

# Black River News

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LEST WE FORGET

NOVEMBER 2021

We celebrate and honour all those who fought in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War each November 11. We call it Remembrance Day - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when the Armistice was signed to end the First World War. It was said to be the war to end all wars.

In an interview between historian and author Leo Deveau and News 95.7's Todd Veinotte in 2018 Leo said when war was declared in 1914, 30,000 Nova Scotia men volunteered, and about 3400 of them were killed. Deveau quotes many more statistics of the largest war up to that time.

"We tend to forget that war involved globally over 70 million military personnel, and over nine-million people died, and that doesn't include the seven-million civilians that died as well." Some of men and women who lost their lives were not even out of their teens.

When the soldiers came home to Halifax after the First World War they wouldn't have recognized it as the city they left. Halifax had been almost flattened by the Halifax Explosion in 1917. The city looked like what they had left behind in Europe. It was rebuilding but evidence of the destruction remained. There were homeless people everywhere, 9000 had been injured and 20,000 loved ones dead. The emotional trauma must have been tremendous and without a support system for war veterans many had to depend and support each other. (PTSD wasn't recognized until recently.) To help raise money for the veterans the symbol of the poppy and the Royal Canadian Legion had its beginnings.\*

Annapolis Valley historian Ed Coleman relates a story from his father Carl, who served in WWI. He says his father did not forget the trenches' atrocities.

"Disease, rats and German snipers were the worst threats, my father recalled when he talked about trench warfare. ... if you didn't get sick from trench conditions and rat bites, you had to contend with snipers picking you off from behind enemy lines."

Today in Canada there are approximately 33,200 World War II vets alive from the roughly one million who enlisted in 1939. Most of them are in their nineties. 45,000 died during the war and 55,000 were wounded. During WWII the odds of survival were 19%; during the Vietnam War it was 16%.\*

From Thomas H. Raddall's book West Novas - A History of the West Nova Scotia Regiment:

"... I made my way back to 'A' Company's radio set through a scene such as I hope I'll never see again. The field behind

the trees was a mass of shell holes, and there about a dozen tanks sat silent, half of them burning. One blew up with a sudden explosion and the turret flipped off like a pot cover. One smoking tank held two living men; the driver opened his small cover and crawled out with his overalls afire; then the turret lid flew open and the tank commander started to crawl out. He was injured and his clothes were blazing, and as he saw me approaching his eyes seemed to plead for help although he did not utter a word. I ran towards the tank, and one of our men jumped out of a slit trench and



WWII Memorabilia from Byron Long (father of Clara Spinney)

raced across on the same errand. Just as we reached it the tank blew up and hurled the tank commander through the air. He fell about 25 yards away. We crawled over to him - the air seemed to be full of bursting shells - but when we reached him he'd had it - for good.

"The driver was rolling himself over and over in the grass. We beat the flames from his coveralls, which were now charred crisp, and he was terribly burned. All he could utter was curses - no complaints, no sign of fear. We helped him over to the post where our own wounded were being collected and I went back to my slit trench. On the way I met Capt. A. H. MacLean (Gladys Long's father) of 'C' Company, with half the flesh of his arm torn away by shrapnel. He had come over to have a talk with me and find out the situation of the tanks. I got the C/O on the radio and gave him the picture. I was told simply to wait. We waited and waited ..."

May 8, 1945 marks the end of WWII in Europe with the German surrender of its armed forces. In Japan the war ended with the Japanese surrender on Sept. 2, 1945.

"Time will not dim the glory of their deeds", said General John J. Pershing of the men and women of World War I. We continue to be a warring people; we have not had the war to end all wars but it behoves us to remember those who have fought and lived with unspeakable memories of them, to listen and learn from their stories. *Lest We Forget.*

\*Information and statistics from Google

# Hello, Neighbour!

## ARTS AND CRAFTS BLACK RIVER- Local Crafters

We are taking a quick look at some of the crafters and artisans that make Black River and area their home. Listed below are just a few of the talented folks that make and sell their quality products far and wide. There will be a **Craft Sale** at the **Black River Community Hall on November 20, from 9-2.** (See ad on page 3.) All Covid protocols will be in place. You will be asked for proof of immunization so please be prepared. It will be great to see everyone again!

### Donna Levy - Sweater Mittens

*"Three years ago I attended a class at the Black River Hall organized by Judy Levy and this particular class was taught by Nancy Morse. We were told to bring a sweater that would be made into a pair of mittens. The class was so much fun, especially when I ended up with two left mittens. The next day I worked away and my husband then owned two pair of mittens. I realized that this is something I like to do and away I went. My first mittens were made of fleece and my brother's family in Ontario all received Nova Scotia tartan mittens for Christmas. Since then I've made hundreds of mittens, mostly right and left handed but occasionally two left hands! I have attended several craft shows and sold lots of mittens there plus on the Facebook marketplace. Last year several pairs of my creations ended up in New York. I use woollen sweaters and line them in fleece. They are warm and cozy and have done them in a variety of sizes. Thanks to the craft days at the Hall I have found a hobby I enjoy!"*

### Jessica Myra -Mother Muse Natural Fibre Creations

Jessica Myra is a local artist who creates beautiful and amazing 3D needle felted figures and incredible flat felted pieces that resemble paintings. Inspired as a woman and mother, Jessica draws her unique and natural talent from a sweet and innocent place with whimsical twists. She uses natural animal fibres as her medium; often using single strands at a time.

### Perry Munro - Prints

*"I have always been interested in the place I travel to fish and paint watercolours and do pen and inks of the adventures and beauty of what is around us. This includes local as in Black River and some far away as in the Arctic. I try to make my art affordable and I am sure something will catch your eye."*

### Nancy Morse - Felting

*"Needle felting is the process of taking wool, that hasn't been spun into yarn yet and creating 2 & 3 dimensional sculptures. By using a barbed needle and a stabbing motion the wool is poked so it binds together forming felt. I make small sculptures and also embellish material to form decorative pictures on clothing or as wall art. Once the needle felting process is complete the item can be washed in hot soapy water and dried. This is called wet felting."*

### Tracey Pick - Photography

*"I started taking pictures on my cell phone of sunsets and nature as a creative outlet after health issues made it difficult to sketch and paint. I quickly moved up to an actual camera after I found I enjoyed this new hobby and it gave me reason to get outside and hike. Sunset/sunrise photos are my favourite to do because no two are ever the same. I also love doing landscapes/seascapes, animals and macro work of flowers and insects. Occasionally I get a shot or video of something wonderfully surprising!"*

### Nellie Schofield and Vision-made Angela- Porcupine Creek Products

Nellie's creations include handbags, grocery bags, wine bags and more. These products have been made with the kind assistance and support of a CNIB Vision mate volunteer. This program enlarges the world of a visually impaired person.

### Taryn's Knit Knacks - Crocheted and Knit Crafts

### Jack and Reta Spinney - Rugs, Preserves and more

### Lena's Macrame - Name says it all!

### Kelly the Bag Lady- Masks, Jewelry and more

Let's see if we can do our shopping locally. Everyone benefits that way!

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.

## July 29, 1948

Mrs. Sadie Fielding, Wolfville, and Mrs. Elsie Eagles, Gaspereau, are spending some time at the former's summer home here.

Mrs. Alvin (Ada) Ellis, Victoria beach, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. (Rosie) Ells were supper guests at the same home on Sunday.

Charlotte Eagles and Phillip Long have returned from E.K.M. and B.F.M. Hospitals after having tonsil operations.

Mrs. Emery (Vera) Nowlin and daughter Gail are spending this week in Wolfville visiting her sons Arden and Morley.

Keith Stewart, Windsor, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long.

## August 5, 1948

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford (Ada) Long on the birth of their son at B.F. M. Hospital, Kentville.

Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy and grand-daughter Theresa spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Ida Mae) Smith of White Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron (Verna) Long and baby daughter Clara spent the week end at Mrs. Long's home in Victoria Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward (?) Stewart, of Windsor, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long.

Miss Grace Long, of Grand Pre, and Jack Allen, of Wolfville, visited Jennie Long one day last week.

Miss Joan Nowlin, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Morley (Hilda) Nowlin, of Wolfville, is spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Emery (Vera) Nowlin.

Stanley Levy accompanied by his son Charlton, also Mr. and Mrs. Arnel (Helen) Levy and little son, Barry, motored to Sherwood, Lunenburg County, on Sunday to attend a service, the speaker being Stewart Murray, of Wolfville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian (Hazel) visited Mr. & Mrs. Morley (Hilda) Nowlin, of Wolfville, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David (?) Burns, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie (?) Burns & two children of Massachusetts are visiting Ambrose and Miss Annie Burns.

# NOVEMBER EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Director's Meeting 7:00-8 pm Ways & Means 8:00-9 pm	8 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm	9	10 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	11	12	13
14	15 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm	16	17 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	18	19	20 Country Craft Sale 9am-2pm
21 Monthly MEETING 7:00-8 pm	22 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm Book Club 7:00-	23	24 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	25	26	27
28	29 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	30	Seniors' Connect 1-3pm			

**COVID 19 Prevention Guidelines in Effect / Evidence of Vaccinations Required**

## From The Ratification of the By-Laws:

Our association is called Black River and District Community Association or BRDCA.

Any permanent or seasonal resident being eighteen years of age and over who upholds the objectives of the Association and wishes to contribute to the support of the Association will be admitted to the membership of the Association. There are no dues applicable to becoming a member.

Any member of the Association will be eligible run for election as a Director of the Association or as an Officer. Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary), elected by the General Membership, will serve for a term of one year. Election occurs at each Annual Meeting in October.



## Country Craft Sale

Black River Community Hall • 989 Deep Hollow

**Saturday, November 20**

**9 AM - 2 PM**

Table Rental: small \$5 large \$10

Contact: 70t0852@gmail.com or call Sheila 902 915 7680

Don't miss your chance to Christmas Shop for that special item: a variety of local crafts, artwork, Donna's smittens, preserves, jams, Nellie's bags, jewellery and more ...

Hot Dogs, Pop Available

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

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

**Password for internet: communitycenter**

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

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

<https://anchor.fm/storiesfromblackriver>

<https://open.spotify.com/show/1zMHYxDMwQ9uUjCNQSmN7U?si=m5N2VSsQQZufzSNR96dyQ>

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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: 902.542.1552 **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**

**Looking for KINDLING for the winter season?** 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 UPPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**

## Birthdays

Brian Schofield	Nov 1
Ed Schofield	Nov 3
Mildred Levy	Nov 7
Tanya Hoyt	Nov 7
Willie Golar	Nov 8
Bruce Hoyt	Nov 9
Pearl Schofield	Nov 11
Laurie Levy	Nov 18
Cranswick Golar	Nov 19
Laura Harris	Nov 23
Margo Levy	Nov 29

## Anniversaries

Eamon & Sara Munro Clancey	Nov 3
Morris & Gertie Ells (67 yrs)	Nov 29

## Condolences

**Mary Hilda Sawler** passed away in September. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends and especially to her daughters Janet Hiltz and Barbara Kingsley.

**Beverly (Weir) Duncanson** passed away suddenly in October. She grew up in our community as one of 13 children raised by Aggie and Edgar Weir. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

## With Appreciation

Many thanks to **Clayton Pick** for his very fine repair of the garden bench. It is beautiful with its new stain and wood. A garden needs a place to sit to enjoy it. Please feel free to use it.



**Thanks to all who supported our Chili Take-Out in October.** It was a successful fundraiser with your help; the chili was full of flavour and the crisps tasty.

**NEW PROGRAM AT WHITE ROCK HALL (TIME)** welcomes people with balance & mobility challenges to exercise! A licensed fitness program developed by University Health Network & Toronto Rehabilitation physiother-apists - \$3/ class with commitment of 8 weeks; Drop-in \$5. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11am-12 noon. **Contact: Robin** 902 297 7389 **Phyllis** 902 542 3733

## Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

recorded by **Clara Spinney**

**Sept 27** - Laurie Levy told me that Schofield Rd now has two black squirrels and two old-fashioned red.

**Oct 4** - Three cedar waxwings dropped by for a quick visit. Since I don't have any rose hips they soon left.

**Oct 7** - We now have one cormorant in the lake. It seems every fall one or two come and stay a very short time.

**Oct 12** - Six male mallard here today. There hasn't been any male mallards here since Spring. Lots of sightings of bears in the neighbourhood. I just got a quick glance of one but that doesn't count to me. A flock of bluejays have arrived at where the feeder should be. I have not started to feed the birds yet. I wait for snow. I've also had the odd chickadee check out the situation but there is so much feed for them they don't need me feeding them. The loons have left now. It seems along time before their return. Bernard Forsythe has put one of his owl boxes at Sunken Lake. It will be interesting to see the results of that come spring. Although it may take a couple of years for them to get comfortable with their new home.

**Oct 15** - The beaver decided they had left me alone long enough. They took my ash tree; this is the third time. It was small but probably tasty. Those six male mallard s drop by from time to time with mates. Doesn't it seem like this is the wrong time to be mating?

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

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The Annual Election of Executive and Board of Directors was held on October 17, 2021.

Thank you to **Tina Gertridge**, past President and to **Gladys Long**, past Secretary. Both have been hardworking, dedicated people for our Black River - Sunken Lake neighbourhood. We extend our gratitude to both as we welcome **Clayton Pick** and **Ed Schofield** as President and Vice-President respectively.

**Jayn Kenny** becomes the new Secretary and **Tara Lee McLearn** stays on as Treasurer.

Opposite are the new Executive and Board of Directors and their contact numbers. Please contact them with your concerns and interests. Feel free to attend our monthly meetings to find out what we are doing and have a look at the calendar on page 3.