

Black River Cemetery Update

You may have noticed the Black River Cemetery sign has had a facelift. Generally it required replacement of some rotted lettering and loose paint. Drew Peck, who realized the sign's lettering had deteriorated since he repaired it in 2016, followed through with the necessary revamp. Our Black River Cemetery Sign originally constructed by Larry Long is as much a landmark in our community as the Church and the Community Hall.

The Cemetery, established in 1861, is also going through an update. We have always had wonderful caretakers for the cemetery; more recently it was Larry Long and Morris Ells and now Jeff Long and Bryce Ells have taken over. For many years the hill section had been missing its gravestones. Oral history tells us that in the 1950s a company hired to clean up the cemetery was unable to return the gravestones (some of which were probably wooden markers) to the graves. It doesn't take much imagination to realize what turmoil that caused. An old layout of the cemetery existed so we do know the graves approximate locations and, for the most part, who was buried there. But the dilemma remains. The Heritage Committee and the Black River Cemetery Managers are hoping to shine a light on it.



Until recently to find possible grave sites one actually had to dig up the land. Enter GPR or ground penetrating radar. It is a device, which scans the subsurface of a gridded area using radar pulses to detect objects which lie beneath the surface. The result is a mapping of the area noting anomalies, natural obstructions and producing updated georeferenced drawings.



On August 7, the crew from *Boreas Heritage*, with their GPR, arrived and gridded off a section 15m x 20m. They spent the day combing up and down, back and forth over the hillside. The technicians also took satellite and drone readings as well. Truly awe inspiring what technology is available and what can be done.



We were not promised results right away as they are extremely busy but by the next week Drew had received a partial schematic of the area surveyed. So exciting. Just down 3 ft some anomalies had been detected at regular intervals. What this means right now we are left to imagine but they will be back to do more scanning. In the end we will have a survey of the old section of graveyard mapped out. At a later date *Boreas Heritage* will present their findings to all interested persons at the Hall. Can't wait.

NATURE'S PANTRY AND PHARMACY

Autumn Preparations

This is the time when we start putting the gardens to bed for the winter. There is much to do this time of year. Along with the cutting back and pruning of shrubs, there are last minute harvesting of roots, cleaning up and relocating flower beds and planting for spring or winter- just a few things.

Here are some things you might want to remember this year.

Harvesting dandelion roots. Best results are from 2 year old roots and are prepared in the fall. Dig and clean the roots of all dirt and small "hair" roots. Now, cut them in pieces about the size of a coffee bean. **Try to be consistent with the size.** Place them on a parchment covered cookie sheet. You don't want to try to clean your pan of the sap. Roast in the oven at 200° F for 2 to 2.5 hours. The longer times will produce a darker roast. Let cool and store in a tight mason jar. Grind as you would regular coffee. During the war, when coffee was scarce, people added this to regular coffee to extend the supply. It has the added benefit of being caffeine free.



dandelion root

Planting or relocating plants such as iris, peonies, tulips and other fall bulbs ... just a reminder that some plants don't like being buried too deeply. Peonies should not be deeper than 3 inches over the eyes and irises can stand having just a light covering over their roots.



garlic bulbs

Garlic can also be planted in October but I prefer later in November to January. My best crops have been when I plant on New Year's Day!

If you feel like inviting some spring flowers indoors in the winter, here is a

method that I have found successful. I have used it for daffodils, tulips and hyacinths. Select plant pots that are at least 6-8 inches in diameter and deep. Fill the pots to within an inch of the top. Plant bulbs about 3 inches deep. Don't crowd the bulbs too much. Depending on the size and type of bulbs, I plant 3, 5 or 7 in a pot. Water pots well and place them on their sides on the north side of your house or building. Now cover with fir or spruce brush. My favourite time to plant up the pots is Thanksgiving weekend. Leave the pots covered with brush until after Christmas. If the fall has been mild, you may want to wait till a bit later. Pots that are brought in between Christmas and New Year will bloom in the first part of February and should be kept out of direct sunlight.

Just a word of warning: hyacinths are very strong scented so you may want to limit the number you have in the house during the winter.

Planting and looking forward to the results are not limited to spring. With some preparation, we can look forward to results all year long!



forced bulbs

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 9, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long and son Robie returned home last week after spending several weeks in Rhode Island visiting relatives.

Congratulations to the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Byron (Verna) Long, who were recently married at Aylesford.

Mrs. Lloyd (Ruby) Levy and baby Richard Bryce, returned from E.K.M. Hospital on Tuesday.

A shower was held in the school house on Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Orin (Greta) Levy (newly-weds). A large collection of gifts was received. They expressed their thanks in well chosen words, and refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford (Ada) Long and sons motored to Truro on Wednesday to attend the wedding of her mother. They returned home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.W. (Mabel) Long visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Abbie) Ells, Hantsport on Sunday.

Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long returned home from E.K.M. Hospital after spending several days there being treated for infection.

Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy and daughter Hope spent several days in Kentville last week visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Bezanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Guy (?) Fuller, Hortonville, on Sunday.

Miss Leona Lake was a week end visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Stan (Elsie) Levy.

Mervin Levy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) was severely hurt with the thrasher on Saturday. He is a patient at E.K.M. Hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Our church service will be held on Sunday evening and the young people will conduct the service.

Mrs. Hedley (Merle) Schofield and three sons moved to their new home in White Rock on Thursday.

October Events



SUN MON TUE WED THUR FRI SAT



COVID 19
Prevention
Guidelines
in Effect

Next Month November Fish Chowder/Hamburger Soup/ Pie Dessert Take Out or Eat in – Nov. 7 – 4pm-6pm Pre Order with choice. See ad next month				1	2	3
4	5 Ways & Means 7:00-7:30 Directors Meeting 7:30-8 pm	6	7 Seniors Connect 1-3 pm	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving	13	14 Seniors Connect 1-3 pm	15	16	17 Breakfast To Go 8 am -10 am See Ad
18 Annual General Meeting 7-8 pm Election	19 Book Club 7-8 pm All reading a Western novel of choice	20	21 Seniors Connect 1-3 pm	22	23	24
25	26 Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	27	28 Seniors Connect Halloween "Treat Walk" 6:30-8 pm	29	30	31



Masks
Must
Be
Worn

Breakfast To Go

Black River Community Hall

Saturday, October 17

Pick up 8 am – 10 am

scrambled eggs, sausages,

baked beans, roll



PRE-ORDER RECOMMENDED

To pre-order please call

902 542 5125 or 902 542 7913

or email: sharonlake07@gmail.com

Halloween "Treat Walk"

Black River Cemetery

(Open to residents of Black River and Sunken Lake Area)

Wednesday, October 28

6:30–8:00 pm

Dress up for a Family-Friendly Halloween walk through Black River Cemetery. **Everyone must pre-register** and children must have adult in attendance. Bring a flashlight.

There will be treat bags for Children.

The Hall will not be open for this occasion due to Covid

Free Will Offering in support of the Community Hall

To pre-register 902 499 4265

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

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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.

Call Jack at 902 542 1552.

Birthdays

Brad Long	Oct. 7
Sueanne Russell	Oct. 8
Dennis Attwell	Oct. 9
Donna (Hank) Levy	Oct. 10
Jack Spinney	Oct. 11
Barbara Kingsley	Oct. 12
Myrna Harper	Oct. 17
Debbie Levy	Oct. 19
Emily Harris	Oct. 19
Conrad Levy	Oct. 21
Hank Levy	Oct. 25
Paul Spinney	Oct. 25
Theresa Feltmate	Oct. 27
Osie Harris	Oct. 29
Darlene Weir	Oct. 30
Cheryl Rector	Oct. 30
Tina Gertridge	Oct. 31

Anniversaries

Phillip & Tracey Pick	Oct. 1
Perry & Sarah Levy	Oct. 6
Blake & Clara Spinney	Oct. 8
Brian & Tammy Schofield	Oct. 27

Election

Please note the **October 18 Annual General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. At this time there will be on the agenda only the election of new executive and board of directors. Members are encouraged to attend.**

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Condolences

Sympathy is extended to Nellie & Ed Schofield and their families. Nellie's brother-in-law **Michael Robert Bishop** passed away suddenly in September. www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/148632

Seniors Connect

Wednesday Afternoons 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm starting **September 9 on a trial basis.** Complimentary refreshments, tea & coffee. Cards and Games are available or you may just want to sit and catch up with your friends and neighbours. **No Admission Charge. Masks must be worn. Covid -19 Prevention Guidelines in effect.**

With Appreciation

Thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser - **Chili Supper Take-out.** We also thank those who donated to the Hall Table at the **Community Market** and to vendors and shoppers who came out. We appreciate the community's support of endeavours to keep the Hall open and provide services for all.

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Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations recorded by Clara Spinney

Aug 27 - Blue heron landed on shore at Earl Redden's. Must have been beautiful.

Aug 28 - Drove down Spinney Hill this morning and was awe struck by all the birds lined up on the power lines. Fall is coming.

Aug 29 - Came across a beautiful doe deer standing in the road. Words can't tell how beautiful she was. One morning lately Zelma



blue heron

Long got a surprise of fourteen Canada geese on her lawn.



white tailed doe

Sept 3 - The beaver have been back here chewing a little bit on every bush or tree that is not wrapped in wire. Nancy Morse had the pleasure of seeing a fox run across the road in front of her.

Sept 5 - Some of my hummingbirds have left but still have a few.

Three chickadees came and set on the hummingbird feeders, staking out their territory for the winter season. One evening last week Zelma Long was visited by a bear. While there it took down a large hornet's nest for her.



black bear

Sept 10 - Down to two hummingbirds here. Torn on what to do about the feeders but have been told it is best to keep feeding them - they will leave on their own.

Still have eight ducks here. Will miss them when they leave for the winter.

Sept 14 - Have not seen a hummingbird today.

Sept 15 - Chickadees back again today but too early to start feeding them.

Sept 17 - Two nuthatches here this morning also wanting to find the feeders.

Sept 20 - Hummingbirds are definitely gone and I have all feeders put away.

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