

# Black River News

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*Remembrance Day* has been observed in Canada since the end of the First World War in 1919. It is a day in which we honour those armed forces members who have died in the line of duty by the wearing of poppies, wreath laying ceremonies and by moments of silence. Today we try to remember all who served in the military from the World Wars to present day, to recognize their courage, hardships and for some, their deaths. The Canadians who fought in wars, not on Canadian soil, believed that our freedoms and rights were being threatened. When we look around us at other countries in conflict we are reminded that we mustn't take for granted our freedoms and rights to live under a democratic government.

Below are the names of Community Members who served in World War I and II. They are commemorated on the Honour Rolls hanging at the Hall :

## 1914-1918

**Aubrey Atwell, Rueban Atwell, Ralph Ells, Leverett Long, Alonzo Nowlin, Harold Porter, Gordon Redden, Stanley Redden, Frank Reid, Harold Schofield, Aveman Schofield, David Schofield, Douglas Schofield, Grant Schofield**

## 1939-1945

**Ethel Atwell, Ivan Levy, Lloyd Levy, Byron Long, Irvin Melvin, Clyde Murray, Arden Nowlin, Keith Schofield, Franzell Spinney, Gordon Weir, Benjamin Stultz**

Four sons of Walter and Dorothy Mae Atwell who served during WWII but are not on the Honour Roll:

**Dempsey Atwell, Ace Atwell, Avery Atwell, Hugh Atwell**

## Serving After WWI / WWII

**Donald Feltmate** served in the Gulf War and received several medals. He received the Gulf/Kuwait medal for his service and the Commander Air Command Commendation for his professionalism, leadership and outstanding service while in the Gulf theatre of operation. He was also presented with the Medal of Liberation of Kuwait by the Government of the State of Kuwait. Among other awards received during his career, in 2002 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Military Merit by her Excellency the Governor General, one of the highest non combat related decorations in the Canadian Forces. After 35 years of service he retired with the rank of Major, OMM, GM, CD2.

**Theresa Feltmate** joined the military as a Nursing Sister after working at the Pazant Memorial Hospital and the Burn unit at the IWK Children's Hospital. She worked in hospital settings in North Bay and Greenwood. In 1975 she returned to civilian nursing in several hospitals across Canada. In 1980 she rejoined the Air Reserve as a surgical nurse at Stadacona Hospital in Halifax. She was promoted to the rank of captain when she transferred back to the Regular Force and worked from 1982-1997 in various positions. She retired in 1997 with the rank of Captain.

The Black River Cemetery is well maintained by Jeff Long and Bryce Ells and is a place of peaceful beauty. For

some time, Clara Spinney, who heads up the Heritage Group, has believed that the veterans' grave sites in the cemetery needed a more clearly identified symbol of their service, especially during Remembrance Day. Don Feltmate and Clayton Pick are "making it so". Don constructed fifteen white pine crosses and Clayton fabricated poppies out of aluminum to be painted and attached at the apex of the crosses.

Like in the poem *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae, in the Black River Cemetery, there will be crosses "marking the places" of veterans.



*Sharon Lake*

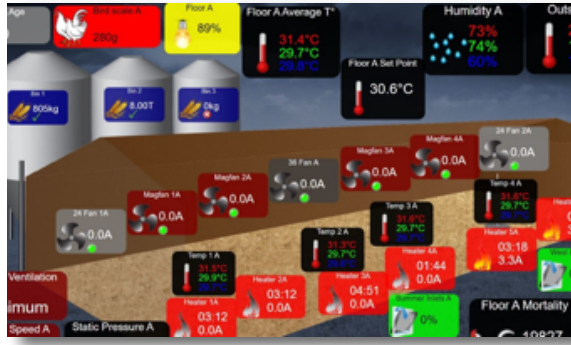
# Hello Neighbour

## MAPLEWOOD FARMS LTD

**M**any members of the community and surrounding area often see us working the fields and travelling the roads in our tractors. We currently crop around 320 acres in the local area. What many may be surprised to learn is that this represents less than 10% of what we do. In addition to those field crops we also raise broiler chickens that are sent to the processor in Berwick. Over a 1 year period we raise more than 400,000 chickens. As you can imagine it is no small task.

Over the last several years we undertook a major investment in our operation. A new building built on Miner Meadow Road has taken shape and is now fully operational. This building represents a major upgrade from our old 3 story barn down in the main farmyard. This new building is a 42,000 square foot facility. It is full of some of the latest tech when it comes to environmental monitoring and automation. It also represents a major upgrade in biosecurity from our old barn. With all the growing disease pressure in the environment we are able to keep our birds much safer.

Computer Screen 1



The building is certified to house 55,000 chickens at a time. We receive



the chicks the day they hatch, and raise them to roughly 35 days old depending on what size birds the plant needs to fill its orders. We then have a week or two to clean the barn out and get it ready for the next flock of birds. This process repeats nonstop. There is no break in the cycle for any reason.

When the birds are in the barn everything from air temperature, water, feed, air pressure and other related conditions are monitored by a computer system that sends us alerts

and warnings depending on how significant the issue may be.

We have everything we need to provide the birds with the perfect environment to live and grow no matter what happens; hot sunny days to horrible winter storms make no difference.

Joel Sheffield



Front of Barn

# 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.

## October 12, 1950

The Community Club met with Mrs. Arnel (Helen) Levy, with Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy and Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir as hostesses. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Hartley (Hazel) Smith.

Mrs. Warren (?) Atwell visited Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long on Sunday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. William (?) Eagles, Halifax, also Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh (Abbie) Eagles, Greenwich.

Mrs. Byron (Verna) Long is a patient in the V.G. Hospital, Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin (Ada) Ellis, Victoria Beach, spent the week with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long.

Orville Levy, Horton Academy student, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy.

The Harvest Festival service was held at church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Carmel (?) Schofield, Mrs. Hedley (Merle) Schofield, Mrs. Palmer (Goldie) Schofield, Mrs. Pierce (Nellie) Schofield, of White Rock, and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy, Melanson, visited Mrs. Arnel (Helen) Levy Thursday evening.

W.N. Parker, White Rock, called on Mr. and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy Monday.

Mrs. Arnold (Ruby) Davison and children, Forest Hill, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie (Mae) Ellis.

Byron Long visited Mrs. Verna Long in Halifax on Sunday. Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long and Mrs. Waldo (Dorothy) Long also visited Mrs. Long the same day.

Crealman Schofield, New Minas is spending a two weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Edgar (Aggie) Weir.

Vincent Schofield and Vincent Jr. West Roxbury, Mass, who visited friends and relatives here, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robie (Isabel) Long, New Minas, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long, left Tuesday morning for U.S.A.

The Roll Call Service was held Oct 1st with Rev. F. Stone, Hantsport, as speaker. Misses Doris and Dorothy Anderson, of Melanson, sang several selections.

Mrs. Susie Long is visiting Mrs. Elsie Eagles, Gaspereau.

Emory Nowlin has returned home from the hospital.

Claude Rogers is in the hospital with an infected knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford (Ada) Long and family spent Sunday in Truro.

# Annapolis Valley High Speed Internet

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# November events ●●●



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Sewing/Crafts Meeting 11 am Ways/Means & Maintenance 7pm	7	8	9 Card Making Classes 7:00	10	11 Remembrance Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Christmas Craft Sale 10 am-3 pm
19 Monthly Meeting 7 pm	20 Sewing/Crafts Meeting 11 am Book Club 7pm-	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Heritage Meeting 7 pm	28	29	30		

• **Card Making Classes** - Diane Ells 902 542 5173 instructs classes in very professional looking card making which you will be proud to give away. Takes place the **2nd Thursday evening of the month**, at 7 pm, in the Hall. There are fun times to be had making cards. All are welcome to attend.

• **Money-back Recyclables** - We have been using the money collected from the recyclables to support the War in Ukraine through the Red Cross. Since October we are collecting the money-back recyclables for the upkeep of the Hall through the winter months. Thanks for supporting our efforts in the Ukraine and for your continued support of the Hall.

## Christmas Craft Sale FUNDRAISER

**Saturday Nov. 18 10 am-3 pm**

• **Bake Table** • **50/50 Draw** • **Canteen** •  
• **Felted Items** • **Variety of local crafts** •  
**Jewellery**

• **Nellie's Bags** • **Preserves, Jams, etc.**  
*Don't miss this chance to pick up that one-of-a-kind special item for Christmas.*

*Call **Clara 902 542 3180** if you would like to book a table or donate to the Hall Table.*

*Table rentals: **sm \$5, lg \$10***

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

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<https://anchor.fm/storiesfromblackriver>

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

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

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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** 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.**
- 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**

Brian Schofield	Nov 1
Ed Schofield	Nov 3
Mildred Levy	Nov 7
Tanya Hoyt	Nov 7
Willie Golar	Nov 8
Will Chappus	Nov 12
Laurie Levy	Nov 18
Cranswick Golar	Nov 19
Laura Harris	Nov 23
Maddy Chappus	Nov 25
Margo Levy	Nov 29

**Anniversaries**

Eamon & Sara Munro Clancey	Nov 3
Morris & Gertie Ells (69 yrs)	Nov 29

**Help, Learn & Earn Some \$**

- We could use the help of several teenage people, male or female to swamp (pull) Christmas trees and help load and stuff containers on short notice. If interested please call **Laurie or Judy Levy**

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**With Appreciation**

• We would like to send our appreciation to all who helped make the Ticket Auction such a success. Thanks to Hennigar's Farm Market, The Superstore for their donations and to the Circle K and Cabella for their gift cards. We also acknowledge the people in the community, who gave from their gardens, their farms and kitchens and the many others who gave gently-used items. Thanks to everyone who turned out to make the auction a fun event and for your time, effort and thoughtfulness in the support of the fundraiser for the Hall.

**Free**

- We have an older working clothes dryer (Kenmore Heavy Duty) Free. Please call **902 599 0805.**

**Condolences**

- We extend our sympathy to Waydee and family on the loss of Blaine Harris who passed away October 22.

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**Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations**

recorded by **Clara Spinney**

• **Sept 29** Laurie Levy reported watching a mother bear and two cubs cleaning up spilled corn in the Fielding Field across from Carl and Debbie Levy's.

• Our ducks have mostly gone. It was a good spring for them but their time here is up; we will soon have the mergansers. They are not friendly like the mallards and black ducks. Each year there are fewer and fewer mergansers.



**Hooded Merganser**



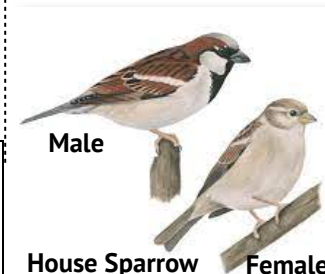
**Common Merganser**

• The beaver and I have lived in harmony all summer; we sort of called a truce. The funny part of this is they didn't approve of what they considered my lack of pruning and decided to come and do it for me before winter. Just to keep me on my toes with a nip here and there, just tidying.

• The geese in this neighbourhood this fall have just been unbelievable. I am just in awe at seeing them. I sure wouldn't want them on my lawn but I love seeing them in the fields and flying over.

• I saw three deer last week. They were so grey in colour that I have to wonder if they are a different kind than our usual red coloured ones.

• Last week while sitting here trying to recover from my stint with COVID a house sparrow came to sit on a branch outside my window. He was a handsome fellow. Looking up his mate in my bird book I was surprised that she is so plain in comparison. I also learned they are not native to North America but were introduced to New York in 1850 and have thrived ever since.



**Male**

**House Sparrow Female**

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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**Accepting bookings for Hall Rental Now**