pm \$4	15	16	17	18
19	20 Sewing/Crafts Meeting 11 am Book Club 7pm-	21 45's Card Party 7 pm- 9 pm \$4	22	23	24	25
26 Monthly Meeting 7 pm	27 Heritage Meeting 7pm	28 45's Card Party 7 pm- 9 pm \$4	29	30	31	

• **45's Card Party - Tuesdays 7 pm-9 pm Admission \$4**  
50/50 tickets. Light Lunch. Contact Zelma for more info  
902 542 2842 or email: sunkenhaven@gmail.com

• **Card Making Classes - Diane Ells 902 542 5173**  
instructs classes in very professional looking cards.  
**Classes - 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm, in the Hall.**  
All are welcome to attend and enjoy the fun.

## Wanted 1

• We are planning to create a calendar to represent our community. If you have a photo or plan to take one to submit please contact Diane Ells at dianeells1933@gmail.com or 902 542 5173. Looking for photos of the area at different seasons of the year (horizontally positioned, high resolution) eg. family skating on outdoor ponds. sunsets, snow, animals, gardens, etc). We are hoping to have the calendar for sale in September so get your photos in soon. A fundraiser for the upkeep of the Hall.

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

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**LIVE LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTER & PODCASTS below:**

<https://www.facebook.com/blackrivercommunityhall/>

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

<https://anchor.fm/storiesfromblackriver>

<https://open.spotify.com/show/1zMHYxDMwQ9uUjCNQSmN7U?si=m5N2VSsQQZufzbSNR96dyQ>

## • MAY 11 MOTHER'S DAY TEA

1-3 pm Menu: sandwiches, sweets, tea, coffee. Free will offering admission. Silent Cake Auction, Cup and Saucer Sale. All are Welcome.



## Coming Soon ...

• **June 8 Craft & Whatnot Sale 9 am -3 pm** A chance to upcycle leftover crafts. Clean out your craft centre, sell unfinished and unwanted to make room for something new. BBQ Canteen Available.

• **June 15 Father's Day Breakfast. 8-10am** Menu: pancakes, sausage, baked beans, coffee, tea, juice \$10 adult/\$5 kids

## Wanted 2

• Looking for family favourite recipes for a community-wide cookbook. A little story about the recipe would be appreciated. Please contact Diane Ells at dianeells1933@gmail.com or 902 542 5173 with your recipe.

**CONTACTS: Hall Rental/Events Booking: Daily Rental-\$100, Damage Deposit \$50 Contact: Jayn Kenny 902 542 0002**

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**Ways and Means:** Contact Diane Ells 902 542 5173

**Book Club:** [mary.tanner.long@hotmail.com](mailto:mary.tanner.long@hotmail.com)

**Card Games:** Zelma Long 902 542 2842 or [sunkenhaven@gmail.com](mailto:sunkenhaven@gmail.com)

## 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 is offering QUALITY, DRY KINDLING \$10** single, \$8 five or more bags. **DROP-IN AT 85 UPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD or CALL 902.713.5094.**
- SMOKED GASPAREAU FILLETS** - Jack is taking orders now.

Available 1st week of May

**RETA SPINNEY'S Jams Jellies Pickles -\$6 Jams & Jellies & \$8 Pickles**

• **HUMBLE HILL HOMESTEAD** offering: farm fresh eggs in a variety of colours, frozen-fresh rabbit, veggies and transplants seasonally. Contact Facebook Farm Page or call/text 902.300.5482

• **FOR SALE: Locally grown lean ground beef \$6/lb.** Custom beef orders for sides and quarters \$5/lb. **Call Shawn Levy 902 300 4432**

• **Need a little help around the house or yard? Some cleaning, organizing or light yard work? If so, call Amber Hermie-Long at 1 (506) 280-1568. She can help you out!!**

## Birthdays

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 24
Sharon Lake	May 27
Clara Spinney	May 29
Jimmy Milligan	May 29
Aiden Schofield	May 29
Ford Spidle	May 29

## Anniversary

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

## Well-Wishes

Our best wishes to Jim McInnis as he deals with his illness, with hopes for a speedy recovery.

## Condolences

Condolences are extended to the families and friends of Charles Schofield who passed away in April

[www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/176978fbclid=IwAR22oEXhdEfg5lGgD3htQkS7rUBCWQabB1nJxSFSRaTunejZqPGflhnW6H4\\_aem\\_AZojUePs6VICS\\_rZ4\\_5z41pieBKKxBIWlg3hWsFMX4g\\_yuWoxMurFb9PdW7CKZ4oo00ozvLXnOwpWRkxZ0qNu-AZ](http://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/176978fbclid=IwAR22oEXhdEfg5lGgD3htQkS7rUBCWQabB1nJxSFSRaTunejZqPGflhnW6H4_aem_AZojUePs6VICS_rZ4_5z41pieBKKxBIWlg3hWsFMX4g_yuWoxMurFb9PdW7CKZ4oo00ozvLXnOwpWRkxZ0qNu-AZ)

## With Appreciation

Thanks to all who came out to support our Clean Out Your Closet Sale. It was a case of out with the old and in with the New to You Treasures.

Thanks also to the talented bakers who produced such delicious-looking cakes.

## Plants for the Hall Garden

• We are looking for some plants for our Hall garden. If you are thinning out your plants and want to donate the extra plants to the Hall, please call Diane Ells 902 542 5173 and leave a message.

## EXECUTIVE ...

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# Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by Clara Spinney

• **March 27** - An excited Zelma Long phoned to report a lynx in her yard - seems she has all kinds of wild life.

• The Loons have finally arrived at Sunken Lake. It looked grim for awhile as they used to always be here the day after the ice went out.

• We have a few ducks this Spring but nothing compared to what it used to be. I'm sure there are some nesting but that isn't promising as once they hatch the eagles will be after them.

• There are a few geese that land on the lake but they don't stay. It is nice to see a few. Reports of many geese reposing in and around the Levy pond.



Hooded Merganser

• I have lived here on Sunken Lake over fifty years and this year is the first time I have seen hooded mergansers in the Spring. There was a small flock here, then a pair stayed behind for this past week. I haven't seen them today so maybe they have moved off north. Since they nest in hollow trees maybe they are up in the woods.

• Another sure sign of Spring are the peeping frogs. They have a real celebration on warm nights.



Peeper

• Nice to see a few deer out in the fields feeding in the evenings.

• Our feathered friends that have depended on our feeders can fend for themselves now so in come the feeders. Next to go out are the hummingbird feeders. I hope we have a bigger count this summer. This bird flu is playing havoc for all birds.

*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:

• Rental \$125 • Damage deposit \$50.

Effective April 2024

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**Accepting bookings for Hall Rental Now**